

## Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering/Architectural Services - Cover Letter

November 3, 2022

Re: Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG MIT-MOD)

Dear Engineering/Architecture Service Providers:

Attached is a copy of the Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for engineering/architectural services. These services are being solicited to assist the County of Bee in its application and project implementation of a contract, if awarded from the GLO's CDBG MIT-MOD program(s). The County is considering applying for such funding to support activities in the Bee County area.

Please note the following changes to the Engineering Scope of Work ("SOW"):

- Initial Engineering and Design Support- Page 6 Item b;
- Initial Engineering and Design Support- Page 7 Item m;
- Engineering and Final Design Support- Page 7 Item b; and
- Contract Management and Construction Oversight- Page 8 Item q

Multiple contracts may be awarded as a result of this solicitation.

The submission requirements for this SOQ are also included on the attached Request for Qualifications (RFQ) form. Please submit a Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") to:

**Bee County Auditor's Office**

**Attn: April Cantu RFQ #22/23-003**

**111 S. St. Mary's, Suite 101**

**Beeville, TX 78102**

**Email to: [grant.admin@beecounty.texas.gov](mailto:grant.admin@beecounty.texas.gov)**

The deadline for submission of SOQs is **2:00 pm on Monday, November 21, 2022**. It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the SOQ is received in a timely manner. SOQs 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 SOQs.

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 SOQs.

Sincerely,



April A. Cantu, County Auditor

## RFQ for Engineering/Architectural Services

The Bee County is seeking to enter into an Engineering/Architectural services contract with a state registered [engineer/architect]. The following outlines this request for qualifications.

### 1. Scope of Work

A sample detailed Scope of Work provided by GLO for CDBG MIT-MOD engineering/architectural services is enclosed in this packet. The Engineering/Architectural contract will encompass all application and project related Engineering/Architectural services to Bee County under its CDBG MIT-MOD program project(s), including but not limited to:

### 2. Statement of Qualifications - The County is seeking to contract with a competent engineering/architectural firm, registered to practice in the State of Texas.

- Public works construction including but not limited to mitigation projects;
- Federally funded construction projects; and
- Projects located in this general region of the state
- **Transmittal letter including:**
  - Brief statement of the firm's understanding of the scope of the work to be performed;
  - Confirmation that the firm meets the appropriate state licensing requirements to practice as an Architect/Engineer in Texas
  - Confirmation that the firm has not had a record of substandard work within the last five years;
  - Confirmation that the firm has not engaged in any unethical practices within the last five years;
  - Any other information that the firm feels appropriate to support their understanding;
- **Company Profile**
- **Experience and Qualifications.** Set forth your experience and qualifications as they relate to the proposed project in terms of technical scope, tasks involved, deliverable products, and other elements of the work as they relate to the evaluation criteria and all requirements of this RFQ including the following:
  - Experience with public works construction including but not limited to mitigation projects;
  - Experience with federally funded construction projects;
  - A list of past local government clients, as well as resumes of all engineers/architects that will or may be assigned to this project if you receive the engineering/architectural services contract award.
- **SAM.gov Registration.** Firms **must have an active registration** with the System for Award Management ([www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov)) AND have been cleared (not suspended or debarred). Provide proof of SAM.gov registration along with your Statement of Qualifications. **See next page.**
- **References.** Each firm must furnish a minimum of five (5) references.

### 3. Evaluation Criteria - The SOQ 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	60
Work Performance	25
Capacity to Perform	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### 4. For this RFQ, Respondent's qualifications will be evaluated and the most qualified Respondent will be selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation.

