

- (b) When requested, Grantee shall provide technical assistance to a representative of a group of persons of low- and moderate-income in developing proposals for the use of CDBG-DR funds. The level and type of assistance shall be determined by the Grantee based upon the specific needs of the community's residents.
- (c) Grantee shall maintain a citizen participation file which includes a copy of the Plan Requirements described in the "2008 Supplemental Disaster Recovery Fund: Hurricanes Dolly and Ike Non-Housing Activities Application Guide;" Grantee's complaint procedures; any technical assistance provided by Grantee; and public notices, minutes, and attendance lists for public hearings, if any.

8.11 NOTICES

Any notices required under this Contract shall be deemed delivered when deposited either in the United States mail, postage paid, certified, return receipt requested; or with a common carrier, overnight, signature required, to the appropriate address below:

GLO

Texas General Land Office
1700 N. Congress Avenue, Mail Code 158
Austin, TX 78701
Attention: Legal Services Division

With a copy to:

Texas General Land Office
1700 N. Congress Avenue, 7th Floor
Austin, TX 78701
Attention: CDBG Disaster Recovery Division

Grantee

County of Hidalgo
1615 South Closner Boulevard, Suite J
Edinburg, TX 78539
Attention: Ramon Garcia, County Judge

Notice given in any other manner shall be deemed effective only if and when received by the party to be notified. Either party may change its address for notice by written notice to the other party as herein provided.

8.12 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Contract and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the State of Texas, exclusive of conflicts of law provisions. Venue of any suit brought under this Contract shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas. Grantee irrevocably waives any objection, including any objection to personal jurisdiction or the laying of venue or based on the grounds of *forum non conveniens*, which it may now or hereafter have to the bringing of any action or proceeding in such jurisdiction with respect to this Contract or any document related hereto. **NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE GLO.**



8.13 SEVERABILITY

If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract shall be construed as if such provision did not exist, and the non-enforceability of such provision shall not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Contract unenforceable.

8.14 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

If a Contract dispute arises that cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the Parties, either Party may notify the other Party in writing of the dispute. If the Parties are unable to satisfactorily resolve the dispute within fourteen (14) days of the written notification, the Parties must use the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve the dispute. This provision shall not apply to any matter with respect to which either Party may make a decision within its respective sole discretion.

8.15 PUBLIC INFORMATION

Pursuant to the Public Information Act, records received from Grantee may be open to public inspection and copying. The GLO will have the duty to disclose such records, unless a particular record is made confidential by law or exempted from the Public Information Act. Grantee may clearly label any individual records as a "trade secret," provided that Grantee, to the extent permitted by law, agrees to indemnify and defend the GLO for honoring such designation. The failure to so label any record shall constitute a complete waiver of any and all claims for damages caused by release of the records. If a request for a labeled record is received by the GLO, the GLO will notify Grantee of the request in accordance with the Public Information Act.

Grantee shall release, to any requestor, the following information:

The amount of CDBG-DR funds expected to be made available;

The range of activities that may be undertaken with CDBG-DR funds;

The estimated amount of CDBG-DR funds proposed to be used for activities that will meet the national objective of benefit to low- and moderate-income persons; and

The proposed CDBG-DR activities likely to result in displacement and the Grantee's anti-displacement and relocation plan.

8.16 SIGNAGE

Public buildings, facilities, and centers constructed with the CDBG-DR funds shall have permanent signage placed in a prominent, visible public area with wording provided below. The formatting of the required signage will be at Grantee's discretion to best fit the architectural design of the facility, but shall be legible from no less than three (3) feet.

Other construction projects, e.g., water transmission lines, sewer collection lines, drainage, roadways, housing rehabilitation, utilizing CDBG-DR funds, shall have



temporary signage erected in a prominent location at the Project site or along a major thoroughfare within the locality, as directed by Grantee, with the wording provided below:

“This project is funded by the Texas General Land Office to provide for disaster recovery and restoration of infrastructure for communities impacted by the 2008 hurricanes. Funds for the project were allocated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program.”

8.17 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONTRACT

Amendments to decrease or increase the Budget, or to add or delete a Grantee Activity, or to increase the term of the Contract may be made only by written agreement of the parties, under the formal amendment process. In the sole discretion of the GLO, and in conformance with federal law, other adjustments as may be required during project performance may be approved by the GLO by way of a Revision or Technical Guidance Letter. Such approvals must be in writing, and may be delivered by regular mail, electronic mail, or facsimile transmission.

Pursuant to SECTION 2.04 hereof, a final **Project Completion Report** of all activities performed under this Contract shall be submitted and shall include all changes made by Amendments, Revisions or Technical Guidance Letters approved over the life of the Project.

8.18 ENTIRE CONTRACT AND MODIFICATIONS

This Contract, its integrated Attachment(s), and any Amendment, Technical Guidance Letter, or Revision issued in conjunction with this Contract, if any, constitute the entire agreement of the parties and are intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms in such Attachment(s), Amendment, Technical Guidance Letter, or Revision shall be harmonized with this Contract to the extent possible. Unless such integrated Attachment, Amendment, Technical Guidance Letter, or Revision specifically displays a mutual intent to amend a particular part of this Contract, general conflicts in language shall be construed consistently with the terms of this Contract.

8.19 PROPER AUTHORITY

Each Party hereto represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract on its behalf has full power and authority to legally bind its respective entity. Grantee acknowledges that this Contract is effective for the period of time specified in the Contract. Any work performed by Grantee after the Contract terminates is performed at the sole risk of Grantee.

