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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

**AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
C-22-0468-08-18**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered on this 18th day of August 2022, by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, acting herein by and through the **Commissioners Court**, hereinafter called the “**Owner**”, and **TEDSI Infrastructure Group, Inc.**, hereinafter called the “**Engineer**”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **Owner** desires to contract with the **Engineer** to provide “Project Specific” professional engineering services for: “**Professional Engineering Services**” for “**Trenton Roadway Improvements (From US 281(I-69C) to FM 907 (Alamo Rd.)**” in **Precinct 4**” located within **Hidalgo County** (“**Services**”);

WHEREAS, the **Owner** has determined that the services of a professional engineering firm are necessary to carry out the required **Services**;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2254.002, (the “Texas Professional Services Procurement Act”), the **Owner** requested Statements of Qualifications (SOQ’s) from professional engineers to establish a yearly pool of qualified professional engineers to assist the **Owner** by providing professional engineering services. A copy of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet, including applicable requirements and specifications, is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**, and is incorporated herein for all purposes;

WHEREAS, the **Engineer** submitted a SOQ in response to **Owner’s** RFQ and was pre-qualified to be included in the **Owner’s** pool of professional engineers;

WHEREAS, the **Engineer** has been selected from the **Owner’s** pool of professional engineers to provide the **Services** as required by **Owner**; and

WHEREAS, the **Engineer** represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such **Services**;

NOW, THEREFORE, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained do mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Employment of Engineer. The **Owner** agrees to employ the **Engineer**

and the **Engineer** agrees to perform professional engineering services in connection with the **Services** as stated in the articles to follow and for having rendered such Services, the Owner agrees to pay **the Engineer** compensation as stated in the articles to follow.

ARTICLE 2. Character and Extent of Services. This Agreement will provide for the development of the **Services** with the following:

2.1 Scope of Work. The **Owner** will furnish items and provide those services for the development of the **services** and fulfillment of this Agreement, as identified in **EXHIBIT “B” *Services to be provided by the Owner***, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

2.2 Classification of Services For this Agreement, the professional services to be provided by the **Engineer**, are more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT “C” *Services to be provided by the Engineer***, attached hereto and made a part of this agreement (the “Services”).

2.3 Schedule of Work. The **Engineer** shall prepare a schedule of work (hereinafter referred to as “**Work Schedule**”) in accordance with the terms identified in **EXHIBIT “D” - *Work Schedule***, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

2.4 Non-Exclusive Services of Engineer Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the engineer and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3. Period of Service. Upon execution of this Agreement, the **Engineer** shall proceed with the work outlined under Article 2 hereof.

3.1 Termination Date. This Agreement shall be for a period of **three (3) year(s)**, commencing, **August 18, 2022, expiring, August 17, 2025** (hereinafter referred to as the (“**Termination Date**”), unless extended by written supplemental agreement, as provided in Article 8 hereof, duly executed by the **Engineer** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date**, or otherwise terminated as provided in Article 3.4 herein and below. The **Owner** assumes no liability or obligation for payment to the **Engineer** for work performed or costs incurred by the **Engineer** prior to the date authorized by the **Owner** for the **Engineer** to begin work, during periods when work is suspended, or subsequent to the **Termination Date**.

3.2 Extension of the Termination Date. The **Engineer** shall notify the **Owner** in writing as soon as possible if it is determined, or reasonably anticipated, that the work under this Agreement cannot be completed before the **Termination Date**, and the **Owner** may, at the **Owner’s** sole discretion, extend the **Termination Date** by written supplemental agreement as provided in Article 8 hereof. The **Engineer** shall allow adequate time for review and approval by

the **Owner** of the written notice and request by the **Engineer** to extend the **Termination Date**.

3.3 Suspension of Work. Should the **Owner** desire to suspend the work under this Agreement, but not terminate this Agreement, the **Owner** shall provide thirty (30) calendar days verbal notification to the **Engineer**, followed by written confirmation from the **Owner** to the **Engineer** to that effect. The thirty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the **Owner** and the **Engineer**. The work under this Agreement may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice from the **Owner** to the **Engineer**. The sixty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the **Owner** and the **Engineer**.

If the **Owner** suspends the work, the **Termination Date** as identified above is not affected, and this Agreement will terminate on the date specified, unless extended by written supplemental agreement, as provided in Article 8 hereof, duly executed by the **Engineer** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date**.

3.4 Termination of Agreement. This Agreement may be terminated before the stated **Termination Date** identified in Article 3.1 herein by any of the following conditions:

- (1) **Commitment of Current Revenues.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the **Owner** does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet to the obligations of this Agreement, the **Owner** may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the **Engineer**. The **Owner** agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of the **Owner** pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1995).
- (2) By mutual agreement and consent, in writing, of both the **Engineer** and the **Owner**.
- (3) By the **Owner**, upon failure of the **Engineer** to fulfill the **Engineer's** obligations set forth herein in a satisfactory manner as determined by the **Owner** and in sole opinion of the **Owner**, after the **Owner** provides written notice to the **Engineer** of such failure and the **Engineer** has not corrected such failure within (30) days of such written notice by the **Owner**.
- (4) By the **Engineer**, upon failure of the **Owner** to fulfill the **Owner's** obligations set forth herein, after the **Engineer** provides written notice to the **Owner** of such failure and the **Owner** has not corrected such failure within thirty (30) days of such written notice by the **Engineer**.

- (5) By the **Owner** without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to the **Engineer**.
- (6) By satisfactory completion of all services and obligations described herein.

Should the **Owner** terminate this Agreement as herein provided, no fees other than fees due and payable at the time of termination shall thereafter be paid to the **Engineer** notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary. In determining the value of the work performed by the **Engineer** prior to termination, the **Owner** shall be the sole judge of the value of such work performed. Compensation for work at termination will be based on a percentage of the work completed at that time. Should the **Owner** terminate this Agreement under (5) of the paragraph above, the amount charged during the thirty (30) day notice period shall not exceed the amount charged during the preceding ninety (90) days.

If the termination of this Agreement is due to the failure of the **Engineer** to fulfill the **Engineer's** obligations under this Agreement, the **Owner** may take over the Project and prosecute the work to completion. In such case, the **Engineer** shall be liable to the Owner for any additional cost occasioned by the Owner.

If the **Engineer** defaults in the performance of this Agreement or if the **Owner** terminates this Agreement for fault on the part of the **Engineer**, the **Owner** will give consideration to payment of an amount in settlement to include: the actual costs incurred by the **Engineer** in performing the work to the date of default, the amount of work required which was satisfactorily completed to date of default, the value of the work which is usable to the **Owner**, the cost to the **Owner** of employing another consultant and/or firm to complete the work required and the time required to do so, and other factors which affect the value to the **Owner** of the work performed at the time of default. This Agreement shall not be considered as specifying the exclusive remedy for any default by the **Engineer**, but all remedies existing at law and in equity may be availed of by either party and shall be cumulative.

The termination of the Agreement and payment of an amount in settlement as prescribed above shall extinguish all rights, duties, and obligations of the **Owner** and the **Engineer** under this Agreement, except the obligations set forth in Articles 11.2, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18.3, 19, 22 and 26 hereto.

ARTICLE 4. Progress and Coordination. The **Engineer** shall, from time to time during the progress of the work, confer with the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall prepare and present such information as may be pertinent and necessary, or as may be requested by the **Owner**, in order to evaluate features of the **Engineer's** services and work.

At the request of the **Owner** or the **Engineer**, conferences shall be provided at the **Engineer's** office, the office of the **Owner**, or at other locations designated by the **Owner**. These conferences shall also include evaluation of the **Engineer's** services and work when requested by the **Owner**.

All applicable study reports shall be submitted in preliminary form for approval by the **Owner** before the final report is issued. The **Owner's** comments regarding the **Engineer's** preliminary report will be addressed by the **Engineer** in the final report.

If funds by other agencies or entities are to be used for the development of the project under this Agreement, the **Engineer's** services and work will be subject to periodic review and approval by other agencies or entities, including those of the city, county, state and/or federal agencies.

Should it be determined that the progress in the production of the **Engineer's** services and work does not satisfy the requirements of the approved **Work Schedule** as provided by **Exhibit "C"**, attached hereto, the **Owner** shall review the approved **Work Schedule** with the **Engineer** to determine the corrective action needed by either the **Owner** or the **Engineer**.

The **Engineer** shall promptly advise the **Owner** in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the progress of the **Engineer's** services and work and the approved **Work Schedule**, including:

- (1) problems, delays, adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to attain contract objectives, prevent the meeting of time schedules and goals, or preclude the timely completion and submittal of **Project** deliverables by the **Engineer** within established time periods; this disclosure will be accompanied by a statement by the **Engineer** of recommended or immediate action taken, or contemplated, and any **Owner** or other agency or entity assistance needed to resolve the situation: and
- (2) favorable developments or events which enable meeting the **Work Schedule** goals sooner than anticipated.

ARTICLE 5. Compensation and Fees. For and in consideration of the services to be rendered by the Engineer, the Owner shall compensate the Engineer as follows:

5.1 Services. For and in consideration of the **Services** to be rendered by the **Engineer**, as identified in Article 2 and more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT "C"**, attached hereto, the maximum amount payable by the **Owner** to the **Engineer** for **Services**, subject to adjustment in accordance with Article 6.1 herein, will be provided in each work authorization issued. An outline and breakdown of the **Services Fee** are more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT "E"-Engineer**

Contract Rates, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. Payments to the **Engineer** for **Services** shall be made by the **Owner**, upon presentation by the **Engineer** of the monthly **Request for Payment**, in accordance with the terms and provisions of Article 6 herein.

5.2 Special Services. Those services that may be required to be provided by the **Engineer** as **Special Services** are set forth below and more particularly described in **EXHIBIT "C"**, attached hereto. For and in consideration of these **Special Services** rendered as required by the **Engineer**, the **Owner** shall pay the **Engineer** a negotiated lump sum fee (hereafter referred to as "**Special Services Fee**") at the hourly labor rates and non-labor rates (hereinafter referred to as "**Contract Rates**") specified in **EXHIBIT "E" - Contract Rates**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement, and as follows:

1. **RESIDENT OR SITE ENGINEER, INSPECTOR.** Actual performance of services of project site engineer, resident engineer and/or inspector, if required by **Owner**.
2. **DOCUMENT COPIES.** Actual performance and/or providing of additional copies (over 10) of report; additional copies (over 10) of plans (contract drawings), specifications and estimates (PS&E); additional copies (over 10) of bidding documents: additional copies (over 10) of as-built drawings.
3. **EXTRA TRAVEL.** Extra travel required of **Engineer** and authorized by **Owner** to points outside of Hidalgo County.
4. **EXPERT WITNESS.** Assistance to the **Owner** as expert witness in any litigation with third parties, arising from the development or construction of the **Project**.
5. **MISCELLANEOUS.** Investigations involving detailed consideration of operation, maintenance, and overhead expenses and (unless otherwise agreed) the preparation of rate schedules, earning and expense statements; preparation of feasibility studies; environmental document preparation; appraisals, valuations, and material audits; or inventories required for certification of force account construction performed by the **Owner**; preparation of change orders for extra work done by the **Contractor**.

ARTICLE 6. Method of Payment.

6.1 Requests for Payment. Payments to the **Engineer** for services rendered will be made while work is in progress as executed through a lump sum fee assigned to each work authorization (hereinafter referred to as "**Work Authorization**") in accordance with Article 7

herein. For each **Work Authorization**, the **Engineer** shall prepare and submit to the **Owner** monthly progress reports in sufficient detail to support the progress of the work and in support of a request for payment (hereinafter referred to as “**Request for Payment**”). The progress report shall indicate the percent completion of the work accomplished by the **Engineer** during the billing period and to the date of the **Request for Payment**. On or before noon of the first Monday of each month during the performance of the services, the **Engineer** shall submit to the **Owner** for approval a **Request for Payment**. Payment of the lump sum fee for each **Work Authorization** identified in the **Request for Payment** will be in proportion to the percent completion of the work tasks identified in such **Work Authorizations** together with a detailed breakdown of the amount and the sum of all prior payments. The **Owner** shall review each such **Request for Payment** and may make such exceptions as the **Owner** reasonably deems necessary or appropriate under the circumstances then existing. About ten (10) working days after the Commissioners Court of the **Owner** meets approving such payment, the **Owner** shall make payment to the **Engineer** in the amount approved as aforesaid subject to Article 6.4 herein and below.

If the **Project**, or any portion(s) thereof, are deleted or otherwise not constructed, compensation to the **Engineer** by the **Owner** for the **Project** or such portions of the project shall be only the amounts paid the **Engineer** for actual work performed in accordance with the **Work Authorization(s)** approved by the **Owner**.

6.2 Final Payment. After final completion of the work and acceptance thereof by the **Owner**, the **Engineer** shall submit a final request for payment (“**Final Request for Payment**”) which shall set forth all amounts due and remaining unpaid to the **Engineer** and upon approval thereof by the **Owner**, the **Owner** shall pay to the **Engineer** the amount due (“**Final Payment**”) under such **Final Request for Payment** in accordance with the provisions of Article 6.1, hereof. The **Final Payment** shall not be made until the **Engineer** delivers to the **Owner** an affidavit that so far as the **Engineer** has knowledge or information any and all amounts due for materials and services over which the **Engineer** has control have been paid.

6.3 Qualification on Obligations to Pay. Any provision hereof to the contrary notwithstanding, the **Owner** shall not be obligated to make any payment (whether payment under Article 6.1 hereof or **Final Payment**) to the **Engineer** hereunder if any one or more of the following conditions precedent exist:

- (1) The **Engineer** is in default of any of its obligations hereunder or otherwise, is in default under this Agreement or under any contract documents related to this Agreement;
- (2) Any part of such payment is attributable to the **Engineer’s** services which are not performed in accordance with this Agreement; provided, however, such payment

shall be made as to the part thereof attributable to the **Engineer's** services which were performed in accordance with this Agreement.

- (3) The **Engineer** has failed to make payments promptly to consultants or other third parties used in connection with the **Project** for which the **Owner** has made payment to the **Engineer**;
- (4) If the **Owner**, in good faith judgment, determines that the portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid will not be sufficient to complete the **Engineer's** services in accordance with this Agreement, no additional payments will be due the **Engineer** hereunder unless and until the **Engineer**, at its sole cost, performs a sufficient portion of the **Engineer's** services so that such portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid is determined by the **Owner** to be sufficient to so complete the **Engineer's** services.

6.4 No partial payment made hereunder shall be or construed to be final acceptance or approval of that part of the **Engineer's** services to which such partial payment-related or relieves the **Engineer** of any of its obligations hereunder with respect thereto.

6.5 The **Engineer** shall promptly pay all bills for labor and material performed and furnished by others in connection with the performance of the **Engineer's** services.

6.6 Waiver. The making of the **Final Payment** shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the **Owner** except those arising from (1) faulty or defective services of the **Engineer** appearing after completion of the **Project**. (2) failure of the **Engineer's** services to comply with the requirements of this Agreement or any contracts or agreements related to the **Project**, or (3) terms of any special warranties required by this Agreement or provided at law or in equity. The acceptance of **Final Payment** shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the **Engineer** except those previously made in writing and identified by the **Engineer** as unsettled at the time of the **Final Request for Payment**.

ARTICLE 7. Work Authorization. After execution of this Agreement, the **Engineer** shall proceed with the work outlined under Article 2 hereof, only as authorized by the **Owner** through an agreed **Work Authorization** document in the form identified in **EXHIBIT "F"- Work Authorization Form**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. The **Engineer** will identify, as approved by the **Owner**, the needed services for the **Project**, as required through the course of the development to the **Project**. The **Owner** shall authorize the **Engineer** to perform one or more of the agreed tasks identified in **EXHIBIT "C"**, attached hereto, in the form of individual work authorizations. Upon authorization from the **Owner**, the **Engineer** will prepare a **Work Authorization** document, which will include a description of the work to be performed,

including a description of the tasks and milestones, a work schedule, and an estimated cost proposal agreed upon by the **Owner** and the **Engineer**. The estimated cost proposal shall set forth in detail the computation of the cost of each work task, at the hourly rates established and identified in **EXHIBIT “E”**, attached hereto. The **Work Authorizations** shall not waive the **Owner’s** and the **Engineer’s** responsibilities and obligations established in this Agreement.

The estimated cost proposal for each **Work Authorization**, developed by the **Engineer** and approved by the **Owner** shall be used by the **Owner** to appropriate a purchase order for the **Work Authorization**. Each executed **Work Authorization** shall become a part of this **Agreement**. Upon satisfactory completion of the **Work Authorization**, the **Engineer** shall submit the **Project’s** deliverables as specified in the executed **Work Authorization** to the **Owner** for review and acceptance.

Work included in a **Work Authorization** shall not begin until the **Owner** and the **Engineer** have signed the **Work Authorization**. All work must be completed on or before the completion date specified in the **Work Authorization** unless extended by written agreement by the **Engineer** and the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall promptly notify the **Owner** of any event that will affect completion of the **Work Authorization**. All **Work Authorizations** must be executed and completed by both the **Engineer** and the **Owner** within the period established for this Agreement as specified in Article 3 hereof.

The final acceptance by the **Owner** of each **Work Authorization** for the **Project** shall serve as evidence of completion, on the part of the **Engineer**, of all services under this Agreement insofar as they pertain to that portion of work on the **Project** identified in the applicable work authorization.

ARTICLE 8. Supplemental Agreements. The terms of this Agreement may be amended by supplemental agreement if the Owner determines that (1) there is a need to extend the **Termination Date** identified in Article 3.1 hereof, (2) there has been a significant change in the scope, complexity or character of the services to be performed by the **Engineer**, and/or (3) for any other reason agreeable to the **Owner** and the **Engineer**. All supplemental agreements will be developed in the form identified in **EXHIBIT “G” - Supplemental Agreement Form**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement, and incorporated herein by reference as “**Supplemental Agreement**”.

If determined appropriate by the **Owner**, additional compensation to the **Engineer** for (1), (2) and/or (3) above shall be paid as a negotiated lump sum fee at the **Contract Rates** specified in **EXHIBIT “E”**, attached hereto. The negotiated lump sum fee shall be incorporated into the **Supplemental Agreement**.

Any **Supplemental Agreement** must be executed by both the **Engineer** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date** specified in Article 3 hereof.

It is distinctly understood and agreed that no claim by the **Engineer** for additional work, as identified in Article 9 hereof, or changes or revisions in work, as identified in Article 10 hereof, shall be made by the **Engineer** until full execution of the **Supplemental Agreement** and authorization to proceed is granted by the **Owner**. The **Owner** reserves the right to withhold payment to the **Engineer** pending verification of satisfactory work performed by the **Engineer**.

ARTICLE 9. Additional Work. If the **Engineer** is of the opinion that any work it has been directed to perform is beyond the scope of this Agreement and constitutes extra work, the **Engineer** shall promptly notify the **Owner** in writing. In the event, the **Owner** finds that such work does constitute extra work, the **Owner** shall so advise the **Engineer** and a written supplemental agreement will be executed between the **Owner** and the **Engineer** as provided herein. The **Engineer** shall not perform any proposed additional work or incur any additional cost prior to the execution by both the **Engineer** and the **Owner** of a supplemental agreement. Additional compensation from the **Owner** to the **Engineer** shall be paid as a negotiated lump sum fee at the Contract Rates specified in **EXHIBIT "E"** attached hereto. The negotiated lump sum fee shall be incorporated into the supplemental agreement as specified in Article 8 hereof. The **Owner** shall not be liable or under any obligation to compensate the **Engineer** for work performed or costs incurred by the **Engineer** relating to additional work not directly associated with the performance of the work authorized in this Agreement or as amended through supplemental agreement.

ARTICLE 10. Changes or Revisions in Work. If the **Owner** finds it necessary to request changes to the work, and the changes are within the applications of sound engineering principles, the **Engineer** shall make such revisions if requested and directed by the **Owner**.

10.1 Preliminary Work. The **Engineer** will make, without expense to the **Owner**, such revisions of any preliminary reports or drawings as may be required to meet the needs of the **Owner** and the applications of sound engineering principles.

10.2 Previously Approved or Satisfactorily Completed Work. If the **Owner** finds it necessary to request the **Engineer** to make changes to work previously approved by the **Owner** or work satisfactorily completed for which the **Owner** approves or after a definite plan has been approved by the **Owner**, if a decision is subsequently made by the **Owner**, which for proper execution involves extra services and expenses for changes in or additions to the drawings specifications or other documents, this will be considered as additional work, and compensation from the **Owner** to the **Engineer** will be in accordance with Article 9 hereof.

10.3 Project Delays. If the **Engineer** is required to perform additional work due to

delays by the imposition of causes not within the **Engineer's** control, such as by the re-advertisement of bids or by the delinquency or insolvency of contractors, such work associated with these delays shall be considered additional work, and the **Engineer** shall be compensated by the **Owner** for such extra services and expense in accordance with Article 9 hereof.

10.4 Reduction of Project Cost. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event it is necessary for the **Owner** to require changes in the final plan of the **Project** to enable it to reduce the construction cost of the **Project** to an amount within the sum estimated by the **Engineer**, the **Engineer** will be required to make such revisions or changes. These changes will only be considered additional work by the **Engineer**, if the **Engineer** previously provided these same changes as options to the **Owner** at the stage of preliminary work or prior to the approval of the final plan for the **Project**, and the option or options were not selected or approved by the **Owner** to be incorporated into the final plan of the **Project**. Payment for this additional work will then be made to the **Engineer** in accordance with Article 9 hereof. If the **Engineer** failed to provide these changes as an option or options to the **Owner** at the stage of preliminary work or prior to the approval of the final plan of the **Project**, these changes will not be considered additional work and no additional compensation will be made to the **Engineer**.

ARTICLE 11. Ownership and Release of Documents.

11.1 Ownership of Documents. Original drawings and specifications are the property of the **Engineer** however the **Project** is the property of the **Owner**, and the **Engineer** may not use the drawings and specifications thereof for any purpose not relating to the **Project** with the **Owner's** consent. The **Owner** shall be furnished with such reproductions of drawings and specifications as the **Owner** may reasonably require. Upon completion of the work or any earlier termination of this Agreement under Article 3.4 hereof, the **Engineer** will revise drawings to reflect changes made during construction and will promptly furnish the **Owner** with one complete set of reproducible record prints. Prints shall be furnished by the **Engineer**, as an additional service, at any other time requested by **Owner**. All such reproductions shall be the property of the **Owner** who may use them without the **Engineer's** permission for any proper purpose relating to the **Project**, including but not limited to additions to or completion of the **Project**. Any additions or revisions by the **Owner** to a drawing signed, sealed, and dated by a registered professional engineer, shall be made in accordance with the Texas Engineering Practice Act and the Rules of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

All documents furnished to the **Engineer** by the **Owner** shall be delivered to the **Owner** upon completion or termination of this Agreement. The **Engineer**, at the **Engineer's** own expense, may retain copies of such documents or any other data under this Agreement.

11.2 Release of Documents or Information. Release of information to the public or

others regarding the **Project** will be in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act.

ARTICLE 12. Discounts, Rebates, Refunds. In connection with procurement services rendered by the **Engineer**, if procurement services are required of the **Engineer** hereunder, all discounts, rebates, and refunds shall accrue to the **Owner**. For some purchases, the **Engineer** may deem that payment within the discount period is not safe; and/or inspection, guarantees, or other considerations may dictate delay. In such cases, the **Engineer** shall promptly notify the **Owner** so that a course of action may be mutually agreed upon by the **Owner** and the **Engineer**.

ARTICLE 13. Records, Accounting, Inspection. The **Engineer** shall keep full and detailed records and accounts in a manner approved by the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall afford the **Owner's** authorized personnel and independent auditors, if any, full access to the work performed by the **Engineer** regarding the **Project** and to all of the **Engineer's** books, records, correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers and other documents relating to such work under this Agreement and the **Engineer** shall preserve all such records for three (3) years after final payment. The **Engineer** shall deliver to the **Owner** upon completion of such work, a statement of the cost of such work detailed according to the accounting procedure and requirements of the **Owner**.

ARTICLE 14. Subcontracting and Assignment. The **Engineer** shall not assign, subcontract or transfer the **Engineer's** interest in this Agreement, including goods and/or services, without the prior written consent of the **Owner** through a Work Authorization detailing the same. The **Engineer** shall bind every subconsultant by written subcontract to observe all the terms of this Agreement to the extent that they may be applicable to each subconsultant. No subcontract relieves the **Engineer** of any responsibilities under this Agreement.

The **Engineer**, and the **Owner**, do hereby bind themselves, their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to each other party of this Agreement and the successors, executors, administrators, and assigns of such other party in respect to all covenants of this contract.

ARTICLE 15. Patents. The **Engineer** shall indemnify and save the **Owner** harmless from all liability for alleged or actual infringement of any patent resulting from the use of apparatus or equipment furnished or designed by the **Engineer** or from the use of any process designed by the **Engineer** or effected by said apparatus or equipment, and the **Engineer** shall indemnify and save the **Owner** harmless from and against all costs, legal fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in or about any claim of or action for such infringement: provided, however, that the **Owner** shall promptly transmit to the **Engineer** all papers served on the **Owner** in any suit involving such claim of infringement, and provided further, that the **Owner** permits the **Engineer** to have entire charge and control of the defense of any such suit. If because of actual infringement the use of such apparatus, equipment, or process is enjoined, the **Engineer** shall refund the purchase price thereof

in proportion to the length of service uncompleted, the life of such apparatus or equipment being assumed as five years. The **Engineer** hereby grants to the **Owner** a non-exclusive, royalty-free license under patents now or hereafter owned by the **Engineer** covering any machines, apparatus, processes, articles, or products included in the **Engineer's** work hereunder.

ARTICLE 16. Confidential Information, Inventions, and Other Restrictions.

16.1 Confidential Information. The **Engineer** shall not use in any way, commercial or otherwise, except to the extent required by the proper performance of this Agreement; and shall hold in confidence and not disclose to any person, for any reason or at any time, any information relating to the secret processes, products, compositions, machinery, apparatus or trade secrets of the **Owner**, or any other confidential information given to the **Engineer** by any of the **Owner's** commissioners, elected officials, employees, or representatives or acquired by the **Engineer** during the term of or as a result of this Agreement. Any information not generally available to the public shall be considered secret and confidential for the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that any technical information which was lawfully in the **Engineer's** possession prior to such disclosure to the **Engineer** by the **Owner** or which is or shall lawfully be published or become part of general knowledge from sources other than the **Engineer** or which otherwise shall lawfully become available to the **Engineer** from a source other than the **Owner**, shall not be subject to these provisions. All the foregoing stipulations shall apply to such information and work hereunder as well as to any information and ideas originated or developed by the **Engineer** in performing such work. Such information may, of course, be disclosed to the proper officials or employees of the **Owner** if necessary to perform the work hereunder. The **Engineer** shall, however, inform each of its employees who receive such information of these restrictions and the **Engineer** shall take all reasonable precautions and exert all reasonable efforts to assure conformance with such restrictions by all of its officers, employees, and agents, obtaining from them if necessary, agreements satisfactory to the **Owner**, effectuating the purposes of this Article.

16.2 Inventions. The **Engineer** shall communicate to the **Owner** at once, and require the **Engineer's** employees assigned to this **Project** to communicate to the **Owner** all inventions and improvements which any of the **Engineer's** employees, either alone or in conjunction with any of the **Owner's** employees may conceive, make or discover during the course of or as a result of work on this **Project** under this or any ensuing agreement with the **Owner** that relates to the processes, products, compositions, machinery or plants of the **Owner**, or relating in any way to any of the operations in which the **Owner** may be obligated to pay to the **Engineer** as compensation for services rendered by the **Engineer** under contract with the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall require its employees to execute patent applications and assignments thereof to the **Owner** or its nominees, and powers of attorney relating thereto for any country the **Owner** may designate and shall take all other actions as the **Owner** may request to maintain and protect such inventions and improvements. The **Owner** shall pay all costs or charges incurred in protecting

such inventions and improvements if the **Owner** desires to protect them. Before assigning any of the **Engineer's** employees to work under any contract with the **Owner** concerning this **Project**, the **Engineer** shall obtain from them agreements satisfactory to **Owner** complying in all respects with the terms and provisions of this Article.