- **Upon the award of this contract, profit (either %/actual cost) must be identified and negotiated as a separate element of the price for any contract in excess of \$50,000.00.**

### 5. Submission Requirements- the following documents must be included in your SOQ:

- **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 **must have an active 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](http://www.SAM.gov)). 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.** Enclose a printout of the search results that **includes the record date.**
  - **Form Conflict of Interest Questionnaire**, (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 RFQ and must be submitted with the response.
  - **Certification Regarding Lobbying- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities** (enclosed). Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements is included in the RFQ and must be submitted with the response.
  - **Form 1295**, (enclosed). Effective January 1, 2018, 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 the awarded vendor at time of signed contract submission. Form 1295 is included in this RFQ for your information. Form 1295 requires the inclusion of an "unsworn declaration" which includes, among other things, the date of birth and address of the authorized representative signing the form.
  - **Required Contract Provisions** (enclosed). Applicable provisions (enclosed) must be included in all contracts executed as a result of this RFQ.
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 be solicited in this RFQ. 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. Please use the following link: <https://www.mbda.gov/mbda-programs>. Email your RFQ to the appropriate center. If your Center cannot be reached by email, it is strongly recommended that the RFQ be sent to the appropriate center via CERTIFIED MAIL, return receipt requested.**

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](mailto:orestes.hubbard@utsa.edu)

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

U.S. Small Business Administration-  
Dallas/Fort Worth District Office  
150 Westpark Way, Ste. 130  
Euless, TX 76040  
214-572-9452  
Website:  
<https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/tx/dallas-fort-worth>  
Email: dfwdo.email@sba.gov

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** –It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the SOQ is received in a timely manner. SOQs 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 SOQ in .pdf format via email to [grant.admin@beecounty.texas.gov](mailto:grant.admin@beecounty.texas.gov) AND submit 1 original and 4 copies of your statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the following address: Bee County Auditor's Office Attn: April A. Cantu RFQ #22/23-003, 111 S. St. Mary's, Suite 101, Beeville, TX 78102. Proposals must be received by the County no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, November 21, 2022 to be considered. **Please include the RFQ number on the outside of your envelope.**

**Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG MIT-MOD)  
Engineering/Architectural Services - Program Description**

Below is a description of the anticipated program that is eligible for funding through the CDBG MIT-MOD Program(s) funded through the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

The Entity anticipates selecting a respondent for the following programs that require Engineering/Architectural Services:

**CDBG MIT-MOD:** Through the Regional Mitigation Program, Council of Governments Method of Distribution (COG MODs), established in the State of Texas CDBG Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Action Plan: Building Stronger for a Resilient Future, each Council of Governments (COG) region impacted by Hurricane Harvey in 2017 has been allocated funds for hazard mitigation projects;

The Texas Regional Land Office (GLO) encourages prioritization of regional investments with regional impacts in risk reduction for natural disasters;

CDBG-MIT funds shall not be used for programs and projects to provide emergency response services; and

Funds may be used for mitigation activities to enhance the resilience of facilities used to provide emergency response services, provided that such assistance is not used for buildings for the general conduct of government. Each COG will have an allotted time as designated in the COG's Performance Statement from the contract execution to develop a local Method of Distribution (MOD) for allocation of funds to units of local government (cities and counties) and Indian Tribes.

<b>Recipient:</b> <u>BEE COUNTY</u>	
<b>Anticipated Program</b>	Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG MIT-MOD)

*This form will be inserted into the RFQ Packet.*

APPROVED BY

  
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April A. Cantu, County Auditor

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

The Contractor shall provide the following scope of services:

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES REQUESTED**

Providers will help the GLO fulfill State and Federal CDBG MIT-MOD statutory responsibilities related to mitigation and/or recovery for presidentially declared disasters in Texas. Providers will assist the GLO and grant recipients in the completion of CDBG qualified housing or non-housing projects. Respondents may be qualified to provide Engineering services for housing projects, non-housing projects, or both. Engineering services must be performed in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and guidelines issued by the GLO. Providers will be bound to specific terms and conditions found in the sample general terms and conditions.

### **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

Respondents will be required to show the ability to provide all the Engineering services described below. Respondent shall then provide a detailed description of how they meet the requirement, describing their knowledge and experience, as well as providing discrete examples of previous work where applicable.

#### **General Requirements**

- a) Coordinate, as necessary, between subrecipient and its service providers (i.e., Engineer, Environmental, Contracted Construction Company, Grant Administrator, etc.) and GLO regarding project design services.
- b) Provide monthly project status updates.
- c) Funding release will be based on deliverables identified in the contract.