8.20 COUNTERPARTS

This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same Contract.



8.21 SURVIVAL

The provisions of **ARTICLES 5, 6, AND 7; AND SECTIONS 1.01, 1.03, 2.04, 2.05, 3.02, 3.04, 8.02, 8.03, 8.07, 8.08, 8.09, 8.10, 8.11, 8.13, 8.14, 8.15, 8.16, AND 8.17** of this Contract, and any other continuing obligations of Grantee shall survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS




**SIGNATURE PAGE
FOR GLO CONTRACT NO. 12-589-000-6887
GRANTEE - ROUND 2.2**

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

COUNTY OF HIDALGO



Larry L. Laine, Chief Clerk/
Deputy Land Commissioner



By: Ramon Garcia
Title: Hidalgo County Judge

Date of execution: 9/4/12

Date of execution: _____

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Approved by Commissioners' Court
on 12/6/11 RO

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS CONTRACT

- ATTACHMENT A:** Performance Statement and Implementation Schedule
- ATTACHMENT B:** Project Budget
- ATTACHMENT C:** Nonexclusive List of Applicable Laws, Rules, and Regulations
- ATTACHMENT D:** General Affirmations
- ATTACHMENT E:** Federal Assurances – Non-Construction Programs SF-424B (Rev. 7-97,) and Certifications Regarding Lobbying Lower Tier Covered Transactions (Form CD-512, Rev. 12-04)
- ATTACHMENT F:** Special Conditions

ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW



COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Grantee shall carry out the following activities in the target area identified in its 2008 Texas CDBG Disaster Recovery Supplemental Grant application to aid areas most impacted and distressed by Hurricanes Ike or Dolly. The persons to benefit from the activities described in this Performance Statement must be receiving service or a benefit from the use of the new or improved facilities and activities for the contract obligations to be fulfilled. Grantee shall ensure that the amount of funds expended for each activity described does not exceed the amount specified for such activity in the Budget.

As a result of Hurricane Dolly on July 23, 2008 and Hurricane Ike on September 13, 2008, various County drainage ditches/channels were overwhelmed due to high winds, flooding, and large quantities of debris, which caused the drainage channels to fail to function as the primary storm water conveyance for the area. The failure of the drainage system to function threatened the public health, safety, and welfare of all served by these facilities due to overflowed drainage banks causing standing water on the roads, which impeded emergency vehicle access, and flooding. The County is in need of drainage infrastructure improvements to ensure proper storm water conveyance and reduce flooding.

Flood and Drainage Facilities - 5

Pct. 1 Delta Area Connector/East Lateral

Grantee shall reconstruct an existing drainage system by providing an adequately sized lateral drainage channel to direct storm water to a primary drainage channel, the Hidalgo County Drainage District (HCCD) No. 1 drainage system. Work includes channel excavation (reshaping and widening), concrete riprap installation, associated utility adjustments, and site work associated with construction. Proposed improvements will ensure proper conveyance of storm water and significantly reduce flooding. Construction shall take place at the following location in Hidalgo County, Texas (between Edcouch and La Villa):

<u>Flood and Drainage Facilities:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>HUD Performance Measure:</u>	<u>Approximate Units:</u>
Existing channel between Mile 2 West and FM 491	From: South ROW of SH 107 To: South to a point just north of Mile 12 1/2	Linear Feet	20,000

These activities shall benefit fifty thousand two hundred forty-three (50,243) persons, of which thirty-three thousand seven hundred eighty-six (33,786), or sixty-seven percent (67%), are of low to moderate income.



Pct. 4 Alberta Drain

Grantee shall construct a new east-west lateral drainage system to outfall into the HCDD drainage system. Grantee shall purchase and install new culverts ranging in size from eighteen inches to sixty inches (18 in. - 60 in.), along with associated drainage inlets, junction boxes, manholes, and repair pavement as needed. Grantee shall also perform ditch excavation, install concrete riprap, regrade and excavate roadside ditches, make utility and irrigation adjustments, and perform site work associated with construction. Proposed improvements will ensure proper conveyance of storm water and significantly reduce flooding. Construction shall take place at the following location in Edinburg, Texas:

<u>Flood and Drainage Facilities:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>HUD Performance Measure:</u>	<u>Approximate Units:</u>
Drainage channel and storm sewer improvements	From: An existing channel approx. 0.89 miles east of Tower Road, between Alberta Road and Owassa Road To: West to a point approx. 0.25 miles west of Tower Road	Linear Feet	6,040

These activities shall benefit one thousand eight hundred sixty-one (1,861) persons, of which one thousand six hundred sixty-nine (1,669), or eighty-nine percent (89%), are of low to moderate income.

Acquisition - 24

Grantee shall acquire easements as needed to accommodate the Pct. 4 Alberta Drain drainage improvements. Grantee shall carry out all acquisition of needed real property, easements, and/or rights-of-way in compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.) and HUD implementing regulations (24 CFR Part 42).

Engineering - 30

Grantee shall ensure the amount of the funds expended for all eligible project-related engineering services, including preliminary and final design plans and specifications, all interim and final inspections, and all special services, does not exceed the amount specified for Engineering in the Budget.

Project Delivery - 33

Grantee shall ensure the amount of the funds expended for all eligible project-related "project delivery" administration activities, including the required annual program compliance and fiscal audit, does not exceed the amount specified for Project Delivery in the Budget.

