

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Planning and Management Professional Services - Cover Letter

May 19, 2022

Re: Texas General Land Office ("GLO") Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)
Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP)

Dear Service Providers:

Attached is a copy of the Entity's Request for Proposals ("RFP") for planning and management services. These services are being solicited to assist the County of Bee with the development of a new or updated Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. CDBG-MIT funds will be administered by HUD and implemented through the Texas General Land Office fund. These planning activities, and the Hazard Mitigation Plan development and approval oversight is administered by FEMA and implemented through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

The submission requirements for this proposal are included in the attached RFP. Please submit a proposal of services and statement of qualifications to:

ATTN: April Cantu

Bee County Auditor

RFP 21/22-007

111 South St. Mary's, Suite 101

Beeville, TX 78102

The deadline for submission of proposals is 2pm on Friday, June 3, 2022. It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting provider. Bee County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all service providers submitting timely proposals.

Bee County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Section 3 Residents, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals.

Sincerely,

April A. Cantu

RFP for Planning and Management Services

Bee County is seeking proposals from competent planning firm(s) to assist the developing or updating a Hazard Mitigation Action Plan or other planning related activities, funded by FEMA through TDEM under GLO's Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP) program(s). The following outlines the request for proposals.

1. Scope of Work –The successful firm is to provide planning services that meet the planning requirements outlined in 44 CFR Parts 201 and 206 and guidelines issued by the GLO. A mitigation planning subaward must result in a FEMA approved mitigation plan adopted by the jurisdiction(s). The risk assessment and mitigation strategy must reflect current disaster recovery goals and result in FEMA approved planning-related activities (eligible under HMGP only).

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan - Complete a Hazard Mitigation Action Plan for the County of Bee and participants. Services include but are not limited to:

- Documentation of the planning process and public involvement
- Hazard identification
- Hazard mapping
- Risk/vulnerability assessments
- Develop comprehensive mitigation strategy for reducing risks to life and property
- Identify mitigation actions and projects to be considered

Mitigation planning–related activities under LHMPP include but are not limited to (these activities may or may not be eligible under CDBG-MIT LHMPP):

- Updating or enhancing sections of the current FEMA-approved mitigation plan, such as:
 - The risk and vulnerability assessment based on new information, including supporting studies, such as economic analyses
 - The mitigation strategy, specifically strengthening the linkage to mitigation action implementation, with emphasis on available HMA project grant funding
 - The risk assessment and/or mitigation strategy, incorporating climate adaptation, green building, smart growth principles, or historic properties and cultural resources information
- Integrating information from mitigation plans, specifically risk assessment or mitigation strategies, with other planning efforts, such as:
 - Disaster recovery strategy (pre- or post-), preparedness, or response plans
 - Comprehensive (e.g., land use, master) plans
 - Capital improvement or economic development plans
 - Resource management/conservation plans (e.g., storm water, open space)
 - Other long-term community planning initiatives (e.g., transportation or housing)
- Building capability through delivery of technical assistance and training
- Evaluating adoption and/or implementation of ordinances that reduce risk and/or increase resilience

2. Statement of Qualifications- The County of Bee is seeking to contract with a competent planning firm experienced in hazard mitigation planning. Please provide the following information:

- A brief history of the proposing entity, including general background, knowledge of and experience working with relevant agencies.
- Related experience in federally-funded programs.
- A description of work performance and experience with HMGP, including a list of at least three references from past local government clients.
- Describe the service provider's capacity to perform as well as resumes of all employees who will or may be assigned to provide services if your firm is awarded a contract through this solicitation.
- A statement substantiating the service provider's resources of and the ability to carry out the scope of work requested in a timely manner.

3. Proposed Cost of Services - We are seeking a firm fixed-price cost proposal. Please provide your cost proposal to accomplish the scope of work outlined above and for any additional services required to implement the project described in this solicitation. The proposal should include pricing per jurisdiction and must include all costs that are necessary to successfully complete these activities. The County of Bee will consider 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. Contract pricing for services under this RFP will be adjusted if final number of participating jurisdictions differ from the current estimate. Please note that the lowest/best bid will not be used as the sole basis for entering into this contract.

Profit (either % / actual cost) must be identified and negotiated as a separate element of the price of the contract. To comply, the respondent must disclose and certify in its proposal the percentage of profit being used.

4. Evaluation Criteria - The proposal received will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria and using the rating sheet enclosed:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
Experience	50
Work Performance	25
Capacity to Perform	15
Proposed Cost	10
Total	100

5. Submission Requirements

- **Statement of Conflicts of Interest** (if any) the service provider or key employees may have regarding these services, and a plan for mitigating the conflict(s). Note that Bee County may in its sole discretion determine whether or not a conflict disqualifies a firm, and/or whether or not a conflict mitigation plan is acceptable.
- **System for Award Management.** Service Providers should have a current registration in the System for Award Management (<https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>). Service provider and its Principals may not be debarred or suspended nor otherwise on the Excluded Parties List

System (EPLS) in the System for Award Management (SAM). Include verification that the service provider as well as its principals are not listed (are not debarred) through the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov). Enclose a printout of the search results that includes the record date. This clearance information should be included in the service provider's Proposal. The clearance in the Service Provider's proposal must be re-verified prior to award. Federal awarding agencies may relax the timing of the requirement for active SAM registration at time of allocation in order to expeditiously issue funding. At the time of award, the requirements of 2 CFR § 200.206, Federal awarding agency review of risk posed by recipients, continue to apply. Current registrants in SAM with active registrations expiring between April 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021 will automatically be afforded a one-time extension of 180 days. (2 CFR § 25.110).

- **Form CIQ**, (enclosed). Texas Local Government Code chapter 176 requires that any vendor or person who enters or seeks to enter into a contract with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ the vendor or person's employment, affiliation, business relationship, family relationship or provision of gifts that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. Questionnaire form CIQ is included in the RFP and must be submitted with the response.
- **Certification Regarding Lobbying** (enclosed). Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements is included in the RFP and must be submitted with the response.
- **Form 1295**, (enclosed). Effective January 1, 2016, all contracts and contract amendments, extensions, or renewals executed by the Commissioners Court will require the completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties" pursuant to Government Code § 2252.908. Form 1295 must be completed by awarded vendor at time of signed contract submission. Form 1295 is included in this RFP for your information.
- **Required Contract Provisions**. Applicable provisions (enclosed) must be included in all contracts executed as a result of this RFP.

6. Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. Small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms **must** participate in this RFP. If the awarded vendor is a prime contractor and may use subcontractors, the following affirmative steps are required of the prime contractor:

- 1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- 2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- 3) 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;
- 4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- 5) 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.
- 6) **Please choose the MBDA Center that is in closest proximity to your community. Email your RFP to the appropriate center.**

Minority-owned businesses may be eligible for contract procurement assistance with public and private sector entities from MBDA centers:

Dallas MBDA Business Center

8828 N. Stemmons Freeway, Ste. 550B

Dallas, TX 75247

214-920-2436

Website: <https://www.mbdadfw.com>

Email: admin1@mbdadallas.com

Houston MBDA Business Center

3100 Main Street, Ste. 701

Houston, TX 77002

713-718-8974

Website: <https://www.mbda.gov/business-center/houston-mbda-business-center>

Email: MBDA@hccs.edu

El Paso MBDA Business Center

2401 East Missouri Avenue

El Paso, TX 79903

915-351-6232

Website: <https://www.mbda.gov/business-center/el-paso-mbda-business-center>

Email: treed@ephcc.org

San Antonio MBDA Business Center

501 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., Ste. 3.324B

San Antonio, TX 78207

210-458-2480

Website: <https://www.mbda.gov/business-center/san-antonio-mbda-business-center>

Email: orestes.hubbard@utsa.edu

Small and woman-owned businesses may be eligible for assistance from SBA Women's Business Centers:

Dallas Fort Worth WBC

7800 N. Stemmons Fwy., Ste. 120

Dallas, TX 75247

214-572-9452

Website: <https://womensbusinesscenterdfw.com/>

Email: wbcdfw@liftfund.com

WBEA – Women's Business Center

9800 Northwest Freeway, Ste. 120

Houston, TX 77092

713-681-9232

Website: <https://www.wbea-texas.org/womens-business-center>

Email: wbc@wbea-texas.org

LiftFund Women's Business Center

600 Soledad St.

San Antonio, TX 78205

888-215-2373 ext. 3000

Website: <https://womensbusinesscentersa.com/>

Email: wbc@liftfund.com

SBA also provides assistance at Small Business Development Centers located across Texas:
<https://americassbdc.org/small-business-consulting-and-training/find-your-sbdc/>

7. Deadline for Submission – Proposals must be received no later than June 3, 2022 by 2pm. It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting firm.

Please electronically submit your proposal in .pdf format via email to grant.admin@beecounty.texas.gov and submit **3 copies** of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the following address:

Attn: April Cantu
Bee County Auditor
RFP 21/22-007
111 South St. Mary's, Suite 101
Beeville, TX 78102

Proposals must be received by the County no later than 2:00pm on Monday, June 3, 2022, to be considered.

Any questions or requests for clarification must be submitted in writing via EMAIL to the address above at least 3 business days prior to the deadline. Entity may, if appropriate, circulate the question and answer to all service providers submitted proposals.

Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP) Planning and Management Services - Description of Programs

Below is a description of anticipated programs that are eligible for funding through the CDBG-MIT LHMPP Programs funded through the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

The County of Bee anticipates applying for the following programs that require Planning and Management Services:

Applicant: <u>Bee County</u>	
Anticipated Participants include (name each participant): 1. <u>City of Beeville</u> 2. <u>Coastal Bend College</u> 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____	
Anticipated Program	CDBG-MIT LHMPP

CDBG-MIT LHMPP Program Description:

Hazard Mitigation Plan Development: Eligible governmental entities without a valid HMP can apply for funds under this program to develop one. HMPs are prepared and adopted by communities with the primary purpose of identifying, assessing, and reducing the long-term risk to life and property from hazard events. Effective mitigation planning can break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. Developing and approving HMP will allow governmental entities to become eligible and apply for federal and state funding. Although GLO is providing the funding for developing HMPs, the local community will coordinate the HMP development process directly with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:

HMPs must be updated every 5 years in order to maintain eligibility for various funding sources. Eligible governmental entities can apply for funds to update their HMP. Updating an HMP means reviewing and revising the plan to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities. The planning team must identify how, when, and by whom the plan will be updated. Having an up-to-date HMP will allow governmental entities to continue to be eligible and apply for federal and state funding. Although GLO is providing the funding for updating HMPs, the local community will coordinate the HMP update or development process directly with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

This form will be inserted into the RFP Packet.

APPROVED BY:

April A. Cantu

Bee County Auditor

Planning and Management Rating Sheet

Grant Recipient: _____ Program: TxCDBG-MIT LHMPP
#22-130-003-D508

Name of Respondent _____

Evaluator's Name: _____ Date of Rating: _____

Rate the Respondent of the Request For Proposal (RFP) by awarding points up to the maximum listed for each factor. Information necessary to assess the Respondent on these criteria may be gathered either from past experience with the Respondent and/or by contacting past/current clients of the Respondent.

Experience

	<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>		<u>Score</u>
1.	Evidence of developed plans in the State	30		
2.	CDBG, TDEM and/or grant experience	20		
3.				
4.				
Subtotal, Experience		50		
	Comments:			

Work Performance

	<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>		<u>Score</u>
1.	Facilitates completion of activities on schedule	10		
2.	Capacity to complete number and quality maps	5		
3.	Capacity to schedule, coordinate and facilitate workshop meetings	10		
Subtotal, Work Performance		25		
	NOTE: Information necessary to assess the offeror on this criterion should be gathered by contacting past and current clients.			
	Comments:			

Capacity to Perform

	<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>		<u>Score</u>
1.	Experienced planning and management staff within the organization	10		
2.	Experienced GIS staff within the organization	5		
Subtotal, Capacity to Perform		15		
	Comments:			

Proposed Cost

	<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>		<u>Score</u>
	A = Lowest Proposal \$ _____ B = Bidder's Proposal \$ _____ A ÷ B X 20 equals Respondent's Score			
Subtotal, Proposed Cost		10		

TOTAL SCORE

	<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>		<u>Score</u>
☐	Experience	50		
☐	Work Performance	25		
☐	Capacity to Perform	15		
☐	Proposed Cost	10		
Total Score		100		

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Cost of Services: Planning and Management Services

To be completed by proposing firm:

The Entity may apply for all, none, or any combination of the Planning activities listed below and choose one or more service providers to implement its awarded Planning and Management activities.

☐ Hazard Mitigation Plan Development	☒ Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
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CDBG-MIT funds administered by HUD and implemented through the Texas General Land Office fund these planning activities, and the Hazard Mitigation Plan development and approval oversight is administered by FEMA and implemented through the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Grant awards will range from \$20,000 - \$100,000. Application intake began on July 28, 2021 and will be processed for eligibility on a first come, first served basis until July 2027 or until funding is exhausted, whichever is first.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Development - Develop a Local Hazard Mitigation plan that identifies, assesses, and reduces long-term risks to life and property from hazard events, or provide cost share (local match) for funding previously awarded to do the same from FEMA

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - Update a current local Hazard Mitigation Plan that is within 2 years of expiration or provide cost share (local match) for funding previously awarded to do the same from FEMA.

Entity HMG Plan	Total
Hidalgo County	\$73,263.00
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB)	\$45,000.00
Brooks County	\$66,730.00
Grayson County	\$144,900.00
Willacy County	\$80,196.00
Angelina County	\$84,500.00
Nueces County	\$82,350.00
Coryell County	\$112,500.00
Kleberg County	\$80,048.50
Taylor	\$72,000.00
Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority	\$87,752.00
Central Texas Council of Governments	\$230,711.79
Victoria County	\$55,000.00
San Jacinto County	\$52,120.00
Houston	\$49,560.00
Metropolitan Transit Authority of Houston	\$55,069.00
Eastland County	\$125,999.98
San Patricio County	\$85,500.00
Aransas County	\$69,784.49
Kerr County	\$141,233.00
Jasper County	\$65,016.00
Leon County	\$136,000.00
Goliad County	\$104,000.00
Trinity County	\$94,658.76
Live Oak County	\$94,360.00
Duval County	\$127,999.95
Rusk County	\$54,600.00
Van Zandt County	\$77,279.00
Robertson County	\$112,000.00
Harris County	\$269,170.00
Medina County	\$120,000.00
Nortex Regional Planning Commission	\$540,000.00
Tyler County	\$80,100.00
Caldwell County	\$160,000.00
Dallas County	\$173,352.30
San Angelo	\$88,000.00
Atascosa County	\$132,300.00
South Texas Development Council	\$96,000.00
Pecos County	\$96,000.00
South Plains Association of Governments	\$268,349.33
Combes, Town of	\$120,300.00
Sugar Land	\$100,000.00
Hidalgo County	\$173,570.00
Llano County	\$108,300.00
Fannin County	\$153,000.00
Brownsville Public Utilities Board	\$76,067.00
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission	\$220,000.00
Lubbock County	\$232,000.00
Bastrop County	\$144,780.00
Houston County	\$149,750.00

Other considerations:

Insert Certificate of Insurance

**Insert System for Award Management (SAM) record
search for company name and company principal**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

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).

7

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.

Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

The undersigned certifies, 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 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.

(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 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.

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying 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).

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

Printed Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

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

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

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

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

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

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

Type of Federal Action: _____ a. contract _____ b. grant _____ c. cooperative agreement _____ d. loan _____ e. loan guarantee _____ f. loan insurance	Status of Federal Action: _____ a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award _____ c. post-award	Report Type: _____ a. initial filing _____ b. material change
Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____ Prime _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known: Congressional, if known:		If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional, if known:
Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____	
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(To be completed by awarded vendor)

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

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1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party. ☐

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____.

My address _____ (street) _____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip code) _____ (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.
(month) (year)

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS

2 CFR 200.327 Contract provisions. The non-Federal entity's contracts should contain applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards. The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards, as applicable. *Language as of October 18, 2021.

All Contracts

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
>\$250,000 (Simplified Acquisition Threshold)	Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, 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.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (A)
>\$10,000	All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must 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.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (B)
None	Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR 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 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor." 41 CFR 60-1.4 Equal opportunity clause. (b) Federally assisted construction contracts. (1) Except as otherwise provided, each administering agency shall require the inclusion of the following language as a condition of any grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee involving federally assisted construction which is not exempt from the requirements of the equal opportunity clause: The [recipient] hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, the following equal opportunity 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, sexual orientation, gender identity, 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,	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (C) and 41 CFR §60-1.4(b)

sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, 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 consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) 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 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.

	(8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) 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. The [recipient] further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, that if the [recipient] so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract. The [recipient] agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance. The [recipient] further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the [recipient] agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the [recipient] under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such [recipient]; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.	
>\$2,000	Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, 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 (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (D)

	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. 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 (29 CFR 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 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 the Federal awarding agency.	
>\$100,000	Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, 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 (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, 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.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (E)
None	Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient 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 recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 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 the awarding agency.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (F)
>\$150,000	Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award 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 (EPA).	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (G)
None	Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed	2 CFR 200

	on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions 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.	APPENDIX II (H)
>\$100,000	Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must 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 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.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (I) and 24 CFR §570.303
	See 2 CFR §200.323.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (J)
	See 2 CFR §200.216.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (K)
	See 2 CFR §200.322.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (L)
None	The Federal awarding agency must establish conflict of interest policies for Federal awards. The non-Federal entity must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with applicable Federal awarding agency policy.	2 CFR 200.112
None	The Federal awarding agency and the non-Federal entity should, whenever practicable, collect, transmit, and store Federal award-related information in open and machine-readable formats rather than in closed formats or on paper in accordance with applicable legislative requirements. A machine-readable format is a format in a standard computer language (not English text) that can be read automatically by a web browser or computer system. The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity must always provide or accept paper versions of Federal award-related information to and from the non-Federal entity upon request. If paper copies are submitted, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity must not require more than an original and two copies. When original records are electronic and cannot be altered, there is no need to create and retain paper copies. When original records are paper, electronic versions may be substituted through the use of duplication or other forms of electronic media provided that they are subject to periodic quality control reviews, provide reasonable safeguards against alteration, and remain readable.	2 CFR 200.336
None	Contracting with HUB, small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. (a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. (b) Affirmative steps must include: (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists; (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;	2 CFR 200.321

	(3) 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; (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; (5) 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; and (6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (b)(1) through (5) of this section.	
None	Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other non-Federal entity records pertinent to a Federal award must be retained for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or, for Federal awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, from the date of the submission of the quarterly or annual financial report, respectively, as reported to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient. Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities must not impose any other record retention requirements upon non-Federal entities. The only exceptions are the following: (a) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken. (b) When the non-Federal entity is notified in writing by the Federal awarding agency, cognizant agency for audit, oversight agency for audit, cognizant agency for indirect costs, or pass-through entity to extend the retention period. (c) Records for real property and equipment acquired with Federal funds must be retained for 3 years after final disposition. (d) When records are transferred to or maintained by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, the 3-year retention requirement is not applicable to the non-Federal entity. (e) Records for program income transactions after the period of performance. In some cases, recipients must report program income after the period of performance. Where there is such a requirement, the retention period for the records pertaining to the earning of the program income starts from the end of the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in which the program income is earned. (f) Indirect cost rate proposals and cost allocations plans. This paragraph applies to the following types of documents and their supporting records: Indirect cost rate computations or proposals, cost allocation plans, and any similar accounting computations of the rate at which a particular group of costs is chargeable (such as computer usage chargeback rates or composite fringe benefit rates). (1) <i>If submitted for negotiation.</i> If the proposal, plan, or other computation is required to be submitted to the Federal Government (or to the pass-through entity) to form the basis for negotiation of the rate, then the 3-year retention period for its supporting records starts from the date of such submission. (2) <i>If not submitted for negotiation.</i> If the proposal, plan, or other computation is not required to be submitted to the Federal Government (or to the pass-through entity) for negotiation purposes, then the 3-year retention period for the proposal, plan, or computation and its supporting records starts from the end of the fiscal year (or other accounting period) covered by the proposal, plan, or other computation.	2 CFR 200.334

None	CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES ENGAGED IN BUSINESS WITH IRAN, SUDAN, OR FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION PROHIBITED. A governmental entity may not enter into a governmental contract with a company that is identified on a list prepared and maintained under Section 806.051, 807.051, or <u>2252.153</u> . The term "foreign terrorist organization" in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such a term in Section 2252.151(2) of the Texas Government Code.	Texas Government Code 2252.152
>\$100,000	PROVISION REQUIRED IN CONTRACT. (a) This section applies only to a contract that: (1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and (2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity. (b) A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.	Texas Government Code 2271
Option Contract Language for contracts awarded prior to Grant Award	The contract award is contingent upon the receipt of funds. If no such funds are awarded, the contract shall terminate.	Optional
	Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.	42 U.S.C. 6201

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