#### **Initial Engineering and Design Support**

Respondents will be required to show the ability to provide all the Engineering services described below:

- a) Assist with the development of grant applications, including, but not limited to cost estimates, preparation of project justification, project maps and accurate project descriptions.
- b) To address needed design in a timely manner for the start of the environmental process. (Milestones and keeping with them must be established to keep in line with The General Land Office contract schedule of 30% plans and design must be submitted to move forward with the *start* of the environmental review process and to keep with the invoicing in a timely manner).
- c) Provide preliminary engineering, investigations, and drawings sufficient to achieve the preliminary design milestone, including at a minimum:
  - i. Cross sections/elevations
  - ii. Project layout/staging areas
  - iii. General notes
  - iv. Special notes
  - v. Design details
  - vi. Specifications
  - vii. Utility relocation designs
  - viii. Construction limits, including environmentally sensitive areas that should be avoided during construction
  - ix. Required permits
  - x. Quantities
  - xi. Estimate of construction costs to within +/- 25%
  - xii. Schedules for design, permitting, acquisition and construction
- d) Design surveying, topographic and utility mapping.
- e) Perform subsurface explorations for project sites, as necessary.
- f) Prepare horizontal alignments/layouts for all proposed project alternatives necessary to fully describe the project scope, anticipated limitations, and potential project impacts.

- g) Recommend value engineering options (alternative design, construction methods, procurement, etc.) that may improve efficiency, expedite the schedule, or reduce project costs for the subrecipient.
- h) Identify, acquire and submit all necessary permits and approvals required for design approval and construction.
- i) Submit all necessary deliverables to the appropriate entity for review and comment. Adjust project and/or design to satisfactorily address any comments, as necessary.
- j) Prepare plans and profiles, including vertical design information for the selected alternative.
- k) Identify and address potential obstacles to project implementation (i.e., pipelines, easements, permitting, environmental, etc.) prior to moving forward with the final design.
- l) Support subrecipient with acquisition or property/servitudes/right-of-way documentation as required by the Entity to facilitate the project, preparing right-of-way surveys and/or property boundary maps and legal descriptions of parcels to be acquired.
- m) For scheduling purposes in the application and then again post-award inclusion of the United States Army Corp of Engineer (USACE) permits needed and all the associated studies to complete these (i.e. wetland determinations, Section 7 ESA review, Historic Preservation-Archeological surveys, etc.) with possible timelines. This has been amended here as a result of the necessity for engineering to handle more complex and in-depth environmental reviews, and that the engineering firm will need these completed before the project moves forward.

### **Engineering and Final Design Support**

Respondents will be required to show the ability to provide all the Engineering services described below as they relate to final design support:

- a) Prepare plans and profiles, including necessary design information for the selected alternative sufficient to achieve all detailed design milestones. Examples include, but are not limited to:
  - i. Cross sections/elevations
  - ii. Project layout/staging areas
  - iii. General notes
  - iv. Special notes
  - v. Design details
  - vi. Specifications
  - vii. Utility relocation designs
  - viii. Construction limits, including environmentally sensitive areas that should be avoided during construction
  - ix. Required permits
  - x. Quantities
  - xi. Estimate of construction costs to within +/- 20%
  - xii. Schedules for design, permitting, acquisition and construction
- b) Provide information to appropriate individuals for the development of environmental fund release reports and to ensure all activities will be eligible for reimbursement. The engineer must provide within three (3) business days' written notification to the Grant Manager and the local government client any proposed changes or revisions to the construction contractor plans or specifications for review by the Grant Manager for conformance with the environmental review record. No changes may be approved and no work may proceed until the changes have been considered, and, if required, a new environmental review or reevaluation has been completed. This includes minor and field change orders.
- c) Identify, acquire and submit all necessary permits and approvals required for design approval and construction.
- d) Provide hard copy, if necessary, reproducible plan drawings and bid documents, in addition to electronic copies to the subrecipient, upon design completion, and as requested during design. Electronic copies should be in the native format (AutoCAD DWG) along with PDF packages and should contain all corresponding references, databases, or files associated with the completed design documents.
- e) Assist the subrecipient and any service provider related to the project with all necessary documentation to ensure compliance with all Program requirements and regulations.

### **Bid and Award Support**

Respondents will be required to show the ability to provide all the Engineering services described below as they relate to bid and award support.

- a) Submit appropriate items and support subrecipient in the development of complete bid package.
- b) Prepare and assist subrecipient in the advertisements for bid solicitation.

- c) Support development and issuance of bid-related documents necessary to complete bid process (e.g., bid proposal form, bid addenda and supporting documentation).
- d) Attend and support subrecipient at pre-bid conference and bid opening.
- e) Support subrecipient with ongoing communication during bid process.
- f) Support subrecipient to complete bid tabulation and evaluation of responses and provide recommendation for award.
- g) Support subrecipient to negotiate and finalize contract documents, including issuance of the Notice to Proceed, in accordance with program and subrecipient requirements.
- h) Support subrecipient in the conducting of a preconstruction conference.

### **Contract Management and Construction Oversight**

Respondents will be required to show the ability to provide all the Engineering services described below as they relate to contract management and construction oversight.

- a) Ensure delivery of subrecipient project in accordance with contract.
- b) Provide ongoing Construction Oversight Reports detailing the status of construction for subrecipient project.
- c) Review all service provider submittals to ensure compliance with construction contract documents and provide recommendations to subrecipient.
- d) Provide periodic and final inspections and tests reports, as required for the project.
- e) Provide on-site supervision and oversight of construction activities at a minimum on a bi-weekly basis or as directed by the GLO or subrecipient.
- f) Review Construction Change Orders and provide recommendation to subrecipient as to appropriate action.
- g) Review invoice/draw requests and provide recommendation to subrecipient as to appropriate action, in compliance with the construction contract documents.
- h) Obtain independent cost estimates for validation purposes, as required.
- i) Review and respond to requests for information/clarification.
- j) Support subrecipient with issue identification and claims resolutions.
- k) Enter all requisite information into the GLO system of record in accordance with established policies and procedures.
- l) Develop a final "as built" report of quantities, drawings, and specifications.
- m) Issue to the subrecipient, for execution, a Certificate of Construction Completion within 30 days of final inspection approval.
- n) Deliver "as-built" drawings to the subrecipient within 30 days of project completion.
- o) Host and/or attend project coordination meetings in person, by phone, or by video conference, which may or may not fall during normal business hours.
- p) Perform other contract management and construction oversight duties as required to ensure success of the subrecipient project.
- q) Engineer must provide written notification to the Grant Manager and the local government client of any proposed changes or revisions to the construction contractor plans or specifications so that their conformance with the environmental review record may be evaluated. No changes may be approved and no work may proceed until the changes have been considered, and, if required, a new environmental review or reevaluation has been completed. This includes minor and field change orders. Emergency changes may be approved on a case-by-case basis with the Engineer providing within two (2) business days written justification(s) for declaring and issuing an emergency change order to the Grant Manager and the local government client. It is paramount that any emergency change order issued by the engineer takes into consideration any change in beneficiaries or environmental review status as a substantial part of the justification(s).
- r) Submit all final invoices within 60 days after contract or work order expiration.

### **Specialized Services**

Respondents will be required to show the ability to provide all the Engineering services described below as they relate to specialized services.

- a) Provide Geotechnical Investigations as may be required for a project.
- b) Provide Site Specific Testing as may be required for a project.
- c) Provide Archeological Studies as may be required for a project.
- d) Provide Planning Studies as may be required for a project.
- e) Provide Feasibility Studies as may be required for a project.
- f) Provide Legal documentation for property and/or easements to be acquired (i.e., field notes, etc.).
- g) Provide Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments as requested.



# Engineer/Architect Rating Sheet

Grant Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

CDBG MIT-MOD

Name of Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rating \_\_\_\_\_

**Rate the Respondent of the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) 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. Respondents proposing to offer specific services (environmental or buyout only) will be scored only on those services.**

**Experience** -- Rate the respondent for experience in the following areas:

Comments

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>	
1. Has previously designed _____ type of projects	20	_____	
2. Has worked on federally funded construction projects	15	_____	
3. Has worked on projects that were located in this general region.	10	_____	
Note: Location for A/E (Architect/Engineer) may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract. 2 CFR 200.321(b)(3)			
4. Extent of experience in project construction management	15	_____	
<b>Subtotal, Experience</b>	<b>60</b>	_____	

**Work Performance**

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>	
1. Past projects completed on schedule	10	_____	
2. Manages projects within budgetary constraints	5	_____	
3. Work product is of high quality	10	_____	
<b>Subtotal, Performance</b>	<b>25</b>	_____	

**Capacity to Perform**

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>	
1. Staff Level / Experience of Staff	5	_____	
2. Adequacy of Resources	5	_____	
3. Professional liability insurance is in force	5	_____	
<b>Subtotal, Capacity to Perform</b>	<b>15</b>	_____	

**TOTAL SCORE**

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Experience	60	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Performance	25	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Capacity to Perform	15	_____	
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>100</b>	_____	

## **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:

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(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 District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFQ) 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., "RFQ-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.

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Approved by OMB  
0348-0046

### Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

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

<b>Type of Federal Action:</b> _____ a. contract _____ b. grant _____ c. cooperative agreement _____ d. loan _____ e. loan guarantee _____ f. loan insurance	<b>Status of Federal Action:</b> _____ a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award _____ c. post-award	<b>Report Type:</b> _____ a. initial filing _____ b. material change
<b>Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b> _____ Prime      _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known:  <b>Congressional District, if known:</b>	<b>If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</b>   <b>Congressional District, if known:</b>	
<b>Federal Department/Agency:</b>	<b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b>  CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
<b>Federal Action Number, if known:</b>	<b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b>  \$ _____	
<b>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b> <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	<b>b. Individuals Performing Services</b> <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
<b>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.</b>	<b>Signature:</b> _____ <b>Print Name:</b> _____ <b>Title:</b> _____ <b>Telephone No.:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____	
<b>Federal Use Only</b>	<b>Authorized for Local Reproduction</b> <b>Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)</b>	



(To be completed by awarded vendor)

<b>CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES</b>		<b>FORM 1295</b>	
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.		<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
<b>1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.</b>		Must file online at <a href="http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/File">www.ethics.state.tx.us/File</a>	
<b>2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.</b>			
<b>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.</b>			
<b>4</b>		<b>5</b>	
<b>Name of Interested Party</b>	<b>City, State, Country (place of business)</b>	<b>Nature of Interest (check applicable)</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Controlling</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Intermediary</b>
<b>5</b> Check only if there is no interested Party.		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>6 UNSWORN DECLARATION</b>			
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_____. <div style="text-align: right;">             (month) (year)           </div>			
_____ Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity (Declarant)			
<b>ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY</b>			

## 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 August 31, 2022.

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 <u>41 U.S.C. 1908</u> , 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	<p>Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under <u>41 CFR Part 60</u>, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in <u>41 CFR Part 60-1.3</u> must include the equal opportunity clause provided under <u>41 CFR 60-1.4(b)</u>, 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 <u>41 CFR part 60</u>, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."</p> <p>41 CFR 60-1.4 Equal opportunity clause.</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>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:</p> <p>During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:</p> <p>(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, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or</p>	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II I and 41 CFR §60-1.4(b)

	<p>national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul>	
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(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 ( <u>40 U.S.C. 3141-3148</u> ). 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 ( <u>40 U.S.C. 3141-3144</u> , and <u>3146-3148</u> ) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ( <u>29 CFR Part 5</u> , "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act ( <u>40 U.S.C. 3145</u> ), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ( <u>29 CFR Part 3</u> , "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.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (D)
>\$100,000	Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act ( <u>40 U.S.C. 3701-3708</u> ). 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 <u>40 U.S.C. 3702</u> and <u>3704</u> , as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ( <u>29 CFR Part 5</u> ). Under <u>40 U.S.C. 3702</u> 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 <u>40 U.S.C. 3704</u> 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 <u>37 CFR § 401.2 (a)</u> 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	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (F)

	"funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of <u>37 CFR Part 401</u> , "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.	
>\$150,000	Clean Air Act ( <u>42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q</u> ) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act ( <u>33 U.S.C. 1251-1387</u> ), 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 ( <u>42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q</u> ) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended ( <u>33 U.S.C. 1251-1387</u> ). 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)
>\$25,000	Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689) - A contract award (see <u>2 CFR 180.220</u> ) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at <u>2 CFR 180</u> 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.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (H)
>\$100,000	Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment ( <u>31 U.S.C. 1352</u> ) - 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 <u>31 U.S.C. 1352</u> . 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)
>\$10,000	A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at <u>40 CFR part 247</u> that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.	2 CFR 200.323
>\$100,000	<i>§135.38 Section 3 clause</i>	

*All section 3 covered contracts shall include the following clause (referred to as the section 3 clause):*

A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.

C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

D. The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.

E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.

F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

G. With respect to work performed in connection with section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i)

	<p>preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).</p>	
None	<p>Section 889(b)(1) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019 NDAA) and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216, as implemented by FEMA Policy 405-143-1, Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services (Interim), prohibit the obligation or expending of federal award funds on certain telecommunication products or from certain entities for national security reasons. Effective August 13, 2020, FEMA recipients and subrecipients, as well as their contractors and subcontractors, may not obligate or expend any FEMA award funds to:</p> <p>Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Procure or obtain;</li> <li>(2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or</li> <li>(3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in <u>Public Law 115-232</u>, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).</li> <li>(ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.</li> <li>(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.</li> </ul> <p>(b) In implementing the prohibition under <u>Public Law 115-232</u>, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment</p>	2 CFR 200.216



	<p>and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.</p> <p>(c) See <u>Public Law 115-232</u>, section 889 for additional information.</p> <p>(d) See also <u>§ 200.471</u>.</p>	
None	<p>As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award. For purposes of this section:</p> <p>(1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.</p> <p>(2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.</p>	<p>2 CFR 200.322(a)(b)(1) (2)</p>
None	<p>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.</p>	<p>2 CFR 200.112</p>
None	<p>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.</p>	<p>2 CFR 200.336</p>
None	<p>Contracting with HUB, small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(b) Affirmative steps must include:</p> <p>(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;</p> <p>(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;</p>	<p>2 CFR 200.321</p>

	<p>(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;</p> <p>(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>	
None	<p>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:</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(c) Records for real property and equipment acquired with Federal funds must be retained for 3 years after final disposition.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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).</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p>	2 CFR 200.334

None	<p>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 2270.0052, 2270.0102, or 2270.0152. In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 2252, Subchapter F, Respondent hereby represents and warrants that it is not a company identified on the lists prepared and maintained under Texas Government Code §§ 2270.0052 (companies with business operations in Sudan), 2270.0102 (companies with business operations in Iran), or 2270.0152 (companies known to have contracts with or provide supplies or services to a foreign terrorist organization). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a company that the United States government affirmatively declares to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan, Iran, or to a foreign terrorist organization, is not subject to contract prohibition under this clause. A company claiming such exemption must submit the official copy of the declaration.</p>	Texas Government Code 2252.152
>\$100,000	<p>PROVISION REQUIRED IN CONTRACT. (a) This section applies only to certain solicitations and contracts. Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code states the following:</p> <p>(a) This section applies only to a contract that:</p> <p>(1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and</p> <p>(2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>(1) does not boycott Israel; and</p> <p>(2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. Section 2271.001(2) of the Government Code defines "company" to be the meaning assigned by Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code, except that the term does not include a sole proprietorship.</p>	Texas Government Code 2271.002
Option Contract Language for contracts awarded prior to Grant Award	The contract award is contingent upon the receipt of federal 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
	The Firm agrees that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, including discrimination in employment, under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.