



**GLO CONTRACT NO. 22-130-080-E974**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**  
**LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING PROGRAM**  
**NON-RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT**  
**MITIGATION FUNDING**

The **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** (the “GLO”), a Texas state agency, and **HIDALGO COUNTY**, Texas Identification Number (TIN) **17460007176** (“Subrecipient”), each a “Party” and collectively the “Parties,” enter into this Subrecipient agreement (the “Contract”) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (“CDBG-MIT”) program to provide financial assistance with funds appropriated under the Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-123), enacted on February 9, 2018, for necessary expenses for Activities authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, mitigation, and affirmatively furthering fair housing, in accordance with Executive Order 12892, in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from major declared disasters that occurred in 2015, 2016, or 2017 pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.).

Through CDBG-MIT Federal Award Number B-18-DP-48-0002, awarded January 12, 2021, as may be amended from time to time, the GLO administers grant funds as Community Development Block Grants (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 14.228, “Community Development Block Grants/State’s program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii”), as approved by the Texas Land Commissioner and limited to use for facilitating recovery efforts in Presidentially-declared major disaster areas.

**ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1.01 SCOPE OF PROJECT AND SUBAWARD**

**(a) Scope of Project**

The purpose of this Contract is to set forth the terms and conditions of Subrecipient’s participation in the CDBG-MIT program. In strict conformance with the terms and conditions of this Contract, Subrecipient shall perform, or cause to be performed, the Planning Activities defined in **Attachment A** (the “Project”). Subrecipient shall conduct the Project in strict accordance with this Contract, including all Contract Documents listed in **Section 1.02**, below, and any Amendments, Revisions, or Technical Guidance Letters issued by the GLO.

(b) **Subaward**

Subrecipient submitted a Grant Application under the Program. The GLO enters into this Contract based on Subrecipient's approved Grant Application.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract and Subrecipient's approved Grant Application, the GLO shall issue a subaward to Subrecipient in an amount not to exceed **\$100,000.00**, payable as reimbursement of Subrecipient's allowable expenses, to be used in strict conformance with the terms of this Contract and the Performance Statement, Budget, and Benchmarks in **Attachment A**.

The GLO is not liable to Subrecipient for any costs Subrecipient incurs before the effective date of this Contract or after the expiration or termination of this Contract. The GLO, in its sole discretion, may reimburse Subrecipient for allowable costs incurred before the effective date of this Contract, in accordance with federal law.

**1.02 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

This Contract and the following Attachments, attached hereto and incorporated herein in their entirety for all purposes, shall govern this Contract:

- ATTACHMENT A:** Performance Statement, Budget, and Benchmarks
- ATTACHMENT B:** Federal Assurances and Certifications
- ATTACHMENT C:** General Affirmations
- ATTACHMENT D:** Nonexclusive List of Applicable Laws, Rules, and Regulations
- ATTACHMENT E:** GLO Information Security Appendix
- ATTACHMENT F:** Contract Reporting Template

**1.03 GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS**

Subrecipient is deemed to have read and understood, and shall abide by, all Guidance Documents applicable to the CDBG-MIT program, including, without limitation, the following:

- (a) 2 C.F.R. Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards;
- (b) the relevant Federal Register publications;
- (c) the Action Plan;
- (d) Other guidance posted on the Texas General Land Office Disaster Recovery Webpage; and
- (e) Other guidance posted at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/>.

All Guidance Documents identified herein are incorporated herein in their entirety for all purposes.

#### 1.04 DEFINITIONS

“Act” means Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 5301, et seq.).

“Action Plan” means the State of Texas CDBG Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Action Plan. The Action Plan is available on the GLO’s disaster recovery website.

“Activity” means a defined class of works or services eligible to be accomplished using CDBG-MIT funds. Activities are specified in Subrecipient’s Performance Statement and Budget in **Attachment A**.

“Administrative and Audit Regulations” means all applicable statutes, regulations, and other laws governing administration or audit of this Contract, including Title 2, Part 200, of the Code of Federal Regulations and Chapters 321 and 2155 of the Texas Government Code.

“Amendment” means a written agreement, signed by the Parties hereto, that documents alterations to the Contract other than those permitted by Technical Guidance Letters or Revisions, as herein defined.

“Application” or “Grant Application” means the information Subrecipient provided to the GLO that is the basis for the award of funding under this Contract.

“Attachment” means documents, terms, conditions, or additional information physically added to this Contract following the execution page or included by reference.

“Audit Certification Form” means the form, as specified in the GLO Guidance Documents, that Subrecipient will complete and submit to the GLO annually, in accordance with **Section 4.01** of this Contract, to identify Subrecipient’s fiscal year expenditures.

“Benchmark” means the milestones identified in **Attachment A** that define actions and deliverables required to be completed by Subrecipient for release of funding by the GLO throughout the life of the Contract.

“Budget” means the budget for the Activities funded by the Contract, a copy of which is included in **Attachment A**.

“CDBG-MIT” means the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in cooperation with the GLO.

“C.F.R.” means the United States Code of Federal Regulations, the codification of the general and permanent rules and regulations (sometimes called administrative law) published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the federal government of the United States.

“Contract” means this entire document; any Attachments, both physical and incorporated by reference; and any Amendments, Revisions, or Technical Guidance Letters the GLO may issue, to be incorporated by reference herein for all purposes as they are issued.

“Contract Documents” means the documents listed in **Section 1.02**.

“Contract Period” means the period of time between the effective date of the Contract and its expiration or termination date.

“Element A: Planning Process” means Element A of FEMA’s Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide, as amended, which outlines the planning process required of local jurisdictions when developing or updating a local hazard mitigation plan.

“Element B: Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment” means Element B of FEMA’s Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide, as amended, which provides a tool for subrecipients to use in developing a local hazard mitigation plan to demonstrate the factual basis for proposed activities that will reduce losses from identified hazards.

“Equipment” means tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost that equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by Subrecipient for financial statement purposes or \$10,000, as defined at 2 C.F.R. § 200.1.

“Event of Default” means the occurrence of any of the events set forth in **Section 3.03**, herein.

“Federal Assurances” means Standard Form 424B (for non-construction projects) or Standard Form 424D (for construction projects), as applicable, in **Attachment B**, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

“Federal Certifications” means the document titled “Certification Regarding Lobbying – Compliant with Appendix A to 24 C.F.R. Part 87” and Standard Form LLL, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities,” also in **Attachment B**, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

“FEMA” means the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“FEMA Approval” or “FEMA APP” means the status letter issued by FEMA upon approval of the Subrecipient’s HMP, as adopted.

“FEMA Approval Pending Adoption” or “FEMA APA” means the status letter issued by FEMA upon approval of the Subrecipient’s submitted draft HMP.

“FEMA’s Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide” means FEMA’s official source, as amended, for defining the requirements of original and updated local mitigation plans submitted to FEMA by local jurisdictions in order to receive FEMA hazard mitigation project grant funding.

“Federal Register” means the official journal of the federal government of the United States that contains government agency rules, proposed rules, and public notices, including U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Federal Register Notice 84 Fed. Reg. 45838 (August 30, 2019) and any other publication affecting CDBG-MIT funding allocations.

“Fiscal Year” means the period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the State of Texas.

“GAAP” means “generally accepted accounting principles.”

“[GASB](#)” means accounting principles as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

“[General Affirmations](#)” means the affirmations in **Attachment C**, which Subrecipient certifies by signing this Contract.

“[GLO](#)” means the Texas General Land Office and its officers, employees, and designees, acting in their official capacities.

“[GLO-CDR](#)” means the Community Development and Revitalization department of the GLO.

“[GLO Implementation Manual](#)” means the manual created by the GLO for subrecipients of CDBG-MIT grant allocations to provide guidance and training on the policies and procedures required so that subrecipients can effectively implement CDBG-MIT programs and timely spend grant funds.

“[Grant Completion Report](#)” or “[GCR](#)” means a report containing an accounting of all Activities completed under the Project and all information required for final acceptance of deliverables and Contract closeout.

“[Grant Manager](#)” means the authorized representative of the GLO responsible for the day-to-day management of the Project and the direction of staff and independent contractors in the performance of work relating thereto.

“[Guidance Documents](#)” means the documents referenced in **Section 1.03**.

“[Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)” or “[HMP](#)” means the original or updated local hazard mitigation plans submitted by local jurisdictions to the GLO and TDEM in order to receive FEMA hazard mitigation project grant funding.

“[HUD](#)” means the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“[Intellectual Property](#)” means patents, rights to apply for patents, trademarks, trade names, service marks, domain names, copyrights and all applications and worldwide registration of such, schematics, industrial models, inventions, know-how, trade secrets, computer software programs, other intangible proprietary information, and all federal, state, or international registrations or applications for any of the foregoing.

“[Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Program Application Guide](#)” or “[LHMPP Application Guide](#)” means GLO’s guidance that outlines the program requirements of GLO’s LHMPP.

“[Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Program](#)” or “[LHMPP](#)” means the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Program administered by the GLO, in which funds are awarded to Subrecipients to assist them in either developing or updating their local Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP).

“[MID](#)” means “most impacted and distressed,” referencing a geographical area identified by the State of Texas or HUD as an area that sustained significant damage from a major disaster.

“[Performance Statement](#)” means the statement of work for the Project in **Attachment A**, which includes specific Benchmarks and Activities, provides specific Project details and location(s), and lists Project beneficiaries.

“[Planning](#)” means an Activity performed to assist in determining community disaster recovery needs such as urban environmental design, flood control, drainage improvements, surge protection, or other recovery responses. Planning services cannot include engineering design.

“[Program](#)” means the CDBG-MIT program, administered by HUD and the GLO.

“[Project](#)” means the work to be performed under this Contract, as described in **Section 1.01(a)** and **Attachment A**.

“[Public Information Act](#)” or “[PIA](#)” means Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

“[Revision](#)” means the GLO’s written approval of changes to Benchmarks or deliverable due dates, movement of funds among budget categories, and other Contract adjustments the GLO may approve without a formal Amendment.

“[Subrecipient](#)” means Hidalgo County, a recipient of federal CDBG-MIT funds through the GLO as the pass-through funding agency. Subrecipient may also be referred to as “Provider” herein.

“[TDEM](#)” means the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

“[Technical Guidance Letter](#)” or “[TGL](#)” means an instruction, clarification, or interpretation of the requirements of this Contract or the CDBG-MIT Program that is issued by the GLO and provided to Subrecipient, applicable to specific subject matters pertaining to this Contract, and to which Subrecipient shall be subject as of a specific date.

“[Texas Integrated Grant Reporting System](#)” or “[TIGR](#)” means the GLO system of record for documenting and reporting the use of grant funding.

“[U.S.C.](#)” means the United States Code.

## **1.05 INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS**

- (a) The meaning of a defined term applies to its singular and plural forms.
- (b) The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereunder,” and similar words refer to this Contract as a whole and not to any particular provision, section, Attachment, or schedule of this Contract unless otherwise specified.
- (c) The term “including” means “including, without limitation.”
- (d) Unless otherwise expressly provided, a reference to a contract includes subsequent amendments and other modifications thereto that were executed according to the contract’s terms and a reference to a statute, regulation, ordinance, or other law includes subsequent amendments, renumbering, recodification, and other modifications thereto made by the enacting authority.
- (e) The captions and headings of this Contract are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Contract.

- (f) The limitations, regulations, and policies contained herein are cumulative and each must be performed in accordance with its terms without regard to other limitations, regulations, and policies affecting the same matter.
- (g) Unless otherwise expressly provided, reference to any GLO action by way of consent, approval, or waiver is deemed modified by the phrase “in its sole discretion.” Notwithstanding the preceding, the GLO shall not unreasonably withhold or delay any consent, approval, or waiver required or requested of it.
- (h) All due dates and/or deadlines referenced in this Contract that occur on a weekend or holiday shall be considered as if occurring on the next business day.
- (i) All time periods in this Contract shall commence on the day after the date on which the applicable event occurred, report is submitted, or request is received.
- (j) Time is of the essence in this Contract.
- (k) In the event of conflicts or inconsistencies between this Contract, its Attachments, federal and state requirements, and any documents incorporated herein by reference, such conflicts or inconsistencies shall be resolved by reference to the documents in the following order of priority: all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, those included in **Attachment D**; the Contract; **Attachment A**; **Attachment B**; **Attachment C**; **Attachment E**; **Attachment F**; applicable Guidance Documents; and the GLO Implementation Manual. Conflicts or inconsistencies between GLO Implementation Manual and this Contract; any laws, rules, or regulations; or any of the Guidance Documents should be reported to the GLO for clarification of the GLO Implementation Manual.

## **ARTICLE II – REIMBURSEMENT, ADVANCE PAYMENT, BUDGET VARIANCE, AND INCOME**

### **2.01 REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS**

Each invoice submitted by Subrecipient shall be supported by actual receipts, cancelled checks, and/or such other documentation that, in the judgment of the GLO, allows for full substantiation of the costs incurred. Requests for payment must be submitted via the GLO’s Texas Integrated Grant Reporting (TIGR) system of record or as otherwise specified in a Technical Guidance Letter issued under this Contract.

Subrecipient will be paid in accordance with the Contract Budget and the Benchmarks described in **Attachment A**. Failure by Subrecipient to perform any action or submit any deliverable as described in **Attachment A** could result in the GLO placing a hold on further Subrecipient draws, conducting an official monitoring risk assessment, or requiring repayment, in part or in full, by Subrecipient of drawn funds in addition to other remedies provided to the GLO under this Contract.

### **2.02 TIMELY EXPENDITURES**

In accordance with the Federal Register and to ensure timely expenditure of grant funds, Subrecipient shall submit reimbursement requests under this Contract, at a minimum, quarterly.

**THE GLO MUST RECEIVE A REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR AN INCURRED EXPENSE NOT LATER THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS FROM THE DATE SUBRECIPIENT OR ANY OF ITS SUBCONTRACTORS INCUR THE EXPENSE. THE GLO MAY, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, DENY REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS THAT DO NOT MEET THIS REQUIREMENT, ISSUE DELINQUENCY NOTICES, WITHHOLD CAPACITY POINTS ON FUTURE FUNDING COMPETITIONS, IMPOSE A MONITORING REVIEW OF SUBRECIPIENT'S ACTIVITIES, OR IMPLEMENT OTHER CORRECTIVE ACTIONS.**

Subrecipient shall submit final reimbursement requests to the GLO prior to Contract expiration or termination. The GLO, in its sole discretion, may deny payment and de-obligate remaining funds from the Contract upon expiration or termination of the Contract. The GLO's ability to de-obligate funds under this **Section 2.02** notwithstanding, the GLO shall pay all eligible reimbursement requests that are timely submitted.

### **2.03 PROGRAM INCOME**

In accordance with 24 C.F.R. § 570.489(e), Subrecipient shall maintain records of the receipt and accrual of all program income, as "program income" is defined in that section. Subrecipient shall report program income to the GLO in accordance with **Article IV** of this Contract. Subrecipient shall return all program income to the GLO at least quarterly.

### **2.04 SUBAWARD OFFER SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION**

**IF SUBRECIPIENT DOES NOT RETURN THE ORIGINAL SIGNED CONTRACT TO THE GLO WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE CONTRACT TO SUBRECIPIENT, SUBAWARD FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION, IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE GLO.**

## **ARTICLE III - DURATION, EXTENSION, AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

### **3.01 DURATION OF CONTRACT AND EXTENSION OF TERM**

This Contract shall become effective on the date on which it is signed by the last Party and shall terminate on **March 31, 2028**, or upon the completion of all Benchmarks listed in **Attachment A** and required closeout procedures, whichever occurs first. **Subrecipient must meet all Benchmarks identified in Attachment A. Subrecipient's failure to meet any Benchmark may result in suspension of payment or termination under Sections 3.02, 3.03, or 3.04, below.**

Upon receipt of a written request and acceptable justification from Subrecipient, the GLO, at its discretion, may agree to amend this Contract to extend the Contract Period one time for a period of up to two years. **ANY REQUEST FOR EXTENSION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE GLO AT LEAST SIXTY (60) DAYS BEFORE THE ORIGINAL TERMINATION DATE OF THIS CONTRACT AND, IF APPROVED, SUCH EXTENSION SHALL BE DOCUMENTED IN A WRITTEN AMENDMENT.**

### **3.02 EARLY TERMINATION**

The GLO may terminate this Contract by giving written notice specifying a termination date at least thirty (30) days after the date of the notice. Upon receipt of such notice, Subrecipient shall cease work, terminate any subcontracts, and incur no further expense related to this Contract. Such early termination shall be subject to the equitable settlement of the respective interests of the Parties, accrued up to the date of termination.

### **3.03 EVENTS OF DEFAULT**

Each of the following events shall constitute an Event of Default under this Contract: (a) Subrecipient fails to comply with any term, covenant, or provision contained in this Contract; (b) Subrecipient makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or takes any similar action for the protection or benefit of creditors; or (c) Subrecipient makes a materially incorrect representation or warranty in a Performance Statement, a reimbursement request for payment, or any report submitted to the GLO under the Contract. Prior to a determination of an Event of Default, the GLO shall allow a thirty (30) day period to cure any deficiency or potential cause of an Event of Default. The GLO may extend the time allowed to cure any deficiency or potential cause of an Event of Default. The GLO shall not arbitrarily withhold approval of an extension of the time allowed to cure a deficiency or potential cause of an Event of Default. In no event shall the amount of time allowed to cure a deficiency or potential cause of an Event of Default extend beyond the Contract Period.

### **3.04 REMEDIES; NO WAIVER**

Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the GLO may avail itself of any equitable or legal remedy available to it, including without limitation, withholding payment, disallowing all or part of noncompliant Activities, or suspending or terminating the Contract.

The Parties' rights or remedies under this Contract are not intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and each and every right and remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to any other right or remedy given under this Contract, or hereafter legally existing, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default. The GLO's failure to insist upon the strict observance or performance of any of the provisions of this Contract or to exercise any right or remedy provided in this Contract shall not impair, waive, or relinquish any such right or remedy with respect to another Event of Default.

### **3.05 REVERSION OF ASSETS**

Upon expiration or termination of the Contract and subject to this Article:

- (a) If applicable, Subrecipient shall transfer to the GLO any CDBG-MIT funds Subrecipient has in its possession at the time of expiration or termination that are not attributable to work performed on the Project and any accounts receivable attributable to the use of CDBG-MIT funds awarded under this Contract; and
- (b) If applicable, real property under Subrecipient's control that was acquired or improved, in whole or in part, with funds in excess of \$25,000 under this Contract shall be used to meet one of the CDBG-MIT National Objectives pursuant to 24

C.F.R. § 570.208, as identified in the Action Plan, until five (5) years after the expiration of this Contract or such longer period of time as the GLO deems appropriate. If Subrecipient fails to use the CDBG-MIT funded real property in a manner that meets a CDBG-MIT National Objective for the prescribed period of time, Subrecipient shall pay the GLO an amount equal to the current fair market value of the property less any portion of the value attributable to expenditures of non-CDBG-MIT funds for acquisition of, or improvement to, the property. Subrecipient may retain real property acquired or improved under this Contract after the expiration of the five-year period or such longer period of time as the GLO deems appropriate.

#### **ARTICLE IV - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

##### **4.01 SUBMISSIONS – GENERALLY**

Except for legal notices that must be sent by specific instructions pursuant to **Section 8.13** of the Contract, any report, form, document, or request required to be submitted to the GLO under this Contract shall be sent in the format prescribed by the GLO.

**If Subrecipient fails to submit to the GLO any required Program documentation in a timely and satisfactory manner as required under this Contract, the GLO, in its sole discretion, may issue a delinquency notification and withhold any payments, pending Subrecipient’s correction of the deficiency.**

(a) **Audit Certification Form**

Not later than the close of business sixty (60) calendar days after the end of Subrecipient’s fiscal year for each year during the Contract term, Subrecipient must submit a completed Audit Certification Form to the GLO.

(b) **Other Forms**

In conformance with required state and federal laws applicable to the Contract:

- (i) Subrecipient certifies, by the execution of this Contract, all applicable statements in **Attachment C**, General Affirmations;
- (ii) Subrecipient must execute Standard Form 424B, Federal Assurances for Non-Construction Programs, found at Page 1 of **Attachment B**;
- (iii) Subrecipient must execute the “Certification Regarding Lobbying Compliant with Appendix A to 24 C.F.R. Part 87,” found at Page 3 of **Attachment B**; and
- (iv) If any funds granted under this Contract have been used for lobbying purposes, Subrecipient must complete and execute Standard Form LLL, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities,” found at Page 4 of **Attachment B**.

##### **4.02 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Subrecipient shall submit any requested reports to the GLO through the TIGR system as prescribed in **Attachment A** or as specified by the GLO Grant Manager.

#### 4.03 HUD CONTRACT REPORTING REQUIREMENT

HUD requires the GLO to maintain a public website that accounts for the use and administration of all GLO-administered CDBG-MIT grant funds. To assist the GLO in meeting this requirement, Subrecipient must prepare and submit monthly to the GLO a written summary of all contracts procured by Subrecipient using grant funds awarded under this Contract. Subrecipient shall only report contracts as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1. Subrecipient must use the template in **Attachment F** to prepare the monthly reports. On or before the fifth day of each month during the Contract Period, reports summarizing required information for the preceding month shall be submitted through the TIGR system as prescribed in **Attachment F** or as specified by the GLO Grant Manager. Additional information about this reporting requirement is available in published HUD guidance and Federal Register publications governing the CDBG-MIT funding allocation.

### ARTICLE V - FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING, RECAPTURE OF FUNDS, AND OVERPAYMENT

#### 5.01 FEDERAL FUNDING

- (a) Funding for this Contract is appropriated under the Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Division B, Subdivision 1 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018) (Public Law 115-123), enacted on February 9, 2018, for necessary expenses for Activities authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, mitigation, and affirmatively furthering fair housing, in accordance with Executive Order 12892, in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from major declared disasters that occurred in 2015, 2016, and 2017 pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.). The fulfillment of this Contract is based on those funds being made available to the GLO as the lead administrative state agency. All expenditures under this Contract must be made in accordance with this Contract, the rules and regulations promulgated under the CDBG-MIT Program and any other applicable laws. Further, Subrecipient acknowledges that all funds are subject to recapture and repayment for noncompliance.
- (b) **Subrecipient must have an assigned Unique Entity Identifier (UEID). Subrecipient must report its UEID to the GLO for use in various reporting documents.** A UEID may be obtained by visiting the System for Award Management website at <https://www.sam.gov>. **Subrecipient is responsible for renewing its registration with the System for Award Management annually and maintaining an active registration status throughout the Contract Period.**

#### 5.02 STATE FUNDING

- (a) This Contract shall not be construed as creating any debt on behalf of the State of Texas or the GLO in violation of Article III, Section 49, of the Texas

Constitution. The GLO's obligations hereunder are subject to the availability of state funds. If adequate funds are not appropriated or become unavailable, the GLO may terminate this Contract. In that event, the Parties shall be discharged from further obligations, subject to the equitable settlement of their interests accrued up to the date of termination.

- (b) Any claim by Subrecipient for damages under this Contract may not exceed the amount of payment due and owing Subrecipient or the amount of funds appropriated for payment but not yet paid to Subrecipient under this Contract. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as a waiver of the GLO's sovereign immunity.

### 5.03 RECAPTURE OF FUNDS

Subrecipient shall conduct, in a satisfactory manner as determined by the GLO, the Activities as set forth in the Contract. The discretionary right of the GLO to terminate for convenience under Section 3.02 notwithstanding, the GLO may terminate the Contract and recapture, and be reimbursed by Subrecipient for, any payments made by the GLO (a) that exceed the maximum allowable HUD rate; (b) that are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, and regulations; or (c) that are otherwise inconsistent with this Contract, including any unapproved expenditures. **This recapture provision applies to any funds expended for the Project or any Activity that does not meet a CDBG-MIT Program National Objective as specified in the Performance Statement in Attachment A or that is not otherwise eligible under CDBG-MIT regulations.**

### 5.04 OVERPAYMENT AND DISALLOWED COSTS

Subrecipient shall be liable to the GLO for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and/or compliance audit(s) of funds Subrecipient received under this Contract. Subrecipient shall reimburse the GLO for such disallowed costs from funds that were not provided or otherwise made available to Subrecipient under this Contract. Subrecipient must refund disallowed costs and overpayments of funds received under this Contract to the GLO within 30 days after the GLO issues notice of overpayment to Subrecipient.

## ARTICLE VI - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### 6.01 OWNERSHIP AND USE

- (a) The Parties shall jointly own all right, title, and interest in and to all reports, drafts of reports, or other material, data, drawings, computer programs and codes associated with this Contract, and/or any copyright or other intellectual property rights, and any material or information developed and/or required to be delivered under this Contract, with each Party having the right to use, reproduce, or publish any or all of such information and other materials without obtaining permission from the other Party, subject to any other restrictions on publication outlined in this Contract, and without expense or charge.
- (b) Subrecipient grants the GLO and HUD a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for U.S. Government purposes, all reports, drafts of reports, or other

material, data, drawings, computer programs, and codes associated with this Contract, and/or any copyright or other intellectual property rights, and any material or information developed and/or required to be delivered under this Contract.

**6.02 NON-ENDORSEMENT BY STATE AND THE UNITED STATES**

Subrecipient shall not publicize or otherwise circulate promotional material (such as advertisements, sales brochures, press releases, speeches, still or motion pictures, articles, manuscripts, or other publications) that states or implies the GLO, the State of Texas, U.S. Government, or any government employee, endorses a product, service, or position Subrecipient represents. Subrecipient may not release information relating to this Contract or state or imply that the GLO, the State of Texas, or the U.S. Government approves of Subrecipient's work products or considers Subrecipient's work product to be superior to other products or services.

**6.03 DISCLAIMER REQUIRED**

On all public information releases issued pursuant to this Contract, Subrecipient shall include a disclaimer stating that the funds for this Project are provided by Subrecipient and the Texas General Land Office through HUD's CDBG-MIT Program.

**ARTICLE VII - RECORDS, AUDIT, AND RETENTION**

**7.01 BOOKS AND RECORDS**

Subrecipient shall keep and maintain under GAAP or GASB, as applicable, full, true, and complete records necessary for fully disclosing to the GLO, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the United States Government, and/or their authorized representatives sufficient information to determine Subrecipient's compliance with this Contract and all applicable laws, statutes, rules, and regulations, including the applicable laws and regulations provided in **Attachment D**.

**7.02 INSPECTION AND AUDIT**

- (a) All records related to this Contract, including records of Subrecipient and its subcontractors, shall be subject to the Administrative and Audit Regulations. Accordingly, such records and work product shall be subject, at any time, to inspection, examination, audit, and copying at Subrecipient's primary location or any location where such records and work product may be found, with or without notice from the GLO or other government entity with necessary legal authority. Subrecipient shall cooperate fully with any federal or state entity in the conduct of inspection, examination, audit, and copying, including providing all information requested. Subrecipient will ensure that this clause concerning federal and state entities' authority to inspect, examine, audit, and copy records and work product, and the requirement to fully cooperate with the federal and state entities, is included in any subcontract it awards.
- (b) The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the Contract or indirectly through a

subcontract under the Contract. Acceptance of funds directly under the Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. **The Office of the Comptroller General of the United States, the Government Accountability Office, the Office of Inspector General, or any authorized representative of the U.S. Government shall also have this right of inspection.** Subrecipient shall ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through Subrecipient and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.

- (c) Subrecipient will be deemed to have read and know of all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and rules pertaining to the Project, including those identified in **Attachment D**, governing audit requirements.
- (d) At any time, the GLO may perform, or instruct a for-profit Subrecipient to perform, an annual Program-specific, fiscal, special, or targeted audit of any aspect of Subrecipient's operation. Subrecipient shall maintain financial and other records prescribed by the GLO or by applicable federal or state laws, rules, and regulations.

### 7.03 PERIOD OF RETENTION

In accordance with federal regulations, all records relevant to this Contract shall be retained for a period of three (3) years subsequent to the final closeout of the overall State of Texas CDBG-MIT grant, in accordance with federal regulations. **The GLO will notify all Program participants of the date upon which local records may be destroyed.**

## ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

### 8.01 LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

For the duration of this Contract, Subrecipient shall procure and maintain any license, authorization, insurance, waiver, permit, qualification, or certification required by federal, state, county, or city statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by Subrecipient to provide the goods or services required by this Contract. Subrecipient shall pay all costs associated with all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Subrecipient shall pay any such government obligations not paid by its subcontractors during performance of this Contract. **Subrecipient shall maintain copies of such licenses and permits as a part of its local records in accordance with Section 7.01 of this Contract or as otherwise specifically directed by the GLO.**

### 8.02 CERTIFICATIONS FOR INTERLOCAL CONTRACT

Each Party certifies that this Contract is authorized by its respective governing body, as applicable, or is otherwise authorized under procedures for entering into interlocal contracts that do not require the approval of its governing body. Each Party paying for the

performance of governmental functions or services must make those payments from current revenues available to the paying Party. The Parties agree any contractual payment described in this Contract is in an amount that fairly compensates the performing Party for the services or functions performed under this Contract.

### 8.03 INDEMNITY

As required under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, each Party understands that it is solely liable for any liability resulting from its acts or omissions. No act or omission of a Party shall be imputed to the other Party. Neither Party shall indemnify or defend the other Party.

### 8.04 INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Unless Subrecipient is authorized by Chapter 2259 of the Texas Government Code to self-insure, Subrecipient shall carry insurance for the duration of this Contract in types and amounts necessary and appropriate for the Project.
- (b) Subrecipient shall require all contractors, subcontractors, vendors, service providers, or any other person or entity performing work described in **Attachment A** to carry insurance for the duration of the Project in the types and amounts customarily carried by a person or entity providing such goods or services. Subrecipient shall require any person or entity required to obtain insurance under this section to complete and file the declaration pages from the insurance policies with Subrecipient whenever a previously identified policy period expires during the term of Subrecipient's contract with the person or entity, as proof of continuing coverage. Subrecipient's contract with any such person or entity shall clearly state that acceptance of the insurance policy declaration pages by Subrecipient shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the person or entity. **Persons or entities shall be required to update all expired policies before Subrecipient's acceptance of an invoice for monthly payment from such parties.**

### 8.05 ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS

Subrecipient must not assign, transfer, or delegate any rights, obligations, or duties under this Contract without the GLO's prior written consent. Any attempted assignment, transfer, or delegation in violation of this provision is void and without effect. Notwithstanding this provision, it is mutually understood and agreed that Subrecipient may subcontract with others for some or all of the services to be performed under this Contract. In any approved subcontracts, Subrecipient must legally bind the subcontractor to perform and make such subcontractor subject to all the duties, requirements, and obligations of Subrecipient as specified in this Contract. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to relieve Subrecipient of the responsibility for ensuring that the goods delivered and/or the services rendered by Subrecipient and/or any of its subcontractors comply with all the terms and provisions of this Contract.

For subcontracts to which Federal Labor Standards Act requirements apply, Subrecipient shall submit to the GLO all documentation required to ensure compliance. Subrecipient shall retain five percent (5%) of the payment due under each of Subrecipient's

construction or rehabilitation subcontracts until the GLO determines that the Federal Labor Standards Act requirements applicable to each such subcontract have been satisfied.

#### **8.06 PROCUREMENT**

Subrecipient must comply with the procurement procedures stated at 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.318 through 200.327 and all other applicable federal, state, and local procurement procedures and laws, regulations, and rules. Failure to comply with 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.318 through 200.327 and all other applicable federal, state, and local procurement procedures and laws, regulations, and rules could result in recapture of funds. Subrecipient must confirm that its vendors and subcontractors are not debarred from receiving state or federal funds at each of the following web addresses:

- (a) the Texas Comptroller's Vendor Performance Program at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/>; and
- (b) the U.S. General Services Administration's System for Award Management at <https://www.sam.gov/>.

#### **8.07 CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION**

Subrecipient represents and warrants that it will include the following clause in the award and contract documents for every subaward and subcontract and will require subawardees and subcontractors to certify accordingly: "Under Section 231.006 of the Texas Family Code, the vendor or applicant certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate. A bid or an application for a contract, grant, or loan paid from state funds must include the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity submitting the bid or application."

#### **8.08 SUBAWARD AND SUBCONTRACT MONITORING**

Subrecipient represents and warrants that it will monitor the activities of any subawardee as necessary to ensure that the subaward is used for authorized purposes, in compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward, and that subaward performance goals are achieved. Subrecipient represents and warrants that it will monitor the activities of any subcontractor as necessary to ensure that subcontract funds are used for authorized purposes, in compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subcontract, and that subcontract performance goals are achieved.

#### **8.09 EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE**

Any purchase of Equipment or computer software made pursuant to this Contract shall be made in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules, including those defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.313.

In accordance with 24 C.F.R. § 570.502(a), if Equipment is acquired, in whole or in part, with funds under this Contract and is then sold, the proceeds shall be considered program income, as defined in **Section 2.03** above. Equipment not needed by Subrecipient for Activities under this Contract shall be (a) transferred to the GLO for the CDBG-MIT Program or (b) retained by Subrecipient after compensating the GLO an amount equal to the current fair market value of the Equipment less the percentage of non-CDBG-MIT funds used to acquire the Equipment.

#### **8.10 COMMUNICATION WITH THIRD PARTIES**

The GLO and the authorities named in **Article VII**, above, may initiate communications with any subcontractor of Subrecipient, and may request access to any books, documents, personnel, papers, and records of a subcontractor which are pertinent to this Contract. Such communications may be required to conduct audits, examinations, Davis-Bacon Labor Standards interviews, and gather additional information as provided in **Article VII** herein.

#### **8.11 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**

Subrecipient is associated with the GLO only for the purposes and to the extent specified in this Contract. Subrecipient is and shall be an independent contractor and, subject only to the terms of this Contract, shall have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct performance of the details incident to its duties under this Contract. Nothing contained in this Contract creates a partnership or joint venture, an employer-employee or principal-agent relationship, or any liability whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, or obligations of Subrecipient or any other party. Subrecipient shall be solely responsible for, and the GLO shall have no obligation with respect to, the following: the withholding of income taxes, FICA, or any other taxes or fees; industrial or workers' compensation insurance coverage; participation in any group insurance plans available to employees of the State of Texas; participation or contributions by the State of Texas to the State Employees Retirement System; accumulation of vacation leave or sick leave; or unemployment compensation coverage provided by the State of Texas.

#### **8.12 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS**

In the performance of this Contract, Subrecipient must comply, and must ensure the compliance of its subawardees and contracts, with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations, including those listed in **Attachments B, C, and D**, and policies in effect or hereafter established. Subrecipient is deemed to know of and understand all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations affecting its performance under this Contract. In addition, Subrecipient represents and warrants that it will comply with all requirements imposed by the awarding agency concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administrative requirements. In instances where multiple requirements apply to Subrecipient, the more restrictive requirement applies.

### 8.13 NOTICES

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

#### GLO

Texas General Land Office  
1700 North Congress Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Austin, Texas 78701  
Attention: Contract Management Department

#### Subrecipient

Hidalgo County  
505 South Mccoll Road  
Suite. G  
Edinburg, Texas 78539  
Attention: Richard Cortez

Notice given in any other manner shall be deemed effective only if and when received by the Party to be notified. Either Party may change its address for notice by written notice to the other Party sent in accordance with this section.

### 8.14 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

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

### 8.15 SEVERABILITY

If a court of competent jurisdiction determines any provision of this Contract is invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining terms, provisions, covenants, and conditions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated.

### 8.16 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Except as otherwise provided by statute, rule or regulation, Subrecipient shall use the dispute resolution process established in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code and related rules to attempt to resolve any dispute under this Contract, including a claim for breach of contract by the GLO, that the Parties cannot resolve in the ordinary course of business. Neither the occurrence of an event giving rise to a breach of contract claim nor the pendency of such a claim constitutes grounds for Subrecipient to suspend performance of this Contract. Notwithstanding this provision, the GLO reserves all legal

and equitable rights and remedies available to it. **NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE GLO.**

#### **8.17 CONFIDENTIALITY**

To the extent permitted by law, Subrecipient and the GLO shall keep all information, in whatever form produced, prepared, observed, or received by Subrecipient or the GLO, confidential to the extent that such information is: (a) confidential by law; (b) marked or designated “confidential” (or words to that effect) by Subrecipient or the GLO; or (c) information that Subrecipient or the GLO is otherwise required to keep confidential by this Contract. Subrecipient must not make any communications or announcements relating to this Contract through press releases, social media, or other public relations efforts without the prior written consent of the GLO.

#### **8.18 PUBLIC RECORDS**

The GLO shall post this Contract to the GLO’s website. Subrecipient understands that the GLO will comply with the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 552, the “PIA”), as interpreted by judicial rulings and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas (the “Attorney General”). Information, documentation, and other material in connection with this Contract may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the PIA. Subrecipient is required to make any information created or exchanged with the GLO or the State of Texas pursuant to the Contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the PIA, available to the GLO in portable document file (“.pdf”) format or any other format agreed upon between the Parties that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the GLO or the State of Texas. By failing to mark any information that Subrecipient believes to be excepted from disclosure as “confidential” or a “trade secret,” Subrecipient waives any and all claims it may make against the GLO for releasing such information without prior notice to Subrecipient. The Attorney General will ultimately determine whether any information may be withheld from release under the PIA. Subrecipient shall notify the GLO’s Office of General Counsel within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of any third-party written requests for information and forward a copy of said written requests to [PIALegal@glo.texas.gov](mailto:PIALegal@glo.texas.gov). If a request for information was not written, Subrecipient shall forward the third party’s contact information to the above-designated e-mail address.

#### **8.19 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONTRACT**

Amendments to decrease or increase the subaward, to add or delete an Activity as allowed by the Guidance Documents, to extend the term of the Contract, and/or to make other substantial changes to the Contract may be made only by written agreement of the Parties under the formal Amendment process outlined below, except that, upon completion of the Project, the GLO shall formally close out the Project by issuing a closeout letter pursuant to **Section 8.24**. The formal Amendment process requires official request documentation from Subrecipient detailing all provisions to be amended and supporting documentation as required. The GLO Grant Manager will confirm and review the request and, as appropriate, submit the proposed amended language or amount to the GLO’s Contract Management Department for the preparation of a formal Amendment and circulation for necessary GLO and Subrecipient signatures. In the sole discretion of

the GLO and in conformance with federal law, the GLO may approve other adjustments required by the GLO during Project performance through a Revision or Technical Guidance Letter unilaterally issued by the GLO and acknowledged by Subrecipient. Such GLO approvals must be in writing and may be delivered by U.S. mail or electronic mail.

#### **8.20 ENTIRE CONTRACT AND MODIFICATIONS**

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

#### **8.21 PROPER AUTHORITY**

Each Party hereto represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract on its behalf has full power and authority to legally bind its respective entity. If applicable, a resolution, motion, or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of Subrecipient's governing body, authorizing the filing of the Grant Application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative or the designee of Subrecipient to act in connection with the Grant Application and to provide such additional information as may be required. Subrecipient acknowledges that this Contract is effective for the period of time specified in the Contract. Any work performed by Subrecipient after the Contract terminates is performed at the sole risk of Subrecipient.

#### **8.22 COUNTERPARTS**

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

#### **8.23 SURVIVAL**

The provisions of Articles V, VI, and VII and Sections 1.01, 1.03, 3.02, 3.04, 3.05, 8.03, 8.04, 8.09, 8.10, 8.11, 8.12, 8.13, 8.14, 8.16, 8.17, 8.18, 8.19, 8.24, and 8.30 of this Contract and any other continuing obligations of Subrecipient shall survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

#### **8.24 CONTRACT CLOSEOUT**

Subrecipient shall prepare and submit to the GLO for approval a final **Grant Completion Report** confirming final performance measures, budgets, and expenses for all Project Activities within thirty (30) days following the completion of all Activities required under the Contract; however, in no event shall Subrecipient submit the Grant Completion Report later than the date of expiration of the Contract. The GLO will close the Contract

in accordance with 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.344 through 200.346 and GLO CDBG-MIT guidelines consistent therewith.

Subrecipient shall submit a final Budget and actual expenditures to the GLO as part of the Grant Completion Report. The Grant Completion Report shall be in a format prescribed by the GLO and shall confirm eligibility and completion of all Activities performed under this Contract. **FAILURE TO SUBMIT TO THE GLO THE FINAL BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AS PART OF THE GRANT COMPLETION REPORT PRIOR TO CONTRACT EXPIRATION WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE AND DE-OBLIGATION OF ALL REMAINING, UNREQUESTED FUNDS.**

The GLO will notify Subrecipient via official closeout letter upon review and approval of the final Grant Completion Report.

#### **8.25 INDIRECT COST RATES**

Unless, under the terms of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix V, Subrecipient has negotiated or does negotiate an indirect cost rate with the federal government, subject to periodic renegotiations of the rate during the Contract Period, or is exempt from such negotiations and has developed and maintains an auditable central service cost allocation plan, Subrecipient's *de minimis* indirect cost rate shall be set according to 2 C.F.R. § 200.414(f).

#### **8.26 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- (a) Subrecipient shall abide by the provisions of this section and include the provisions in all subcontracts. Subrecipient shall comply with all conflict-of-interest laws and regulations applicable to the Program.
- (b) Subrecipient shall maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts.
- (c) Subrecipient represents and warrants that performance under the Contract will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create an appearance of impropriety. Further, Subrecipient represents and warrants that, in the administration of the grant, it will comply with all conflict-of-interest prohibitions and disclosure requirements required by applicable law, rules, and policies, including Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code, if applicable. If circumstances change during the course of the Contract, Subrecipient shall promptly notify the GLO.

#### **8.27 FORCE MAJEURE**

Except with respect to the obligation of payments under this Contract, if either of the Parties, after a good faith effort, is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this Contract by reason of war; terrorism; rebellion; riots; strikes; acts of God; any valid order, rule, or regulation of governmental authority; or similar events that are beyond the control of the affected Party (collectively referred to as "Force Majeure"), then, while compliance is so prevented, the affected Party's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended, and the affected Party shall not be liable for damages

for failure to comply with such covenant. In any such event, the Party claiming Force Majeure must promptly notify the other Party of the Force Majeure event in writing, and, if possible, such notice must set forth the extent and duration of the Force Majeure. The Party claiming Force Majeure must exercise due diligence to prevent, eliminate, or overcome such Force Majeure event when it is possible to do so and must resume performance at the earliest possible date. However, if nonperformance continues for more than thirty (30) days, the GLO may terminate this Contract immediately upon written notification to Subrecipient.

## **8.28 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

- (a) Subrecipient must ensure that all citizens have equal and ongoing access to information about an Activity or the Project, including ensuring that Activity or Project information is available in the appropriate languages for the geographical area served by Subrecipient. Information furnished to citizens shall include, without limitation:
  - (i) The amount of CDBG-MIT funds expected to be made available;
  - (ii) The range of Activities or projects that may be undertaken with the CDBG-MIT funds;
  - (iii) The estimated amount of the CDBG-MIT funds proposed to be used for activities or projects meeting the national objective of benefitting low-to-moderate income persons; and
  - (iv) If applicable, a clear statement of such and the entity's anti-displacement and relocation plan if any proposed CDBG-MIT Activities or projects are likely to result in displacement.
- (b) Complaint Procedures: Subrecipient must have written citizen-complaint procedures for providing a timely written response (within fifteen [15] working days) to complaints and grievances. Subrecipient shall notify citizens of the location and the days and hours when the location is open for business so they may obtain a copy of these written procedures.
- (c) Technical Assistance: If requested, Subrecipient shall provide technical assistance in completing application under the Project to persons of low and moderate income.
- (d) Subrecipient shall maintain a citizen participation file that includes a copy of Subrecipient's complaint procedures, documentation and evidence of opportunities provided for citizen participation (e.g., public notices, advertisements, flyers, etc.), documentation of citizen participation events (e.g., meeting minutes, attendance lists, sign-in sheets, news reports, etc.), and documentation of any technical assistance requested and/or provided.

## **8.29 PREFERENCE AND PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS**

- (a) To the extent applicable, Subrecipient shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired in the following manner:

- (i) competitively within a timeframe allowing compliance with the Contract's performance schedule;
  - (ii) in a way that meets the Contract's performance requirements; or
  - (iii) at a reasonable price.
- (b) To ensure maximum use of recovered/recycled materials pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.323, information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at the EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guideline Program website, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

### **8.30 INFORMATION AND DATA SECURITY STANDARDS**

Subrecipient shall comply with all terms specified in the **GLO Information Security Appendix**, incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment E**.

### **8.31 CYBERSECURITY TRAINING PROGRAM (LOCAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM)**

If Subrecipient is a local government as defined in Chapter 2054 of the Texas Government Code, Subrecipient represents and warrants its compliance with Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code relating to the cybersecurity training program for local government employees who have access to a local government computer system or database.

### **8.32 DISCLOSURE PROTECTIONS FOR CERTAIN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, CHARITABLE TRUSTS, AND PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS**

If Subrecipient is a governmental entity as defined in Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, Subrecipient represents and warrants that it will comply with Section 2252.906 of the Texas Government Code relating to disclosure protections for certain charitable organizations, charitable trusts, and private foundations.

### **8.33 LIMITATIONS ON GRANT EXPENDITURE**

Subrecipient shall expend funds received under the grant or contract subject to the limitations and reporting requirements similar to those provided by the following:

- (a) Parts 2, 3, and 5 of the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article IX, except there is no requirement for increased salaries for local government employees;
- (b) Sections 556.004, 556.005, and 556.006 of the Texas Government Code; and
- (c) Sections 2113.012 and 2113.101 of the Texas Government Code.

### **8.34 LOBBYING EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION**

Subrecipient represents and warrants that the GLO's payments to Subrecipient and Subrecipient's receipt of appropriated or other funds under the Contract are not prohibited by Sections 403.1067 or 556.0055 of the Texas Government Code, which restrict lobbying expenditures.

**8.35 OPEN MEETINGS**

If Subrecipient is a governmental entity, Subrecipient represents and warrants its compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, which requires all regular, special, or called meetings of a governmental body to be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law.

**8.36 POLITICAL POLLING PROHIBITION**

Subrecipient represents and warrants that it does not perform political polling and acknowledges that appropriated funds may not be granted to, or expended by, any entity that performs political polling, except that this prohibition does not apply to a poll conducted by an academic institution as a part of the institution's academic mission that is not conducted for the benefit of a particular candidate or party.

**8.37 REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Subrecipient represents and warrants that it will submit timely, complete, and accurate reports in accordance with the Contract and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.

**8.38 REPORTING SUSPECTED FRAUD AND UNLAWFUL CONDUCT**

Subrecipient represents and warrants that it will comply with Section 321.022 of the Texas Government Code, which requires that suspected fraud and unlawful conduct be reported to the State Auditor's Office. Subrecipient represents and warrants its compliance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.113, which requires the disclosure in writing of credible evidence of violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, and gratuity and the reporting of matters related to recipient integrity and performance.

**8.39 STATEMENTS OR ENTRIES**

**WARNING: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE CLAIM OR STATEMENT TO HUD MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PENALTIES UNDER 18 U.S.C. § 287, 18 U.S.C. § 1001, AND 31 U.S.C. § 3729.**

Except as otherwise provided under federal law, any person who knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up a material fact by any trick, scheme, or device or who makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation or who makes or uses any false writing or document despite knowing the writing or document to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry shall be prosecuted under Title 18, United States Code, § 1001.

**Under penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 287, 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and 31 U.S.C. § 3729, the undersigned Subrecipient representative hereby declares that he/she has examined this Contract and Attachments, and, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, any statements, entries, or claims made by Subrecipient are true, accurate, and complete.**

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS**