

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.  
  
(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.



## SPECIAL CONDITIONS

**IF APPLICABLE TO THE PROJECT, GRANTEE MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND ANY OTHER STATE, FEDERAL, OR LOCAL LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE APPLICABLE, THROUGHOUT THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT, PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF ANY GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PROJECTS ANTICIPATED.**

**GRANTEE AND IS DEEMED TO HAVE READ AND TO UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING, IF APPLICABLE TO THE PROJECT UNDER THIS CONTRACT:**

### **A. REIMBURSEMENT, GENERALLY**

As provided for in Public Law 110-329, the Contract funds may not be used for activities that are eligible to be reimbursed by, or for which funds are made available by, (a) the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); (b) the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps); (c) any other federal funding source; or (d) covered by insurance, and Grantee shall ensure compliance with all such requirements.

### **B. NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE**

- (1) Grantee must provide documentation which indicates that it has received approval from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) State Coordinating Agency, that appropriate ordinances or orders necessary for Grantee to be eligible to participate in the NFIP have been adopted.
- (2) Where activities specified in Attachment A, Performance Statement, involve structures that are located in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA), flood insurance may be required, and Grantee shall obtain such insurance, and shall maintain documentation evidencing compliance with such requirements.
- (3) Grantee acknowledges and agrees that if any property that is the subject of a Project under this Contract located within a floodplain, that the following terms and conditions shall apply:
  - a. Under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4001–4128), Federal financial assistance for acquisition and construction purposes (including rehabilitation) may not be used in an area identified by the Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) as having special flood hazards, unless:
    - i. The community in which the area is situated is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”) (44 CFR parts 59 through 79), or less than one (1) year has passed since the FEMA notification regarding such hazards; and
    - ii. The community is participating in the NFIP, or that flood insurance protection is to be obtained as a condition of the approval of financial assistance to the property owner.
  - b. Where the community is participating in the NFIP and the recipient provides financial assistance for acquisition or construction purposes (including rehabilitation) for property located in an area identified by FEMA as having special flood hazards, Grantee is responsible for ensuring that flood insurance under the NFIP is obtained and maintained.



- c. Under Section 582 of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. 515a, HUD disaster assistance that is made available in a special flood hazard area may not be used to make a payment (including any loan assistance payment) to a person for repair, or replacement or restoration for flood damage to any personal, residential, or commercial property if:
  - i. The person had previously received Federal flood disaster assistance conditioned on obtaining and maintaining flood insurance; and
  - ii. The person failed to obtain and maintain flood insurance.
- d. Grantee understands and agrees that it has a responsibility to inform homeowners receiving disaster assistance that triggers the flood insurance purchase requirement of their statutory responsibility to notify any transferee of the requirement to obtain and maintain flood insurance, and that the transferring owner may be liable if he or she fails to do so.

#### **C. PROJECT MAPPING/DESIGN INFORMATION**

For construction projects, Grantee shall require and maintain copies in written and/or digital format, of final Project record drawing(s) and engineering schematics, as constructed.

#### **D. WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

- (1) Prior to the GLO's release of funds for the construction of any water system improvements, Grantee shall provide certification to the GLO that plans, specifications, and related documents for the specified water system improvements have been prepared by the engineer selected for such activities, or the engineer's duly authorized representative, and that the review of such plans, specifications, and related documents meet the applicable Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) review requirements described in Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code.
- (2) Prior to construction, Grantee shall provide documentation to the GLO that an approved new or amended Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN), or the equivalent permit or authority for the area to be served has been issued by the TCEQ.
- (3) Prior to Grantee submission of the Project Completion Report for any water system improvements described in Attachment A, Grantee shall provide a letter from the TCEQ that the constructed well is approved for interim use and may be temporarily placed into service pursuant to 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 290 – Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems.

#### **E. SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

Prior to the construction of any sewer system improvements described, Grantee shall provide certification that plans, specifications, and related documents for the specified sewer system improvements have been prepared by the engineer selected for such activities, or the engineer's duly authorized representative, and that the review of such plans, specifications, and related documents meet the TCEQ review requirements described in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 217, Subchapter D.



Further, prior to the construction of any sewer lines or additional service connections described in Attachment A, Grantee shall provide notification of the start of construction on any sewer treatment plant or other system-related improvements included in this Contract.

#### **F. WASTEWATER TREATMENT CONSTRUCTION**

Prior to incurring costs for any wastewater treatment construction in Attachment A, Grantee shall provide documentation of an approved permit or amendment(s) to an existing permit for such activities from the TCEQ's Water Quality Division.

In addition, Grantee shall provide documentation to the GLO that an approved new or amended Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN), or equivalent permit or authority for the area to be served has been issued by the TCEQ.

#### **G. SEPTIC SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

- (1) Grantee shall provide documentation that final plans, specifications, and installation of its septic system improvements have been reviewed and approved by the City or County Health Department through authority granted by the TCEQ.
- (2) Grantee shall mitigate all existing septic systems in accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 285, Subchapter D, §285.36(b), which states, "All tanks, boreholes, cesspools, seepage pits, holding tanks, and pump tanks shall have the wastewater removed by a waste transporter, holding a current registration with the executive director. All tanks, boreholes, cesspools, seepage pits, holding tanks, and pump tanks shall be filled to ground level with fill material (less than three inches in diameter), which is free of organic and construction debris."
- (3) Prior to the selection of program recipients for proposed On-Site Sewer Facilities (OSSF), Grantee shall provide a copy of its proposed program guidelines for GLO review. All proposed OSSF programs must meet or exceed guidelines set forth in 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 285 Subchapter D.

#### **H. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

Grantee shall provide documentation that the construction of a new building and facilities are in compliance with the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) of the Architectural Barriers Act, Chapter 469, Texas Government Code, and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) Architectural Barriers Administrative Rules, 16 Texas Administrative Code, Part 4, Chapter 68. If the estimated construction costs exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), Construction Documents must be submitted to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) for an accessibility plan review.

#### **I. BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION/REHABILITATION**

Grantee shall use the minimum design requirements of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for bridge construction/rehabilitation. Final plans and specifications must be submitted to TxDOT for review and approval prior to the start of construction, and documentation of such approval must be provided to the GLO.

#### **J. DISASTER SHELTERS**

Grantee shall ensure that the primary purpose of the facility, as described in Attachment A, is to serve as a disaster shelter, and shall ensure the facility is operated at all times in a manner that ensures that the



priority use is to serve as a disaster shelter regardless of any other scheduled uses or commitments that existed at the time of the disaster or emergency situation. In addition Grantee shall prepare or be incorporated into an approved emergency management plan, as prescribed by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, identifying the shelter as a facility that provides short-term lodging for evacuees during and immediately after an emergency situation. Grantee shall submit a copy of Grantee's Emergency Management Plan Annex for Shelter and Mass Care to the GLO.

#### **K. DEBRIS REMOVAL**

Grantee shall ensure that any debris to be removed consists primarily of vegetation, construction and demolition materials from damaged or destroyed structures, and personal property. Only debris identified as the responsibility of the local jurisdiction will be eligible for the reimbursement of cost of removal.

Prior to beginning debris collection operations, Grantee shall address all pertinent environmental concerns, adhere to all applicable regulations, and obtain all required permits. Further, Grantee shall adhere to the methods described herein for the collection and storage of debris prior to proper disposal.

While construction and demolition debris may be collected and disposed of at an appropriately rated landfill, woody and/or vegetative debris must be stored prior to disposal by use of temporary debris storage and reduction sites (TDSR). Grantee will prepare and operate the TDSR sites, or local jurisdictions choosing to conduct their own debris operations may review Chapter 7 of the FEMA Debris Management Guide regarding the use of TDSR sites. This document may be obtained at <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/pa/demagde.pdf>.

In order to maintain the life expectancy of landfills, Grantees disposing of woody and/or vegetative debris must choose burning, chipping, or grinding as the method of disposal. Any project disposing of woody and/or vegetative debris must be approved in writing by the GLO.

#### **L. USE OF BONDS**

Grantee must notify the GLO of its issuance and sale of bonds for completion of the project funded under this Contract.

#### **M. HOUSING REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

Prior to the selection of program recipients, Grantee shall provide a copy of its proposed housing rehabilitation assistance program guidelines for GLO review and approval. The guidelines must include provisions for compliance with the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (which requires that any housing unit rehabilitated with grant funds be protected by a hard-wired or battery-operated smoke detector) and provisions for compliance with 24 CFR 35 (HUD lead-based paint regulation).

##### **HOUSING REHABILITATION OR RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE:**

- (1) The housing rehabilitation or reconstruction assistance provided by Grantee shall be in the form of a five-year deferred payment loan (DPL), at zero interest. Provided all terms and conditions under which the assistance was provided continue to be fulfilled, the DPL will be forgiven at a rate of 20 percent per year, effective on the anniversary date of completion of the Project, evidenced by the date of the Certificate of Final Completion or Final Completion Form.



- (2) The full amount of the assistance provided shall be secured by a fully executed promissory note and Deed of Trust (DOT) filed against the property and recorded in the land records of each applicable county. The DPL may be in a first position (no existing indebtedness) or in a second position, subject or inferior only to an existing first mortgage.
- (3) If the homeowner occupies the home for the full five-year term, the note expires and no repayment is required, nor will any conditions be imposed relative to the disposition of the property. If any of the terms and conditions under which the assistance was provided are breached or if the property is sold, leased, transferred or vacated by the homeowner for any consecutive thirty (30) day period during the five-year lien term, the repayment provisions of the promissory note and DOT shall be enforced.
- (4) If, during the five-year lien term, the homeowner vacates the unit for any consecutive thirty (30) day period, the locality may forgive, as evidenced by city council or commissioner court action, the remaining loan balance. Prior to forgiveness of all or any portion of the assistance provided, the request for forgiveness must be approved by the local governing body and be based on documented and justifiable conditions or circumstances that would result in an unnecessary hardship to the homeowner and the determination that the national objective of benefiting low to moderate-income persons was met.
- (5) The national objective will be considered met only when the city council or county commissioners court determines that a low to moderate-income person has occupied the rehabilitated or reconstructed home for a time sufficient to meet the national objective. Grantee is liable for repayment of an amount equal to the difference in the appraised value of the home prior to reconstruction and the sales price when the home is sold during the term of the five-year forgivable loan, if the national objective was not achieved.
- (6) If the property is sold or transferred to a person other than an eligible LMI person, the remaining pro-rated balance of the DPL must be repaid by the Grantee from the sales proceeds. Notwithstanding the preceding, Grantee shall be held liable for any balance remaining over and above the sales proceeds. In all instances, upon completion of the five-year occupancy or repayment of the assistance (in full or in part), the Grantee shall prepare and record a release of lien document in the land records of the applicable county.
- (7) In instances where another occupant proposes to occupy a previously assisted unit, the locality must document that the new applicant is income eligible and has been informed of the terms and conditions under which the assistance is being provided. The new homeowner(s) must acknowledge, in writing, that they have been informed of these terms and conditions and that they are subject to all of the provisions for the full remaining term of the DPL.

#### **N. COASTAL MANAGEMENT**

Grantee acknowledges and agrees that any Project that may impact a Coastal Natural Resource Area must be consistent with the goals and policies of the Texas Coastal Management Program as described in 31 Texas Administrative Code, Part 16, Chapter 501.

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