16.3 The rights and obligations set forth in Article 16 shall survive the performance of this Agreement, or any termination, discharge or cancellation thereof.

ARTICLE 17. Engineer's Seal, Responsibility and Warranties.

17.1 Engineer's Seal. The **Engineer** shall assign a responsible engineer or engineers licensed to practice in the State of Texas, who shall sign, seal and date all appropriate engineering submissions to the **Owner** in accordance with the Texas Engineering Practice Act and the Rules of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

17.2 Engineer's Responsibility. The **Engineer** shall be responsible for the accuracy of the work for the **Project** and shall promptly make necessary revisions or corrections resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts by the **Engineer**. No additional compensation will be made to the **Engineer** for any necessary revisions or corrections resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts by the **Engineer**.

The **Engineer's** responsibility for all questions arising from design errors and/or omissions will be determined by the **Owner** or a designee appointed by the **Owner**. The **Engineer** will not be relieved of the responsibility for subsequent correction of any such errors or omissions or clarification of any ambiguities until after the construction phase of the **Project** has been completed.

17.3 Warranties.

(a) The **Engineer** warrants that engineering design work performed by the **Engineer** hereunder shall be in accordance with sound engineering design practices and in conformance with applicable code and standards established for such work.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** agree and acknowledge that the **Owner** is entering into this Agreement in reliance on the **Engineer's** experience and abilities with respect to performing the **Engineer's** services hereunder. The **Engineer** accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established between it and the **Owner** by this Agreement. The **Engineer** covenants with the **Owner** to use the **Engineer's best** efforts, skill, judgment and abilities to design the **Project** and to further the interests of the **Owner** in accordance with the **Owner's** requirements and procedures, in

accordance with all professional standards, and in compliance with all applicable national, federal, state, county and municipal laws, regulations, codes, ordinances, orders and with those of any other body having jurisdiction. If the development of plans, specifications, and estimates (hereinafter referred to as “**PS&E**”) are identified in this Agreement under Article 2 hereof or **EXHIBIT “C”**, attached hereto, as part of the services to be provided by the **Engineer** for the **Project**, prior to the commencement of construction, the **Engineer** shall certify in writing to the **Owner** that the **PS&E** for the **Project**, and the improvements when built in accordance therewith, conform to all applicable governmental regulations, statutes, and ordinances then in effect. The **Engineer** represents covenants and agrees that there are no obligations, commitments or impediments of any kind that will limit or prevent performance of the **Engineer’s** services.

(c) The **Engineer** represents, covenants and agrees that all of **Engineer’s** services to be furnished by the **Engineer** under or pursuant to this Agreement from the inception of the Agreement until the **Project** has been fully completed, shall be of the standard and quality which prevail among engineers of similar experience, knowledge, skill, and ability engaged in engineering practice throughout Texas under the same or similar circumstances involving the design and construction of **Project**.

(d) The **Engineer** represents, covenants and agrees that the **Engineer’s** special talent, training, and experience cause the **Engineer** to be the prime professional on the **Project**; that because of such talent and training, the **Engineer** envisions the construction of the **Project** in its entirety and possesses the special skills which enable the **Engineer** to recognize dangerous conditions that a reasonable, prudent engineer having such special skills could anticipate may arise from the proper use of the **Project** after acceptance by **Owner**; and that the **Engineer** recognizes that any commissioners, elected officials, employees and agents of the **Owner**, plus residents and owners of property within the area affected by the **Project** are within a class of foreseeable persons who will be relying on the project being designed in a professional and safe manner.

(e) If the development of **PS&E** is identified in this Agreement under Article 2 hereof or **EXHIBIT “C”**, attached hereto, as part of the services to be provided by the **Engineer** for the **Project**, the **Engineer** represents, covenants and agrees that the **PS&E** of the **Project** will be accurate and free from any material errors. The **Engineer** additionally represents, covenants and agrees to the following: that the design of the **Project** will conform to its foreseeable use as a **Project** with all the amenities as set forth in any **PS&E** developed by the **Engineer** for the **Project**; that the result of such **PS&E**, if built in accordance therewith, will be suitable for purposes for which the **Project** is designed; and the **Project** will be inspected in a workmanlike, professional manner and will be suitable for the **Project’s** intended purpose. The **Engineer’s** responsibilities as set forth herein shall at no time be in any way diminished by reason of any approval by the **Owner** of any **PS&E** developed by the **Engineer** for the **Project**, nor shall the **Engineer** be released from any liability by reason of such approval by the **Owner**, it being understood that the

Owner at all times is ultimately relying upon the **Engineer's** skill and knowledge in preparing such **PS&E**.

(f) In connection with the **Engineer's** performance of procurement services hereunder, if any, the **Engineer** uses its best efforts to obtain from all vendors of equipment and materials, fullest possible warranties against defective materials and workmanship for the benefit of the **Owner**.

ARTICLE 18. Engineer's Resources. The **Engineer** shall furnish and maintain, at the **Engineer's** own expense, office space for the performance of all services, skilled and sufficient personnel, as well as adequate and sufficient equipment to perform the services as required under this Agreement.

18.1 Project Manager. The **Engineer** shall provide a manager (**Project Manager**) for the **Project** that is a registered professional engineer in the State of Texas. The **Project** manager shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable that **Project Manager** during the course of the **Project** without prior consent of the **Owner**. If due to situations beyond the control of the **Engineer**, the **Engineer** must change the **Project Manager** prior to the completion and acceptance of the **Project**, the **Engineer** will submit a request to change the **Project Manager** to the **Owner** for approval.

18.2 Employees of the Engineer. All employees of the **Engineer** shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them and required for the services under this Agreement. Any employee of the **Engineer** who, in the opinion of the **Owner**, is incompetent, or whose conduct becomes detrimental to the work required under this Agreement, shall immediately be removed from association with the **Project** when so instructed by the **Owner**. The **Engineer** certifies that the **Engineer** presently has employed sufficient and qualified personnel, and will maintain sufficient and qualified personnel for performance of the services under this Agreement.

18.3 Documents/Information Exchange The purpose of this Article is to define the required automated resources, format for graphics files, and information exchange pertaining to the **Project**. Taking into consideration that the **Owner** has a significant investment in the development of the **Project**, there is a need for the **Engineer** to provide consistency in document development for information exchange. Consistency in document development for information exchange and production will help facilitate an economically efficient **Project**. Therefore, the **Engineer** shall provide the **Owner** with documents and information in accordance with the special requirement outlined in **EXHIBIT "C"** attached hereto.

ARTICLE 19. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the **Engineer** and its agents, partners, subcontractors, and consultants (collectively

“Indemnitors”) shall and do agree to indemnify, and hold harmless the Owner, the Owner’s respective directors, elected officials, employees and agents (collectively **“Indemnitors”**) from and against all claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, judgments and expenses, including attorney fees, of any nature, kind or description (collectively **“Liabilities”**) of any person or entity whomsoever arising out of, caused by or resulting from the negligent performance of the Engineer’s services through activities of the Engineer, its agents, partners, subcontractors and/or consultants performed under this Agreement, and which are caused by or result from error, omission, or negligent act of the Engineer or of any person employed or contracted by the Engineer provided that any such Liabilities (1) are attributable to bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease or death of any person, or to the injury to or destruction of tangible personal property including the loss of use and consequential damages resulting therefrom and (2) are caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Engineer, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Engineer or anyone for whose acts the Engineer may be legally liable. The Engineer shall also save harmless the Owner from any and all expense, including but not limited to, attorney fees which may be incurred by the Owner in litigation or otherwise resisting said claim or liabilities which may be imposed on the Owner as a result of such activities by the Engineer, its agents partners, subcontractors and/or consultants. In this connection, it is agreed and understood that the Engineer shall not be responsible for any portion of the liability proximately caused by the Owner’s negligence.

ARTICLE 20. Joint and Several Liability. In the event more than one of the **Indemnitors** are connected with an accident or occurrence covered by the indemnification in Article 19 hereof, then each of such **Indemnitors** shall be jointly and severally responsible to the **Indemnitees** for indemnification and the ultimate responsibility among such **Indemnitors** for the loss and expense of any such indemnification shall be settled by separate proceedings and without jeopardy to any **Indemnitee**. The provisions of this Article shall not be construed to eliminate or reduce any other indemnification or right which the **Owner** or any of the **Indemnitees** has by law.

ARTICLE 21. Insurance. Consistent with its status as an independent contractor and at its sole expense, **Engineer** agrees that throughout the duration of the work under this contract and any extension thereof, it shall provide and maintain in full force and effect any and all insurances which may be necessary for providing Services or are otherwise required by law, and shall require of all its sub-consultants connected with providing services under this contract to provide insurance in full force and effect as well. Insurance policies shall cover, but are not limited to, **Engineer’s** activities and all persons, vehicles, equipment, and property connected with providing Services, including but not limited to professional liability insurance covering **Engineer’s** activities in providing the services to the **Owner**. Coverage shall be in the amounts specified by the **Owner** in the Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) or as prescribed by law, but in no event shall any amount be less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act, §100.001, et seq.,

Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code. The **Engineer** shall furnish to the **Owner** certificate(s) of insurance and all renewals on an Acord form showing the said policy to be in full force and effect during the period of service, identified in Article 3 hereto, for this Agreement. The completed Hidalgo County Certificate(s) of Insurance shall be attached hereto and identified as **EXHIBIT “H”- *Hidalgo County Certificate of Insurance***. For each applicable policy, **Engineer** shall name the **Owner** as an additional insured. **Engineer** shall notify the **Owner** a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of cancellation of all or part of a policy. **Engineer** shall make any other insurance documentation available to the **Owner** upon request. The **Engineer** will be considered in breach of contract should the **Engineer** fail to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability and requirements identified above while performing services for and under this Agreement, and will be subject to default and termination of the Agreement as outlined in Article 3.4 hereto. Additionally, the **Engineer** covenants and agrees to use its best efforts to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability and requirements identified above until one year following the date of the acceptance of the **Project** by **Owner**.

ARTICLE 22. Compliance with Laws. The **Engineer** shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations and the orders and decrees of any court, or administrative bodies or tribunals in any manner affecting the performance of this Agreement including, without limitation, workers compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary, and wage statutes and regulations and licensing laws and regulations. When required the **Engineer** shall furnish the **Owner** with satisfactory proof of its compliance therewith.

ARTICLE 23. Non-Collusion. The **Engineer** warrants that the **Engineer** has not employed or retained any company or persons, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the **Engineer**, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that the **Engineer** has not paid or agreed to pay any company, engineer or any other person or entity any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or execution of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the **Owner** shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in the **Owner’s** discretion, to deduct from the *Services Fee*, or otherwise recover, the full amount of each fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

ARTICLE 24. Gratuities. The **Owner** mandates that employees of the **Owner** shall not accept any benefits, gifts or favors from any person doing business or who reasonably speaking may do business with the **Owner** under this Agreement; the only exceptions allowed are ordinary business meals. Any person doing business with or who may reasonably seek to do business with the **Owner** under this Agreement may not make any offer of benefits, gifts or favors to **Owner** employees, except as mentioned hereinabove. Failure on the part of the **Engineer** to adhere to this provision may result in the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25. Payment of Franchise Tax. The **Engineer** hereby certifies that the **Engineer** is not delinquent in Texas franchise tax payments, or that the **Engineer** is exempt from, or not subject to, such as tax. A false statement concerning franchise tax status shall constitute grounds for termination of the Agreement at the sole option of the **Owner**.

ARTICLE 26. Disputes. The **Engineer** shall be responsible for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of any procurement made by the **Engineer** in support of the services under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 27. Severability. In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

ARTICLE 28. Notices. Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, all notices, demands, requests, or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by a registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

If to County: County of Hidalgo
 Attention: County Judge
 100 E. Cano, 2nd Floor
 Edinburg, Texas 78539

CC: Precinct No. 4
 Attn: Ellie Torres, Commissioner
 Address: 1051 N Doolittle Rd,
 Edinburg, TX 78542

If to Engineer: TEDSI Infrastructure Group, Inc.
 1201 E. Interstate Hwy. 281
 Mission, Texas 78572

Each notice, demand, request, or communication which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addresses or if mailed at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

ARTICLE 29. Miscellaneous Provisions.

(a) This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the **Engineer** and the **Owner** relating to the work herein described and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral contracts between the parties respecting the subject matter defined herein. These are no previous or contemporary representations or warranties of the **Owner** or the **Engineer** not set forth herein.

(b) Except as specifically provided herein no modification, waiver, termination, rescission, discharge or cancellation of this Agreement or any terms thereof shall be binding on the **Owner** unless in writing and executed by an officer or employee of the **Owner** specifically authorized to do so.

(c) No waiver of any provision of or default under this Agreement shall affect the right of the **Owner** thereafter to enforce said provision or to exercise any right or remedy in the event of any other default whether or not similar.

(d) No modification, waiver, termination, discharge or cancellation of this Agreement or any terms thereof shall impair the **Owner's** right with respect to any liabilities whether or not liquidated of the **Engineer** to the **Owner** theretofore accrued.

(e) All rights and remedies of the **Owner** specified in this Agreement are in addition to the Owner's other rights and remedies.

(f) The **Engineer** shall remain an independent contractor and shall have no power nor shall the **Engineer** represent that the **Engineer** has any power to bind the **Owner** or to assume or to create any obligation expressly or implied on behalf of the **Owner** except as specifically authorized in advance by the **Owner**.

(g) **Texas Law to Apply.** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

(h) This Agreement may only be amended by a written document executed by the Owner and the **Engineer** as provided by Article 8 herein.

ARTICLE 30. Signatory Warranty The undersigned signatory or signatories for the **Engineer** hereby represent and warrant that the signatory is an officer of the organization for which

he or she has executed this Agreement and that he or she has full and complete authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the **Engineer**. The above-stated representations and warranties are made for the purpose of inducing the **Owner** to enter into this Agreement.

ARTICLE 31. Immunities. Nothing in this agreement is intended to and County does not hereby waive, release or relinquish any right to assert any of the defenses County enjoys by virtue of the state or federal constitution, laws, rules or regulations, and any sovereign, official or qualified immunity available to County as to any claim or action of any person, entity, or individual against County.

ARTICLE 32. Nondiscrimination. Engineer, including subcontractors, assignees, and successors in interest, ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, or any other protected class under law, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation in any federally or non-federally funded program or activity when providing any services described herein under this Contract. Applicable nondiscrimination statements and provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, were provided as part of the initial procurement packet and are incorporated herein and made part of this agreement for all purposes.

ARTICLE 33. Additional Documents. The **Engineer** and **Owner** hereto covenant and agree that they will execute each such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Contract.

ARTICLE 34. Required Contract Provision for Contracts Subject to Federal Award (if applicable). Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.237, a non-federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to 2 CFR 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts under Federal Awards. Additionally, County contracts under Federal award which are subject to assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are also required to contain additional contract clauses. The applicable required contract clauses were provided as part of the initial procurement packet and are incorporated herein and made part of this agreement for all purposes.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW}

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON AUGUST 18, 2022.

Agenda Item No. 87016

Executive Office: _____

VENDOR:

TEDSI Infrastructure Group, Inc.

COUNTY:

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Jessie Salinas, CEO/President

Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Office of the Criminal District Attorney,
Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

ATTEST:

_____, Assistant District Attorney

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNATURES:

EXHIBIT A -Requirements/County's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Packet

EXHIBIT B - -Scope of Services to be provided by Owner

EXHIBIT C -Scope of Services to be provided by Engineer

EXHIBIT D – Work Schedule

EXHIBIT E -Contract Rates

EXHIBIT F -Work Authorization Form

EXHIBIT G -Supplemental Agreement Form

EXHIBIT H -Certificates of Insurance



EXHIBIT A

REQUIREMENTS/COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS



HIDALGO COUNTY PROCUREMENT PACKET

**Request for Qualifications
RFQ No: 2021-0786-02-23-HGO**

**HIDALGO COUNTY
“Pool of Professional Engineers”**

**Acceptance Due Date:
Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.**

**Eduardo Belmarez, MBA, CPM, Purchasing Director
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department**

Project Contact Information:

Heidi Garcia Ortiz, Contract Specialist III
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heidi.ortiz@co.hidalgo.tx.us



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January 31, 2022

Company Name

Authorized Representative

Address

City, State

Zip Code

RE: HIDALGO COUNTY - REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
RFQ NO.: 2021-0786-02-23-HGO – Pool of Professional Engineers

Dear Prospective Offeror:

Enclosed you will find the procurement packet for the above-referenced project. Modifications and new requirements have been added and implemented. Please ensure to carefully read and review all instructions, requirements, and specifications.

If assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department at (956) 318-2626.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Belmarez, MBA, CPM
Hidalgo County Purchasing Director

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This procurement packet includes the components marked below. If the item is not checked, it is not applicable to this solicitation. Offerors are asked to review the documentation to be sure that all applicable parts are included. If any portion of the documentation is missing, notify the Purchasing Department immediately. Offeror should be thoroughly familiar with all of the following items applicable to this procurement packet before submitting a response.

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THE RESPONDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND UNDERSTANDING ALL DOCUMENTS, FORMS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT. Follow all instructions; you are responsible for obtaining any information needed in order to respond to this RFQ. Further, the Respondent is responsible for providing any and all relevant information necessary for this Request for Qualifications. Failure to do so will be at the Respondent's risk and may result in rejection of the Qualifications as non-conforming.

General Requirements apply to all advertised solicitations; however, these may be superseded, whole or in part, by OTHER DATA CONTAINED HEREIN. Review the Table of Contents. Be sure your submittal package is complete.

INTRODUCTION

Hidalgo County (hereinafter referred to as “**COUNTY**”) is seeking qualified firms interested in providing comprehensive professional services as part of our 2022 Professional Services Pools. Qualified Respondents may then be engaged from the pool to provide professional services on an “As Needed Basis” or on a “Project-Specific Basis”. Sealed Qualifications will be received for “**Hidalgo County “Pool of Professional Engineers”**”, in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as **Appendix “A”**. Inclusion into the specified Pool is based on qualifications and other factors as herein set forth. The qualifications should address all requirements. Respondent may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of COUNTY; however, a strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the requirements. COUNTY reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall qualifications.

Hidalgo County is requiring all submitted qualifications are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after the RFQ opening.

AWARD

Hidalgo County anticipates accepting all qualified firms to our Pool. No award can be made until approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. This RFQ does not obligate Hidalgo County to the eventual purchase of any product and/or service described, implied, or which may be proposed. Progress toward this end is solely at the discretion of Hidalgo County and may be terminated at any time prior to execution of an agreement.

TERM OF POOL

The term of this pool shall be for a period of one (1) year, commencing on March 26, 2022, and ending on March 25, 2023. The information provided in this Request for Qualification (hereinafter referred to as “RFQ”) is only to be used for the purpose of preparing a submission for the above-referenced pool.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

One (1) original (pages one-sided) and two (2) USBs in original PDF format. Further instructions are listed below under **VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS**. For convenience, the Offeror may utilize the Shipping Label provided in **Appendix “N”**.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND PROPOSAL OPENING

All submissions must be received on or before Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 2:00 pm. **Any submission received after this deadline will not be accepted and will be returned to sender.**

BID OPENING STREAMING

Due to the ongoing pandemic, and in order to abide by social distancing protocols and/or any applicable order(s), the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department is limiting the number of participants allowed in our office during bid openings to authorized personnel only; however, this is a public bid opening and it can be accessed via a live stream or by calling in the day of the event.

Live stream:

<https://hidalgocounty.zoom.us/j/86900060589?pwd=OWNpTk9Lay9nSjZRNhVkd1UT09>

Meeting ID: 869 0006 0589

Passcode: 505185

Dial by your location: +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

To find your local number: <https://hidalgocounty.zoom.us/j/86900060589?pwd=OWNpTk9Lay9nSjZRNhVkd1UT09>

Join by SIP: 86900060589@zoomcrc.com

HAND-DELIVERED QUALIFICATION

Hidalgo County requires respondents, when hand-delivering qualification, to make sure that it is stamped with the date and time received by the Hidalgo County Purchasing staff.

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF SUBMISSION

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

DELIVER TO:

US Postal Mail Address:

Eduardo Belmarez, MBA, CPM, Purchasing Director
ATTN: Heidi Garcia Ortiz
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy 281
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Physical Address:

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ATTN: Heidi Garcia Ortiz
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SIGNING OF SUBMISSION

In order to be considered, all submittals **must** be signed by an authorized representative of the firm. **Please sign the original in [blue](#) ink and ensure the copy is clearly labeled.**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions must be submitted via email to heidi.ortiz@co.hidalgo.tx.us by **Monday, February 14, 2022, at 5:00 P.M.** Responses to submitted questions will be emailed to all participants who obtained their procurement packet directly from Hidalgo County Purchasing Department by **Wednesday, February 16, 2022.** Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.

RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of the submitter to review the procurement packet and to notify the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition or clarification on any requirements that are ambiguous. Any such protest or question regarding the requirements or proposer's procedures must be received in writing via email by the deadline stated for Questions and Answers.

COST OF SUBMISSION

Hidalgo County will not be liable for any costs incurred by the vendor in preparing a response to this procurement packet. Each Offeror acknowledges it is submitting a response at its own risk and expense. Further, no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County. Hidalgo County makes no guarantee that any products or services will be purchased as a result of this solicitation and reserves the right to reject any and all submissions received. All responses and accompanying documentation will become the property of Hidalgo County. All responses are open to negotiation.

WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES

Hidalgo County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION

All communications by a vendor to the county, its officials, and department heads regarding this procurement shall be done through the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. No vendor, its' representative, agent, or employee shall engage in private communication with a member of the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court or county department heads regarding any procurement of goods or services by the County from the date that this procurement packet is released. No private communication regarding the purchase shall be permitted until the procurement process is complete and a purchase order is granted or a contract is entered into "Private Communication" means communication with any vendor outside of a posted meeting of the governing body, a regular meeting of a standing or appointed committee, or negotiation with a vendor which has been specifically authorized by the governing body.

VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS

Responses to this procurement packet shall be formatted and organized in the following order for consistency and easy screening:

- All submissions must be typed, single-spaced, and printed single-sided on 8 ½" by 11" paper.
- One (1) original, **clearly marked "ORIGINAL"** and two (2) USBs in PDF format. Original document must be submitted with a Cover Page containing the information listed in the Submission Outline/Checklist, under Submission Cover Page. Two (2) USBs containing the complete response in PDF, Word, and/or Excel format must be provided and placed in the ORIGINAL response. The PDF document must also be signed. A self-adhesive packet may be used to secure the USB. The USB must also be properly labeled.
- The complete response must be sealed in an appropriately sized envelope or box for delivery to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, per instructions in the Procurement Packet Submission paragraph of the Legal Notice section contained within this procurement packet.
- All documents must be labeled with the vendor's name and the RFQ number. Any response received by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department that is not identified on the outside with the RFQ number will be at risk for rejection.
- Each section of the vendor's response should start on a new page. A tabbed divider page marked with the section number should be used to separate each section.
- Prepare a Table of Contents for the response being submitted and place it after the Submission Cover Sheet and before Section I. The Table of Contents must list all Sections and the contents of each section as listed in **Appendix "A"**.
- The submittal must be in the order listed in the Submission Outline/Checklist below.

SUBMISSION OUTLINE/CHECKLIST

To assist in ensuring all submissions received are complete, it is recommended for the Offeror to use this Submission Outline as a Checklist prior to submitting a response. All Responses must be submitted in the following order with the guidelines provided in Vendor Instructions within this section of this solicitation:

Submission Cover Sheet - Must include the following:

- Company Name, Company Address, Company Phone Number
- Project Name: Sealed Submission for Pool of Professional Engineers
- Procurement Number: RFQ No. 2021-0786-02-23-HGO
- Opening Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022
- Opening Time: 2:00 pm

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Section I: Required Documents (signed and filled) and Executive Summary

- **Executive Summary** – The summary should include:
 - Company name and address; name, title, email, telephone, and fax number of person(s) to be contacted for clarifications or additional information regarding Qualification;
 - Name, title, email, telephone, and fax number of person(s) authorized to contractually obligate vendor's company with a proposal and any future negotiations; and
 - Understanding of the Project
- **Required Documents**
 - **Legal Notice Acknowledgement**
 - **Attachment "A"- Areas of Specialization**
 - **Appendix "C" – Insurance Requirements**
 - Proof of Insurance
 - Insurance Requirement Acknowledgement
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 - **Appendix "D" – Conflict of Interest Questionnaire**
 - CIQ Form – Copy of County Clerk File with fee receipt (when applicable)
 - Form 1295
 - **Appendix "E" – Vendor Enrollment System and HUB Declaration**
 - Vendor Application
 - HUB Declaration
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 - Signed Certification
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 - Byrd Anti-Lobbying Contract Clause
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 - **Addenda (when applicable; see Addenda under Legal Notice)**

Section II: Vendor Information

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Section IV: Scope of Services and Narrative of Proposed Services

Section V: Legal Documents (If Applicable)

Section IV: Miscellaneous



LEGAL NOTICE

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These General Provisions are considered standard language for an Offeror (hereinafter referred to as “Offeror”, “Vendor”, “Respondent”, or “Contractor”) submitting a response for a Request for Bids, Proposals, Qualifications or other solicitation (hereinafter referred to as “Procurement Packet”) made by the County of Hidalgo (hereinafter referred to as “Hidalgo County” and “County” or any other governing body/agency for which the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department has been authorized to perform procurement services.

It is the Offeror’s sole responsibility to be in compliance of all federal, state, and local laws, requirements, rules, codes, ordinances, and regulations applicable to their proposed goods and/or services. In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of these requirements and the specifications, the specifications shall govern. In the event of any conflict of interpretation of any part of this overall procurement packet, Hidalgo County’s interpretation shall govern.

The following is a link to all adopted Hidalgo County policies (<https://www.hidalgocounty.us/805/County-Administrative-Policies>), which for all purposes, when applicable and whether specified explicitly or not, are incorporated by reference as part of this procurement packet and any resulting agreement.

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF SUBMISSION.** Receipt of the submission shall under no circumstance obligate Hidalgo County to accept the response, or make an award. The Offeror is responsible for obtaining any information needed in order to respond and for all costs of submitting its response. An Offeror’s submitted response is to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after opening. Hidalgo County is not responsible for any missing, lost, or late submissions.
2. **ACCESS TO RECORDS.** In special circumstances, Vendor may be required to allow duly authorized representatives of Hidalgo County, or the state and federal government access to contracts, books, documents, and records necessary to verify the nature and extent of the cost of services provided by Vendor. Vendor must keep records within Hidalgo County or note in their submission that records will be available within the boundaries of Hidalgo County to those representatives within one (1) business day of request by the County.
3. **ACCOUNT CREATION FOR PAYMENT.** Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Offeror shall cooperate with and submit any required information to the Hidalgo County Auditor’s Office in order to establish an account with the County for payment, including information requested on Hidalgo County Vendor Enrollment Solution, **Appendix “E”** on this procurement packet. This information must be on file with the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department and the Hidalgo County Auditor’s Office. Failure to provide this information may result in a delay in payment and/or back-up withholding as required by the Internal Revenue Service.
4. **ADDENDA.** When specifications interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes are revised, the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will issue an Addendum addressing the nature of the change. All released Addenda will be e-mailed to all point of contact(s) who are known to have received or requested a copy of the procurement packet directly from the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. Offeror must **sign in blue ink and include it in the returned submission package.**
5. **ASSIGNMENT.** The successful Offeror shall not assign, sell, transfer, convey, or otherwise transfer its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County of Hidalgo County Commissioners Court (hereinafter referred to as “Commissioners Court”), or other applicable governing body.
6. **AWARD.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to award this contract on the basis determined on the Procurement Overview, and when applicable, listed on **Appendix “B”**, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, to waive any formality or irregularity, to make awards to more than one Offeror, and to reject any or all submissions received. After Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court approves an award, and the awarded Contractor defaults in meeting the general requirements and/or specifications in complying with the contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek the services of the next lowest bidder(s) and/or qualified Offeror(s). In such event, Hidalgo County shall charge the Awarded Vendor the difference for any additional cost of such item. Hidalgo County reserves the right to add or delete items during the term of the contract under the same rates and conditions.

7. **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS.** The County will search a database maintained by the Texas State Comptroller which contains relevant vendor information. A contract may not be entered into with an entity that is identified therein. Search results shall be incorporated for all purposes as part of any resulting agreement entered into by the parties. The Offeror shall follow all federal, state, and local laws, requirements, rules, codes, ordinances, regulations and Hidalgo County Policy & Procedures applicable to their proposed goods and/or services, including, but not limited to those addressed within this procurement packet, the resulting agreement and the following:

7.1 Attestation Terrorist Organizations - TEX. GOVT. CODE CH. 2252. Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, including but not limited to Chapter's 2252, 806 and 807, the Offeror warrants, represents, certifies and attests that, by submitting a response to this procurement packet and/or at the time of execution of this Contract, Agreement, or supplemental agreement thereafter, neither the Offeror, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same (i) engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist or (ii) is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

7.2 Breach of Ethics. Contracts awarded hereunder shall be in compliance with Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Chapter 171: Regulation of Conflicts of Interest of Officers of Municipalities, Counties and Certain Other Local Governments.

It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give, or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of the County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of the County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or response to a request therefore pending before any department or agency of the County.

It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for the County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

7.3 Bonds. If this procurement packet requires submission of bid bond or proposal guarantee, and performance and payment bonds, an explanation of these requirements will be detailed on the Projects Requirements Acknowledgement listed in **Appendix "C"**. Responses submitted without the required bond or cashier's checks may be deemed unresponsive, thus disqualified from participation.

7.4 Boycott Energy Companies Verification – TEX. GOVT. CODE 2274. In accordance with changes to the law from the 87th Legislature in 2021, a for-profit company, not including a sole proprietorship, with ten or more full-time employees, is required to verify in writing that it does not boycott energy companies, and it will not boycott energy companies during the term of the Contract, if it is a contract for goods or services that has a value of at least \$100,000 that is paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental body. Written verification may be provided by signing the Legal Notice Declarations page. Please provide a written notification if your company is unable to provide the written verification referenced above.

As per Tex. Gov't. Code §809.001(1), "Boycott energy company" means "without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company: (A) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (B) does business with a company described by Paragraph (A)".

As per Ch. 2274(c), this verification requirement does not apply to the County if it determines that this requirement is inconsistent with the County's constitutional or statutory duties related to the issuance, incurrence, or management of debt obligations or the deposit, custody, management, borrowing, or investment of funds.

7.5 Boycott Israel Verification - TEX. GOVT. CODE 2270. In accordance with the Texas Government Code, including but not limited to Chapters 2270 and 808, a company, other than a sole proprietorship, with ten or more full time employees is required to certify in writing that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the Contract, if the Contract has a value of \$100,000 or more.

7.6 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion. The Offeror warrants and represents by execution of an award from their response to this procurement packet that it is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in any Federal programs, or state assistance, as described under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension." The Offeror agrees to include this certification in all contracts between itself and any subcontractors in connection with the services performed under any subsequent Contract or Agreement arising from this award. The Offeror also acknowledges that it is their sole responsibility to immediately notify Hidalgo County, in writing, if they or a subcontractor is not in compliance with Executive Order 12549 during the term of this contract. Further, Offeror agrees to refund Hidalgo County for any payments made to the contractor while ineligible. Pursuant to federal regulation 45 CFR Part 76, the Offeror is required to furnish a certification or acknowledgement stating that they are free from suspension and debarment through registration on System for Award Management at www.sam.gov with their response.

7.7 Davis-Bacon Act/Hidalgo County Adopted Prevailing Wage Rate. When applicable, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 2258, as well as any other applicable laws, any Contractor or Subcontractor performing contracts in excess of \$2,000, for the construction, alteration, or repair (including painting and decorating) of public buildings or public works must pay their laborers and mechanics employed under the contract no less than the locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits for corresponding work on similar projects in the area as per the Davis Bacon Act or the rates adopted by Hidalgo County.

The Offeror warrants and represents that it will pay all its workers all monies earned by its employees including, but not limited to regular wages, any overtime compensation, or any additional payments pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. Section 207 9a(1), as amended; the Texas Pay Day Act; the Equal Pay Act; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000e, *et al.*, as amended; and/or any provisions of the Texas Labor Code Ann., as amended, without cost or expenses to the County.

Awarded Vendors, its officers, agents, and/or employees will not be entitled to any benefits of an employee or elected official of Hidalgo County, including, but not limited to, benefits associated with Hidalgo County's civil service system.

7.7 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest.

7.7.1 As an Offeror. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176, an Offeror must disclose an interest between the Offeror, the Offeror's employees and any Hidalgo County employees arising from relationships within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity. A financial interest arises if the County's elected official, department head, or employee, or a member of their family, received any gifts valued in excess of \$250 during the preceding twelve (12) month period, or employment of any County's elected official, department head, or employee, or the County official's family member.

The Offeror shall not use funds to directly or indirectly pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence any County employee or official in connection with the awarding of any contract or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any contract.

7.7.2 Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295). Hidalgo County cannot enter into a contract until Form 1295 is submitted, as Texas law, including, but not limited to Tex. Govt. Code

Ch. 2252, Title 1 Tex. Ethics Comm. Rules – Title 1, sec. 46 and the Tex. Admin. Code, requires all parties who enter into any contract with the County which must be approved by its governing body, to disclose all interested parties. Form 1295 must be completed in its entirety through the Texas Ethics Commission at the following website:

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm prior to awarding the Contract. Failure to do so may result in delay of award, or deem your response unresponsive, thus disqualified from participation.

7.7.3 Collusion. The Offeror affirms that by responding to any solicitation made by Hidalgo County, it has not communicated directly or indirectly the response made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business. Any or all responses may be rejected if the County believes that collusion exists among the Offerors, and/or the County believes prices provided by the Offerors are inappropriately unbalanced. Respondent's Affidavit (**Appendix "J"**) must be included in the response.

7.7.4 Consultants Excluded from Competition. An outside Consultant or Contractor is prohibited from submitting a response for goods or services requested on a Hidalgo County project of which the Consultant or Contractor was a designer or other previous contributor, assisted in developing or drafting specifications, requirements, statements of work, or requests for goods and/or services must be excluded from competing for such procurements. If such, a Consultant or Contractor submits a response, that response shall be prohibited, and disqualified on the basis of conflict of interest, no matter when the conflict is discovered by Hidalgo County.

7.7.5 Disclosure of Interested Parties (Form CIQ). Offeror must fully disclose the existence of any relationships as defined above in its response to this procurement packet. The Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ), attached hereto as **Appendix "D"**, must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk, located inside the Hidalgo County Courthouse, at 100 N. Closner, Edinburg, TX 78539 no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. **Completion and submission of Form CIQ is the sole responsibility of the Offeror.** Additionally, the Offeror must immediately notify Hidalgo County if the information provided in its response changes at any time.

7.7.6 Disclosure to Report Lobbying. When applicable, pursuant to 31 U.S.C.A. §1352 (2003), if at any time during the contract term funding to Contractor exceeds \$100,000.00, Contractor shall file with the County the Federal Standard Form LLL titled "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying" as detailed in **Appendix "H"**.

7.8 Discrimination Against Firearm Entities or Trade Associations Verification - Tex. Gov't. Code Ch. 2274.

In accordance with changes to the law from the 87th Legislature in 2021, a for-profit company, not including a sole proprietorship, with ten or more full-time employees, is required to verify in writing that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of the Contract, if it is a contract for goods or services that has a value of at least \$100,000 that is paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental body. Written verification may be provided by signing the Legal Notice Declaration page. Please provide a written notification if your company is unable to provide the written verification referenced above.

As per Tex. Gov't. Code §2274.001(3), except as otherwise indicated, to "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association " means "with respect to the entity or association, to: (i) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (ii) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (iii) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association".

As per Ch. 2274, this verification requirement does not apply to the County if it contracts with a sole-source

provider, does not receive any bids from a company that is able to provide the required written verification above, or the contract is exempt from compliance under Tex. Gov't. Code sec. 2274.003 relating to the issuance, sale or delivery of notes.

7.9 Disqualification of Offeror. By submitting a response to this request, an Offeror offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to Hidalgo County certifies that the Offeror has not violated the antitrust laws of this state codified in Texas Business and Commerce Code §15.01, et seq., as amended, or the federal antitrust laws. If multiple submissions are made by an Offeror and after they are opened, the Offeror requests to withdraw one of the submissions is requested to be withdrawn, the result will be that all of the responses submitted by that Offeror will be withdrawn; however, nothing herein prohibits an Offeror from submitting multiple responses for different products or services.

7.10 Ethical Business Practices. Hidalgo County operates its business ethically and in compliance with the law. We ask that any Offeror, their representative, and/or employee doing business with Hidalgo County, who believes they have witnessed any suspected ethical violation or fraud immediately report the allegations to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Director, 2802 S. BUS HWY 281, Edinburg, TX 78539, (956) 318-2626, eduardo.belmarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us.

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will conduct a prompt and thorough investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation, Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will refer any suspected criminal activity to the Hidalgo County District Attorney or other appropriate law enforcement agency. Any Offeror who reports suspected ethical violations or fraud can do so without fear of retaliation. Retaliating against any offeror for reporting suspected ethical violations or fraud is strictly prohibited.

7.11 Historically Underutilized Business/Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. The County is committed to ensuring that Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) such as small business enterprises (SBE), minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBE) receive a fair and equal opportunity for participation in the County's procurement process. The County encourages the use of these enterprises both as prime and subcontractors as listed in **Appendix "E"**.

When federal funds are expended by the County, the County will take affirmative steps set forth in 2 CFR 200.321 to assure that small, minority, women-owned businesses and labor surplus area owned firms are used when possible. Pursuant to 2 CFR 321, the County requires that a prime contractor who uses subcontractors take affirmative steps set forth in 2 CFR 200.321, including:

- a. Placing qualified small and minority business and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- b. Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- c. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- d. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and
- e. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- f. Nothing in this section is to be construed to require the County to award a contract other than as required by law and Hidalgo County policies and procedures.

When procurement is related to road construction projects with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), all respondents must submit their HUB/DBE plans as part of their submission to be qualified to participate.

7.12 Independent Contractor. It is expressly agreed that this Contract and the performance by the parties hereunder does not create any agency relationship or master-servant relationship that the County has no supervision of the performance of the Services provided by Vendor, and that Vendor is an independent contractor under an award through this procurement packet.

7.13 Nondiscrimination. By submitting a response to this procurement packet, the Offeror certifies that it will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and related state and federal law.

Offeror, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or any other protected class under law (except as allowed in the case of bona fide occupational qualifications).

7.14 Texas Public Information Act. The Offeror understands and agrees that Hidalgo County is a governmental body for purposes of the Public Information Act, codified as Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and as such is required to release information in accordance with the Public Information Act (the "Act"). Hidalgo County must rely on advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas relative to the disclosure of data or information. Submissions will be kept confidential in accordance with the Act and applicable law, and **submissions are subject to inclusion into the public record after award.** To the extent permitted by law, Offeror may request in writing non-disclosure of any information that it considers to be confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret in its submission. Such data shall accompany the submission, be readily separable from the response, and shall be CLEARLY MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL, PROPRIETARY and/or TRADE SECRET". Hidalgo County will make reasonable efforts to provide Offeror notice in accordance with the Act in the event the County receives a request for information under the Act for information that the Offeror has marked as indicated above. E-mail addresses provided by Offeror to the County as part of its response to this procurement packet are not confidential. Additionally, Offeror provides its affirmative consent to the disclosure of its e-mail addresses, including from its employees, officers, and agents acting on its behalf, that are provided to Hidalgo County. This consent shall survive termination of this agreement and apply to any e-mail address provided in any form for any reason whether related to this procurement packet or otherwise.

7.15 Title VI Notice. The County of Hidalgo, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat.252, 42 U.S.C. §§2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all respondents that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit Bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. Further, Title VI has been broadened by related statutes, regulations and executive orders as found in Appendices "A" through "E" as attached hereto as **Appendix "G"**. Offeror agrees to comply with Title VI as may be required.

8. **CONTRACT OBLIGATION.** Hidalgo County Commissioners Court must award the contract and the County Judge must sign the contract before it becomes binding on Hidalgo County or the Offeror. Elected officials, department heads, other County employees or representatives are NOT authorized to sign agreements for Hidalgo County, unless prior authorization is approved by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, or respective governing body. Binding agreements shall remain in effect until all products and/or services covered by this procurement packet have been satisfactorily delivered and accepted.
9. **CONTRACT RENEWALS.** Any extension or renewal of the agreement entered into by the parties are made at the County's sole discretion and under the same rates, terms and conditions as the initial agreement, or as amended.
10. **CONTRACT TRANSITION (Grace Period).** In the event services end by either contract expiration or termination, it shall be required that the successful respondent continue services if requested by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, until new services can be completely operational. The successful respondent acknowledges its responsibility to cooperate fully with the replacement vendor and Hidalgo County to ensure a smooth and timely transition to the replacement vendor. Such transitional period shall not extend more than sixty (60) days beyond the expiration/termination date of the contract, or any extension thereof. The successful respondent shall be reimbursed for services during the transitional period at the rate in effect when the transitional period clause is invoked by Hidalgo County. During any transition period, all other terms and conditions of the contract shall remain in full force and effect as originally written and subsequently amended.

- 11. COST OF GOODS AND SERVICES.** Discount payments will be considered when offered. If during the life of any contract, or response awarded, the successful respondent's net prices generally available to other customers for items awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to Hidalgo County. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.
- 12. COUNTY APPROVED HOLIDAYS.** There are fourteen (14) County approved holidays. The Offeror is advised that official County business will not be conducted on those dates. The link of approved holidays can be found on: <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/115/County-Holidays>.
- 13. EVALUATION.** Evaluation shall be used as a determinant as to which proposed items or services are the most efficient and/or most economical for the County, considering all factors which have a bearing on price and performance of the items in the user department's environment. All submissions, except for Requests for Bids, may be subject to evaluations and negotiations by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, or authorized Hidalgo County representative as approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, with recommendation to the appropriate governing body. Compliance with all requirements, delivery and needs of the user department are considerations in evaluating the responses received. **Pricing is NOT the only criteria for making a recommendation.** A preliminary evaluation by Hidalgo County will be held and appropriate responses will be subjected to the negotiating process and a request for a Best and Final Offer. Upon completion of the negotiations, Hidalgo County will make an award. All responses that have been submitted shall be available and open for public record after the contract is awarded, except for trade secrets or confidential information contained in the responses and identified as such.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any or all submissions and to waive any or all formalities or technicalities, or to the qualifications considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County. Additionally, Hidalgo County reserves the right to separate and accept or eliminate any item(s) listed under this procurement packet that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary or operational requirements.

- 14. FISCAL FUNDING.** Hidalgo County has the discretion to utilize grant funding or general funding, however, should grant funding be utilized "Grant Funding" rules will apply. The award of a contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year. Additionally, should funds not be appropriated by the applicable governing body to continue the lease or contract in their sole discretion, said lease or contract shall become null and void on the last day of the current appropriation of funds.

14.1 General Funding. A multi-year lease or lease/purchase arrangement, or any contract continuing as a result of an extension option, must include a fiscal funding out provision in the lease or contract. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. Hidalgo County, on an annual basis and at their discretion, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of Hidalgo County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. After expiration of the lease, leased equipment shall be removed by the Vendor from the user department without penalty of any kind or form to Hidalgo County. All charges and physical activity related to delivery, installation, removal and re-delivery shall be the responsibility of the Vendor.

14.2 Grant Funding. Any contract entered into by the County that is to be paid from grant funds shall be limited to payment from the grant funding, and the Offeror understands that the County has not set aside any County funds for the payment of obligations under a grant contract. If grant funding should become unavailable at any time for the continuation of services paid for by the grant, and further funding cannot be obtained for the contract, then the contract shall be null and void.

Additionally, County contracts subject to assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), require inclusion of the contract terms found in **Appendix "H"**. It is the County's intention to comply with FEMA requirements; therefore, any conflict in terms should be resolved as such.

- 15. FORCE MAJEURE.** If by reason of Force Majeure either Party shall be rendered unable, wholly or in part, to carry out its responsibility under this contract by any occurrence by reason of Force Majeure, then the Party unable to carry out its responsibility shall give the other Party notice and full particulars of such Force Majeure in writing within a reasonable time after the occurrence of the event, and such notice shall suspend the Party's responsibility for the continuance of the Force Majeure claimed, but for no longer period. Force Majeure means acts of God, floods, hurricanes, tropical storms, tornadoes, earthquakes, or other natural disasters, acts of a public enemy, acts of terrorism, sovereign conduct, riots, civil commotion, strikes or lockouts, and other causes that are not occasioned by either Party's conduct which by the exercise of due diligence the Party is unable to overcome and which substantially interferes with operations.
- 16. GOVERNING LAW.** This procurement packet is governed by the competitive bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act, Texas Local Government Code, §262.021 *et seq.*, as amended. Offerors shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Offeror is further advised that these requirements shall be fully governed by the laws of the State of Texas and venue shall be performable in a federal or state court or competent jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas. Hidalgo County may request and rely on advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of Texas and the Hidalgo County District Attorney concerning any portion of these requirements. The County does not agree to binding arbitration and does not waive its right to a jury trial.
- 17. HIPAA COMPLIANCE.** When applicable, the Offeror agrees to comply with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191 (codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164), as amended ("HIPAA"); privacy and security regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS"); Title XIII, Subtitle D of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-5, as amended ("HITECH Act"); provisions regarding Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records (codified at 42 C.F.R. Part 2), as amended; and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ANN. §§81.046, as amended, 181.001 *et seq.*, as amended, 241.151 *et seq.*, as amended, and 611.001 *et seq.*, as amended collectively referred to as "HIPAA", to the extent that the Offeror uses, discloses or has access to protected health information as defined by HIPAA. Offeror may be required to enter a Business Associate Agreement pursuant to HIPAA.
- 18. INDEMNIFICATION.** The successful Offeror, shall indemnify, defend, save, and hold Hidalgo County, all its elected officials, officers, agents and employees harmless from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property directly or indirectly from contractor's performance on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful Offeror, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from award or which arises from any event or casualty happening on or within County premises themselves or happening upon or in any halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to such County facilities. Successful Offeror shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against the County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to Hidalgo County by counsel reasonably acceptable to the County. The Successful Offeror indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement and the like, arising out of the goods and services provided by successful Offeror.
- 19. INSPECTIONS & TESTING.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to inspect any item(s) or service location for compliance with specifications and requirements and needs of the user department. If an Offeror cannot furnish a sample of a proposed item, where applicable, for review, or fails to satisfactorily show an ability to perform, the County can reject the response as inadequate.

The successful respondent shall warrant that all items/services shall conform to the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this procurement packet shall be subject to the County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by the successful Offeror within two (2) business days at no expense to the County. Items that are not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to the County and may be used or disposed of at the County's discretion, without waiver of any other rights of the County as to the items' nonconformity.

- 20. INSURANCE.** Contractor shall procure and maintain, with respect to the subject matter of this procurement packet, appropriate insurance coverage including, as a minimum, public liability and property damage with adequate limits to cover contractor's liability as may arise directly or indirectly from work performed under terms of this procurement packet. Certification of such coverage must be provided to the County as part of this response. (See **Appendix "C": Insurance Requirements**). Prior to award, Hidalgo County must be listed as a Certificate Holder to the policies.
- 21. LEGAL DOCUMENTS.** Offeror should submit any agreement for products and/or services which may be required by their organization to enter into a contract with Hidalgo County. The awarded vendor will be required to execute an agreement with Hidalgo County which finalizes the terms and conditions set forth in their response, best and final offer, and any negotiations between the Offeror and Hidalgo County. The agreement is subject to review and amendment by the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office.
- 22. MAINTENANCE.** Maintenance required for equipment proposed should be available in Hidalgo County by a manufacturer-authorized maintenance facility. Costs for this service shall be shown on **Appendix "B"**. If Hidalgo County opts to include maintenance, it shall be so stated in the purchase order and said cost will be included. Service will commence only upon expiration of applicable warranties and should be priced accordingly.
- 23. MARKET VOLATILITY AND UNIT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS.** When applicable, Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increase might affect costs for goods and services contracted on an annual basis. As such, upon written request of the Vendor to the County Purchasing Agent, the County may review evidence of prevailing industry-wide market conditions that may warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract. When applicable, the following procedure and conditions may be employed to mediate price volatility:
- A Vendor shall:
 - make its Market Volatility and Unit Price Adjustment request in writing to the County Purchasing Agent.
 - tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Such written request must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the Vendor of the price changes.
 - put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publications so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership shall be at no cost to the County.
 - notify the County at the time when the Vendor's costs for items, supplies, and or services reduce due to stabilization in the market at which time prices for items on this contract shall be reduced accordingly. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.
 - Price adjustment reviews may only be requested by the Vendor on a quarterly basis; however, the County may at its own discretion, conduct temporary price adjustment reviews at any time.
 - The County Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interest of the County.
 - The County may only grant a price increase if the evidence presented is deemed reliable.
 - No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to in the supplier's notice.
 - The total increase in contract price shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term.
 - Should the County allow a price increase, the approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the vendor or contractor after the effective date of such price change. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.
 - Price increases are only valid for the quarter in which they are requested and approved.
 - Prices shall return to the original contract price at the beginning of the following quarter unless a Vendor notifies the County in writing within ten (10) days of expiration of the quarter in which the price increase is in effect, that it desires to have the price increase continue or that the Vendor is requesting a different price increase for the following quarter. Such request must be supplemented

with sufficient justification to demonstrate that the price increase remains necessary. The County Purchasing Department shall have sole discretion whether to grant the price increase extension.

- The County Purchasing Agent and/or the County Auditor reserve the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.
- The County too, shall have discretion to unilaterally reduce, eliminate or extend a price adjustment to the Vendor at any time upon written notice from the County to the Vendor demonstrating justification for such reduction, elimination or extension of the price adjustment.

- 24. MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS.** Under the "Hazardous Communication Act", commonly known as the "Texas Right to Know Act", an Offeror must provide to the County with each delivery, safety data sheets which are applicable to hazardous substances defined in the Act. Failure of the Offeror to furnish the required documentation will be cause to reject any response applying thereto.
- 25. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENTS.** With their submitted response, the Offeror must affirmatively demonstrate their responsibility as listed on **Appendix "A"**. A prospective respondent, by submitting a response, represents to County that it meets the requirements listed.
- 26. NAME BRANDS.** Specifications may reference name brands and model numbers. It is not the intent of Hidalgo County to restrict or preclude competition in any way, but to establish a desired quality level of merchandise or to meet a pre-established standard due to like existing items. Offerors may offer items of equal stature and the burden of proof of such stature rests with Offerors. Hidalgo County shall act as sole judge in determining equality and acceptability of products offered.
- 27. NEW MILLENNIUM COMPLIANCE.** All products and/or services furnished as part of this contract must be compliant for the present year and forward. This applies to all computers including hardware and software as well as all other commodities with date sensitive embedded chips.
- 28. PAYMENT UNDER CONTRACT.** If the contract is for \$50,000 or less, no money will be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County, and, if applicable, the receipt by County of satisfactory evidence that all subcontractors and material men have been paid.
- 29. PERFORMANCE ENFORCEMENT.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to enforce performance of any contract, agreement, supplemental agreement, as amended, or participation in the professional services pool, in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County. Hidalgo County reserves the right to terminate the contract awarded hereunder in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County immediately in the event of breach or default by a successful respondent, including, but not limited to failure to maintain qualifications, meet schedules, pay any required fees or taxes, or otherwise failing to perform in accordance with the requirements of this procurement packet.
- 30. POST-AWARD DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS.** Title and Risk of Loss of goods shall not pass to Hidalgo County until Hidalgo County actually receives and takes possession of the goods at the point or points of delivery. Receiving times may vary with the user department. Generally, deliveries may be made between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on County approved holidays. The Offeror is advised to consult the user department for instructions, and be given at least seventy-two (72) hours prior notice of delivery, if applicable, before delivery will be accepted. The place of delivery shall be identified in the Requirements/Specifications attached hereto as **Appendix "A"** of this procurement packet and/or on the Purchase Order as a "Deliver To:" address.
- 31. POST-AWARD INVOICES AND PAYMENTS.** Offerors shall submit an original, itemized invoice on company letterhead with their company name and address, detailing the deliverable(s) of goods and/or services provided, the respective price, product code, item number, quantity, etc. per line item, the name of receiving/requesting department or elected office, the delivery address, the awarded vendor's contract number, and issued purchase order number. Any invoice, which cannot be verified by the contract price and/or is otherwise incorrect, will be returned to the Offeror for correction. Under term contracts, when multiple deliveries and/or services are required, the Offeror may invoice following each delivery and the County will pay on invoice. Contracts providing for a monthly charge will be billed and paid on a monthly basis only. All payments are

subject to compliance with the Texas Prompt Payment Act.

Deliverables or services will be considered complete only upon written acceptance by Hidalgo County. No charges may be billed to Hidalgo County unless such costs are explicitly included in the agreement or contract. For billing and payment questions please contact the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office, 2808 S. Business Hwy. 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539, (956) 318-2511.

- 32. PROCUREMENT PACKET FORM COMPLETION.** Fill out and return to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department one (1) complete response in an appropriately sized envelope or box. **PACKAGE MUST SHOW THE COMPANY NAME, RETURN ADDRESS, THE RFB, RFP, RFQ, etc., PROJECT DESCRIPTION, OPENING DATE AND TIME, AND BE MARKED "SEALED PROPOSAL".** For Offeror's convenience, the shipping label on **Appendix "N"** can be used on the submission packet. An authorized representative of the Offeror should sign the Submission Cover Sheet. The contract will be binding only when signed by Hidalgo County, funds are certified by the Hidalgo County Auditor, and an official Hidalgo County Purchase Order is issued by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department.

- 33. PROCUREMENT PACKET SUBMISSION.** Offeror must submit all completed responses to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department reception desk at 2802 S. BUS. HWY 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539 by the date and time listed under the Submission Deadline and Bid Opening section of the Procurement Overview. **Late proposals will not be accepted for any reason.**

33.1 Supplemental Materials. Offerors are responsible for including all pertinent product data in the submitted response to this procurement packet. Literature, brochures, data sheets, specification information, completed forms requested as part of the procurement packet and any other facts which may affect the evaluation and subsequent contract award should be included. Materials such as legal documents and contractual agreements, which the Offeror wishes to include as a condition of the submission, must also be in the submitted response. Failure to include all necessary and proper supplemental materials may be cause to reject the entire response.

- 34. PROOF OF BUSINESS.** Offeror must be in business under its current name and in its current form (e.g., proprietorship, Chapter S Corporation). Information to be included as part of the Vendor Application, **Appendix "E"**.

- 35. PURCHASE ORDER AND DELIVERY.** The successful Offeror shall not deliver products or provide services without a Hidalgo County Purchase Order, signed by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Director, or an authorized agent of the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. When applicable, the fastest, most reasonable delivery time shall be indicated by the Offeror in the proper place on **Appendix "B"**. Any special information concerning delivery should also be included, on a separate sheet, if necessary. All items shall be shipped **F.O.B. INSIDE DELIVERY** unless otherwise stated in the specifications. This shall be understood to include bringing merchandise to the appropriate room or place designated by the user department. Every tender or delivery of goods must fully comply with all provisions of these requirements and the specifications including time, delivery and quality. Nonconformance shall constitute a breach which must be rectified prior to expiration of the time for performance. Failure to rectify within the performance period will be considered cause to reject future deliveries and cancellation of the contract by Hidalgo County, without prejudice to other remedies provided by law. **Where delivery times are critical, Hidalgo County reserves the right to award accordingly.**

Goods and/or Services must not be provided and **invoices will not be paid** without a purchase order signed by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Director.

- 36. QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFEROR.** Offeror's failure to qualify or maintain qualifications throughout the term of this agreement shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the Offeror with regard to the services. In such an event, Hidalgo County may elect to engage another qualified firm or reject all submissions and re-advertise.

- 37. RECYCLED MATERIALS.** Hidalgo County encourages the use of products made of recycled materials and shall give preference in purchasing to products made of recycled materials if the products meet applicable

specifications as to quantity and quality. Hidalgo County will be the sole judge in determining product preference application.

38. REFERENCES. Offeror must provide a total of four (4) references in each response to a solicitation requested by Hidalgo County. **One of the four references listed should be of a project that was canceled.** Offeror may provide this in form of Reference Letters from other individual(s)/entities or local government entities for whom the Offeror has provided similar services in the past twenty-four (24) months as demonstration of their prior experience, or if Offeror prefers, may utilize the Reference Form **Appendix “M”**. Letters or reference sheet must include the following information:

- Organization/Client Name/Government Entity (Include population of any local governmental entity – some procurements may require a specific population).
- Name of Contact Person
- Contact Telephone, Address and Email
- Name of Project
- Scope of Work
- Contract Period
- Budget Project Amount; Actual Project Amount
- Expected project timeframe; actual project timeframe
- Include contact information for one (1) client that services have been canceled, and a description of why the project was canceled.

39. SCANNED OR RE-TYPED RESPONSE. If in its response, Offeror either electronically scans, re-types, or in some way reproduces the County's published procurement packet, then in the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of the County's published procurement packet, or any portion thereof, and the terms and provisions of the response made by the Offeror, the County's proposal package **as published** shall control. Furthermore, if an alteration of any kind to the County's published procurement packet is only discovered after the contract is executed and is or is not being performed; the contract is subject to immediate cancellation.

Regardless of how an Offeror requested or received a copy of this procurement packet to prepare a response, **the response must be submitted in hard copy** according to the instructions contained within this procurement packet.

40. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of these requirements or the specifications shall be held invalid, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of these requirements and the specifications and it is hereby declared that such remaining portions would have been included in these requirements and the specifications as though the invalid portion had been omitted.

41. SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS. The apparent silence of specifications as to any detail, or the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practice is to prevail and that only material and workmanship of the finest quality are to be used. All interpretations of specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement. The items furnished under this contract shall be new, unused of the latest product in production to commercial trade and shall be of the highest quality as to materials used and workmanship. Manufacturer furnishing these items shall be experienced in design and construction of such items and shall be an established supplier of the item proposed.

42. SUBCONTRACTING. Vendor may not subcontract services to another firm without prior written request detailing goods and/or services that are to be subcontracted, and approval of said written request by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, or applicable governing body.

43. TAXES. Hidalgo County is exempt from all federal excise, state and local taxes unless, otherwise stated in this document. Hidalgo County claims exemption from all sales and/or use taxes under Texas Tax Code §151.309, as amended. Offerors are not to include tax in any cost figures (including in any supplemental project specific contracts applicable to pools). If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figure it will not be included in the tabulation of any supplemental project specific awards. Texas Limited Sales Tax Exemption Certificates

will be furnished upon written request to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, and signed by the Agent, or authorized Purchasing Department representative.

- 44. TERM OF CONTRACTS.** If the contract is intended to cover a specific time period, the term will be specified in **Appendix A: Requirements/Specifications**. Awarded contract will be in effect until (a) the term expires, or (b) participation is terminated by County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation with or without cause. Any supplemental project-specific contract award to a successful respondent will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by the County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation with or without cause, unless otherwise stated in the executed agreement.
- 45. TERMINATION.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to terminate the contract for default if Offeror breaches any of the terms therein, including warranties of Offeror or if the Offeror becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies which Hidalgo County may have in law or equity. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all services required to Hidalgo County's satisfaction and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements. Hidalgo County may terminate the contract without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice, unless otherwise stated in the executed agreement.
- 46. TERMINATION FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS.** Hidalgo County has the option to terminate this contract immediately without prior notice if Offeror fails to perform any of its obligations in this contract if the failure (a) created a potential threat to health or safety or (b) violated a law, ordinance, or regulation designed to protect health or safety.
- 47. USAGE REPORTS.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to request, and receive at no additional cost during the yearly contract period, a usage report detailing the services furnished to date under an agreement resulting from this procurement packet. The reports must be furnished no later than five (5) business days after written request and itemize all purchases to date by Hidalgo County department, description of each service purchased, quantity of each service purchased, per unit cost and total amount of all services purchased.
- 48. WAIVER OF SUBROGATION.** Offeror and Offeror's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against Hidalgo County as an indirect party to any suit arising out of personal or property damages resulting from Offeror's performance under any award resulting from award from this procurement packet.
- 49. WARRANTIES.** Offerors shall furnish all data pertinent to warranties or guarantees which may apply to items in the response to this procurement packet. Offeror may not limit or exclude any implied warranties. Further, Offeror warrants that product sold to the County shall conform to the standards established by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. In the event product does not conform to OSHA Standards, where applicable, Hidalgo County may return the product for correction or replacement at the Offeror's expense. If Offeror fails to make the appropriate correction within a reasonable time, Hidalgo County may correct at the Offeror's expense.
- 50. CIVIL WORKS, CONSTRUCTION & PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.** Provisions of Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2269 as amended by HB 2581 of the 87th Texas Legislature applicable to Civil Works and Construction Projects are hereby incorporated. Provisions of Texas Local Govt. Code Ch. 271, subchapter B applicable to competitive bidding on certain public works projects are hereby incorporated.

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LEGAL NOTICE DECLARATION

TO: Eduardo Belmarez, MBA, CPM, Purchasing Director
ATTN: Heidi Garcia Ortiz, Contract Specialist III
Hidalgo County Administration Building/Purchasing Department
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

RE: RFQ No. 21-0786-02-23-HGO 2022 Pool of Professional Engineers

By providing a response to this solicitation, we acknowledge receipt of all of the pages of in this procurement packet. We understand that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification.

We acknowledge that we have examined this procurement packet in its entirety, and are familiar with the conditions to be met. In accordance with the Specifications, and subject to all laws and regulations of the United States, State of Texas, and local laws, we propose and commit to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software, and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. We, the undersigned respondent, further agree, upon acceptance of its response to be a member of the Pools of Professional Services and further execute supplemental project-specific contracts with the County as needed. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful respondent fails to comply with any federal, state or local laws.

We acknowledge that we are providing the required certifications, attestations, verifications and/or acknowledgments as referenced within this procurement packet. We further acknowledge that any and all specifications, provisions, and attachments of this response are incorporated into and made a part of any resulting agreement.

We agree that this response shall be good, and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled bid opening time and date for receiving the requested solicitation, as contained in the Specifications.

Lastly, we understand that any questions regarding compliance should be directed to our firm's legal counsel. We acknowledge that the individual authorized to bind the company is signing this Acknowledgement Form. By signing this Acknowledgement Form we understand we are providing written verification and certification of the aforementioned, and the County cannot execute a contract for goods or services without this declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPENDIX “A” REQUIREMENTS

HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”

RFQ No.: 2021-0786-02-23-HGO

The County of Hidalgo will be accepting Statements of Qualifications to establish a pre-qualified pool of Engineers on an “As-Needed Basis” per project by all County Departments and/or applicable Programs requiring said services as outlined in the requirements. Upon approval and acceptance by Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court, the term of the pre-qualified pool of Engineers will be for a period starting **March 26, 2022, and ending March 25, 2023**. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing Statement of Qualifications for the provision of **“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL” RFQ No: 2021-0786-02-23-HGO** “Request for Qualifications” as specified herein. Statement of Qualifications will be accepted until **2:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 23, 2022**. **ANY RFQ RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.**

The following outlines the Request for Qualifications:

SECTION I

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RFQ SUBMITTAL DELIVERY:

One (1) original (pages one-sided), and two (2) USBs in PDF Format of RFQ should be submitted as part of your response. By submitting a response, the person, firm, association, or corporation certifies that:

1. The information submitted is true, accurate, and complete;
2. The signatory represents and warrants that they are an authorized signatory for the organization for which the qualifications are submitted and they have full and signatory authority to submit the Statement of Qualifications on behalf of their organization;
3. The respondent will comply with insurance and project requirements;
4. They are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this pool of professional services by any federal department or agency (see Appendix F); and
5. For electronic filing (USB), all documents requiring a signature are true and accurate and the respondent intends the qualification submittal to be taken as a genuine government record.

Hidalgo County is requesting that statement of qualification responses be sealed, clearly marked, and/or labeled with the Company’s name, RFQ No.: 2021-0786-02-23-HGO - “PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL” Opening Date of Wednesday, February 23, 2022, and be delivered to Eduardo Belmarez, MBA, CPM, Purchasing Director at:

US Postal Mail Address:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Physical Address:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Hidalgo County requires respondents, when hand-delivering statement of qualifications, to have a Purchasing Department representative time/date stamp and initial the sealed envelope.

All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of the RFQ shall be the responsibility of the respondent and no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

PROPOSER’S AFFIDAVIT:

Respondents to this RFQ must submit a signed Proposer’s Affidavit (attached herein as Appendix “J”) certifying that the submission is (1) not the result of Collusion as described in the Proposer’s Affidavit, (2) that the Respondent does not have a Conflict of Interest as described in the Proposer’s Affidavit, or (3) that the Respondent has not, and will not attempt to lobby directly or indirectly as described in the Proposer’s Affidavit.

NON-DISCRIMINATION:

Submitters, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee, or applicant for employment, because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or any other protected class under law (except as allowed in the case of bona fide occupational qualifications). By submitting a response to this Request, Submitter certifies that it will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and related state and federal law.

PROCESSING TIME FOR PAYMENT:

Submitters are advised that a minimum of thirty (30) days is required to process invoices for payment.

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF RFQ's:

Hidalgo County's Purchasing Department will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:

Submitters must, upon request, provide satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services per the terms and conditions of these requirements. Hidalgo County will make the final determination as to the vendor's ability.

RESPONDENT DEFAULT:

Hidalgo County reserves the right, in the case of respondent default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting respondent responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:

It is the responsibility of the respondent to review the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet and to notify the Purchasing Department, in writing, if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. These criteria also apply to ambiguous requirements.

RFQ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Any protest(s) or question(s) regarding the request for qualifications, requirements, or procedures must be sent via e-mail to heidi.ortiz@co.hidalgo.tx.us BY NO LATER THAN Monday, February 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Responses will be sent to all applicants by Wednesday, February 16, 2022. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

SIGNING OF QUALIFICATIONS:

To be considered, all submittals must be signed in [blue ink](#).

WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES:

Hidalgo County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

SUBCONTRACTING:

The successful respondent may not subcontract the award without the written consent of the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County.

TERM OF POOL:

The pool term is for one (1) year.

DAVIS BACON ACT (if applicable):

All selected and awarded firms are required, if applicable, to adhere to the Davis-Bacon Act.

SECTION II

RFQ REQUIREMENTS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:

The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFQ are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any County limitations may result in disqualification of the submitted RFQ.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:

This section should demonstrate the respondents' understanding of the project's needs, the work required, and any local issues or concerns. This description should be concise, candid, and limited to three (3) pages in length.

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS:

The County of Hidalgo is seeking to contract with a competent engineer, registered and licensed to practice in the State of Texas that has experience in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Roadway, Bridge, General Design, and Construction
- Federal, State, and County-funded construction projects
- Solid Waste related projects
- Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Projects

Additionally, this section should include a description of the firm's project personnel and their most recent similar projects. **A list of ongoing projects similar in scope under the TxDOT procurement basis shall be included in an appendix.** For each project, a client contact name and phone number should be included for reference purposes. Additionally, the names of the personnel proposed for this project who participated in the listed projects should be provided. This project list is limited to five (5) pages and should include the following:

- 1) Area firm specializes in
- 2) Minimum years of experience
- 3) Project(s)

PERSONNEL AND STAFFING:

The firm should provide an organizational chart for the project and a summary paragraph of the project work to be performed by each proposed staff member. Biographic summaries that highlight the experience relevant to the specific project responsibilities should be provided for all proposed personnel. There is a one (1) page limitation for each biographic summary provided.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTAL:

This section will contain any current licenses and/or certifications as required by the STATE OF TEXAS.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The engineering services contract will encompass all project-related engineering services to the County of Hidalgo including, but not limited to, the following:

- A.
 - Route and Design Studies
 - Social, Economic, Environmental Studies, and Public Involvement
 - Right of Way Maps and Data
 - Utility Adjustments
 - Surveying

- Pre-Design

B.

- Roadway Design
- Drainage Design
- Solid Waste
- Signing, Markings, and Signalization
- Traffic Control Plans
- Bridge Design
- Plans and Specifications

C.

- Building Design
- Plans, Drawings, and Specifications

D.

- Construction Contract Management
- Design for New Construction
- Design for Alterations/Renovations
- Needs Assessment
- ADA Compliance
- Code Analysis
- Cost Estimating

E.

- Soil/Rock and Foundation Studies
- Excavations and Trenches
- Dams and Cut or Filled Slopes
- Pavements
- Water and Waste Retention/Disposal

Other Engineering Services include:

Project Development Management, Facility Analysis & Master Planning, Site Planning & Analysis, Roof Design, Parking Design, Security Design, Energy Conservation, Ventilation Design, Acoustical Design, Asbestos Abatement Monitoring, etc.

Additionally, this section should include, but not be restricted to the following information:

- A. Firm name, address, phone number, and person to contact regarding the Statement of Qualifications.
- B. Qualifications and recent experience of the firm and key personnel relative to the performance of similar services for public entities. This should also include the following information:
 - 1. Copy of current license certification with the state seal.
 - 2. History of engineering certification from the State of Texas.
 - 3. List of projects related to the subject areas within the past year.

- C. List of in-State references including the name, address, and phone number of the person most closely associated with the firm's prior project performance.
- D. Ability to commence services immediately after successfully negotiating a contract for services.
- E. Statement regarding an Affirmative Action Program.

ENGINEERING FIRMS ARE NOT TO PROVIDE A FEE PROPOSAL WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:

The fee will be negotiated in accordance with the Professional Services Procurement Act, Tex. Govt. Code Ann. 2254.001, et seq.

SECTION III

SELECTION/EVALUATION

SELECTION/EVALUATION PROCESS:

The evaluation system consists of a 100-point system.

- 1. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF PROJECT TEAM:** (20 pts maximum)
Respondents should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members responsible/assigned to assist County projects shall be identified in the organizational chart. Team members shall have experience in performing various types of contracts for counties, cities, or other clients as stated in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Varied experience gained through other clients should be substantiated by reference. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix. **Indicate the number of engineers on your staff.**
- 2. EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES:** (25 pts maximum)
In addition to the Project Manager and the Professional Team Member(s), the provider shall designate experienced engineering staff to completely and efficiently perform the work, either through their personnel, sub-providers, or commitment to hire additional staff. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership, and reporting responsibilities and address how sub-providers if any, will fit into the management structure. Résumés of the key technical staff members, limited to two (2) pages per person must be included in an appendix, as well as narrative descriptions of projects proposed as similar work experience.
- 3. METHODOLOGY:** (20 pts maximum)
The RFQ should describe the firm's approach to the methodology and management of the Scope of Services for the project.
- 4. UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS:** (25 pts maximum)
The statement of qualifications shall include the following:
 - demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services
 - address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
 - identify information to be gathered or obtained

Responsiveness to RFQ:

- The response is clear, well organized, easy to evaluate, and appropriate to this RFQ.

Minimum Qualifications

Respondents should provide as much background information as to their experience in providing similar services to State, City, County, or any other Governmental Agencies. Reference information should be as current as possible, especially contact information. The RFQ must address the proposed approach to complete the scope and identify information to be gathered or obtained and how it will be used in addition to the minimum qualifications.

- 5. FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS:** (10 pts maximum)
The RFQ should indicate through the experience of the proposed Team that they possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards, and policies (as required).

Minimum Qualifications

The RFQ must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guidelines, standards, and policies.

Preferred Qualifications

Suitable examples of previous projects completed in the area by the Project Manager, in addition to the minimum qualifications.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GRADING AND RANKING PROTOCOL:

Once a Project has been identified and it is determined that Engineering services are required, approval to seek engagement for professional services is sought from the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. The following protocol and procedures are utilized;

Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, Elected Official, and/or the User Department in need of Engineering Services will nominate (at the minimum) three (3) firms from Hidalgo County's approved pool of engineers, thereafter, will review, score, and evaluate the statement of qualifications received in response to this Hidalgo County Request for Qualifications. *Pursuant to Tex. Govt. Code sec. 2254, the services will be selected on the basis of demonstrated qualifications and competence. In the event of a tie score, the statements of qualifications shall be returned to the evaluators for re-evaluation and scoring to determine the most highly qualified provider. Respondents are reminded that throughout this process strict adherence to the ethical standards regarding communication with the County, including evaluators, as described in this RFQ's Legal Notice, is required.*

1. A grid of the scores will be presented to the Commissioners' Court for **ranking and approval** for the Purchasing Department to enter into negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm.

NEGOTIATION PROCESS:

Negotiations will commence with Commissioners' Court approved number one ranked firm;

1. Firm(s) will be asked to submit (as part of those negotiations) a "scope of service" including fees;
2. The negotiated contract, including the best and final offer with the successful firm, will be presented to the Commissioners' Court (including compliance with all requirements as well as insurances) for consideration and final approval.
3. If negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm fail, the Purchasing Department will recommend to Commissioners' Court that negotiations cease with the number one (1) ranked firm and commence to negotiate with the next highest-ranked firm.

Respondents must complete and include in their response, all documentation requested in this RFQ. Refer to the enclosed RFQ Checklist for required documents to be included with your response.

**PROCUREMENT FORM
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
HIDALGO COUNTY
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SERVICES POOL
RFQ NO: 2021-0786-02-23-HGO**

Name and Address of Firm:			
Principals of Firm and Titles:			
Firm's Registration No.:			
Area of Specialization – <i>Specialized engineering services must be provided by an in-house engineer:</i>			
	Civil Engineering		Electrical Engineering
	Structural Engineering		Highway Engineering
	MEP Engineering (Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing)		
	Mechanical Engineering		
	Environmental Engineering		
Local References (Rio Grande Valley) List Four (4) Only:			
Reference #1: _____			
Reference #2: _____			
Reference #3: _____			
Reference #4: _____			
Recent Projects (Within Two [2] Years) List Four (4) Only:			
Project #1: _____			
Project #2: _____			
Project #3: _____			
Project #4: _____			

Submitted By: _____

Signature: _____

Typed Name: _____

EVALUATION CRITERIA-EXHIBIT “B”
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL
RFQ No. 2021-0786-02-23-HGO

<u>Selection Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Professional Qualifications of Project Team (20 pts maximum)		
➤ Registered and licensed to practice in the State of Texas (i.e. certifications/registrations & other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract)	10	
➤ Provides information on proposed professional Team qualifications to perform various types of contracts	5	
➤ Team members identified in the organizational chart	5	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
2. Experience of Project Team & Ability to Commit Resources (25 pts maximum)		
➤ Designate engineering staff members in an appendix form	5	
➤ Identifying the project composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities	10	
➤ Experience of engineering staff to completely and efficiently perform the work	10	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
3. Methodology/Experience/Availability of Engineer (20 pts maximum)		
➤ Firm’s approach to the methodology and management to the scope of services for the project(s).	5	
➤ Must be a Professional Eng. registered in the State of Texas and must be included in Appendix.	5	
➤ Engineer must have experience in five (5) types of projects and must have had 85-100 % involvement with the technical development of the project.	10	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
4. Understanding of Project/Similar Projects (25 pts maximum)		
➤ Demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services.	5	
➤ Address appropriate Federal/ State/ Local regulations and policies. Knowledge and experience of working with multiple entities, counties, cities, etc.	5	
➤ Identify information to be gathered or obtained, proposed approach to complete the scope.	5	
➤ RFQ responsiveness. Response is clear, well organized, easy to evaluate, and appropriate to this RFQ.	5	
➤ Reference Information including contact persons and telephone numbers.	5	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations (10 pts maximum)		
➤ Indicate passed experience of the proposed firm, knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards, and policies	5	
➤ Must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guidelines, standards, and policies.	5	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
Total Score		

Firm/Participant’s Name: _____

Project Name: _____ Department: _____

Evaluator: _____ Date: _____



APPENDIX C

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

EXHIBIT C
Insurance Requirements
Professional Services
(i.e...Engineers, Architects, Appraisers & Surveyors)

The proposer awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the proposer in at least the following limits, to be in place prior to providing any services under this Contract and to continue at all times in force in effect during the term of this Contract:

1. Professional liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, or limited to claims made, include at least a five (5) year extended reporting period.
2. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
3. Automobile liability insurance policy with limits of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per person and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence. Coverage should include injury to or death of persons and property damage claims with limits up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.
4. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
5. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

Bidder shall obtain and maintain any and all other insurances which may be necessary in providing the good/service applicable to this procurement or are otherwise required by law. Any and all insurance policies shall be in amounts prescribed by law or otherwise specified by the County, but in no event less than the minimum amounts prescribed by law.

Additional Insurance Requirements:

- a. Bidder shall furnish to County certificate(s) of insurance, and all renewals throughout the duration of the Project, issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.
- b. Certificates of insurance shall be submitted to County for approval prior to any services being performed by Bidder.
- c. **Hidalgo County will only accept certificates of insurance on an Acord form (as attached hereto).**
- d. For each policy, except Workers' Compensation, Bidder shall name the County as an additional insured.
- e. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty

(30) days written notice to the County prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise.

- f. This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence of adequate replacement coverage is provided to County. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate.
- g. All insurance policies will be endorsed to provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County.
- h. County reserves the right to review the insurance requirements of this section during the effective period of the contract and to require adjustment of insurance coverage and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by County based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or the claims history of the industry as well as the Bidder.
- i. Insurance policies shall be obtained at Bidder's sole expense. County does not maintain and will not obtain insurance of any type to protect Bidder against loss, damage or injury that may in any way result from Bidders performance of the services.
- j. In no event shall the County be liable for any loss, damage to or destruction of any property belonging to the Bidder.
- k. Bidder is responsible for ensuring all required insurance policies are valid for the duration of the contract.
- l. All insurance policies are to be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to County.
- m. Bidder shall make any other insurance documentation available to County upon request.



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER	CONTACT NAME:	
	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):	FAX (A/C, No):
	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURED	INSURER A:	
	INSURER B:	
	INSURER C:	
	INSURER D:	
	INSURER E:	
	INSURER F:	

COVERAGES

CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSR	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXPI (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
	GENERAL LIABILITY						EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY						DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$
	CLAIMS-MADE						MED EXP (Any one person) \$
	OCUR						PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:						GENERAL AGGREGATE \$
	POLICY						PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$
	PROJECT						\$
	LOC						\$
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$
	ANY AUTO						BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	ALL OWNED AUTOS						BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	SCHEDULED AUTOS						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	HIRED AUTOS						\$
	NON-OWNED AUTOS						\$
	UMBRELLA LIAB						EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	EXCESS LIAB						AGGREGATE \$
	OCUR						\$
	CLAIMS-MADE						\$
	DED						\$
	RETENTION \$						\$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY						WC STATUS: TORY LIMITS OTH-ER
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH)						E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

HIDALGO COUNTY ATTN: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT 2812 S. HIGHWAY BUS. 281 EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
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INSURANCE REQUIREMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____, authorized representative for _____,
Company/Vendor

hereby acknowledge receipt of the County's required insurance limits. Said requirements:

- will be acquired within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of the project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court;
- will acquire additional amount needed to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of the project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following:

Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions): \$ _____
Automobile Liability: \$ _____ General Liability: \$ _____

- have already been met, see attached copy of certificate of insurance.

Authorized Representative

Date

Notice to Bidder:

A certificate of insurance for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Purchasing Department in order to qualify for award of the project and to execute a contract between your Company and the County.

Failure to provide Certificates of Insurance to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers will cause the award of the project to be rescinded and then re-awarded to next qualified vendor. Certificates of Insurance will be monitored and verified on a **quarterly basis** to ensure coverage policy is in place. It is the Company's obligation to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage throughout the term of the contract.

THIS FORM MUST BE ACCOMPANY YOUR RESPONSE

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This is to certify that I, _____, possess all of the **APPLICABLE**:

1. Licenses: _____

2. Bonds: _____

3. Certificates: _____

4. Permits: _____

5. Other: _____
necessary to carry out the required project. Furthermore, I am providing copies of the required documentation so that, if my company is awarded this project, I may be eligible to enter into a contract with Hidalgo County and proceed to complete the project in a timely manner.

*** Any licenses, bonds, certificates, permits, etc. which are required must be presented as part of the bid packet in order to expedite the bid evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your bid or response.**

Authorized Signature

Date

Company

Address

City, State, Zip



APPENDIX D

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 ☐ Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 ☐ Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

- (2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

- (1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

- (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.



APPENDIX E

VENDOR ENROLLMENT SOLUTION and HUB DECLARATION

VENDOR ENROLLMENT SOLUTION

The Vendor Registration Form has been automated and will only be accepted through online submission. The Vendor Registration Form can be found on the Hidalgo County website: <https://www.hidalgocounty.us>, Home > Departments > Purchasing > Potential Vendors, or by using the link: <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/2912/Potential-Vendors-ConsiderMe>.



ConsiderMe

A Vendor Enrollment Solution



Register ➡ Get Listed ➡ Be Considered

Upon submission, you will receive an automatic confirmation email response advising your form has been successfully submitted. All submissions are reviewed by the Purchasing Department in the order they are received. Upon review and verification, approved vendors will be placed on our Potential Vendors List. Any incomplete submissions will be rejected and returned to the vendor to correct.

If you have any questions regarding the Vendor Registration Form please call the Purchasing Department at (956) 318-2626 or email us at vendor.application@co.hidalgo.tx.us.

For new Vendors:

As part of your procurement packet response, a copy of the confirmation email received is required.

For Current Vendors:

If your Company is a current active Vendor doing business with Hidalgo County, please submit this page and provide your Vendor Number below:

Vendor No.: _____

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HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION

The primary objective of the Hidalgo County HUB Program is to ensure Historically Underutilized Businesses receive a fair and equal opportunity for participation in the County's procurement process. This fact holds true for Services (Professional & Non-Professional), Commodities, and Construction contracts and any subcontracts thereto. The program strongly encourages Prime Contractors to provide subcontracting opportunities to Certified Hub Contractors/Vendors. Our goal for HUB contractor/vendor participation, as well as HUB subcontractor participation is 30%. To be considered as a "Certified HUB Contractor/Vendor" the contractor/vendor must have been certified by, and hold a current and valid certification with any of the three agencies listed below.

Have you been Certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?:

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, by whom?: ☐ Texas Building & Procurement Commission

☐ Other _____

Indicate Certification No(s): _____ or Are Certificate(s) Attached?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

LIST OF CERTIFIED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS (Attach additional pages if necessary)

What percentage of the Bid, RFP, or RFQ is to be subcontracted with Certified HUB sources?: _____%
(List HUB Subcontractor information below).

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status:

Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): ☐ Texas Building & Procurement Commission ☐ Other

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: () _____

Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status:

Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): ☐ Texas Building & Procurement Commission ☐ Other

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: () _____

Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status:

Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): ☐ Texas Building & Procurement Commission ☐ Other

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: () _____

Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____



APPENDIX F

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

**Certification
Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility**

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Date: _____

If the bidder is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such bidder should attach an explanation to this proposal.



APPENDIX G

TITLE VI APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

THE TITLE VI CONTRACTOR ASSURANCES

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor will comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Nondiscrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income or Limited English Proficiency in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the federal funding agency (FHWA or FTA) to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the contractor shall so certify to the Recipient or the Federal Funding Agency, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Non-compliance:** In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Funding Agency may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. withholding contract payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
 - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the Federal Funding Agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

APPENDIX B
CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERRING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4:

NOW, THEREFORE, the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with (Name of Appropriate Legislative Authority), the Regulations for the Administration of (Naming of Appropriate Program), and the policies and procedures prescribed by the (Federal Highway Administration) of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interests therein unto **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO**, its successors and assigns.

The **COUNTY OF HIDALGO**, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and] * (2) that the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended[, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned non-discrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction]. *

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX C
CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE
ACTIVITY, FACILITY, OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

- A. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:
 - 1. In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.
- B. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued.*
- C. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** and its assigns. *

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.

APPENDIX D
CLAUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION/USE/ACCESS TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER
THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/agreements entered into by **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b)”

- A. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, “as a covenant running with the land”) that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the List of discrimination Acts And Authorities.
- B. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above nondiscrimination covenants, **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued.*
- C. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above nondiscrimination covenants, **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** and its assigns.*

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX E

TITLE VI LIST OF PERTINENT NONDISCRIMINATION ACTS AND AUTHORITIES

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor”) agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Nondiscrimination Authorities

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 CFR part 21 (Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 USC § 4601) (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC § 794 *et seq.*), as amended (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 USC § 6101 *et seq.*) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100-209) (broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 USC §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by U.S. Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration’s Nondiscrimination statute (49 USC § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures nondiscrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 USC 1681 *et seq.*).



Appendix H

REQUIRED CONTRACT CLAUSES FOR CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARD

2 C.F.R. § 200.327 & 2 C.F.R. PART 200, APPENDIX II, REQUIRED CONTRACT CLAUSES FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS

The United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued in 2 C.F.R. 200: *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Subpart D: Post Federal Award Requirements: 2 CFR §§200.317-200.327 of the Uniform Guidance contain provisions applicable to procurements made with federal grant funding. [Except as otherwise provided, updated Post Federal Award Requirements (i.e.: 2 CFR §§200.317-200.327) apply to declarations and awards issued on or after November 12, 2020].

As a non-Federal entity, the County of Hidalgo's ("County") contracts must contain the applicable contract clauses described in Appendix II to the Uniform Guidance (Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards), which are set forth below. (2 C.F.R. §200.327). If applicable, the following clauses shall supersede any existing, similar clauses stated within the bid document, contract, and/or Terms and Conditions. *The term "Contractor" used herein refers to the proposer, bidder or other entity/individual responding to the applicable procurement packet.*

If applicable, the regulations in 2 CFR, Part 200 and Appendix II to the Uniform Guidance, as it may be amended from time to time, and the contract clauses below, are incorporated by reference as part of this procurement packet and any resulting agreement.

To procure goods and services using funds under a federal grant or contract, specific federal laws, regulations, and requirements may apply in addition to those under state law. The following provisions are required and apply when federal funds are expended by the County of Hidalgo for any contract resulting from this procurement process.

1. Remedies.

- a. **Applicability.** This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. **Standard.** Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ A.
- c. **Statement.** Pursuant to Federal Rule (A) above, when federal funds are expended by the County, the County reserves all rights and privileges under the applicable laws and regulations with respect to this procurement in the event of breach of contract by either party. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State of Texas, and local laws, rules, and regulations and shall obtain all applicable licenses and permits for the conduct of its business and the performance of the services, and any provision of equipment and material ("Applicable Law"). All transactions related to any of the Contract Documents shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, and trial of any action brought in connection with the bid or the Contract Documents shall be held exclusively in a state court in the County of Hidalgo, Texas.

2. Termination for Cause and Convenience.

- a. **Applicability.** This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. **Standard.** All contracts in excess of \$10,000 shall address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement as follows. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ B.
- c. **Statement.** *Termination.* County may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon ten (10) days written notice to the other party. County may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice if Contractor

breaches this Agreement. In the event of any termination, Contractor shall promptly deliver to the County any and all Work Materials prepared for the County prior to the effective date of such termination, all of which shall become County's sole property. After receipt of the Work Materials, County will pay Contractor for the services which the County determines were satisfactorily performed as of the effective date of the termination.

Excuses for Non-Performance. Either party shall be absolved from its obligations under this contract when and to the extent that performance is delayed or prevented (and in the County of Hidalgo's case when and to the extent that its need for the articles, materials or work to be supplied hereunder is reduced or eliminated) by reason of acts of God, fire explosion, war riots, strikes, labor disputes, or governmental laws, orders or regulations.

Default. If Contractor or Subcontractor shall breach any provision hereof or shall become insolvent, enter voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy or receivership proceedings or make an assignment to the benefit of creditors, County of Hidalgo shall have the right (without limiting any other rights or remedies which it may have hereunder or by operation of law) to terminate this contract by written notice to Contractor whereupon County shall be relieved of all further obligation hereunder except the obligation to pay the reasonable value of Contractor's prior performance (at not exceeding the contract rate), and Contractor shall be liable to County for all costs incurred by County in completing or procuring the completion of performance in excess of the contract price herein specified. The County's right to require strict performance of any obligation hereunder shall not be affected by any previous waiver, forbearance of course of dealing. Time is of the essence thereof.

3. **Equal Employment Opportunity.**

- a. **Applicability:** This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. **Standard.** Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. § 60- 1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, *Equal Employment Opportunity* (30 Fed. Reg. 12319, 12935, 3 C.F.R. Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, *Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity*, and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 60 (Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor). See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ C.
- c. **Key Definitions:**
 - (1) *Federally Assisted Construction Contract.* The regulation at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 defines a "federally assisted construction contract" as any agreement or modification thereof between any applicant and a person for construction work which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Government or borrowed on the credit of the Government pursuant to any Federal program involving a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or any application or modification thereof approved by the Government for a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee under which the applicant itself participates in the construction work.
 - (2) *Construction Work.* The regulation at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 defines "construction work" as the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of buildings, highways, or other changes or improvements to real property, including facilities providing utility services. The term also includes the supervision, inspection, and other onsite functions incidental to the actual construction
- d. **Statement:** Contractor will comply with the Nondiscrimination Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and all Federal regulations relative to nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs. The regulation at 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1.4(b) requires the insertion of the following contract clause:

“During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(5) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.”

4. Davis Bacon Act and Copeland Anti-Kickback Act.

- a. Applicability of Davis-Bacon Act. The Davis-Bacon Act only applies to the emergency Management Preparedness Grant Program, Homeland Security Grant Program, Nonprofit Security Grant Program, Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program, Port Security Grant Program, and Transit Security Grant Program. **It does not apply to other Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs, including the Public Assistance Program.**

- b. Standard. All prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144 and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5 (Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction)).

In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week.

The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

In contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act, the contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 3 (Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States). The Copeland Anti-Kickback Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to FEMA or applicable Federal entity. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ D.

- c. Statement. The regulation at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a) does provide the required contract clause that applies to compliance with both the Davis-Bacon and Copeland Acts. However, as discussed in the previous subsection, the Davis-Bacon Act does not apply to Public Assistance recipients and subrecipients. In situations where the Davis-Bacon Act does not apply, neither does the Copeland “Anti-Kickback Act.” However, for purposes of grant programs where both clauses do apply, FEMA or applicable Federal entity requires the following contract clause:

“Compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act.

(1) *Contractor.* The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

(2) *Subcontracts.* The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as Federal requirements may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

(3) *Breach.* A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.”

5. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

- a. Applicability: This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. Standard. Where applicable (see 40 U.S.C. § 3701), all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5.

Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week.

The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ E.

The regulation at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b) provides the required contract clause concerning compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act:

c. Statement.

“Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

(1) *Overtime requirements.* No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) *Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.* In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) *Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.* The County of Hidalgo shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) *Subcontracts.* The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.”

6. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.

- a. Applicability: Stafford Act Disaster Grants. This requirement **does not apply to the Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Fire Management Assistance Grant Program, Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Grant Program, Disaster Case Management Grant Program, and Federal Assistance**

to Individuals and Households – Other Needs Assistance Grant Program, as FEMA or Federal awards under these programs do not meet the definition of “funding agreement.”

- b. Standard. If the FEMA or Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) and the non-Federal entity wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the non-Federal entity must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Part 401 (Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements), and any implementing regulations issued by FEMA or applicable awarding agency. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ F.
- c. Key Definition: The regulation at 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) currently defines “funding agreement” as any contract, grant, or cooperative agreement entered into between any Federal agency, other than the Tennessee Valley Authority, and any contractor for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work funded in whole or in part by the Federal government. This term also includes any assignment, substitution of parties, or subcontract of any type entered into for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under a funding agreement as defined in the first sentence of this paragraph.

7. Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

- a. Applicability and Standard: Contracts of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the contractor to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ G.
- b. Statement: Included in contracts as provided in section “7a” above.
 - (1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq. and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
 - (2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the Federal awarding agency (e.g. Federal Emergency Management Agency-FEMA) and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. Contractor understands and agrees that each violation reported to the County of Hidalgo will, in turn, be reported as required to assure notification to the Federal awarding agency and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
 - (3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the applicable Federal awarding agency (e.g. FEMA).

8. Debarment and Suspension.

- a. Applicability: This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. Standard. Non-Federal entities and contractors are subject to the debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, *Debarment and Suspension* (1986) and Executive Order 12689, *Debarment and Suspension* (1989) at 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and the Department of Homeland Security’s regulations at 2 C.F.R. Part 3000 (Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension).

These regulations restrict awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs and activities. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ H; and Chapter IV, ¶ 6.d and Appendix C, ¶ 2. A contract award must not be made to parties listed in the SAM Exclusions. SAM Exclusions is the list maintained by the General

Services Administration that contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. SAM exclusions can be accessed at www.sam.gov. See 2 C.F.R. § 180.530; Chapter IV, ¶ 6.d and Appendix C, ¶ 2.

In general, an “excluded” party cannot receive a Federal grant award or a contract within the meaning of a “covered transaction,” to include subawards and subcontracts. This includes parties that receive Federal funding indirectly, such as contractors to recipients and subrecipients. The key to the exclusion is whether there is a “covered transaction,” which is any nonprocurement transaction (unless excepted) at either a “primary” or “secondary” tier. Although “covered transactions” do not include contracts awarded by the Federal Government for purposes of the nonprocurement common rule and DHS’s implementing regulations, it does include some contracts awarded by recipients and subrecipient.

Specifically, a covered transaction includes the following contracts for goods or services:

- (1) The contract is awarded by a recipient or subrecipient in the amount of at least \$25,000.
- (2) The contract requires the approval of FEMA or applicable Federal entity, regardless of amount.
- (3) The contract is for Federally-required audit services.
- (4) A subcontract is also a covered transaction if it is awarded by the contractor of a recipient or subrecipient and requires either the approval of FEMA or applicable Federal entity or is in excess of \$25,000.

- c. Statement. The following provides a debarment and suspension clause. It incorporates a method of verifying that contractors are not excluded or disqualified:

For maximum protection, provide a print or electronic document for every prime and subcontractor, from www.sam.gov in order to ensure that they are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs and activities.

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by (insert name of subrecipient). If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to (name of state City serving as recipient and name of subrecipient), the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.”

9. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.

- a. Applicability: This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. Standard. Contractors that apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more must file the required certification. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ I; 44 C.F.R. Part 18; Chapter IV, 6.c; Appendix C, ¶ 4. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or

organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any City, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award. See Chapter IV, ¶ 6.c and Appendix C, ¶ 4.

- c. Statement. The following statement in bold provides a Byrd Anti-Lobbying contract clause:

(IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE FILL IN BLANKS AND SIGN)

“Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended)

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.”

APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18 – CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned Contractor, _____ certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person 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 this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions.

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying

Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

10. **Procurement of Recovered Materials.**

- a. **Applicability:** This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. **Standard.** A non-Federal entity that is a **state agency or agency of a political subdivision** of a state and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at 42 U.S.C. § 6962). See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ J; 2 C.F.R. § 200.323; *PDAT Supplement*, Chapter V, ¶ 7.

The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the EPA at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired by the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

- c. **Statement.** The following provides the clause that a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors can include in contracts meeting the above contract thresholds:

“(1) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA- designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

- (i) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
 - (ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
 - (iii) At a reasonable price.
- (2) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.
- (3) The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.”

11. **Prohibition on Contracting for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services – 2 CFR § 200.216 (FEMA Interim Policy #405-143-1 effective August 13, 2020).**

- a. **Applicability:** This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs and/or as provided below, and is effective August 13, 2020.

- b. Standard. A non-Federal entity is prohibited against using federal funds to purchase telecommunications and video surveillance equipment and services (such as but not limited to mobile phones, land lines, internet, video surveillance, and cloud servers) from certain companies/entities in covered foreign countries for national security reasons. This regulation is being incorporated into federal grants and contracts received by the County through 2 CFR 200.216 and/or Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) clause 52.204-25; as well as guidance provided through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Policy #405-143-1. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ K

Currently, applicable federal provisions provide that Covered Foreign country means the People's Republic of China and covered telecommunications equipment or services means –

- i. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation, (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- ii. For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or
- iv. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

The definition of “Affiliate” can be found in FAR 2.101. Listing of subsidiaries and affiliates can be found in Supplement Number 4 to 15 CFR Part 744.

- c. Statement. Federal awards recipients and subrecipients, as well as their contractors and subcontractors, include the following required contract clause in applicable new, extended, or renewed contracts and subcontracts as per the provisions discussed above.

PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES

- (a) Definitions. As used in this clause, the terms backhaul; covered foreign country; covered telecommunications equipment or services; interconnection arrangements; roaming; substantial or essential component; and telecommunications equipment or services have the meaning as defined in FEMA Policy, #405-143-1 Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services As used in this clause—
- (b) Prohibitions.
 - (1) Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after Aug.13, 2020, from obligating or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.
 - (2) Unless an exception in paragraph (c) of this clause applies, the contractor and its subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to:

- (i) Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
 - (ii) Enter into, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
 - (iii) Enter into, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system; or
 - (iv) Provide, as part of its performance of this contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.
- (c) Exceptions.
 - (1) This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—
 - a. A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
 - b. Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
 - (2) By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply to:
 - a. Covered telecommunications equipment or services that:
 - i. Are not used as a substantial or essential component of any system; and
 - ii. Are not used as critical technology of any system.
 - b. Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered covered telecommunications equipment or services.
- (d) Reporting requirement.
 - (1) In the event the contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the recipient or subrecipient, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information.
 - (2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause:
 - (i) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: The contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

- (ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: Any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.
- (e) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments.

12. **Domestic Preferences for Procurements**

- a. **Applicability:** This requirement of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under Federal award applies to all contracts and purchase orders for work or products using federal funds.
- b. **Standard.** As appropriate, and to the extent consistent with law, Non Federal Entities should, to the greatest extent practicable under a federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products or materials produced in the United States. This includes, but is not limited to, iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200.322 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ L
- c. **Statement.** The following provides the required Domestic Preferences for Procurements contracts clause that is incorporated herein by reference.

“Domestic Preference for Procurements

As appropriate, and to the extent consistent with law, the contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States. This includes, but is not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products.

For purposes of this clause:

- *Produced in the United States* means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
- *Manufactured products* mean items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.”

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED CONTRACT CLAUSES FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

Additional FEMA or applicable Federal Requirements. In addition to the requirements above, non-Federal entity contracts under Federal award subject to financial assistance from FEMA are required to contain the following additional contract clauses. The Uniform Guidance authorizes FEMA to require additional provisions for non-Federal entity contracts. FEMA, pursuant to this authority, requires or recommends the following:

These clauses are incorporated by reference as part of this procurement packet and any resulting agreement.

1. **Changes.**

- a. **Standard.** To be eligible for FEMA assistance under the non-Federal entity’s Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the cost of the change, modification, change order, or constructive change must be allowable, allocable, within the scope of its grant or cooperative agreement, and reasonable for the completion of project scope. FEMA or applicable Federal entity recommends, therefore, that a non-Federal entity include a changes clause in its contract that describes how, if at all, changes can be made by either party to alter the method,

price, or schedule of the work without breaching the contract. The language of the clause may differ depending on the nature of the contract and the end-item procured.

- b. Statement. The following provides a contract clause regarding access to records:

“The contractor shall secure written authorization before proceeding with any additional work, whether requested by the County or required to complete the contract. The cost for any changes to the contract price, whether requested by the County or the Contractor will be approved only after submitting the contractor’s true costs for the work and related equipment costs and site expenses.”

2. **Access to Records.**

- a. Standard. All non-Federal entities must place into their contracts a provision that all contractors and their successors, transferees, assignees, and subcontractors acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing Department and FEMA or applicable Federal entity access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. See DHS Standard Terms and Conditions, v 3.0, ¶ XXVI (2013).
- b. Statement. The following provides a contract clause regarding access to records:

“Access to Records. The following access to records requirements apply to this contract:

(1) The contractor agrees to provide the City of Concord, the FEMA or applicable Federal Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(2) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

(3) The contractor agrees to provide the FEMA or applicable Federal Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.”

3. **DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags.**

- a. Standard. All non-Federal entities must place in their contracts a provision that a contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS City officials without specific FEMA or applicable Federal entity pre-approval. See DHS Standard Terms and Conditions, v3.0, ¶ XXV (2013).
- b. Statement. The following provides a contract clause regarding DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags:

“The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS City officials without specific FEMA or applicable Federal entity pre- approval.”

4. **Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders.**

- a. Standard. All non-Federal entities must place into their contracts an acknowledgement that FEMA or applicable Federal financial assistance will be used to fund the contract along with the requirement that the contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, and FEMA or applicable Federal policies, procedures, and directives.
- b. Statement. The following provides a contract clause regarding Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations and Executive Orders:

“This is an acknowledgement that Federal financial assistance will be used to fund the contract only. The contractor will comply will all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA or applicable Federal policies, procedures, and directives.”

5. **No Obligation by Federal Government.**

a. **Standard.** The non-Federal entity must include a provision in its contract that states that the Federal Government is not a party to the contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

b. **Statement.** The following provides a contract clause regarding no obligation by the Federal Government:

“The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.”

6. **Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.**

a. **Standard.** The non-Federal entity must include a provision in its contract that the contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to its actions pertaining to the contract.

b. **Statement.** The following provides a contract clause regarding Fraud and False or Fraudulent Related Acts:

“The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor’s actions pertaining to this contract.”

7. **FEMA Contract requirement regarding Prohibition on Contracting for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services – 2 CFR § 200.216 (FEMA Interim Policy #405-143-1 effective August 13, 2020).**

FEMA recipients and subrecipients and their contractors and subcontractors are required per 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II ¶ K to include a contract provision in all FEMA-funded contracts and subcontracts, including any purchase orders. To satisfy this requirement, the contract provision found in Number 11 above is incorporated by reference by the County of Hidalgo in all new, extended, or renewed contracts and subcontracts. Applicable County contractors and subcontractors shall also comply with the applicable law and requirements. (See Number 11 above).

8. **FEMA Contract requirement regarding Domestic Preferences for Procurements**

For purchases in support of FEMA declarations and awards issued on or after November 12, 2020, all FEMA recipients and subrecipients are required per 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II ¶ L to include in all contracts and purchase orders for work or products the contract provision included in number 12 above encouraging domestic preference for procurements.

Contractor agrees to comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances, as applicable. It is further acknowledged that the Contractor read and understands all provisions, laws, acts, regulations, etc. as specifically noted above and certifies compliance with the same.

Vendor’s Name/Company Name: _____

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Date: _____



APPENDIX I

FHWA 1273

REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

- I. General
- II. Nondiscrimination
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ATTACHMENTS

A. Employment and Materials Preference for Appalachian Development Highway System or Appalachian Local Access Road Contracts (included in Appalachian contracts only)

I. GENERAL

1. Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated in each construction contract funded under Title 23 (excluding emergency contracts solely intended for debris removal). The contractor (or subcontractor) must insert this form in each subcontract and further require its inclusion in all lower tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services).

The applicable requirements of Form FHWA-1273 are incorporated by reference for work done under any purchase order, rental agreement or agreement for other services. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider.

Form FHWA-1273 must be included in all Federal-aid design-build contracts, in all subcontracts and in lower tier subcontracts (excluding subcontracts for design services, purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services). The design-builder shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider.

Contracting agencies may reference Form FHWA-1273 in bid proposal or request for proposal documents, however, the Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated (not referenced) in all contracts, subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services related to a construction contract).

2. Subject to the applicability criteria noted in the following sections, these contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract.

3. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions may be sufficient grounds for withholding of progress payments, withholding of final payment, termination of the contract, suspension / debarment or any other action determined to be appropriate by the contracting agency and FHWA.

4. Selection of Labor: During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not use convict labor for any purpose within the limits of a construction project on a Federal-aid highway unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation. The term Federal-aid highway does not include roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors.

II. NONDISCRIMINATION

The provisions of this section related to 23 CFR Part 230 are applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of \$10,000 or more. The provisions of 23 CFR Part 230 are not applicable to material supply, engineering, or architectural service contracts.

In addition, the contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the following policies: Executive Order 11246, 41 CFR 60, 29 CFR 1625-1627, Title 23 USC Section 140, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC 794), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26 and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with: the requirements of the Equal Opportunity Clause in 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) and, for all construction contracts exceeding \$10,000, the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications in 41 CFR 60-4.3.

Note: The U.S. Department of Labor has exclusive authority to determine compliance with Executive Order 11246 and the policies of the Secretary of Labor including 41 CFR 60, and 29 CFR 1625-1627. The contracting agency and the FHWA have the authority and the responsibility to ensure compliance with Title 23 USC Section 140, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC 794), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26 and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The following provision is adopted from 23 CFR 230, Appendix A, with appropriate revisions to conform to the U.S. Department of Labor (US DOL) and FHWA requirements.

1. Equal Employment Opportunity: Equal employment opportunity (EEO) requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (28 CFR 35, 29 CFR 1630, 29 CFR 1625-1627, 41 CFR 60 and 49 CFR 27) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140 shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the contractor's project activities under

this contract. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR 35 and 29 CFR 1630 are incorporated by reference in this contract. In the execution of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO:

a. The contractor will work with the contracting agency and the Federal Government to ensure that it has made every good faith effort to provide equal opportunity with respect to all of its terms and conditions of employment and in their review of activities under the contract.

b. The contractor will accept as its operating policy the following statement:

"It is the policy of this Company to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, color, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training."

2. EEO Officer: The contractor will designate and make known to the contracting officers an EEO Officer who will have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active EEO program and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

3. Dissemination of Policy: All members of the contractor's staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action, or who are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of, and will implement, the contractor's EEO policy and contractual responsibilities to provide EEO in each grade and classification of employment. To ensure that the above agreement will be met, the following actions will be taken as a minimum:

a. Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every six months, at which time the contractor's EEO policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The meetings will be conducted by the EEO Officer.

b. All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer, covering all major aspects of the contractor's EEO obligations within thirty days following their reporting for duty with the contractor.

c. All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer in the contractor's procedures for locating and hiring minorities and women.

d. Notices and posters setting forth the contractor's EEO policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.

e. The contractor's EEO policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate means.

4. Recruitment: When advertising for employees, the contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be placed in publications having a large circulation among minorities and women in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

a. The contractor will, unless precluded by a valid bargaining agreement, conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield qualified minorities and women. To meet this requirement, the contractor will identify sources of potential minority group employees, and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority and women applicants may be referred to the contractor for employment consideration.

b. In the event the contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, the contractor is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system meets the contractor's compliance with EEO contract provisions. Where implementation of such an agreement has the effect of discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Federal nondiscrimination provisions.

c. The contractor will encourage its present employees to refer minorities and women as applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring such applicants will be discussed with employees.

5. Personnel Actions: Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

a. The contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to insure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.

b. The contractor will periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid within each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices.

c. The contractor will periodically review selected personnel actions in depth to determine whether there is evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, the contractor will promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action shall include all affected persons.

d. The contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the contractor in connection with its obligations under this contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate corrective action within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the contractor will inform every complainant of all of their avenues of appeal.

6. Training and Promotion:

a. The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minorities and women who are

applicants for employment or current employees. Such efforts should be aimed at developing full journey level status employees in the type of trade or job classification involved.

b. Consistent with the contractor's work force requirements and as permissible under Federal and State regulations, the contractor shall make full use of training programs, i.e., apprenticeship, and on-the-job training programs for the geographical area of contract performance. In the event a special provision for training is provided under this contract, this subparagraph will be superseded as indicated in the special provision. The contracting agency may reserve training positions for persons who receive welfare assistance in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 140(a).

c. The contractor will advise employees and applicants for employment of available training programs and entrance requirements for each.

d. The contractor will periodically review the training and promotion potential of employees who are minorities and women and will encourage eligible employees to apply for such training and promotion.

7. Unions: If the contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the contractor will use good faith efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for minorities and women. Actions by the contractor, either directly or through a contractor's association acting as agent, will include the procedures set forth below:

a. The contractor will use good faith efforts to develop, in cooperation with the unions, joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minorities and women for membership in the unions and increasing the skills of minorities and women so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to incorporate an EEO clause into each union agreement to the end that such union will be contractually bound to refer applicants without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability.

c. The contractor is to obtain information as to the referral practices and policies of the labor union except that to the extent such information is within the exclusive possession of the labor union and such labor union refuses to furnish such information to the contractor, the contractor shall so certify to the contracting agency and shall set forth what efforts have been made to obtain such information.

d. In the event the union is unable to provide the contractor with a reasonable flow of referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability; making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minorities and women. The failure of a union to provide sufficient referrals (even though it is obligated to provide exclusive referrals under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement) does not relieve the contractor from the requirements of this paragraph. In the event the union referral practice prevents the contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these special provisions, such contractor shall immediately notify the contracting agency.

8. Reasonable Accommodation for Applicants / Employees with Disabilities: The contractor must be familiar

with the requirements for and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and all rules and regulations established there under. Employers must provide reasonable accommodation in all employment activities unless to do so would cause an undue hardship.

9. Selection of Subcontractors, Procurement of Materials and Leasing of Equipment: The contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure nondiscrimination in the administration of this contract.

a. The contractor shall notify all potential subcontractors and suppliers and lessors of their EEO obligations under this contract.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their EEO obligations.

10. Assurance Required by 49 CFR 26.13(b):

a. The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and the State DOT's U.S. DOT-approved DBE program are incorporated by reference.

b. The contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the contracting agency deems appropriate.

11. Records and Reports: The contractor shall keep such records as necessary to document compliance with the EEO requirements. Such records shall be retained for a period of three years following the date of the final payment to the contractor for all contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the contracting agency and the FHWA.

a. The records kept by the contractor shall document the following:

(1) The number and work hours of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;

(2) The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions, when applicable, to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women; and

(3) The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minorities and women;

b. The contractors and subcontractors will submit an annual report to the contracting agency each July for the duration of the project, indicating the number of minority, women, and non-minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the contract work. This information is to be reported on [Form FHWA-1391](#). The staffing data should represent the project work force on board in all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July. If on-the-job training is being required by special provision, the contractor

will be required to collect and report training data. The employment data should reflect the work force on board during all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July.

III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of \$10,000 or more.

The contractor must ensure that facilities provided for employees are provided in such a manner that segregation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin cannot result. The contractor may neither require such segregated use by written or oral policies nor tolerate such use by employee custom. The contractor's obligation extends further to ensure that its employees are not assigned to perform their services at any location, under the contractor's control, where the facilities are segregated. The term "facilities" includes waiting rooms, work areas, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, restrooms, washrooms, locker rooms, and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing provided for employees. The contractor shall provide separate or single-user restrooms and necessary dressing or sleeping areas to assure privacy between sexes.

IV. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT PROVISIONS

This section is applicable to all Federal-aid construction projects exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (regardless of subcontract size). The requirements apply to all projects located within the right-of-way of a roadway that is functionally classified as Federal-aid highway. This excludes roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt. Contracting agencies may elect to apply these requirements to other projects.

The following provisions are from the U.S. Department of Labor regulations in 29 CFR 5.5 "Contract provisions and related matters" with minor revisions to conform to the FHWA-1273 format and FHWA program requirements.

1. Minimum wages

a. All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work, will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions

of paragraph 1.d. of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under paragraph 1.b. of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

b. (1) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

(i) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(ii) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and

(iii) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(2) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(3) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Wage and Hour Administrator for determination. The Wage and Hour Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or

will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(4) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs 1.b.(2) or 1.b.(3) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

c. Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

d. If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program. Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

2. Withholding

The contracting agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract, or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contracting agency may, after written notice to the contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

3. Payrolls and basic records

a. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-

Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

b. (1) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the contracting agency. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm> or its successor site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to the contracting agency for transmission to the State DOT, the FHWA or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the contracting agency..

(2) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(i) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under §5.5 (a)(3)(ii) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, the appropriate information is being maintained under §5.5 (a)(3)(i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, and that such information is correct and complete;

(ii) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations, 29 CFR part 3;

(iii) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(3) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph 3.b.(2) of this section.

(4) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.

c. The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 3.a. of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the FHWA may, after written notice to the contractor, the contracting agency or the State DOT, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

4. Apprentices and trainees

a. Apprentices (programs of the USDOL).

Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice.

The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed.

Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly

rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination.

In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

b. Trainees (programs of the USDOL).

Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration.

Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

c. Equal employment opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

d. Apprentices and Trainees (programs of the U.S. DOT).

Apprentices and trainees working under apprenticeship and skill training programs which have been certified by the Secretary of Transportation as promoting EEO in connection with Federal-aid highway construction programs are not subject to the requirements of paragraph 4 of this Section IV. The straight time hourly wage rates for apprentices and trainees under such programs will be established by the particular programs. The ratio of apprentices and trainees to journeymen shall not be greater than permitted by the terms of the particular program.

5. Compliance with Copeland Act requirements. The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

6. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert Form FHWA-1273 in any subcontracts and also require the subcontractors to include Form FHWA-1273 in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

7. Contract termination: debarment. A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

8. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

9. Disputes concerning labor standards. Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

10. Certification of eligibility.

a. By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

b. No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

c. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

V. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

The following clauses apply to any Federal-aid construction contract in an amount in excess of \$100,000 and subject to the overtime provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. These clauses shall be inserted in addition to the clauses required by 29 CFR 5.5(a) or 29 CFR 4.6. As used in this paragraph, the terms laborers and mechanics include watchmen and guards.

1. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section, the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section.

3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The FHWA or the contracting agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2.) of this section.

4. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1.) through (4.) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1.) through (4.) of this section.

VI. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts on the National Highway System.

1. The contractor shall perform with its own organization contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent (or a greater percentage if specified elsewhere in the contract) of the total original contract price, excluding any specialty items designated by the contracting agency. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items performed may be deducted from the total original contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor's own organization (23 CFR 635.116).

a. The term "perform work with its own organization" refers to workers employed or leased by the prime contractor, and equipment owned or rented by the prime contractor, with or without operators. Such term does not include employees or equipment of a subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor, agents of the prime contractor, or any other assignees. The term may include payments for the costs of hiring leased employees from an employee leasing firm meeting all relevant Federal and State regulatory requirements. Leased employees may only be included in this term if the prime contractor meets all of the following conditions:

- (1) the prime contractor maintains control over the supervision of the day-to-day activities of the leased employees;
- (2) the prime contractor remains responsible for the quality of the work of the leased employees;
- (3) the prime contractor retains all power to accept or exclude individual employees from work on the project; and
- (4) the prime contractor remains ultimately responsible for the payment of predetermined minimum wages, the submission of payrolls, statements of compliance and all other Federal regulatory requirements.

b. "Specialty Items" shall be construed to be limited to work that requires highly specialized knowledge, abilities, or equipment not ordinarily available in the type of contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid or propose on the contract as a whole and in general are to be limited to minor components of the overall contract.

2. The contract amount upon which the requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of Section VI is computed includes the cost of material and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the contractor under the contract provisions.

3. The contractor shall furnish (a) a competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by the firm, has full authority to direct performance of the work in accordance with the contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work) and (b) such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the contracting officer determines is necessary to assure the performance of the contract.

4. No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the contracting officer, or authorized representative, and such consent when given shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract. Written consent will be given only after the contracting agency has assured that each subcontract is

evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract.

5. The 30% self-performance requirement of paragraph (1) is not applicable to design-build contracts; however, contracting agencies may establish their own self-performance requirements.

VII. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

1. In the performance of this contract the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation (23 CFR 635). The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions as it determines, or as the contracting officer may determine, to be reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract.

2. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract, that the contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards (29 CFR 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704).

3. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.3, it is a condition of this contract that the Secretary of Labor or authorized representative thereof, shall have right of entry to any site of contract performance to inspect or investigate the matter of compliance with the construction safety and health standards and to carry out the duties of the Secretary under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C.3704).

VIII. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

In order to assure high quality and durable construction in conformity with approved plans and specifications and a high degree of reliability on statements and representations made by engineers, contractors, suppliers, and workers on Federal-aid highway projects, it is essential that all persons concerned with the project perform their functions as carefully, thoroughly, and honestly as possible. Willful falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project is a violation of Federal law. To prevent any misunderstanding regarding the seriousness of these and similar acts, Form FHWA-1022 shall be posted on each Federal-aid highway project (23 CFR 635) in one or more places where it is readily available to all persons concerned with the project:

18 U.S.C. 1020 reads as follows:

"Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or of any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm, or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the cost thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction on any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, false report or false claim with respect to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of any work performed or to be performed, or materials furnished or to be furnished, in connection with the construction of any highway or related project approved by the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 1, 1916, (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented;

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both."

IX. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

By submission of this bid/proposal or the execution of this contract, or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, proposer, Federal-aid construction contractor, or subcontractor, as appropriate, will be deemed to have stipulated as follows:

1. That any person who is or will be utilized in the performance of this contract is not prohibited from receiving an award due to a violation of Section 508 of the Clean Water Act or Section 306 of the Clean Air Act.

2. That the contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of paragraph (1) of this Section X in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements.

X. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, consultant contracts or any other covered transaction requiring FHWA approval or that is estimated to cost \$25,000 or more – as defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200.

1. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective first tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this

covered transaction. The prospective first tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction.

c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.

d. The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

f. The prospective first tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

g. The prospective first tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or contracting agency, entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.

h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require the establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of the prospective participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (f) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

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2. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – First Tier Participants:

a. The prospective first tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(2) of this certification; and

(4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

b. Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

2. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost \$25,000 or more - 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200)

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier is providing the certification set out below.

b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which

this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.

g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the

department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

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Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Participants:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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XI. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed \$100,000 (49 CFR 20).

1. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

2. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

3. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting its bid or proposal that the participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**ATTACHMENT A - EMPLOYMENT AND MATERIALS
PREFERENCE FOR APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT
HIGHWAY SYSTEM OR APPALACHIAN LOCAL ACCESS
ROAD CONTRACTS**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid projects funded under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor undertaking to do work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work, shall give preference to qualified persons who regularly reside in the labor area as designated by the DOL wherein the contract work is situated, or the subregion, or the Appalachian counties of the State wherein the contract work is situated, except:

a. To the extent that qualified persons regularly residing in the area are not available.

b. For the reasonable needs of the contractor to employ supervisory or specially experienced personnel necessary to assure an efficient execution of the contract work.

c. For the obligation of the contractor to offer employment to present or former employees as the result of a lawful collective bargaining contract, provided that the number of nonresident persons employed under this subparagraph (1c) shall not exceed 20 percent of the total number of employees employed by the contractor on the contract work, except as provided in subparagraph (4) below.

2. The contractor shall place a job order with the State Employment Service indicating (a) the classifications of the laborers, mechanics and other employees required to perform the contract work, (b) the number of employees required in each classification, (c) the date on which the participant estimates such employees will be required, and (d) any other pertinent information required by the State Employment Service to complete the job order form. The job order may be placed with the State Employment Service in writing or by telephone. If during the course of the contract work, the information submitted by the contractor in the original job order is substantially modified, the participant shall promptly notify the State Employment Service.

3. The contractor shall give full consideration to all qualified job applicants referred to him by the State Employment Service. The contractor is not required to grant employment to any job applicants who, in his opinion, are not qualified to perform the classification of work required.

4. If, within one week following the placing of a job order by the contractor with the State Employment Service, the State Employment Service is unable to refer any qualified job applicants to the contractor, or less than the number requested, the State Employment Service will forward a certificate to the contractor indicating the unavailability of applicants. Such certificate shall be made a part of the contractor's permanent project records. Upon receipt of this certificate, the contractor may employ persons who do not normally reside in the labor area to fill positions covered by the certificate, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1c) above.

5. The provisions of 23 CFR 633.207(e) allow the contracting agency to provide a contractual preference for the use of mineral resource materials native to the Appalachian region.

6. The contractor shall include the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this Attachment A in every subcontract for work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work.



APPENDIX J

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT

EXHIBIT J
PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT

**PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION, NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND
ANTI-LOBBYING**

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Affiant, _____, being first duly sworn, deposes that:

- (1) Affiant does hereby state neither the proposer nor any of the proposer's officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, has in any way colluded, conspired, agreed, directly or indirectly with any person, firm, corporation, or another proposer, or potential proposer, to provide any money or other valuable consideration for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or fix the prices in the attached proposed or the proposal of any other proposer, and further states that no such money or another reward will be hereinafter paid.
- (2) Affiant further states they have neither recommended nor suggested to Hidalgo County or any of its officials or employees, any of the terms or provisions set forth in their Request for Proposal and subsequent agreement, except at a meeting open to all interested proposers, of which proper notice was given.
- (3) Affiant, further states their officers, employees, or agents have not, and will not attempt to lobby, directly or indirectly, the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court between proposal submission date and award by the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court.
- (4) Affiant further states no officer, or stockholder of the proposer is a member of the staff, or related to any employee of Hidalgo County except as noted herein below:

Signature/Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____, 20____



APPENDIX N

SHIPPING LABEL



EXHIBIT B

SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY OWNER

EXHIBIT “B”
Scope of Services to be provided by the Owner

The following provides an outline of the services to be provided by the **OWNER** in the development of the Project.

The **OWNER** will provide to the **ENGINEER** the following:

- (1) Authorization to the **ENGINEER** to begin work in accordance with Section 3 of this Agreement.
- (2) Payment for work performed by the **ENGINEER** and accepted by the **OWNER** in accordance with Section 6 of the Agreement.
- (3) Assistance to the **ENGINEER**, as necessary, to obtain the required data and information from other local, regional, State and Federal agencies that the **ENGINEER** cannot easily obtain.
- (4) Provide any available relevant data the **OWNER** may have on file concerning the project.
- (5) Provide timely review and decisions in response to the **ENGINEER’S** request for information and/or required submittals and deliverables, in order for the **ENGINEER** to maintain the agreed-upon work schedule prepared in accordance with Attachment “C” of this Agreement.
- (6) Attend and participate in progress meetings as required and as coordinated and conducted by the **ENGINEER**.
- (7) Assist the **ENGINEER** as required in the coordination with the USACE and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and any other coordinating agency or entity (*when and if applicable*).
- (8) Review and approve the Project design criteria.
- (9) Review and approve change orders as required and prepared by the **ENGINEER**.



EXHIBIT C

PROJECT SPECIFIC SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY ENGINEER

SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE ENGINEER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The services designated herein as “Services provided by the ENGINEER” shall include the performance of all engineering services for the following described facility:

COUNTY/CITY: Hidalgo County

CONTROL: CSJ# 0921-02-442

PROJECT/DESCRIPTION: Schematic, Environmental, Surveying, PS&E,
Hydrological Mapping, Geotechnical, ROW
Acquisition, Traffic Analysis, Utility Coordination,
And Construction Management/Letting

LENGTH: 3.32 Miles

HIGHWAY: Trenton Road

LIMITS: From I-69C (US 281) to FM 907 (Alamo Road)

PROJECT CLASSIFICATION

(Place an “X” in only one Project Classification)

- ☐ Surface Treatment
- ☐ Overlay
- ☐ Rehabilitation Existing Road (Scarify & Reshape)
- ☐ Convert Non-Freeway to Freeway
- ☐ Widen Freeway
- ☒ Widen Non-Freeway
- ☐ New Location Toll Freeway
- ☐ New Location Non-Freeway
- ☐ Interchange (New or Reconstruct)
- ☐ Bridge Widening or Rehabilitation
- ☐ Bridge Replacement
- ☐ Upgrade to Standards - Freeway
- ☐ Upgrade to Standards - Non-Freeway
- ☐ Miscellaneous Studies (Use Function Code 110 for All Tasks)

ENGINEER shall mean TEDSI Infrastructure Group.

COUNTY shall mean Hidalgo County.

LPA shall mean Hidalgo County.

SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE ENGINEER

PRELIMINARY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

(Function Code 102)

ADVANCED PLANNING MPO COORDINATION:

The ENGINEER will perform any needed preliminary/ongoing project planning which will include:

1. Meetings, Coordination & Support for Project Development
 - a. The Engineer will coordinate with the LPA's representatives at the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Policy Committee and serve in an advisory position to assist the LPA in obtaining funding for projects. The Engineer shall serve as representative for the LPA in coordination items. The Engineer shall coordinate with the LPA's staff on all Project related items.
2. Evaluate the LPA's Projects on Regional Planning Documents.
 - a. The Engineer will work with the LPA and the MPO to evaluate the status of the LPA's projects in the regional planning documents.
 - b. The Engineer will review the local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to ensure there are no delays to the letting of projects in an advanced state of project development. This includes coordination with project engineers to ensure estimates and schedules are accurate.
 - c. The Engineer will review the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) to ensure the LPA's Projects are properly listed on the TxDOT UTP to ensure there are no delays to project development.
 - d. The Engineer will review the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to ensure the LPA's long range goals are properly listed on the MTP to advance opportunities for additional funding.
 - e. The Engineer will review and assess potential opportunities to advance the construction of the LPA's projects.
 - f. The Engineer will coordinate with the LPA to develop project mitigation plans in the event that there is a decrease in available funding for projects.
3. Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Development
 - a. The Engineer will assist the LPA with the Development of the CIP as it relates to available opportunities to leverage funding from the MPO.
4. Audit and Periodically Update Regional Planning Documents
 - a. The Engineer will review the local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to ensure there are no delays to the letting of projects in an advanced state of project development. This includes coordination with project engineers to ensure estimates and schedules are accurate.
 - b. The Engineer will review the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) to ensure the LPA's Projects are properly listed on the TxDOT UTP to ensure there are no delays to project development.

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- c. The Engineer will review the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to ensure the LPA's long range goals are properly listed on the MTP to advance opportunities for additional funding.
 - d. The Engineer will review and assess potential opportunities to advance the construction of the LPA's projects.
 - e. The Engineer will coordinate with the LPA to develop project mitigation plans if there is a decrease in regional funding for projects.
- 5. Prepare Exhibits / Preliminary Estimates
 - a. The Engineer will assist the LPA with the preparation of preliminary project exhibits, maps, typical sections to allow for the development of preliminary project cost estimates for planning purposes.
- 6. Draft Correspondence
 - a. The Engineer will assist the LPA with the preparation of draft correspondence to be used to advance the development of the LPA's priority projects.
- 7. Develop Project Agreements
 - a. The Engineer will assist the LPA with the development of Interlocal Agreements and project agreements with TxDOT, for example Advanced Funding Agreements (AFA), to ensure the LPA's projects can be reviewed by TxDOT.
- 8. State and Federal Grants
 - a. The Engineer will monitor opportunities for additional funding for the LPA's projects including non-conventional State and Federal funding that may become available.

PRELIMINARY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT:

The ENGINEER will perform any needed preliminary project development which will include:

- 1. Establish Preliminary Design Values
 - a. The Engineer will work with the LPA to establish basic design concepts, project controls and a general scope for the Project.
- 2. Prepare/Evaluate Preliminary Route Locations on Uncontrolled Mapping*
 - a. The Engineer will evaluate various alternatives (route locations, alignment shifts, geometry) for the Project.
- 3. Uncontrolled Mapping (w/Contours & GIS Data)
 - a. The Engineer will investigate the existing routes and coordinate with the LPA on establishing the best-fit alignments and mapping proposed geometry for Projects. A Preliminary Location Exhibit will be developed.
- 4. Prepare Preliminary Hydrologic Map
 - a. The Engineer will develop a Hydrologic Map for the Projects. The Hydrologic Maps will be based on LIDAR and GIS information.
- 5. Investigate Preliminary ROW Requirements
 - a. The Engineer will research and identify affected property owners on the Projects alignment and proposed ROW utilizing the latest appraisal district file information from the Hidalgo County Appraisal District and subdivision plat information from Carson Maps.

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6. Prepare Preliminary Cost Estimates
 - a. The Engineer will calculate preliminary construction cost estimates for the location and geometry of the Projects.
7. Preliminary Environmental Analysis (for Fatal Flaws)
 - a. The Engineer will perform Preliminary Environmental Constraint Mapping to determine if any fatal flaws exist along the proposed alignment.
8. Prepare a Project Fact Sheet for All Anticipated Costs
 - a. The Engineer will produce a Project Fact Sheet providing summaries of all pertinent items in the scope of services (as required) and providing estimated local costs vs. total project costs for the Projects.
9. Meetings, Coordination & Support for Project Development
 - a. The Engineer shall provide coordination services and shall assist in meetings and workshops with TxDOT, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1, any Hidalgo County Irrigation Districts, and all other affected parties. The Engineer shall serve as representative for the LPA in coordination items. The Engineer shall coordinate with the LPA's staff on all Project related items.

* A Phase I or better survey for hazardous materials should be included as a determining factor of route selection. Projects which do not require additional ROW should be considered separately from an expansion or new location.

ROUTE AND DESIGN STUDIES

(Function Code 110)

ROUTE AND DESIGN STUDIES:

The ENGINEER will perform any of the following tasks needed for the route and design studies:

1. Analyze Level of Service for Proposed Improvements
2. Provide Traffic Evaluations and Projections
3. Develop Roadway Design Criteria
4. Prepare the Design Schematic
 - a. Horizontal and Vertical Alignment (Preliminary based on office surveys)
 - b. Schematic Layout
 - i. Identify the location of interchanges, main lanes, grade separations, frontage roads and ramps, if applicable.
 - ii. Develop vertical and horizontal alignment of main lanes, ramps and crossroads at proposed interchanges or grade separations, if applicable. Frontage road alignment data need not be shown on the schematic; however, it should be developed in sufficient detail to determine ROW needs. The degree of horizontal curves and vertical curve data, including "K" values, shall also be shown for ease of checking.
 - iii. For freeways, show the location and text of the proposed main lane guide signs. Lane lines and/or arrows indicating the number of lanes shall also be shown.
 - iv. Provide a complete explanation of the sequence and methods of stage construction, if proposed, including the initial and ultimate proposed treatment of crossovers and ramps.

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- v. Identify the tentative ROW limits
 - 1. Provide a roadway Design System (RDS) or (GEOPAK) computer tape of the preliminary earthwork to verify ROW requirements.
 - 2. Provide a graphics file containing the approved schematic.
 - vi. Provide the geometric configuration (pavement cross slopes, lane and shoulder widths, slope rates for fills and cuts) of the typical sections of the proposed highway main lanes, ramps, frontage roads, and crossroads.
 - vii. Identify the current and projected traffic volumes as provided by TxDOT (if On-System roadway) or by ENGINEER (if Off-System roadway) based on a 20 year traffic projection.
 - viii. Label the control of access lines if Interstate or designated under House Bill 179.
 - ix. Label the direction of traffic flow on all roadways.
 - x. Identify the location and width of any proposed median openings for highways without access control.
 - xi. Identify the geometrics of any speed change lanes (acceleration, deceleration, climbing, etc....).
5. Coordinate and Attend a Project Design Concept Conference
6. General Guidelines for Project Development
- a. Prior to preparing detailed plans for a proposed project, a preliminary schematic layout shall be prepared which indicates the general geometric features and location requirements peculiar to the project. An uncontrolled aerial mosaic will be provided for this use. Four copies of the schematic layout shall be submitted through the district to the Design Division for approval and subsequent coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) where applicable. The layout shall be submitted for two-lane arterial highway projects on new locations and for all multi-lane highway projects. **No geometric design is to be performed until the LPA has given the engineer written approval of the preliminary schematic layout.**
 - b. All geometric design shall be in conformance with the State's Design Division, Operations and Procedures Manual, except where variances are permitted in writing by the STATE.
 - c. The schematic layout shall include basic information which is necessary for the proper review and evaluation including the items listed above and in the schematic checklist provided by the STATE.
 - d. Handling of traffic during construction shall be a consideration in the development of preliminary designs.
 - e. Upon approval of the schematic layout by Design Division (FHWA on Federal-aid projects), it shall be the basis for an exhibit at any required public hearing prior to final development of the project. If there are any changes to the schematic after the Design Division and FHWA approval and before the public hearing, four copies of the revised schematic, as displayed at the hearing, shall be submitted either prior to or accompanying the public hearing data. If there are no changes in the schematic as displayed at the hearing, only photographs of the schematic and other displays shall be submitted with the public hearing data.
 - f. For all freeway construction projects, these schematics shall show the location and text of the proposed main lane guide signs. A schematic layout shall be submitted through the district to the Traffic Operations Division, Traffic Safety Section for approval and subsequent coordination with the FHWA. All signing shall be in conformance with the Texas MUTCD.
 - g. On complex projects, informal contact through the district with the Design Division and FHWA personnel is encouraged with regard to development of preliminary design prior to official schematic submission.

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- h. The engineer shall furnish a project tape that is compatible with the STATE's computer system, a project listing, and a cross section plot showing the original design sections containing the earthwork input and original cross sections for the project. **Accuracy of the earthwork design is of utmost importance since it is the basis for contractor payments and construction staking.**
7. Traffic Analysis and Projections
 - a. If the project is Off-System, the ENGINEER will provide traffic analysis and projection data for the project as previously provided by TxDOT's Transportation Planning and Programming division. The analysis will follow the STATE's SOP and the data will be approved by the STATE.
8. Final Hydrologic Map & Report
 - a. The ENGINEER will provide a final hydrologic map to be submitted with the Schematic. This map will be considered part of the Schematic Submittal.
 - b. A H&H Report will be submitted along with the Hydrologic Map. The report will follow the guidelines set forth in TxDOT's Hydraulic Manual.
9. Geotechnical Engineering
 - a. Geotechnical Explorations and Laboratory Testing.

The ENGINEER will perform the following drilling and testing activities:

 - LOCATION 1 - Trenton Rd - Frontage Rd to Raul Longoria. (12 Proposed 10ft. Boring)
 - LOCATION 3 - Trenton Rd - Raul Longoria Rd. to Cesar Chavez Rd.(14 Proposed 10ft. Boring)
 - LOCATION 4 - Trenton Rd - Cesar Chavez Rd. to FM 907 (8 Proposed 10ft. Boring)
 - LOCATION 5 - Trenton Rd - FM 907 to Drainage Canal (19 Proposed 10ft. Boring)
 - LOCATION 6 - Trenton Rd - Drainage Canal to Val Verde Rd. (10 Proposed 10ft. Boring)
 - LOCATION 7 - Bridge Structures (6 Proposed 50ft. Boring)
 - Texas Cone Penetration (Tex-132-E)
 - Road Repair/Patch Aspaht Cold Mix
 - Mobilization / Demobilization of Drilling Rig & Support Trailer
 - Logging
 - Utility Locations
 - Staking Boring
 - Traffic Control
 - Sample Preparation (Tex-101-E)
 - Moisture Content (Tex-103-E)
 - Atterburg Limits (Tex-104, 105 & 106-E)
 - Percent Passing No. 200 Sieve (Tex-111-E)
 - Sulfate Content in Soils (Tex-145-E)
 - Texas Triaxial Compression (Tex 117 E, Part II)
 - Consolidated Undrained Triaxial Test
 - Unconsolidated Undrained Triaxial Test
 - Unconfined Compression Test
 - Consolidation Tests
 - Unit Weight Tests
 - Soil-Lime Testing (Tex-121-E)

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b. Geotechnical Engineering Analysis.

The ENGINEER will perform the following tasks and analyses:

- Pavement Design - HMA for Locations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Drilled Shaft Foundation Design and Analysis
- Laying out Needed Drilling Scheme & Plan View of Boring Logs
- Structural Evaluation of Borings (Soil Shear Strength Computations)
- Creation of Boring Logs with TCP and Soil Index Testing Data (69 borings Total ~ Estimated at 0.50 hr. each)
- Project Site Visit
- Pavement Cycle Analyses
- Geotechnical Report, Soil Geology, Site Soils, Analyses, Recs.
- Coordination and Meetings

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SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC
INVOLVEMENT
(Function Code 120)

1. Environmental Reports (All Environmental Reports shall be in accordance with 43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 2.40-2.51, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 771 and Highway Design Operations and Procedures Manual, Part II-B.)
 - a. An Environmental Assessment shall be prepared anticipating one of the following levels of clearance:
 - i. A Categorical Exclusion
 - ii. A Finding of No Significant Impact
 - iii. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - b. If it is determined that an Environmental Assessment is not sufficient, an Environmental Impact Statement shall be prepared
 - i. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement shall be prepared. After appropriate interagency and public reviews within time limits prescribed by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 771 and 43 Texas Administrative Code 2.40-2.51, a Final Environmental Impact Statement shall be prepared.
 - ii. A Section 4(f) Statement (Department of Transportation Act) shall be provided by the ENGINEER. The format and content of the statement is found in FHWA Technical Advisory T6640.8A.
2. Public Involvement (All Public Involvement procedures shall be in accordance with 43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 2.40-2.51, Code of Federal Regulations Title 23, Part 771 and Highway Design Operations and Procedures Manual, Part II-B.)
 - a. A public involvement meeting(s)/hearing(s) shall be scheduled, coordinated, and conducted.*
 - b. Technical assistance, meeting(s)/hearing(s) preparation, maintenance of contracts lists, minutes of meeting(s), exhibit preparation, and other tasks outlined by the LPA, shall be provided.
3. Cultural Resources (Formal consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Texas Historical Commission (THC) will be conducted by the LPA.)
 - a. Historic Structure Studies
 - i. A records search and reconnaissance survey shall be performed, and documentation prepared regarding identification efforts, National Register eligibility and potential impacts to historic properties in accordance with the state's historic structure requirements.
 - b. Archeological Studies
 - i. Files searches shall be conducted to determine if known archeological sites are present; to identify whether these sites have been listed or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or have been designated State Archeological Landmarks; and to identify the need (if any) to perform additional archeological investigations.
 - ii. Archeological reconnaissance will be performed under a Texas Antiquities Permit (13 TAC 26) signed for the Sponsor by a professional archeologist with the STATE.
 - iii. Archeological survey shall be performed under a Texas Antiquities Permit (13 TAC 26) signed for the Sponsor by a professional archeologist with the STATE.

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4. Noise and Air Quality Analyses
 - a. Noise Analysis
 - i. A noise analysis shall be prepared, including predicted noise levels and the consideration and evaluation of noise mitigation, in accordance with the STATE'S Noise Guidelines. The noise analysis or a summary of the noise analysis shall be provided as a Technical Report and results included in the administratively complete document.
 - b. Air Quality Analysis
 - i. An air quality analysis shall be prepared in accordance with the STATE'S Air Quality Guidelines. The air quality analysis or a summary of the air quality shall be provided as a Technical Report and results included in the administratively complete document for the project.
5. Hazardous Materials
 - a. The ENGINEER shall perform an Initial Site Assessment (ISA) for hazardous materials impact in accordance with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) 1528.93 (Transaction Screen Process).
6. General Guidelines for Preparation of Environmental Documents
 - a. The Biological Impact Evaluation Report will be prepared which will include water resources, threatened and endangered species, etc. and submitted electronically to TxDOT.
 - b. All cultural resource reports (i.e. Archeological and Historical Project Coordination Requests (PCRs), background and reconnaissance surveys) will be submitted electronically to TxDOT.
 - c. The draft administratively complete document will be submitted to TxDOT electronically through their FTP site.
 - d. The administratively complete document will be prepared in accordance with the content and format of FHWA Technical Advisory T6640.8A and the TxDOT Administrative Code 43 TAC §2.44.
 - e. The administratively complete document will be submitted to TxDOT electronically through their FTP site.
 - f. Upon completion and approval of the administratively and technically complete document, the Engineer will provide one (1) hard copy to the Client, one (1) hardcopy to the district, and (3) hardcopies to TxDOT ENV.
 - g. Exhibits in the environmental document shall be color copies and text shall be black and white.

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RIGHT-OF-WAY DATA

(Function Code 130)

NOTE: No work involving right-of-way (ROW) data is to be performed until the LPA has given the ENGINEER written approval of the final location of the proposed ROW lines.

The ENGINEER shall perform the following Right-Of-Way Data duties:

1. Provide Ownership Data in a .dgn file
 - a. For the entire project limits
 - b. Compensable utility ownership that has property rights on ROW shall be researched and provided.
 - c. For each drainage outfall property
 - d. For each irrigation structure pipe
2. Parcel Plats & ROW Map
 - a. A ROW map, parcel plats and field notes shall be prepared and furnished.
 - b. All plats and field notes must be signed and sealed by a Registered Professional Land Surveyor (RPLS).
 - c. ROW map must depict all improvements affecting ROW.
3. Utilities (Compensable)
 - a. Property ownership with recording information shall be shown on ROW Map and Parcel Plats with distance ties to property corners in an effort to locate utility.
4. Field Notes
 - a. Field notes and plats shall be provided, signed and sealed by a Registered Professional Land Surveyor, for all parcels on the ROW Map.
 - b. Computation sheets for survey closure and area of each parcel shall be provided.
 - c. Ground surveys and preparation of parcel maps, legal descriptions, and ROW maps
5. Survey and Stake Right-of-Way
6. Records as required by the LPA and State
 - a. Records used to establish property ownership
7. General Guidance for Preparation of Right-of Way Maps
 - a. All data submitted by the surveyor will be legible, organized and well documented.
 - b. The surveyor shall provide temporary signs and shall control traffic near surveying operations adequately to comply with provisions of the MUTCD; a copy of which the Surveyor acknowledges has been furnished to him. All signs, flags, and safety equipment are to be provided by the surveyor.
 - c. Permission to enter private property for surveying (Right-Of-Entry) shall be the sole responsibility of the surveyor.
 - d. The surveyor will be held responsible for the correctness of his services. The surveyor will be responsible for the completion of his services.
 - e. The surveyor will be required to complete the attached "Right-of-Way Map Checklist" and submit along with the completed R.O.W. map. All requirements of attached R.O.W. map checklist must be complete, accurate and also considered to be essential and is a part of this contract.

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PROJECT SPECIFIC SCOPE OF SERVICES

FC 130 – RIGHT-OF-WAY DATA – Abstract analysis, development of ROW Map sheets including parcel plats and field notes with Metes & Bounds field descriptions, and Title Commitments.

FC 150 – FIELD SURVEYING FOR PARCEL MAPPING – Recover horizontal & vertical control, locate and field tie existing ROW and boundary corners. Update topography and reestablish corners for ROW map revisions.

SURVEYING SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR PARCEL MAPPING

FC 130 – RIGHT-OF-WAY DATA

Right-of-Way Documents - The SURVEYOR will utilize State examples and provide the following:

GENERAL

- a. Abstracting: The SURVEYOR will determine Ownership Data.
- b. Prepare individual parcel maps and field notes as needed to properly describe the right-of-way the State is to acquire.
- c. All procedures involving right-of-way maps will be in accordance with the STATE'S Right-of-Way Book I and Book II, the State's local operating procedures and according to the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying Practices Act.
- d. All required documents will be in English units.
- e. The SURVEYOR will monument all corners with a 5/8 inch iron rod with a Surveyor's plastic cap on all parcel boundary corners.
- f. The SURVEYOR will provide to the STATE a copy of Instruments of Record.
- g. The SURVEYOR will attach graphics files compatible with the latest version of Micro-Station graphics software.
- h. The SURVEYOR will attach documents or text files compatible with the latest version of Word software.

PARCEL PLATS

- a. A parcel plat will be prepared for each parcel of land to be acquired. The STATE has developed standard formats for parcel plats, copies of which the SURVEYOR will request and secure for all purposes
- b. Parcel boundary lines will be delineated with appropriate bearings, distances, and curve data.
- c. Private property lines will be delineated with appropriate bearings, distances, and curve data to the extent necessary to describe the individual parcels of land to be acquired.
- d. League lines and survey lines will be shown and identified by name and abstract number.
- e. A north arrow will be shown on each sheet and, if possible, in the upper right hand corner.
- f. Monumentation set or found will be shown and described as to material and size.
- g. A station and offset will be shown for each PC, PT, and angle point in the proposed right-of-way lines and the existing right-of-way lines in areas of no proposed acquisition.
- h. Intersecting streets will be shown and identified by name and right-of-way width.
- i. A parent tract inset will be shown for each parent tract.

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- j. A note will be included on each map sheet stating the basis of bearings, coordinates, and datum used.
- k. Appropriate notes will be included on the title sheet stating the following:
 - a. Month(s) and year abstracting was performed upon which the map is based.
 - b. Month(s) and year field surveys were conducted upon which the map is based.
 - c. Month and year map was completed by the SURVEYOR.
- l. The right-of-way account number and R.O.W. CSJ if available will be shown on each parcel map sheet.
- m. All parcel maps should be 8-1/2" x 11" signed and sealed by a Registered Professional Land Surveyor and note referencing legal description.
- n. The acreage of the part taken should be shown to three decimal places, rounded.

FIELD NOTE DESCRIPTIONS

A field note description will be prepared for each parcel of land to be acquired. Field note descriptions will include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- a. The field note description will begin with a general description that will include, as a minimum:
 - (1) State, county, and city within which the proposed parcel of land to be acquired is located.
 - (2) A reference to unrecorded and recorded subdivisions by name, lot, block, and recording data to the extent applicable.
 - (3) A reference, by name, to the grantor and grantee, date, and recording data of the most current instrument(s) of conveyance describing the parent tract.
- b. The field note description will continue with a metes and bounds description that will include, as a minimum:
 - (1) A point of commencing (outside property corner).
 - (2) A point of beginning on proposed R.O.W. line.
 - (3) A series of courses, identified by number and proceeding in a clockwise direction, describing the perimeter of the parcel of land to be acquired, and delineated with appropriate bearings, distances, and curve data.
 - (4) A description (8-1/2" x 11") of all monumentation set or found to include, as a minimum, size and material.
 - (5) All field note descriptions will be signed and sealed by a Registered Professional Land Surveyor.
 - (6) Note referencing parcel plat.

NOTE:

Surveyor to use the latest STATE approved ROW Map checklist while preparing the ROW Map.

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FIELD SURVEYING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY

(Function Code 150)

TOPOGRAPHY AND CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS:

Surveyor will comply with the current Texas Society of Professional Surveyors (TSPS) Standards and Specifications for a Category 6 Topographic Survey and Category 2 Route Survey.

A. AERIAL LiDAR

Task 01 Aerial Lidar / imagery Collection & Mapping 6" Contour Mapping**

Aerial lidar data will be collected for a ~300ft wide corridor along the provided alignment as highlighted on the attached Exhibit via a manned helicopter equipped with a Riegl VUX 1LR scanner at approximately 45 pts/m² (points per square meter), on average to develop 6" contour mapping. Surveyor will apply necessary strip adjustment, first-order filtering, and bare-earth classification and calibrate the collected data using ground control points.

Surveyor will establish approximately twelve (12) aerial targets prior to the flight and perform the essential ground survey necessary to determine horizontal position and elevation off all ground control points.

All aerial survey data will be tied horizontally to the Texas State Plane Coordinate System of 1983 (NAD83, 2011) and vertically to NAVD88 (realized using Geoid12B).

Surveyor will perform visible aboveground feature extraction (excluding trees and obscured areas), break line extraction, and surface data extraction at a grid interval of no more than 25-feet for a ~200ft wide corridor along the provided alignment as seen on the attached Exhibit.

Aerial imagery collection will be performed simultaneously during manned helicopter aerial lidar data collection. Surveyor will fly at an altitude sufficient to acquire aerial imagery at 5 cm GSD (ground sampling distance). The collected imagery will be calibrated and orthorectified to serve as background imagery and support planimetric features extraction within the scope limits shown in the attached Exhibit.

Deliverables will consist of:

- Tiled point cloud with bare-classification in .las format
- DTM data and supporting files including TIN, LandXML and Six-inch (6") contours.
- 2D planimetric map data as extracted from aerial lidar and imagery as Microstation DGN.
- Three-inch (3") (0.25') digital ortho-imagery

B. Right-of-way Strip Map Category 2 Route Survey

Task 02 — ROW strip map to assist in the Schematic Phase of the project.

Surveyor will retrace the existing right-of-way of Trenton Road in the subject area. Surveyor will create a .DWG or. DGN Cad files as requested.

Surveyor will show ownership names and parcel lines based on the current tax records. This information is publicly available and shall not be relied on as a Boundary Survey or Title Report.

Right of Entry documents will be supplied to the surveyor in a continuous fashion.

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C. Supplemental Category 6 Topographic Survey

Task 03 — Additional topographic on the ground Survey.

Surveyor will locate visible improvements that will supplement items that were obscured during the aerial mapping.

Surveyor will establish additional control points to be used as QA/QC for 6" contour mapping.

This survey will also include obtaining existing sewer and drainage improvements if accessible no other subsurface features or utilities will be surveyed. Flowline elevations, size of pipes and the tie in locations if accessible. This data will be provided as a sketch and will also be shown in the DGN or ACAD files.

The survey will include locating trees within 60' from the centerline (total width 120ft) of Trenton Road.

The survey will also include topographic/hydrographic mapping for drainage ditches and irrigation canals 100' ft wide for 500ft upstream and downstream of the centerline of Trenton Road.

Combining aerial and on the ground surveying to prepare mapping of 6" contours.

Survey will show visible above ground utilities including overhead wires. The deliverable shall be. DGN files with unique line styles by company and type of line. The surveyor will also Call in to 811 for utility locating. Visible 811 markings will be located and incorporated into the survey. It is noted that the surveyor may not get a response from some utilities.

EXCLUSIONS FROM THE SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Surveying individual parcels.
2. Right-of-Entry documents.
3. Surveyor will not provide opinions as to adequacy, on legal or title issues.
4. The survey will not address compliance or assessment of existing utilities, wetland determinations, fault lines and/or environmental assessments that are beyond the surveyor's expertise.
5. The survey will not include any references to lease agreements, oil, gas and other mineral rights or matter that are strictly contractual and items which cannot be located upon the subject tract by physical description. Those matters are given constructive notice in a title commitment and must otherwise be addressed by the parties involved and/or addressed by legal counsel.
6. Flood elevation certificates.
7. Excavation of utilities.
8. "Standard traffic control" is performed by Surveyor and is included in our standard rates. "Standard traffic control" can be described as short-term lane closure necessary for manhole entry or access to utility features located in the roadway. Should 'non-standard' traffic control be required (lane closures, police officer present, arrow board, etc...) these services will be considered extra.
9. Subdivision platting.
10. Client shall supply title and easement documents to be shown on the survey. No records will be researched other than highway and road right-of-way maps.
11. Any other services not specifically included within the description of the Scope of Services as described above.
12. Researching for easements. SURVEYOR can assist in locating a Title Researcher for this task.
13. Plotting of easements. SURVEYOR can plot the easements for an additional fee once we receive them by others.

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ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. TRAFFIC CONTROL:

The SURVEYOR shall control traffic in and near surveying operations adequately to comply with provisions of the latest edition of the TxDOT Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Part VI and the latest edition of the Occupational Safety Manual both of which can be found on the TxDOT internet site.

In the event field crew personnel must divert traffic or close traveled lanes, a Traffic Control Plan based upon principles outlined in the latest edition of the TxDOT Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Part VI shall be prepared by the SURVEYOR and approved by the ENGINEER prior to commencement of field work. A copy of the approved plan shall be in the possession of field crew personnel on the job site at all times and shall be made available to the ENGINEER for inspection upon request.

B. INVOICING:

Payment requests shall include a SURVEYOR's invoice. With each payment request, the SURVEYOR shall submit a project status report which will, as a minimum, include the percentage of total work complete as of the date of the payment request and a description of current work activity. The percentage of total work complete shall not be based simply on the percentage of funds expended, but shall be based on the best judgment of the SURVEYOR as to the percentage of actual work complete.

C. EASEMENTS, LETTERS OF PERMISSION, ETC.

The SURVEYOR shall be responsible for delineating easements. The SURVEYOR will be responsible for securing the necessary legal instruments and obtaining all Right-of-Entries (ROEs).

D. MEETINGS:

The ENGINEER shall setup the necessary meetings with the SURVEYOR in order to assure all field information is provided on-time and products are delivered in accordance with TxDOT's/LPA's specifications. SURVEYOR must attend all meetings involving data provided if requested by ENGINEER.

E. PROJECT MANAGER/SURVEYOR COMMUNICATION:

The SURVEYOR shall designate one Texas Registered Professional Land Surveyor (RPLS) to be responsible throughout the project for project surveying coordination and all communications, including billing, with the ENGINEER.

F. OFFICE LOCATION:

The SURVEYOR will perform the services to be provided under this agreement out of a local office and have a crew available to perform requested tasks within 24 hours of request. The coordinating SURVEYOR's Project Manager (RPLS) shall be accessible at all times and working from the local office.

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ROADWAY DESIGN CONTROLS

(Function Code 160)

ROADWAY DESIGN:

The ENGINEER will perform roadway design services for the needed construction repairs along the project limits. The services will include:

1. Geometric Design
 - a. Horizontal and Vertical Alignment
 - b. All geometric design shall be in conformance with the State's Design Division, Operations and Procedures Manual, except where variances are permitted in writing by the LPA.
 - c. Handling of traffic during construction shall be a consideration in the development of preliminary designs.
2. Exhibits for Airway/Highway clearance permits (if within airport vicinity)
3. Grading Design
 - a. Refine the horizontal alignment including the following items
 - i. Typical Sections
 - ii. Design Cross Sections
 - iii. Determine Cut and Fill Quantities
 - iv. Slope Stability Analysis, if applicable
 - v. Embankment Foundation Stability Analysis, if applicable
 - vi. Embankment Settlement Analysis, if applicable
4. Pavement Design
 - a. Prior to initiating detailed plan preparations for a project, a preliminary investigation shall be made to determine the approximate section and pavement type to be used for the pavement structure. The Flexible Pavement Design Manual for flexible pavement, "Appendix F" of the Design Division, Operations and Procedures Manual, and the current AASHTO Guide for the Design of Pavement Structures, may be used for this purpose.
 - b. The typical section shall also reflect proposed geometric including pavement cross slopes, lane and shoulder widths, and slope rates whenever this data have not been previously shown on a schematic submission.
 - c. Embankment and Subgrade
 - i. Provide Soil Core Holes (location and number to be agreed upon with LPA)
 1. Along center line of each roadway
 - ii. Identify , interpret, and summarize the geological features that affect engineering design (PI, sulfate content & % of lime)
 - d. Traffic Data for Pavement Design
 - e. Basic Design Criteria
 - f. Life Cycle Cost Analysis(es)
 - g. Cost Data
 - h. Pavement Material Properties
 - i. Rehabilitation Investigations
 - i. Soil Core Holes to determine type and depth of existing material, pavement, etc. The ENGINEER, in coordination with LPA, will determine whether to salvage the existing ACP and Flex base.

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DRAINAGE

(Function Code 161)

DRAINAGE DESIGN :

The ENGINEER will perform drainage design services for the needed construction repairs along the project limits. All hydraulic design shall be in accordance with TxDOT's Hydraulic Manual, except where variances are permitted in writing by the LPA. The services will include:

1. Hydraulic Studies, Discharges
 - a. Hydrologic Map showing drainage areas, contours and drainage Q's.
 - b. Drainage area maps showing existing conditions and proposed improvements.
 - c. Hydrologic data/discharge determination
2. Hydraulic Drainage Study & Documentation
 - a. Hydraulic Computations, if applicable
 - i. Storm water detention available within the ROW (linear ft. alongside drain ditch).
 - ii. Storm water detention available outside the ROW (as per local Drainage District)
 - iii. Culverts
 - iv. Bridge Waterways
 - v. Channels
 - vi. Storm sewers/inlets
 - vii. Pump Stations
 - viii. Storm Water Management Facilities
 - ix. Irrigation Canals/Siphons
 - b. Hydraulic Reports
 - c. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodway requirements
 - d. Determine impact of proposed drainage plan on Drainage District or Irrigation District receiving streams
3. Layout, Structural Design and Detailing of Drainage Features
 - a. Culverts
 - i. New Culverts
 - ii. Culvert widening and/or lengthening
 - iii. Culvert replacements
 - b. Storm Sewers
 - i. New storm sewers
 - ii. Modify existing storm sewers
 - iii. Inlets
 - iv. Manholes
 - v. Trunk lines
 - c. Pump Stations
 - d. Subsurface drainage at retaining walls
 - e. Outfall channel(s) within the ROW
 - f. Outfall channel(s) outside the ROW
 - g. Detention Pond(s) within the ROW
 - h. Detention Pond(s) outside the ROW
 - i. Summary of Quantities
4. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SW3P)
5. Scour Evaluation – Waterway structures only (to be completed under FC 170)

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SIGNING, MARKINGS AND SIGNALIZATION

(Function Code 162)

PAVEMENT MARKINGS:

The ENGINEER will provide pavement marking layouts for the needed construction repairs along the project limits. The services will include:

1. Signing and Markings Layout
 - a. Roadway layout
 - b. Center line with station numbering
 - c. ROW lines
 - d. Culverts and other structures that present a hazard to traffic
 - e. Location of utilities, if not shown on plan and profile
 - f. Existing signs to remain, to be removed, to be relocated
 - g. Proposed signs (illustrated and numbered)
 - h. Existing overhead sign bridges to remain, to be revised, removed or relocated
 - i. Proposed overhead sign bridges indicating location by plan layout (electrical details need not be shown on this layout)
 - j. Proposed markings (illustrated and quantified) which include pavement markings, object markings and delineation
 - k. Quantities of existing pavement markings to be removed
 - l. Proposed delineators and object markers
2. For projects involving freeway to freeway or other types of directional interchanges, projects including left-hand ramps or connections, the following information must be provided:
 - a. The location of interchanges, main lanes, grade separations, frontage roads and ramps
 - b. Complete explanation of the sequence and methods of stage construction, where applicable, which would include the initial and ultimate proposed treatment of crossovers and ramps
 - c. The number of lanes in each section of proposed highway and the location of changes in number of lanes
 - d. The projected traffic volumes as provided by the STATE (20 year traffic projection, unless otherwise determined by the District Engineer)
 - e. Tentative ROW limits
 - f. Direction of traffic flow on all roadways
 - g. Main lane, ramp, frontage road and necessary crossroad profiles at proposed interchanges or grade separations
3. Summary of Small Sign Tabulation
4. Summary of Large Sign Tabulation including all Guide Signs (if applicable)
5. Sign Detail Sheets
 - a. All signs except for route markers
 - b. Design details for large guide signs
 - c. Dimensions of letters, shields, borders, corner radii, etc.
 - d. Designation of shields attached to guide signs
 - e. Designation of arrow used on exit direction signs

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6. Traffic Signals (if applicable)
 - a. Development of Justification (Warrant) Data
 - i. Location Map
 - ii. Photographs as appropriate
 - iii. Accident data as appropriate
 - iv. Vehicle volumes (existing, estimated, projected, and pedestrian)
 - v. Traffic Survey – Count Analysis
 - vi. Recommendation based on the collected data
 - b. Layout
 - i. Title Sheet (when applicable)
 1. Describe the location
 2. Type of installation
 3. Area map with project limits for each location
 4. Index of sheets
 5. Space for official signatures
 - ii. Estimate and quantity sheet (when applicable)
 1. List of all bid items
 2. Bid item quantities
 3. Specification item number
 4. Paid item description and unit of measure
 - iii. Basis of estimate sheet
 - iv. General notes and specification data sheet
 - v. Condition Diagram
 1. Highway and intersection design features
 2. Roadside development
 3. Traffic control including illumination
 - vi. Plan Sheets(s)
 1. Existing traffic control that will remain (signs and markings)
 2. Existing utilities
 3. Proposed highway improvements
 4. Proposed installation
 5. Proposed additional traffic controls
 6. When applicable, proposed conduit for Railroad interconnect with standard details for runs under tracks
 7. Proposed illumination attached to signal poles
 - vii. Notes for plan layout
 - viii. Elevation sheet(s) (span wire design)
 - ix. Phase sequence diagram(s)
 1. Signal locations
 2. Signal indications
 3. Phase Diagram
 4. Signal sequence table
 5. Flashing operation
 6. Preemption operation
 7. Interval timing, cycle length and offset
 - x. Construction Detail Sheets
 1. Poles, Detectors, Pull box and conduit layout & Controller Foundation
 - xi. Marking Details (when applicable)
 - xii. Barricade and warning sign standard sheet and any special details for work zone traffic control for special conditions
 - xiii. Aerial or underground interconnect details (when applicable)

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- c. General Requirements
 - i. Contact the local utility company
 - 1. Confirm Power Source
 - 2. Discuss route of aerial or underground interconnect cable
 - 3. Adjustment of overhead utility lines
 - ii. Prepare governing specifications, special provisions list and estimate
- d. Summary of Quantities

MISCELLANEOUS ROADWAY

(Function Code 163)

TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN, DETOURS AND SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION:

The ENGINEER will provide a Traffic Control Plan (TCP) for the needed construction repairs along the project limits. TCP's are required for all projects; therefore a detailed TCP shall be developed when traffic handling during construction involves complications for which a feasible solution is not covered by the Texas MUTCD or the current Barricade and Construction (BC) standards. The following items are required on all TCP Layouts:

1. The Sequence of Construction and method of handling traffic during each phase
2. Roadway layout
3. Center line with station numbering
4. The existing and proposed traffic control devices that will be used to handle traffic during each construction sequence. Include signals, regulatory signs, warning signs, construction warning signs, guide signs, route markers, construction pavement markings, channelizing devices, portable changeable message signs, flashing arrow boards, barricades, barriers, etc....
5. The proposed traffic control devices (stop signs, signals, flag person, etc.) at grade intersections during each construction sequence.
6. Where detours are provided, typical cross sections shall be shown.
7. Road construction work hours shall be developed after an investigation of the traffic volumes has been performed.

COMPUTE AND TABULATE QUANTITIES:

The ENGINEER will provide a summary of quantities sheet in the plans identifying all estimated project quantities.

PROJECT ESTIMATE:

The ENGINEER will provide a project estimate summarizing all estimated construction costs.

SPECIFICATIONS AND GENERAL NOTES:

The ENGINEER will provide all relevant project specification and general notes to the project construction activities.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

(Function Code 164)

MEETINGS, COORDINATION & SUPPORT FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT:

The ENGINEER shall meet and coordinate with all relevant entities (i.e., County, Regional Mobility Authority, Texas Department of Transportation, Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, etc....) and all other affected parties. The Engineer shall serve as representative for the LPA in coordination items. The Engineer shall coordinate with the LPA's staff on all Project related items.

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BRIDGE DESIGN

(Function Code 170)

BRIDGE DESIGN:

The ENGINEER will provide bridge design and bridge layouts for the needed construction repairs along the project limits. The services may include the following type of bridge structures:

1. Preparation of Structural Details for New Structures

- a. Underpass
- b. Overpass
- c. Main Lane
- d. Direct Connector
- e. Ramp Bridge
- f. Waterway Structure**
- g. Pedestrian Structure
- h. Utility Structure
- i. Railroad Underpass
- j. Railroad Overpass
- k. Bridge Classification Culvert**

Total anticipated new structures shall be reflected on the fee proposal

2. Preparation of Structural Details for Existing Structures

- a. Bridge widening, rehabilitation and/or modification of existing structure
- b. Bridge replacement
- c. Raising bridge elevation
- d. Bridge classification culvert widening and/or modification of existing structure
- e. Railroad overpass
- f. Railroad underpass

Total anticipated existing structures shall be reflected on the fee proposal

* Contour plots of bridge gores are required for projects involving ramps within the main bridge in order to ensure project transition. The Template data and vertical alignment necessary to generate the contour plots are also required.

** In the early stages of a project, it sometimes cannot be determined whether a Waterway Bridge Structure or a Bridge Classification Culvert (20' minimum length) will be required. Therefore, the ENGINEER should be aware that either of these two types of bridges may be reclassified later in the project for the other type when more information is known that would dictate a change in structure classification.

3. Preparation of Bridge Layouts (each Bridge)

- a. Bridge Layout (Plan)
 - i. Horizontal curve information or bearing of centerline
 - ii. Including horizontal, vertical, and template information of all roadways or railroads crossed
 - iii. Bearing of center line or reference line
 - iv. Skew angle
 - v. Slope for header banks and approach fills
 - vi. Control stations at beginning and ending of bridge (with deck elevation), intersections, etc.
 - vii. Approach pavement and crown width
 - viii. Bridge roadway width and curbs, face of rail, shoulders, or sidewalks

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- ix. Approach slab and curb returns
 - x. Limits and type of riprap
 - xi. Proposed features under structure
 - xii. Location of profile grade line
 - xiii. North arrow
 - xiv. Typical bridge roadway section including preliminary proposed beam types and spacings
 - xv. Cross slope and super elevation data
 - xvi. Minimum horizontal clearances when applicable
 - xvii. Location of soil core holes (station & offset), shown on layout
 - xviii. Bent stations and bearings
 - xix. Retaining wall locations
 - xx. Traffic flow directional arrows
 - xxi. Railing types shown
 - xxii. Joint types and seal size, if used
 - xxiii. Beam line numbers consistent with span details
 - xxiv. Critical horizontal clearances
 - xxv. Bearings of utilities
 - b. Bridge Layouts (Elevation)
 - i. Type of foundation
 - ii. Finished grade elevations at beginning and end of bridge
 - iii. Overall length of structure
 - iv. Length, type of spans and units
 - v. Type of railing
 - vi. Minimum calculated vertical clearance(s)
 - vii. Existing and proposed ground lines clearly marked
 - viii. Grid elevations and stations
 - ix. Bent numbers encircled
 - x. Stationing of bridge compatible with grid stations
 - xi. Standard title
 - xii. Profile grade data
 - xiii. Type of riprap
 - xiv. Soil Core Hole Information with penetrometer test data (shall be shown on the bridge layout at correct station, elevation and scale)
 - xv. Fixed/expansion condition of all bents
 - xvi. Column "H" heights
 - xvii. Number, size and length of foundations
 - c. Additional layout requirements for waterway structures and bridge classification culverts
 - i. Design and 100-year peak discharges
 - ii. Design and 100-year high water (recorded data and date if available)
 - iii. Natural and through-bridge velocities for design and 100-year floods
 - iv. Calculated backwater for design and 100-year floods
 - v. Direction of flow for waterway crossings
 - vi. Contours for water crossing
4. Bridge Classification Culvert, Estimate, Quantities, and Specification (Each Bridge)
5. Foundation Studies (The minimum number of soil core holes shall be obtained in accordance with Section 1-301 of the Bridges and Structures Foundation Exploration and Design Manual. Soil core holes shall be obtained at approximately (300 foot) intervals along bridge alignments. Texas cone penetrometer (TCP) tests shall be conducted in all soil types encountered at a maximum of (10

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foot) intervals. If single column bents with single drilled shafts are planned, TCP values should be taken at close intervals in the upper (15 feet).)

6. Bridge Total Quantities and Cost Estimates (Each Bridge)
7. Bridge Special Provisions and Specifications (Each Bridge)
8. Bearing Seat elevations for each beam or girder. Top of cap elevations for non-beam type structures.
9. General Guidelines for Bridge Design
 - a. The ENGINEER shall prepare a bridge layout of each bridge structure for Company's review and approval. The bridge layout shall be in conformance with the Bridges and Structures, Operation and Planning Manual and the Bridges and Structures, Detailing Manual. Soil core hole data is not required for submission of the preliminary bridge layout. **No bridge design work is to be performed until the LPA has given the engineer written approval of the preliminary bridge layout.**
 - b. Several months may be required, after the preliminary bridge layout is submitted, for the district to obtain approval and/or permits from the following:
 - i. TxDOT Design Division, when applicable
 - ii. Railroad companies
 - iii. FHWA
 - iv. USACOE
 - v. US Coast Guard
 - vi. Bureau of Reclamation
 - vii. Texas Parks & Wildlife
 - viii. Others
 - c. Therefore, the bridge layout should be submitted at the earliest possible date and the ENGINEER's design schedule should reflect this.
 - d. All Bridge superstructure and substructure design will be reviewed by the TxDOT Design Division for purposes of verifying structural integrity and optimization of design.
 - e. The final bridge layout shall be in conformance with the Bridges and Structures, Operation and Planning Manual and the Bridges and Structures Detailing Manual.
 - f. The ENGINEER shall make final design calculations and final detail drawings in accordance with standard requirements of the Texas Department of Transportation. All bridge design shall be in conformance with the TxDOT Bridges and Structures Operation and Planning Manual, the current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials or American Railway Engineers Association Specifications for railway structures, Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, including applicable interim specifications, and the Bridges and Structures, Foundation Exploration and Design Manual. The ENGINEER shall furnish design calculations to the Design Division. **The designer and checker shall check all calculations and initial each page.**
 - g. Structural steel or prestressed concrete shop drawings, form work drawings and false work drawings are not part of the design requirements. However, contract plans shall be in sufficient detail to permit the preparation of complete shop details for fabrication and erection.
 - h. Elements of the bridge (abutments, bents, slabs, etc.) shall be detailed to a metric scale of 1:20 (1/2 inch equals one foot architect scale) or 1:50 (1/4 inch equals one foot architect scale) to provide clear legible drawings when the drawings are reduced. Lettering shall be a minimum size of 4 millimeters (5/32 inch) height for hand lettering and 140 for lettering by computer-aided design and drafting (CADD).

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- i. Standard drawings for beams, diagrams, railings, armor joints, riprap, etc., shall be furnished to the ENGINEER upon request. These standards shall not be redrawn by the ENGINEER nor shall his title block be transferred to the standard drawings. Modifications to the standards, if necessary, shall be clearly identified and designated by "MOD" in the standard title. Specific special drawings prepared by the ENGINEER shall not be identified as standards.
- j. Bridge layout sheets shall have the same vertical and horizontal scale. Usually a metric scale of 1:100 (1 inch = 10 feet) or 1:200 (1 inch = 20 feet) is used. Sections of existing and proposed structures usually have a metric scale of 1:50 (1 inch = 5 feet). Soil core holes shall be positioned and labeled on the bridge layout plan view. The core hole data shall be plotted at the correct station, at the same vertical scale, and at the proper elevation unless otherwise approved by the Design Division.
- k. APPENDIX C, "GENERAL PLAN CHECKLIST", on pages C-1 thru C-5, more specifically relates various sheet types, details, summaries, standards, etc.
- l. For purposes of uniformity statewide, soil core hole data shall be shown on layouts as illustrated in the Bridges and Structures Foundation Exploration and Design Manual.
- m. Geometry and structural design errors found after acceptance of bridge plans shall be promptly corrected by the consultant at no cost to the Company.

CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES

(Function Code 320)

The ENGINEER will provide engineering, geotechnical testing and support services for and during the construction of the Project or portions of the Project approved by the LPA. Specific (basic and special) services for CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT by the ENGINEER will include the following:

CONSTRUCTION BIDDING:

1. The ENGINEER will furnish the LPA the necessary copies of approved plans, specifications, notices to bidders, and proposals as prepared under PS&E.
2. The ENGINEER will assist the LPA on the tabulation of bids, recommendations to the LPA as to the proper action on all bid proposals received, and the preparation of formal contract documents for the award of each construction contract.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION:

3. In general, the ENGINEER will provide the management and engineering support/data required for consultation and advisement to the LPA and act as the LPA's representative as provided in the General Condition of the Construction Contract.
4. The ENGINEER will coordinate and conduct a pre-construction conference (if required).
5. Defects and Deficiencies. The ENGINEER will use his best efforts to protect the LPA against defects and deficiencies in the work of the Contractor. The ENGINEER will promptly notify the LPA of any such defect or deficiency and take all steps possible to require the Contractor to correct the defect or deficiency.
6. Contractor Payment. The ENGINEER will review quantities as submitted by the Contractor and will coordinate with the LPA for the preparation of the monthly and final estimates for payment to the Contractor.

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7. The ENGINEER will provide Project site inspection of the authorized construction contract as follows:
 - a. Project Engineer. The ENGINEER will provide visits by the Project Engineer or a competent representative of the ENGINEER to the site of construction for the purpose of monitoring the Contractor's progress and conformance to the construction contract plans and specifications.
 - b. Resident Engineer and/or Construction Inspector(s). The ENGINEER will furnish the services of a Resident Engineer and/or Construction Inspector(s) for on the site inspection construction to monitor/inspect the Contractor's daily progress and conformance to TxDOT's PS&E specifications.

MISCELLANEOUS TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES:

8. Shop Drawings. The ENGINEER will review and check all shop or working drawings furnished by the Contractor.
9. Control of Materials & Equipment. The ENGINEER will provide inspection of all materials and equipment furnished/used by the Contractor as follows:
 - a. Review and record all laboratory, shop and mill tests of materials and equipment for compliance with the construction contract specifications.
 - b. Observe and/or perform Project record testing and/or independent assurance testing as outlined in the construction contract specifications.
10. Change Orders. When applicable the ENGINEER will prepare the engineering data, including plan sheet drawings, specifications, and estimates, for the preparation of construction contract change orders, which may be required due to actual field conditions encountered or new requirements directed by the LPA.
11. As Built Drawings. The ENGINEER will develop as built drawings to depict the work as actually constructed. The LPA will be furnished five (5) set of prints.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING:

The ENGINEER will provide the LPA with construction material testing services for the Project. The services to be provided include sampling and testing of all construction materials as required by the project plans and specifications. All sampling frequencies and test procedures will be performed in general accordance with the Texas Department of Transportation TEX methods (or ASTM methods as required) as outlined in the Guide Schedule for Sampling and Testing (11/07). The construction material testing includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Sampling and laboratory testing of soils and base materials proposed for use in the construction of Project (Roads/Bridges/Misc.) to determine compliance of these materials with project plans and specifications.
- b. Field density testing of soils and base materials to ensure proper compaction as required by project plans and specifications.
- c. Field sampling and testing of fresh concrete, and laboratory testing of hardened concrete to determine compliance with project plans and specifications.
- d. Field compaction testing of asphalt to ensure proper compaction during lay down operations.

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- e. Field inspection, sampling and laboratory testing of asphalt materials to determine their material properties and their compliance with project plans and specifications.
- f. The ENGINEER will be responsible for concrete batching as well as the asphalt testing at the plants to insure delivery of acceptable material to the job site.
- g. Any additional laboratory testing as required/requested by the LPA and the project plans and specifications.
- h. Providing accurate and timely reports to the LPA and all/other recipients as designated by the LPA.
- i. The ENGINEER will verify the concrete and asphalt designs to assure it is in accordance with TxDOT specifications to be developed by the contractor.

ROW ACQUISITION PROVIDER SERVICES

(Function Code 600)

The ENGINEER will perform the following tasks associated with ROW Acquisition Services:

- 1. Project Administration
 - a. Negotiation of Scope of Services for the Work Authorization
 - i. The Acquisition Provider will visit the project site with LPA personnel if necessary.
 - b. Project Presence at ENGINEER's Office
 - i. ENGINEER will provide a full project office
 - 1. No joint use of LPA or STATE facilities
 - 2. Office will be open during normal LPA and/or STATE work hours
 - 3. Personnel will be available to answer any questions
 - 4. Project files will always be available for review
 - 5. At least one office staff member is required to be a current commissioned notary public.
 - c. Overhead Costs
 - i. Administrative Costs
 - d. Communication
 - i. ENGINEER will provide monthly progress reports with invoice
 - ii. ENGINEER will participate in project review meetings as determined by the LPA
 - iii. ENGINEER will prepare initial property owner contact list for use by the LPA in distribution of Acquisition Provider introduction letters
 - e. File Management
 - i. The project and parcel files will be kept in the LPA's office, if necessary. Working files will be kept in the Acquisition Provider's project administrative office, but documents generated or received by the Acquisition Provider will be forwarded to the LPA's office as they are generated or received by the Acquisition Provider, if necessary.
 - ii. The ENGINEER will prepare payment transmittal request utilizing standard payment submissions forms with supporting documentation.
 - iii. The ENGINEER will maintain records of all payments including check number, amount, date paid, etc.

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- iv. The ENGINEER will provide copies of all incoming and outgoing correspondence as generated if requested by LPA at provider conference.
- v. The ENGINEER will maintain copies of all correspondence and contact with property owners.

2. Title Services

- a. Secure preliminary title commitments from the Title Company that will be providing title insurance. Cost of preliminary title commitments will be paid by the Acquisition Provider (if requested by the title company) and will be included in the Acquisition Provider's scope of work for payment and paid as a separate item.
- b. Secure title commitment updates in accordance with insurance rules and requirements for parcel payment submissions. Cost of title commitment updates will be paid by the Acquisition Provider (if requested by the title company) and will be included in the Acquisition Provider's scope of work and paid as a separate item.
- c. Secure title insurance for all parcels acquired, insuring acceptable title to the LPA. Written approval by the LPA is required for any exception.

3. Appraisal

- a. Appraiser may be selected from TxDOT's list of state approved fee appraisers. This list will be available for review at all District offices or at the Right of Way Division Office at 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, upon request.
- b. Secure written permission (if necessary) from the owner to enter the property from which land is to be acquired. If the Acquisition Provider and/or the fee appraiser, after diligent effort, is unable to secure the necessary letter of permission from the property owner, a waiver must be obtained, in writing from the LPA/TxDOT. Maintain permission letters with appraisal reports.
- c. Prepare (if necessary) pre-appraisal contact with interest owner(s) for each parcel using acceptable LPA/TxDOT forms.
- d. Contact property owners or their designated representative to offer opportunity to accompany the appraiser on the appraiser's inspection of subject property. Maintain record of contact in file.
- e. Prepare complete appraisal report for each parcel to be acquired utilizing TxDOT Forms No. ROW-A-5 and ROW-A-6 as applicable. These reports shall conform to TxDOT/LPA policies and procedures along with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices.
- f. As necessary, prepare written notification to LPA/TxDOT of any environmental concerns associated with the right of way to be acquired which could require environmental remediation.
- g. All completed appraisals will be administratively reviewed by the ENGINEER's ROW office and recommended for approval for TxDOT.
- h. As necessary, the appraiser will appear and or testify as an Expert Witness in eminent domain proceedings and be available for pre-hearing /pre-trial meetings as directed by the ENGINEER and/or TxDOT.

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- i. As necessary, the appraiser will coordinate with the review appraiser regarding revisions, comments, or additional information that may be required.
 - j. The cost of the appraiser appearing as an expert witness for testimony at special commissioners hearing must be included in the proposed fee schedule for the appraiser. The cost of the appraiser's expert witness testimony for trial is not part of this contract and shall be paid by the LPA.
4. Appraisal Review
- a. Review Appraisers may be selected from TxDOT's list of state approved fee appraisers. This list is available for viewing at all District offices or the Right of Way Division office at 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas upon request.
 - b. Review all appraisal reports for each parcel to determine consistency of values, supporting documentation related to the conclusion reached and compliance with TxDOT/LPA policies and procedures and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices.
 - c. Prepare and submit to TxDOT the Form ROW-RTA-10 "Tabulation of Values" for each appraisal.
 - d. The cost of the review appraiser appearing as an expert witness for testimony at special commissioners hearing must be included in the proposed fee schedule for the review appraiser. The cost of the appraiser's expert witness testimony for trial is not part of this contract and shall be paid by the LPA.
5. Appraisal Updates
- a. Prepare complete appraisal update for the parcel to be acquired utilizing TxDOT Form No. ROW-A-5, which will be furnished to the provider by TxDOT. These reports shall conform to LPA/TxDOT policies and procedures along with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices.
 - b. As necessary, prepare written notification to LPA/TxDOT of any environmental concerns associated with the right of way to be acquired which could require environmental remediation. All completed appraisals will be administratively reviewed by the ENGINEER's Right of Way Office and recommended for approval to TxDOT.
 - c. As necessary, the appraiser will appear or testify as an Expert Witness in eminent domain proceedings and be available for pre-hearing or pre-trial meetings as directed by the TxDOT/LPA.
 - d. The cost of the appraiser appearing as an expert witness for testimony at special commissioners hearing must be included in the proposed fee schedule for the appraiser. The cost of the appraiser's expert witness testimony for trial is not part of this contract and shall be paid by the LPA.
 - e. As necessary, the appraiser will coordinate with the review appraiser regarding corrections and/or additional information that may be required.

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6. Negotiation, Tasks and Fees

- a. Analyze appraisal and appraisal review reports and confirm the TxDOT's approved value prior to making offer for each parcel.
- b. Analyze preliminary title report to determine potential title problems, propose methods to cure title deficiencies.
- c. Prepare the initial offer letter, instruments of conveyance, and any other documents required or requested by LPA /TxDOT on applicable LPA /TxDOT forms.
- d. Mail (Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested) initial offer letter, draft deed, Bill of Rights Brochures and Appraisal Reports to address confirmed with the Appraisal District of Hidalgo County. Maintain follow-up contacts and secure the necessary instruments upon acceptance of the offer for the closing.
- e. Provide a copy of the appraisal report for the subject property exclusively to the property owner or authorized representative at mailing of initial offer. Maintain original signed Receipt of Appraisal. (Unless property owner refuses to sign it).
- f. Respond to property owner inquiries verbally and in writing within two business days.
- g. Prepare a separate negotiator contact report for each parcel per contact.
- h. Maintain parcel files of original documentation related to the purchase of the real property or property interests.
- i. Advise property owner on the Administrative Settlement process. Transmit to TxDOT any written counteroffer from property owners including supporting documentation, and provider recommendation with regard to Administrative Settlements in accordance with LPA /TxDOT policy and procedures.
- j. Prepare final offer letters and documents of conveyance as necessary.
- k. Appear and provide expert witness testimony as an Acquisition Provider when requested.
- l. Meet at the ENGINEER's ROW office once per week as agreed upon with the ROW Acquisition Manager/Administrator.
- m. Provide a monthly progress report per parcel by the last day of the month with invoice.
- n. The ENGINEER shall, as part of this proposal, estimate 10% of the proposed parcels may end up in condemnation. The ENGINEER's ROW staff shall be available for any meeting/hearings as requested by the LPA Attorney.

7. Closing Service Fees

- a. Coordinate with the LPA and Title Company to obtain an updated title commitment along with other Forms and certified copy of the instrument of conveyance necessary when requesting the Parcel Payment from the LPA.
- b. The ENGINEER's ROW staff shall attend closings and provide closing services in conjunction with the Title Company.

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- c. The ENGINEER's ROW staff shall record all original instruments immediately after closing at the respective County Clerk's Office, except for donations which must be forwarded to TxDOT for acceptance by the Texas Transportation Commission.
- 8. Relocation Assistance Services (A separate Work Authorization will be issued once the number of relocations has been quantified, unless noted otherwise)
 - a. The ENGINEER's ROW staff will provide relocation advisory services based on the amount of relocations or displacements identified. The ENGINEER's ROW staff will compute replacement housing supplements (owner occupant and/or tenants).
 - b. The ENGINEER's ROW staff will provide advisory services to business displacements and relocate them effectively.
 - c. TxDOT will review, approve and pay for all relocation costs for On-System projects only.
- 9. Condemnation Support
 - a. Pre-Hearing Support
 - i. Upon receipt of a copy of the final offer, request an updated title commitment for Eminent Domain from the Title Company.
 - ii. Prepare a Bisection Clause for the original set of Legal Descriptions supplied by Surveyor if applicable.
 - iii. Use the information from the Title Commitment to join all interested parties on the necessary forms. Spouses of owners must also be joined.
 - iv. Upon completion of the necessary forms, prepare a packet containing 2 copies each of the following documents: Title Commitment, Negotiator's Reports, Appraisal Acknowledgment, Pre-appraisal Contact Sheet, signed and sealed property description, and plat, Final Offer Letter, any correspondence from the land owner or representatives, along with one copy of the appraisal report. Submit packet to the LPA Office for submission to the LPA Attorney's office.
 - v. Upon receipt of concurrence for the Appraisal Witness, request the update of appraisal.
 - vi. Upon receipt of packet prepared by the LPA Attorney which will include Petition for Condemnation, Lis Pendens, Order Appointing Special Commissioners, Order Setting Hearing, Oath of Special Commissioner, and Notice of Hearings, developed by the LPA Attorney; the attorney shall file the original petition with the LPA Court at Law or other appropriate Court for a cause number to be assigned.
 - vii. The LPA attorney shall file the Lis Pendens including the cause number with the COUNTY Clerk's Office.
 - viii. Upon assignment of a court, the LPA Attorney shall file the Order Appointing Commissioners with the judge retaining a copy of the Order for the files.
 - ix. Following appointment of Special Commissioners by the judge, the LPA shall secure the following documents: Oath of Commissioners signed by the Commissioners, Order Setting Hearing, 2 copies of the Notice of Hearing signed by the Commissioners.
 - x. The LPA shall file all originals with the court and send copies marked "copy" to the ENGINEER.
 - xi. The LPA Attorney shall send a copy of the petition to the Title Company so that the Title Company can make sure the appropriate parties were joined and that no changes in title have occurred.

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- xii. The LPA Attorney shall set the Special Commissioners Hearing after the updated appraisal has been submitted, if there is no change in value. If there is an increase in value, the LPA will approve the new value and the LPA's provider will present a revised offer and a final offer letter and submit a copy of the final offer letter.
- xiii. The LPA Attorney shall coordinate a pre-hearing conference prior to the hearing (the day before or earlier) to discuss facts of the case with the LPA, Appraiser, and Negotiator.
- xiv. After the hearing is set, the LPA Attorney shall serve Notices of Hearing to the indicated parties at least 11 days prior to the Commissioner's hearing. If it is necessary to join the Federal Government, be advised that they have an additional 60 days to prepare for the Hearing.
- xv. Once the notices have been served, the LPA Attorney shall file the original notices with the court and send copies stamped "copy" to the ENGINEER's ROW Office.
- xvi. The LPA's Attorney shall send a reminder letter 2-3 weeks in advance to the LPA Administration offices, Acquisition Provider, the three special commissioners and court reporter concerning Hearing dates.

b. Post Hearing Support (by the LPA Attorney)

- i. For the hearing, prepare the necessary forms and Special Commissioners time sheets and submit forms to the LPA.
- ii. Obtain the signatures of Special Commissioners on the Award of Commissioners and file with the court for the judge's signatures within 48 hours of the Hearing.
- iii. Give timesheets to the Judge. The amount paid to the Special Commissioners is determined by the Judge.
- iv. Obtain and distribute 3 certified copies of the award as follows: 1 certified copy to the title company with a request for a commitment, 1 certified copy to the LPA, 1 certified copy to the ENGINEER with the Commitment to request the warrant in the amount of the Special Commissioners Award.
- v. Send the Commitment and the Award to LPA, along with individual special commissioner's billing requesting the payment for their fees.
- vi. File LPA warrant in the registry of the court. File a Notice of Deposit with the court and send certified copies to each defendant notifying them of the date of the deposit. The Date of Deposit is the Date of Take.
- vii. Take photograph of the interest to be acquired (if necessary) on the day of deposit for relocation verification.
- viii. Send written notices of the date of deposit to the LPA Administration office and all interested parties.
- ix. Appear as Expert Witness as requested. Sub-contractors must also appear as Expert Witnesses as requested.
- x. All acquisition negotiations file indicating all "due diligence" provided by the Acquisition Provider will be directed to the LPA Attorney's office for his further handling in accordance to the Eminent Domain process by the LPA.

10. Compensable Utilities

Utility Accommodation is an integral factor in road construction and design. Coordination of utility adjustments is a necessary function within planning, design, acquisition and construction and requires the administration of property rights issues, utility policy, and reimbursement of eligible utility adjustments. It includes the following tasks:

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- a. Preliminary Design Consultations
 - i. Conduct Field Investigation and review Certificate of Convenience and Necessity boundaries to identify utility providers within the project area. Communications through letter, phone calls and email to establish a contact list. Coordinate data gathering by surveyors and design team. Introduce project to utility providers.
 - b. Field Observations and Verifications
 - i. Provide maps to Utility providers to “redline” and identify conflicts. Coordinate exposures and data collection by surveyor. Provide and confirm utility data on project maps. Order Utility Location Service.
 - c. Exchange of Information with Utility Providers
 - i. Provide project schedule
 - ii. Request schedules for utility adjustments
 - iii. Identify who is responsible for utility process
 - d. Confirmation of Property Interests
 - i. Request Documents
 - ii. Coordination of data on maps and citation of property interest documents
 - iii. Confirm utilities are within easements
 - e. Coordination of Agreements
 - i. Identify utilities that are compensable
 - ii. Determine parties and agreements necessary to complete compensable process
 - iii. Coordinate execution and processing of Standard Utility Agreements
 - f. Utility Meetings Throughout Project Development
 - i. Set up and coordinate utility meetings during planning, design, acquisition and construction phases
 - ii. Attend and participate in meetings by other parties
11. Payment Schedule
- a. Project Administration
 - i. Payment and Milestones
 - 1. Full Project Office
 - a. Lump Sum Basis (assume 1 year project presence)
 - b. Initial payment of 25% upon establishment of a project office with functional phone and utility service
 - c. Remainder paid out in equal monthly installments of 15% starting the following month
 - d. Monthly billing to LPA will be required
 - b. Title Services
 - i. Payment on a Per Parcel basis
 - ii. Milestone will be 100% upon securing initial title commitment
 - c. Appraisal Services
 - i. Payment on a Per Parcel basis
 - ii. Milestone will be 100% upon delivery of complete and acceptable appraisal report

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- d. Appraisal Review
 - i. Payment on a Per Parcel basis
 - ii. Milestone will be 100% upon submission of form ROW-A-10
- e. Appraisal Update
 - i. Payment on a Per Parcel basis
 - ii. Milestone will be 100% upon complete and acceptable appraisal update
- f. Negotiation, Task & Fees
 - i. Payment on a Per Parcel basis
 - ii. Milestones
 - 1. 80% upon presentation of the initial offer
 - 2. 20% upon successful negotiation and all instruments recorded
- g. Closing Service Fees
 - i. Payment on a Per Parcel basis
 - ii. Milestone will be 100% upon recordation of instrument of conveyance
- h. Relocation Assistance
 - i. Payment on a Per Relocation basis
 - ii. Milestone will be 100% upon issuance of a 90-day vacancy letter
- i. Compensable Utilities
 - i. Payment will be by a percent complete

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ADDITIONAL RESONSIBILITIES

EASEMENTS, LETTERS OF PERMISSION, ETC.:

The ENGINEER shall be responsible for delineating easements. The ENGINEER will be responsible for securing the necessary legal instruments.

MEETINGS:

Meetings will be held with the FHWA, State Officials, local governments, property owners, utility owners, railroad companies, other consulting firms, etc., as needed or required by the LPA. The ENGINEER shall coordinate through the LPA for the development of this project with any local entity having jurisdiction or interest in the project (i.e., city, county, etc.).

SPECIFICATIONS, SPECIAL PROVISIONS, SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Use the State's standard specifications or previously approved special provisions and/or special specifications. If a special provision and/or special specification is developed for this project, it shall be in the State's format and incorporate references to approved State test procedures.

PROJECT MANAGER/ENGINEER COMMUNICATION:

The ENGINEER shall designate one Texas Registered Professional Engineer to be responsible throughout the project for project management and all communications, including billing, with the LPA's Director. Any replacements to the ENGINEER's designated Project Manager/Engineer must be approved by the LPA.

Engineering documents produced for the department's engineering projects shall be signed, sealed and dated or CADD sealed in accordance with Administrative Order No. 5-89 and Administrative Circular No. 26-91.

DESIGN RESPONSIBILITIES:

The ENGINEER is responsible for design errors and/or omissions that become evident before, during or after construction of the project. The ENGINEER's responsibility for all questions arising from design errors and/or omissions will be determined by the LPA and all decisions shall be final and binding. This would include, but not necessarily be limited to:

1. All design errors and/or omissions resulting in additional design work to correct the errors and/or omissions.
2. Preparation of design documents and detail drawings necessary for a field change due to design errors and/or omissions.
3. Revision of original tracings to the extent required for a field change due to design errors and/or omissions.

The ENGINEER shall promptly make necessary revisions or corrections resulting from the ENGINEER's errors, omissions or negligent acts without additional compensation. Acceptance of the work by the LPA will not relieve the ENGINEER of the responsibility for subsequent correction of any such errors or omissions or for clarification of any ambiguities.

DOCUMENT AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Data, Plan Sheets, General Notes and/or Specifications provided to the LPA shall be furnished on 8GB USB flash drives. Each 8 GB flash drive shall have a file titled Table of Contents. The Table of Contents shall indicate the locations of files within the directory structure of the documentation.

General Notes and specifications shall be provided in MS Office 2007 format. Plan sheets shall be provided in MicroStation DGN or GEOPAK GPK format. PDF copies of plan sheets shall also be provided.

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Two copies of the documentation shall be provided to the LPA.

If required, the ENGINEER shall provide to the LPA, a CD that contains all the plan sheets for the project. The graphics tape shall be compatible with the LPA's computer system.

CD Tape Required (YES or NO): YES

PROPOSAL TIME:

The time indicated in the proposal and the contract shall include time necessary for reviews, approval, etc.

OFFICE LOCATION:

The ENGINEER will perform all services to be provided under this agreement out of their office located at: 1201 E. interstate Hwy. 2, Mission, TX 78572



EXHIBIT D

WORK SCHEDULE

EXHIBIT “D”
Work Schedule

A detailed work schedule for each **Work Authorization**, identified and more particularly described in Article 7 of this Agreement, shall be prepared by the Engineer to be submitted and approved by the Owner in writing for each Work Authorization. The work schedule will provide specific work sequences and definite review times by the Owner and the Engineer of the work performed.

The Engineer will diligently pursue the completion of each Work Authorization as defined by the milestones and deliverable due dates outlined in each Work Authorization’s associated work schedule.

The Engineer will inform the Owner (in reasonable advance of the delay) should the Engineer encounter delays that would prevent the performance of all work in accordance with the established work schedule.



EXHIBIT E

CONTRACT RATES

TEDSI Infrastructure Group, Inc.
2021-2022 CONTRACT BILLING RATES

CLASSIFICATION	RATE
Principal	\$300.06
Senior Project Manager	\$290.54
Project Manager	\$264.52
Senior Engineer	\$238.07
Project Engineer	\$214.92
Design Engineer	\$181.86
Senior Project Designer	\$155.41
E.I.T	\$148.79
Engineering Technician	\$140.76
Sr. CADD Technician	\$138.87
CADD/GIS Technician	\$115.73
Admin/Clerical	\$111.93



EXHIBIT F

WORK AUTHORIZATION FORM

HIDALGO COUNTY
Professional Engineering Services
Agreement # C-XX-XXXX-XX-XX

WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. _____

THIS WORK AUTHORIZATION is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Professional Engineering Services Agreement No. C-XX-XXXX-XX-XX, incorporated herein by reference, for the “_____” made by and between HIDALGO COUNTY, action herein by and through the Commissioner’s Court, hereinafter called the “**Owner**,” and _____, hereinafter called “**Engineer**”.

PART 1. SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this Work Authorization is for the **Engineer** to provide _____

The **Engineer** is to provide the scope of Services as required by the Agreement with Owner.

The scope of services to be provided by the **Engineer** is identified in **Attachment “A” – “Scope of Services to be provided by Engineer”** attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

PART 2. ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost for services under this Work Authorization is \$ _____. This amount is based upon the costs outlined in the **Attachment “B” – “Fee Proposal”** attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

PART 3. PAYMENT

Compensation and payment to the Engineer for the services established under this Work Authorization shall be made in accordance with the **Professional Engineering Services Agreement No. C-XX-XXXX-XX-XX** between the **Owner** and the **Engineer**.

PART 4. FUNDING

This Work Authorization No. _____ shall be funded through funding source:

Account No. _____

Requisition Number _____ **(MUST BE INCLUDED AFTER CC APPROVAL)**

PART 5. PERIOD OF SERVICE

This Work Authorization shall become effective on the date of final acceptance of the parties hereto, and terminate **upon completion of the scopes of the Work Authorization, within the limits of Agreement No. C-XX-XXXX-XX-XX, provided in this Work Authorization; or on**



EXHIBIT G

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FORM

EXHIBIT “G”
Supplemental Agreement Form

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. _____
TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
C-XX-XXX-XX-XX

THIS **SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT** is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of Article 8 of the Agreement made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, acting herein by and through the **Commissioner’s Court**, hereinafter called the “**Owner**”, and _____, Professional Engineers of, _____, Texas, hereinafter called the “**Engineer**”.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** executed the **Agreement No. C-XX-XXXX-XX-XX** on the day of MONTH, 00, 2022 concerning Professional Engineering Services for Precinct No. ____;

WHEREAS, on the ____ day of _____ 20____, **Owner** authorized a Project Specific Work Authorization for _____ (hereinafter referred to as the “**Project**”); and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend the Agreement to _____.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants provided below, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** agree that said Agreement is amended as follows:

I. Article ____ of the **Agreement**, (article/paragraph title), is revised to

II. All other provisions are unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Engineer and the Owner have caused this Supplemental Agreement to the Agreement for Professional Services to be executed and effective as of the date indicated below.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON MONTH, DAY, 2022.

Agenda Item No. _____ **Executive Office:** _____

ENGINEER:

_____ ENGINEERING

COUNTY:

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

_____, _____

Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNATURES:



Appendix H

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE