

# **Construction for Water Installation on Wiloughby Road**

**Bid # 16-066**



**Opening Date  
10/31/2016**

# El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Affidavit

(This form must be signed by an officer, principal, or individual authorized to bind the company under a contract with the County.)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 161 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, ANY VENDOR INVOLVED IN A SINGLE PROCUREMENT EXCEEDING \$50,000 MUST COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED ETHICS TRAINING BEFORE SUBMITTING A BID OR PROPOSAL WITH THE COUNTY OF EL PASO.

Purpose: The stability of democracy depends upon the continuing consent of the governed, which in turn depends upon the trust the electorate holds for its government. The Ethics Commission of the County of El Paso, Texas, in concert with elected county officials, as well as leaders of the various county departments, recognizes the need to maintain the public trust and confidence in the workings of county government and thus adopts this Code of Ethics.

What is a vendor:

Any person or their representative or employee whose goods and services are purchased under the terms of a purchase order or contractual agreement with the county; and any other persons doing business with the County.

Procurement: In advising upon, discussing, recommending, and/or granting any County purchases, bids or contracts, County public servants shall inform themselves about their financial interests, and shall make a reasonable effort to inform themselves about the financial interest of their family members.

County public servants shall excuse themselves from exercising influence, participating in, discussing, recommending, and/or granting of any County purchases, bids, or contracts if they or a family member have a substantial financial interest.

Private Communication: No member of the El Paso County Commissioners Court, County Elected Officials/Department Heads or the El Paso County Hospital District Board of Managers shall permit any vendor, its lobbyists, representative, or employee to communicate with him privately regarding any procurement of items by the County or the Hospital District from the date that the bid, RFP, or RFQ is authorized or released, whichever is first. No private communication regarding the purchase shall be permitted by a member of the Commissioners Court, a county elected official/department head, or

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the hospital district board of managers until the procurement process is complete and a purchase order is granted or a contract is entered into.

Members of the Commissioners Court, county elected officials/department heads and the board of managers shall make a reasonable effort to inform themselves regarding procurements and shall have a duty to inquire of vendors, their lobbyists, representatives, or employees, the nature of the private communication being sought prior to engaging in any communication.

This prohibition against private communication with vendors, their lobbyists, representatives, or employees shall apply to commissioner's court approval of hospital district purchases.

I \_\_\_\_\_ am an officer, principal, or individual  
(Full Name)  
authorized to bind the company, known as

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Company name)

By reading and signing this document, I confirm that I have been trained in the County of El Paso's Code of Ethics regarding Vendors. I understand that any contact by myself or any representative of the company with a County of El Paso official or county employee, other than those shown on the RFP or bid documents shall cause the bid or proposal to be immediately disqualified from consideration of award.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**EL PASO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
800 E. OVERLAND AVE., ROOM 300  
EL PASO, TEXAS 79901  
(915) 546-2048  
FAX: (915) 546-8180**

**Memorandum**

**To:** All Vendors

**Subject:** County Purchasing New Vendor/Bid System & Online Vendor Registration

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The Purchasing Department has implemented its new bid processing vendor notification/registration system. The new system will allow vendors to register and maintain their vendor file real time without the intervention of the Purchasing Department. Vendors will maintain their address information and contact information; as well as the commodity information that the vendor wants to be considered for on County bid solicitations. Vendors will be given a choice of receiving hard copy bid notifications, or electronic notifications to the vendors designated email and/or cellular telephone text number. We hope that the changes will help our vendors receive their solicitations in a more effective and efficient manner that will benefit both the County and the vendor with more timely, accurate, competitive bids.

All vendors wishing to receive or continue to receive bid notifications must register in this new system at [www.epcounty.com](http://www.epcounty.com). /Bids & More/Vendors List. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please contact us at (915)546-2048.

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

The County of El Paso will receive Bids for Construction for Water Installation on Wiloughby Road, Bid #16-066, until 2:00 P.M., on 10/31/2016, at the County Purchasing Department, 800 East Overland, Rm 300 El Paso, Texas 79901 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

**Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:**

### **BASE BID**

**The project consists of but is not limited to the following:**

**The proposed project includes the installation of water service to Wiloughby Road located in the Northwest section of El Paso County. This project consists of installing approximately 2,580 linear feet of 8-inch water line, boring, hydrants, fifteen (15) service meters, valves, pavement repair and all associated appurtenances. Residents will be serviced by the El Paso Water Utilities. place on Wiloughby Road. The project is anticipated to benefit 46 low to moderate-income residents. The proposed improvements will allow the residents of the Wiloughby Road to a first time potable water system.**

**ADDITIVE ALTERNATES – Any additive alternates included in this bid will be prioritized. Based on funding availability, Additive Alternate #1 will be selected first, followed by Additive Alternate #2 and so on.**

Do not contact the requesting department. Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be emailed to: [bidquestions@epcounty.com](mailto:bidquestions@epcounty.com) before **10/25/2016, at 12:00 p.m.** Bid number and title must be on the "Subject Line" of the email. Attempts to circumvent this requirement may result in rejection of the proposal as non-compliant.

Any changes in the specifications will be posted on the County website as an addendum. It shall be the proposer's responsibility to check the website prior to the bid opening date to verify whether any addendums have been posted. Website: [www.epcounty.com](http://www.epcounty.com); Bids and more.

A certified cashier's check, payable to the order of County of El Paso or a satisfactory Bid Bond in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total contract price, executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas and must be included in the bid package.

The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The County of El Paso reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any technicalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the County of El Paso for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or such longer time as may be required by the funding agencies, from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

### **1. BID FORMS**

These Contract Documents include a complete set of bidding and contract forms, which are for the convenience of bidders.

### **2. INTERPRETATIONS OF ADDENDA**

No oral interpretation will be made to any Bidder as to the meaning of the Contract Documents or any part thereof. Every request for such an interpretation shall be made in writing to the County of El Paso Purchasing department. Any inquiry received prior to **10/25/2016** will be given consideration. Every interpretation made to a Bidder will be in the form of an Addendum to the Contract Documents, and when issued, will be on file in the County Purchasing department at least five days before Bids are opened. In addition, all addenda will be posted on the County's website. It shall be the Bidder's responsibility to check the County website to verify if any Addenda have been issued. All such Addenda shall become part of the Contract and all Bidders shall be bound by such Addenda, whether or not received by the Bidders.

### **3. INSPECTION OF SITE**

Each Bidder should fully acquaint him/herself with the existing conditions of the site of the proposed work relating to construction and labor, and should fully inform him/herself as to the facilities involved, the difficulties and restrictions attending the performance of the Contract. The Bidder should thoroughly examine and familiarize himself with the Drawings, Technical Specifications, and all other Contract Documents. The Contractor by the execution of the Contract shall in no way be relieved of any obligation under it due to his failure to receive or examine any form or legal instrument or to visit the site and acquaint himself with the conditions there existing and the County will be justified in rejecting any claim based on facts regarding which he should have been on notice as a result thereof.

### **4. ALTERNATIVE BIDS**

No alternative bids will be considered unless alternative bids are specifically requested by the technical specifications.

### **5. BIDS**

- a. All Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the County of El Paso and shall be subject to all requirements of the Contract Documents, including the Drawings, and these INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. All Bids must be regular in every respect and no interlineations; excisions or special conditions shall be made or included in the Bid Form by the Bidder.
- b. Bid Documents including the Bid, the Bid Guarantee, the Non-Collusion Affidavit and the Statement of Bidder's Qualifications (if requested) shall be enclosed in envelopes (outer and inner), both of which shall be sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Bid Documents", bid number, project name, name of Bidder, and date and time of bid opening in order to guard against premature opening of the Bid.

- c. The County may consider as irregular any Bid on which there is an alteration of or departure from the Bid Form hereto attached and at its option may reject the same.
- d. If the Contract is awarded, the County will award it to a responsible Bidder on the basis of the lowest bid as provided by law and the selected Alternative Bid items, if any. The Contract will require the completion of the work according to the Contract Documents.

**6. BID GUARANTEE**

- a. The Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee, which shall not be less than 5 percent (5%), of the amount of the Bid. At the option of the Bidder, the guarantee may be a certified cashier's check or a bid bond in the form attached. A guarantee or a surety company listed in the latest issue of U.S. Treasury Circular 570 shall secure the Bid bond. No Bid will be considered unless it is accompanied by the required guarantee. Certified cashier's check must be made payable to the order of El Paso County. Cash deposits will not be accepted.

The Bid Guarantee shall insure the execution of the Agreement and the furnishing of the surety bond or bonds by the successful Bidder, all as required by the Contract Documents.

- b. Revised Bids submitted before the opening of bids, whether forwarded by mail, if representing an increase in excess of two percent (2%) of the original Bid, must have the Bid Guarantee adjusted accordingly; otherwise the Bid will not be considered.
- c. Certified cashier's checks or the amount thereof, Bid bonds of unsuccessful Bidders will be returned as soon as practical after the opening of the Bids.

**7. COLLUSIVE AGREEMENTS**

- a. Each Bidder submitting a Bid to a The County for any portion of the work contemplated by the documents on which bidding is based shall execute and attach thereto, an affidavit substantially in the form herein provided, to the effect that he has not entered into a collusive agreement with any other person, firm, or corporation in regard to any Bid submitted.
- b. Before executing any subcontract the successful Bidder shall submit the name of any proposed subcontractor for prior approval in a notarized affidavit.

**8. CONTRACT PRICE QUOTES**

A lump sum quote must be submitted. However, for changing quantities of work items from those indicated by the contract drawings, a breakdown of the lump sum quote into unit prices shall also be provided. These unit prices shall include all labor, materials, bailing, shoring, removal, overhead, profit, insurance, etc., to cover the finished work of the several kinds called for. Any changes shall be processed in accordance with the GENERAL CONDITIONS. The net monetary values of such additive and subtractive changes, if any, shall not increase or decrease the original contract price by more than twenty-five (25%), except for work not covered in the drawings and technical specifications as provided.

9. **CORRECTIONS**

Erasures or other changes in the contractor's bid response must be explained or noted over the signature of the Bidder.

10. **TIME FOR RECEIVING BIDS**

- a. Bids received prior to the advertised hour of opening will be securely kept sealed. The officer whose duty it is to open them will decide when the specified time has arrived, and no Bid received thereafter will be considered under any circumstances.

11. **OPENING OF BIDS**

At the time and place fixed for the opening of Bids, the County will cause to be opened and publicly read aloud every Bid received within the time set for receiving Bids, irrespective of any technicalities therein. Bidders and other persons properly interested may be present, in person or by representative.

12. **WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS**

Bids may be withdrawn on written request dispatched by the Bidder in time for delivery in the normal course of business to the time fixed for opening. The bid guarantee of any Bidder withdrawing his Bid in accordance with the foregoing conditions will be returned promptly.

13. **AWARD OF CONTRACT: REJECTION OF BIDS**

- a. The contract will be awarded to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest Bid complying with the conditions of the Invitation for Bids and applicable law. The Bidder to whom the award is made will be notified at the earliest possible date. The County, however, reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any technicality in Bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in its interest.
- b. The County reserves the right to consider as unqualified to do the work of general construction any Bidder who does not habitually perform with his own forces the major portions of the work involved in construction of the improvements embraced in this Contract.

14. **EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT: PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS**

- a. Subsequent to the award within thirty (30) days after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, the successful Bidder shall execute and deliver to the County an Agreement in substantially the form included in the Contract Documents in such number of copies as the County may require. If the Bidder objects to any provision in the form contract, it should be noted in the bid and suggested alternate language proposed.
- b. Having satisfied all conditions of award as set forth elsewhere in these documents, the successful Bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notice of award, furnish two (2) surety bonds, each in a penal sum of 100% of the amount of the Contract. A ***Performance Bond*** shall serve as security for the faithful performance of the Contract. A ***Payment Bond*** shall serve as surety for the payment of all persons,



firms, or corporations to whom the Contractor may become legally indebted for labor, materials, tools, equipment, or services of any nature including utility and transportation services, employed or used by him in performing the work. Such bonds shall be in the same form as those included in the Contract documents and shall bear the same date as, or a date subsequent to that of the Agreement. The current power of attorney for the person who signs for any surety company shall be attached to such bonds. These bonds shall be signed by a surety company listed in the latest issue of the U.S. Treasury Circular 570 and such surety must be authorized to do business in Texas in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 2253.001 et seq. The penal sums shall be within the maximum specified for such company in said Circular 570.

- c. The failure of the successful Bidder to execute such Agreement and to supply the required bond or bonds within thirty (30) days after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, or within such extended period as the County may grant, based upon reasons determined sufficient by the County, shall constitute a default, and the County may either award the Contract to the next lowest responsible Bidder or re-advertise for Bids, and may charge against the Bidder the difference between the amount of the Bid and the amount for which a Contract for the work is subsequently executed, irrespective of whether the amount thus due exceeds the amount of the Bid Bond. If a more favorable Bid is received by re-advertising the defaulting Bidder shall have no claim against the County for a refund.

**15. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirement for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

## CONTRACT AGREEMENT

WITNESSETH, that the Contractor and The County for the considerations stated herein mutually agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. Statement of Work** The Contractor shall furnish all supervision, technical personnel, labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and services, including utility and transportation services, and perform and complete all work required for the construction of the Improvements embraced in the Project, namely, as described in the BASE BID, and required supplemental work for the Construction for Water Installation on Wiloughby Road, all in strict accordance with the Contract Documents including all addenda thereto, numbered, dated \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_, all as prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ acting and in these Contract Documents Preparation, referred to as the "Engineer".

**ARTICLE 2. The Contract Price** The County will pay the Contractor for the performance of the Contract in current funds, for the total quantities of work performed at the Contract price stipulated in the Bid for the several respective items of work completed subject to additions and deductions as provided in Fixed Price Construction Contract.

**ARTICLE 3. CONTRACT.** The executed contract documents shall consist of the following:

- a. This Agreement
- b. Addenda
- c. Invitation for Bids
- d. Instructions to Bidders
- e. Signed copy of Bid
- f. General Conditions
- g. Technical Specifications
- h. Drawings (as listed in the Schedule of Drawings)
- i. Prevailing wage rates
- j. Fixed Price Construction Contract (see sample contract included in this bid)

This Agreement, together with other documents enumerated in this ARTICLE 3, which said other documents are fully a part of the Contract as if hereto attached or herein repeated forms the Contract between the parties hereto. In the event that any provision in any component part of this Contract conflicts with any provision of any other component part, the provision of the component part first enumerated in this ARTICLE 3 shall govern, except as otherwise specifically stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed in 4 original copies on the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_ By  
\_\_\_\_\_ Title

\_\_\_\_\_ By  
\_\_\_\_\_ Title

**BID FORM (LUMP SUM CONTRACT)**

Place County of El Paso Purchasing Department

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Project No. 16-066

Proposal of \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter called Bidder), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_/a partnership/an individual doing business as \_\_\_\_\_(strike out inapplicable references) and authorized to do business in Texas.

To the County of El Paso (hereinafter called Owner).

Gentlemen:

The Bidder, in compliance with your invitation for bids for the construction of the Construction for Water Installation on Wiloughby Road that consists of the following:

The project consists of but is not limited to the following:

**The proposed project includes the installation of water service to Wiloughby Road located in the Northwest section of El Paso County. This project consists of installing approximately 2,580 linear feet of 8-inch water line, boring, hydrants, fifteen (15) service meters, valves, pavement repair and all associated appurtenances. Residents will be serviced by the El Paso Water Utilities. place on Wiloughby Road. The project is anticipated to benefit 46 low to moderate-income residents. The proposed improvements will allow the residents of the Wiloughby Road to a first time potable water system.**

having examined the plans and specifications with related documents and the site of the proposed work, and being familiar with all of the conditions surrounding the construction of the proposed project including the availability of materials and labor, hereby proposes to furnish all labor, materials, and supplies: and to construct the project in accordance with the Contract Documents within the time set forth herein, and at the prices stated below. These prices are to cover all expenses incurred in performing the work required under the Contract Documents, of which this proposal is a part.

Bidder hereby agrees to commence work under this contract on or before a date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed: of the Owner and to fully complete the project within **120** consecutive calendar days thereafter as stipulated in the specifications. Bidder further agrees to pay as liquidated damages, the sum of **\$750.00** for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as hereinafter provided in the GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Date	Addendum Number
_____	_____
_____	_____

**UNIT PRICES**

For changing quantities of work items from those indicated by the contract drawings upon written instructions from the architect/engineer, the following unit prices shall prevail:

The above unit prices shall include all labor, materials, bailing, shoring, removal, overhead, profit, insurance, etc., to cover the finished work of the several kinds called for. Changes shall be processed in accordance with the GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Bidder understands that the Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities in the bidding.

The bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids.

Upon receipt of Owner's written acceptance of this bid, Bidder will execute the formal contract attached within 10 days and deliver a Surety Bond as required by the GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The bid security attached in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) is to become the property of the Owner in the event the contract and bond are not executed within the time above set forth, as liquidated damages for the delay and additional expense to the Owner caused thereby.

Respectfully submitted:

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

**PRICE SHEET**

**Bid# 16-066**

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**UNIT PRICE SCHEDULE BASE BID I:**

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity</u>		<u>Brief Description of Item With Unit Bid Price in Words</u>	<u>Unit Bid Price In Figures</u>	<u>Amount In Figures</u>
1.	2758	LF	Furnish and Install 8-Inch C-900 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Water Pipe Installed with Fittings, Valves, and Accessories; Complete in Place; The sum of  _____ Dollars and _____ Cents per linear foot.	\$ _____	\$ _____
2.	380	LF	Furnish and Install 16-Inch Steel Casing Using Jacking and Boring Method, with Spacers and End Seals, Complete in Place; the sum of  _____ Dollars and _____ Cents per linear foot.	\$ _____	\$ _____
3.	19	EA	Install NEW 3/4-Inch Water Services with Fittings, Valves, Meter Box, and Accessories; Complete in Place; the sum of  _____ Dollars and _____ Cents per each.	\$ _____	\$ _____
4.	1	EA	Install NEW Fire Hydrant Assembly; Complete with Fittings, Valves and Accessories; the sum of  _____ Dollars and _____ Cents per each.	\$ _____	\$ _____
5.	2758	LF	Trench Safety System ( <i>Trench Box, Shoring or Bracing Methods</i> ), Complete in Place; the sum of  _____ Dollars and _____ Cents per linear foot.	\$ _____	\$ _____

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6.	2000 LB	Additional Fittings, the sum of _____ Dollars and _____ Cents per pound.	\$ _____	\$ _____
7.	10750 SF	Patch Pavement Cut and Restoration With 2-Inch HMAC, as per City of El Paso Specifications; Complete in Place; the sum of _____ Dollars and _____ Cents per square foot.	\$ _____	\$ _____
8.	398 CY	Cement Stabilized Backfill (2-Sack); Under Patch Pavement; as per City Specifications; Complete in Place; the sum of _____ Dollars and _____ Cents per cubic yard.	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>BASE BID I: ON-SITE WATER MAIN INSTALLATION FOR WILOUGHBY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL (1-8)</b>				\$ _____

*Note: The Unit Prices for Base Bid I will be considered in determining the low responsive/responsible bid and for changing quantities of work items indicated by the Contract Drawings upon written instructions from El Paso Water Utilities through the City of El Paso Engineering Department.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Tax Identification No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DUNS Number (Applicable to Grant Funded Project)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Name & Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number include area code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number include area code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

**BID BOND**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we the undersigned, as PRINCIPAL, AND \_\_\_\_\_, as SURETY are held and firmly bound unto hereinafter called the "El Paso County", in the penal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars, (\$\_\_\_\_\_), lawful money of the United States, for the payment for which sum well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that whereas the Principal has submitted the accompanying Bid, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, for Construction for Water Installation on Wiloughby Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal shall not withdraw said Bid within the period specified therein after the opening of the same, or, if no period be specified, within thirty (30) days after the said opening, and shall within the period specified therefore, or if no period by specified, within ten (10) days after the prescribed forms are presented to him for signature, enter into a written Contract with the The County in accordance with the Bid as accepted, and give bond with good and sufficient surety or sureties, as may be required, for the faithful performance and proper fulfillment of such contract or in the event of the withdrawal of said Bid within the period specified, or the failure to enter into such Contract and give such bond within the time specified, if the Principal shall pay the The County the difference between the amount specified in said Bid and the amount for which the The County may procure the required work or supplies or both, if the latter be in excess of the former, then the above obligation shall be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-bounded parties have executed this instrument under their several seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day of, 20\_\_\_\_, the name and corporate seal of each corporate party being hereto affixed and these present signed by its undersigned representative, pursuant to authority of its governing body.

(Forms of Bid Bonds prepared to meet the requirements of Local or State Laws or the needs of the The County should be substituted for this form where necessary.)

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Countersigned By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney-in-Fact, State of \_\_\_\_\_

Power-of-Attorney for person signing for the surety company must be attached to bond.



**If Bidder is a Corporate, required: CERTIFICATE AS TO CORPORATE PRINCIPAL**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am the, \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of the Corporation named as Principal in the within bond; that, who signed the said bond on behalf of the Principal was then \_\_\_\_\_ of said corporation; that I know his signature, and his signature thereto is genuine; and that said bond was duly signed, sealed, and attested to for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of this governing body.

\_\_\_\_\_(Corporate Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_Title

# PAYMENT BOND

\_\_\_\_\_, as surety ("Surety"),  
*(Insert Proper Name of Surety)*

and \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Insert Proper Name of Contractor)*

as principal ("Contractor"), enter into, execute this bond ("Payment Bond"), and bind

themselves in favor of \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Insert Proper Name of Owner)*

as obligee ("Owner") in the penal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Insert Penal Sum)*

as of the \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Insert Date of Construction Contract)*

WHEREAS, the Contractor has executed a contract with the Owner of even date  
herewith ("Construction Contract") for construction of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Insert Description and Location of the Construction Project)*

("Project"); and,

WHEREAS, the Owner has required the Contractor to furnish this Payment Bond containing the terms and conditions set forth herein as a condition to executing the Construction Contract with the Contractor;

NOW THEREFORE, the Surety and the Contractor, both jointly and severally, and for themselves, their heirs, administrators, executors and successors agree:

1.

The Construction Contract is hereby incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof to the same extent and effect as though it were copied verbatim herein. The Surety and the Contractor are bound for the full performance of the Construction Contract including without exception all of its terms and conditions, both express and implied, and, without limitation, specifically including Contractor's obligation to pay for labor, materials, services and equipment provided in connection with the Construction Contract performance;

2.

For purposes of this Payment Bond, Beneficiary is defined as a person or entity who has actually provided labor, material, equipment, services or other items for use in furtherance of the Construction Contract, and having:

(A) a direct contract with the Contractor; or

(B) a direct contract with a subcontractor of the Contractor; or

(C) rights, under the laws of the jurisdiction where the Project is located, to file a lien, a claim or notice of lien, or otherwise make a claim against the Project or against funds held by the Owner, if the Project is, or were, subject to such filing.

3.

The Surety shall not be obligated hereunder to a Beneficiary other than a Beneficiary having a direct contract with the Contractor unless such Beneficiary has given written notice of its claim to the Contractor and the Surety within the longer of:

(A) ninety (90) days after such Beneficiary provided labor, material, equipment, services or other items for use in furtherance of the Construction Contract; or,

(B) the period of time provided by the jurisdiction wherein the Project is located for (1) filing of a lien, claim of lien, notice of lien, if the Project is, or were, subject to such filing, or (2) otherwise making a claim against the Project or against funds held by the Owner; stating the amount claimed and identifying, by name and address, the person or entity to whom such labor, material, equipment, services or other items were provided.

4.

In no event shall the Surety be obligated hereunder for sums in excess of the Penal Sum.

5.

Upon receipt of a claim from a Beneficiary hereunder, the Surety shall promptly, and in no event later than 30 days after receipt of such claim, respond to such claim in writing (furnishing a copy of such response to the Owner) by:

(A) making payment of all sums not in dispute; and,

(B) stating the basis for disputing any sums not paid.

6.

No action shall be commenced by a Beneficiary hereunder after the passage of the longer of one (1) year following final completion of the Construction Contract or, if this bond is provided in compliance with applicable law, any limitation period provided therein. If the limitation period contained in this Paragraph is unenforceable, it shall be deemed amended to provide the minimum period for an action against the Surety on a payment bond by a third-party beneficiary thereof.

7.

Any and all notices to the Surety or the Contractor shall be given by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to the address set forth for each party below:

SURETY:

CONTRACTOR:

OWNER:

CONTRACTOR:

SURETY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SEAL  
(INSERT PROPER NAME OF CONTRACTOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SEAL  
(INSERT PROPER NAME OF SURETY)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(OFFICE OR TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING)

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# PERFORMANCE BOND

\_\_\_\_\_ as ("Surety"),  
*(Insert Proper Name of Surety)*

and \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Insert Proper Name of Contractor)*

as principal (Contractor), enter into, execute this bond ("Performance Bond"), and bind themselves in favor of

\_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Insert Proper Name of Owner)*

as obligee ("Owner"), in the penal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Insert Penal Sum)*

as of the \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Insert Date of Construction Contract)*

WHEREAS, the Contractor has executed a contract with the Owner of even date herewith ("Construction Contract") for construction of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Insert Description and Location of the Construction Project)*

and,

WHEREAS, the Owner has required the Contractor to furnish this Performance Bond containing the terms and conditions set forth herein as a condition to executing the Construction Contract with the Contractor;

NOW THEREFORE, the Surety and the Contractor, both jointly and severally, and for themselves, their heirs, administrators, executors and successors agree:

1.

The Construction Contract is hereby incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof to the same extent and effect as though it were copied verbatim herein. The Surety and the Contractor are bound for the full performance of the Construction Contract including without exception all of its terms and conditions, both express and implied.

2.

If the Contractor is in default of the Construction Contract and the Owner, by written notice to the Contractor and the Surety, declares the Contractor to be in default and terminates the right of the Contractor to proceed, the Surety shall thereupon promptly notify the Owner in writing as to which of the actions permitted to the Surety in Paragraph 3 it will take.

3.

Upon default and termination of the Contractor and notice to the Contractor and Surety as provided in Paragraph 2 above, the Surety shall within 30 days proceed to take one or, at its option, more than one of the following courses of action:

(A) Proceed itself, or through others acting on its behalf, to complete full performance of the Construction Contract including, without limitation, correction of defective and nonconforming work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor. During such performance by the Surety the Owner shall pay the Surety from its own funds only such sums as would have been due and payable to the Contractor in the absence of the default and termination.

(B) Applicable law permitting, and with the prior written consent of the Owner, obtain bids or proposals from contractors previously identified as being acceptable to the Owner, for full performance of the Construction Contract. The Surety shall furnish the Owner a copy of such bids or proposals upon receipt of same. The Surety shall promptly select, with the agreement of the Owner, the best responsive bid or proposal and shall promptly tender the contractor submitting it, together with a contract for fulfillment and completion of the Construction Contract executed by the completing contractor, to the Owner for the Owner's execution. Upon execution by the Owner of the contract for fulfillment and completion of the Construction Contract, the completing contractor shall furnish to the Owner a performance bond and a separate payment bond, each in the form of those bonds previously furnished to the Owner for the Project by the Contractor. Each such bond shall be in the penal sum of the (1) fixed price for completion, (2) guaranteed maximum price for completion, or (3) estimated price for completion, whichever is applicable. The Owner shall pay the completing contractor from its own funds only such sums as would have been due and payable to the Contractor under the Construction Contract as and when they would have been due and payable to the Contractor in the absence of the default and termination. To the extent that the Owner is obligated to pay the completing contractor sums which would not have then been due and payable to the Contractor under the Construction Contract, the Surety shall provide the Owner with such sums in a sufficiently timely manner that the Owner can utilize such sums in making timely payment to the completing contractor; or,

(C) Take any and all other acts, if any, mutually agreed upon in writing by the Owner and the Surety.

4.

In addition to those duties set forth hereinabove, the Surety shall promptly pay the Owner all loss, costs and expenses resulting from the Contractor's default(s), including, without limitation, fees, expenses and costs for architects, engineers, consultants, testing, surveying and attorneys, liquidated or actual damages, as applicable, for delay in completion of the Project, and fees, expenses and costs incurred at the direction, request, or as a result of the acts or omissions of the Surety.

5.

In no event shall the Surety be obligated to the Owner hereunder for any sum in excess of the Penal Sum.

6.

The Surety waives notice of any changes to the Construction Contract including, without limitation, changes in the contract time, the contract price, or the work to be performed.

7.

This Performance Bond is provided by the Surety for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Owner and, if applicable, any dual obligee designated by rider attached hereto, together with their heirs, administrators, executors, successors or assigns. No other party, person or entity shall have any rights against the Surety hereunder.

8.

Any and all notices to the Surety, the Contractor or the Owner shall be given by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to the address set forth for each party below:

SURETY:

CONTRACTOR:

OWNER:

9.

Any statutory limitation, which may be contractually superseded, to the contrary notwithstanding, any action hereon may be instituted so long as the applicable statute of limitations governing the Construction Contract has not run or expired.

CONTRACTOR:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SEAL  
*(INSERT PROPER NAME OF CONTRACTOR)*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(OFFICE OR TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING)*

SURETY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SEAL  
*(INSERT PROPER NAME OF SURETY)*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(OFFICE OR TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING)*

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF CONTRACTOR**

State of Texas

County of El Paso

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

- (1) He/she is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor";
- (2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents submitted \_\_\_\_\_, the Contractor for certain work in connection with the County of El Paso Contract pertaining to the Project in El Paso County, Texas;
- (3) This bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham bid.
- (4) Neither the Subcontractor nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham bid in connection with such Contract or to refrain from submitting a bid in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in said Contractor's Bid, or to secure through collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the County of El Paso or any person interested in the proposed Contract: and
- (5) The prices quoted in the Contractor's bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF SUBCONTRACTOR**

State of Texas (

County of El Paso (

\_\_\_\_\_ , being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

- (1) He/she is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter referred to as the "Subcontractor";
- (6) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the Subcontractor's Proposal submitted by the Subcontractor to \_\_\_\_\_, the Contractor for certain work in connection with the County of El Paso Contract pertaining to the Project in El Paso County, Texas;
- (7) Such Subcontractor's Proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham proposal.
- (8) Neither the Subcontractor nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal in connection with such Contract or to refrain from submitting a Proposal in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in said Subcontractor's Proposal, or to secure through collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the County of El Paso or any person interested in the proposed Contract: and
- (9) The prices quoted in the Subcontractor's Proposal are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_



[standard form- will be modified to suit specific details of Bid Project]

**FIXED PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN  
OWNER AND CONTRACTOR**

This FIXED PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR (the "Contract") is made and entered into by and between **El Paso County, Texas**, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the "Owner") and \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Contractor"). This Contract is executed under seal, and shall be effective on \_\_\_\_\_.

This Contract is for the construction of a project as described by **El Paso County Bid No.** \_\_\_\_\_ to perform \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Project").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and agreements stated herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree:

**1.**

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

This Contract includes the plans, drawings, and specifications for the Project identified thereon as such, plus the following: **El Paso County Bid No.** \_\_\_\_\_, all responses from the Contractor and addenda, all of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. Change Orders issued hereafter, and any other amendments executed by the Owner and the Contractor, shall become and be a part of this Contract. Documents not included or expressly contemplated in this Paragraph 1 do not, and shall not, form any part of this Contract.

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## 2.

### **REPRESENTATIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR**

In order to induce the Owner to execute this Contract and recognizing that the Owner is relying thereon, the Contractor, by executing this Contract, makes the following express representations to the Owner:

- (A) The Contractor is fully qualified to act as the contractor for the Project and has, and shall maintain, any and all licenses, permits or other authorizations necessary to act as the contractor for, and to construct, the Project;
- (B) The Contractor has become familiar with the Project site and the local conditions under which the Project is to be constructed and operated;
- (C) The Contractor has received, reviewed and carefully examined all of the documents which make up this Contract, including, but not limited to, the plans and specifications, and has found them in all respects to be complete, accurate, adequate, consistent, coordinated and sufficient for construction.

## 3.

### **INTENT AND INTERPRETATION**

With respect to the intent and interpretation of this Contract, the Owner and the Contractor agree as follows:

- (A) This Contract, together with the Contractor's and Surety's performance and payment bonds for the Project, if any, constitute the entire and exclusive agreements between the parties with reference to the Project, and said Contract supersedes any and all prior discussions, communications, representations, understandings, negotiations, or agreements. This Contract also supersedes any bid documents;
- (B) Anything that may be required, implied or inferred by the documents which make up this Contract, or any one or more of them, shall be provided by the Contractor for the Contract Price;
- (C) Nothing contained in this Contract shall create, nor be interpreted to create, privity or any other relationship whatsoever between the Owner and any person except the Contractor;
- (D) When a word, term, or phrase is used in this Contract, it shall be interpreted or construed first, as defined herein; second, if not defined, according to its generally accepted meaning in the construction industry; and third, if there is no generally accepted meaning in the construction industry, according to its common and customary usage;
- (E) The words "include", "includes", or "including", as used in this Contract, shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase, "without limitation";

(F) The specification herein of any act, failure, refusal, omission, event, occurrence or condition as constituting a material breach of this Contract shall not imply that any other, non-specified act, failure, refusal, omission, event, occurrence or condition shall be deemed not to constitute a material breach of this Contract;

(G) The Contractor shall have a continuing duty to read, examine, review, compare and contrast each of the documents which make up this Contract, shop drawings, and other submittals and shall give written notice to the Owner and the Project Manager of any conflict, ambiguity, error or omission which the Contractor may find with respect to these documents before proceeding with the affected work. The express or implied approval by the Owner or the Project Manager of any shop drawings or other submittals shall not relieve the Contractor of the continuing duties imposed hereby, nor shall any such approval be evidence of the Contractor's compliance with this Contract. The Owner has requested the Project Manager to only prepare documents for the Project, including the plans and specifications for the Project, which are accurate, adequate, consistent, coordinated and sufficient for construction. **HOWEVER, THE OWNER MAKES NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER TO THE CONTRACTOR CONCERNING SUCH DOCUMENTS.** The Contractor again hereby acknowledges and represents that it has received, reviewed and carefully examined such documents, has found them to be complete, accurate, adequate, consistent, coordinated and sufficient for construction, and that the Contractor has not, does not, and will not rely upon any representations or warranties by the Owner concerning such documents, as no such representations or warranties have been or are hereby made;

(H) In the event of any conflict, discrepancy, or inconsistency among any of the documents which make up this Contract, the following shall control:

- (1) As between figures given on plans and scaled measurements, the figures shall govern;
- (2) As between large scale plans and small scale plans, the large scale plans shall govern;
- (3) As between plans and specifications, the requirements of the specifications shall govern;
- (4) As between this document and the plans or specifications, this document shall govern.

#### **4.**

### **OWNERSHIP OF THE DOCUMENTS WHICH MAKE UP THE CONTRACT**

The documents which make up this Contract, and each of them, as well as any other documents furnished by the Owner, shall remain the property of the Owner. The Contractor shall have the right to keep one (1) copy of the Contract upon completion of the Project; provided, however, that in no event shall the Contractor use, or permit to be used, any portion or all of such Contract on other projects without the Owner's prior written authorization.

5.

**CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE**

The Contractor shall perform all of the work required, implied or reasonably inferable from this Contract including, but not limited to, the following:

- (A) Construction of the Project in accordance with Bid No. as documents submitted by Contractor in support of its successful bid;
- (B) The furnishing of a performance and payment bond in the full amount of the contract and insurance;
- (C) The provision or furnishing, and prompt payment therefore, of labor, supervision, services, materials, supplies, equipment, fixtures, appliances, facilities, tools, transportation, storage, power, fuel, heat, light, cooling, or other utilities, required for construction and all necessary building permits and other permits required for the construction of the Project. **CONTRACTOR SHALL LAWFULLY DISPOSE OF ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, CHEMICALS, AND DEBRIS AND SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD OWNER HARMLESS FOR THE UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, CHEMICALS, AND DEBRIS DONE BY CONTRACTOR OR ITS SUBCONTRACTOR IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONTRACT;**
- (D) The creation and submission to the Owner of detailed and comprehensive as-built drawings depicting all as-built construction. Said as-built drawings shall be submitted to the Owner upon final completion of the Project and receipt of same by the Owner shall be a condition precedent to final payment to the Contractor.

6.

**TIME FOR CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE**

- (A) The Contractor shall commence the performance of this Contract on the date authorized by Owner/Owner's Representative in a written Notice to Proceed and shall diligently continue its performance to and until final completion of the Project. The Contractor shall accomplish Substantial Completion of the Project on or before \_\_\_\_\_ **calendar days.**
- (B) The Contractor shall pay the Owner the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (**\$\_\_\_\_.00**) per day for each and every calendar day of unexcused delay in achieving Substantial Completion beyond the date set forth herein for Substantial Completion. Any sums due and payable hereunder by the Contractor shall be payable, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages representing an estimate of delay damages likely to be sustained by the Owner, estimated at the time of executing this Contract. When the Owner reasonably believes that Substantial Completion will be inexcusably delayed, the Owner shall be entitled, but not required, to withhold from any amounts otherwise due the Contractor an amount then believed by the Owner to be adequate to recover liquidated damages applicable to such delays. If and when the Contractor overcomes the delay in achieving

Substantial Completion, or any part thereof, for which the Owner has withheld payment, the Owner shall promptly release to the Contractor those funds withheld, but no longer applicable, as liquidated damages;

(C) The term "Substantial Completion", as used herein, shall mean that point at which, as certified in writing by the Project Manager, the Project is at a level of completion in strict compliance with this Contract such that the Owner or its designee can enjoy beneficial use or occupancy and can use or operate it in all respects, for its intended purpose. Partial use or occupancy of the Project shall not result in the Project being deemed substantially complete, and such partial use or occupancy shall not be evidence of Substantial Completion;

(D) All limitations of time set forth herein are material and are of the essence of this Contract.

## 7.

### **FIXED PRICE AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

(A) The Owner shall pay, and the Contractor shall accept, as full and complete payment for the Contractor's timely performance of its obligations hereunder the fixed price of \_\_\_\_\_ **Dollars and** \_\_\_ **Cents (\$\_\_\_\_\_00)**. The price set forth in this Subparagraph 7(A) shall constitute the Contract Price, which shall not be modified except by Change Order as provided in this Contract;

(B) Within **TEN (10)** calendar days of the effective date hereof, the Contractor shall prepare and present to the Owner and the Project Manager the **Contractor's Schedule of Values** apportioning the Contract Price among the different elements of the Project for purposes of periodic and final payment. The Contractor's Schedule of Values shall be presented in whatever format, with such detail, and backed up with whatever supporting information the Project Manager or the Owner requests. The Contractor shall not imbalance it's Schedule of Values nor artificially inflate any element thereof. The violation of this provision by the Contractor shall constitute a material breach of this Contract. The Contractor's Schedule of Values will be utilized for the Contractor's Payment Requests but shall only be so utilized after it has been acknowledged in writing by the Project Manager and the Owner;

(C) The Owner shall pay the Contract Price to the Contractor in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Paragraph 7. On or before the **FIFTEENTH (15<sup>th</sup>)** day of each month after commencement of performance, but no more frequently than once monthly, the Contractor may submit a Payment Request for the period ending the last day of the month. Said Payment Request shall be in such format and include whatever supporting information as may be required by the Project Manager, the Owner, or both. Therein, the Contractor may request payment for ninety percent (90%) of that part of the Contract Price allocable to Contract requirements properly provided, labor, materials and equipment properly incorporated in the Project, and materials or equipment necessary for the Project and properly stored at the Project site (or elsewhere if offsite storage is approved in writing by the Owner), less the total amount of previous payments received from the Owner. Any payment on account of stored materials or equipment will be subject

to the Contractor providing written proof that the Owner has title to such materials or equipment and that they are fully insured against loss or damage. Each such Payment Request shall be signed by the Contractor and shall constitute the Contractor's representation that the quantity of work has reached the level for which payment is requested, that the work has been properly installed or performed in strict compliance with this Contract, and that the Contractor knows of no reason why payment should not be made as requested. Thereafter, the Project Manager shall review the Payment Request and may also review the work at the Project site or elsewhere to determine whether the quantity and quality of the work is as represented in the Payment Request and is as required by this Contract. The Project Manager shall approve in writing the amount which, in the opinion of the Project Manager, is properly owing to the Contractor. **The Owner shall make payment to the Contractor within THIRTY (30) days following the Project Manager's written approval of each Payment Request.** The amount of each such payment shall be the amount approved for payment by the Project Manager less such amounts, if any, otherwise owing by the Contractor to the Owner or which the Owner shall have the right to withhold as authorized by this Contract. The Project Manager's approval of the Contractor's Payment Requests shall not preclude the Owner from the exercise of any of its rights as set forth in Subparagraph 7(F) herein below. The submission by the Contractor of a Payment Request also constitutes an affirmative representation and warranty that all work for which the Owner has previously paid is free and clear of any lien, claim, or other encumbrance of any person whatsoever. As a condition precedent to payment, the Contractor shall, if required by the Owner, also furnish to the Owner properly executed waivers of lien, in a form acceptable to the Owner, from all subcontractors, materialmen, suppliers or others having lien rights, wherein said subcontractors, materialmen, suppliers or others having lien rights, shall acknowledge receipt of all sums due pursuant to all prior Payment Requests and waive and relinquish any liens, lien rights or other claims relating to the Project site. Furthermore, the Contractor warrants and represents that, upon payment of the Payment Request submitted, title to all work included in such payment shall be vested in the Owner;

(D) When payment is received from the Owner, the Contractor shall immediately pay all subcontractors, materialmen, laborers and suppliers the amounts they are due for the work covered by such payment. In the event the Owner becomes informed that the Contractor has not paid a subcontractor, materialman, laborer, or supplier as provided herein, the Owner shall have the right, but not the duty, to issue future checks and payment to the Contractor of amounts otherwise due hereunder naming the Contractor and any such subcontractor, materialman, laborer, or supplier as joint payees. Such joint check procedure, if employed by the Owner, shall create no rights in favor of any person or entity beyond the right of the named payees to payment of the check and shall not be deemed to commit the Owner to repeat the procedure in the future;

(E) Neither payment to the Contractor, utilization of the Project for any purpose by the Owner, nor any other act or omission by the Owner shall be interpreted or construed as an acceptance of any work of the Contractor not strictly in compliance with this Contract;

(F) The Owner shall have the right to refuse to make payment and, if necessary, may demand the return of a portion of or the entire amount previously paid to the Contractor due to:

- (1) The quality of a portion, or all, of the Contractor's work not being in accordance with the requirements of this Contract;
- (2) The quantity of the Contractor's work not being as represented in the Contractor's Payment Request, or otherwise;
- (3) The Contractor's rate of progress being such that, in the Owner's opinion, Substantial Completion or final completion, or both, may be inexcusably delayed;
- (4) The Contractor's failure to use Contract funds, previously paid the Contractor by the Owner, to pay Contractor's Project-related obligations including, but not limited to, subcontractors, laborers and material and equipment suppliers;
- (5) Claims made, or likely to be made, against the Owner or its property;
- (6) Loss caused by the Contractor;
- (7) The Contractor's failure or refusal to perform any of its obligations to the Owner.

In the event that the Owner makes written demand upon the Contractor for amounts previously paid by the Owner as contemplated in this Subparagraph 7(F), the Contractor shall promptly comply with such demand;

(G) If within thirty (30) days from the date payment to the Contractor is due, the Owner, without cause or basis hereunder, fails to pay the Contractor any amounts then due and payable to the Contractor, the Contractor shall have the right to cease work until receipt of proper payment after first providing ten (10) days' written notice of its intent to cease work to the Owner. Any payment not made within thirty (30) days after the date due shall bear interest at the applicable rate under the Texas Prompt Pay Act, Government Code Chapter 2251;

(H) When Substantial Completion has been achieved, the Contractor shall notify the Owner and the Project Manager in writing and shall furnish to the Project Manager a listing of those matters yet to be finished. The Project Manager will thereupon conduct an inspection to confirm that the work is in fact substantially complete. Upon its confirmation that the Contractor's work is substantially complete, the Project Manager will so notify the Owner and Contractor in writing and will therein set forth the date of Substantial Completion. If the Project Manager, through its inspection, fails to find that the Contractor's work is substantially complete, and is required to repeat all, or any portion, of its Substantial Completion inspection, the Contractor shall bear the cost of such repeat inspection(s) which cost may be deducted by the Owner from any payment then or thereafter due to the Contractor. Guarantees and equipment warranties required by this Contract shall commence on the date of Substantial Completion. Upon Substantial Completion, the Owner shall pay the Contractor an amount sufficient to increase total payments to the Contractor to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price less any amounts attributable to liquidated damages, together with One Hundred percent (100%) of the reasonable costs as determined by the Owner for completing all incomplete work,

correcting and bringing into conformance all defective and nonconforming work, and handling any outstanding or threatened claims;

(I) When the Project is finally complete and the Contractor is ready for a final inspection, it shall notify the Owner and the Project Manager thereof in writing. Thereupon, the Project Manager will perform a final inspection of the Project. If the Project Manager confirms that the Project is complete in full accordance with this Contract and that the Contractor has performed all of its obligations to the Owner hereunder, the Project Manager will furnish a final Approval for Payment to the Owner certifying to the Owner that the Project is complete and the Contractor is entitled to the remainder of the unpaid Contract Price, less any amount withheld pursuant to this Contract. If the Project Manager is unable to issue its final Approval for Payment and is required to repeat its final inspection of the Project, the Contractor shall bear the cost of such repeat inspection(s), which costs may be deducted by the Owner from the Contractor's final payment;

(J) If the Contractor fails to achieve **final completion** within **FIFTEEN (15)** days of the date of Substantial Completion, the Contractor shall pay the Owner the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ **Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_.00)** per day for each and every calendar day of unexcused delay in achieving final completion beyond the date set forth herein for final completion of the work. Any sums due and payable hereunder by the Contractor shall be payable, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages representing an estimate of delay damages likely to be sustained by the Owner, estimated at or before the time of executing this Contract. When the Owner reasonably believes that final completion will be inexcusably delayed, the Owner shall be entitled, but not required, to withhold from any amounts otherwise due the Contractor an amount then believed by the Owner to be adequate to recover liquidated damages applicable to such delays. If and when the Contractor overcomes the delay in achieving final completion, or any part thereof, for which the Owner has withheld payment, the Owner shall promptly release to the Contractor those funds withheld, but no longer applicable, as liquidated damages;

(K) Prior to being entitled to receive final payment and as a condition precedent thereto, the Contractor shall furnish the Owner, in the form and manner required by Owner, if any, with a copy to the Project Manager:

- (1) An affidavit that all of the Contractor's obligations to subcontractors, laborers, equipment or material suppliers, or other third parties in connection with the Project, have been paid or otherwise satisfied;
- (2) If required by the Owner, separate releases of lien or lien waivers from each subcontractor, lower tier subcontractor, laborer, supplier or other person or entity who has, or might have a claim against the Owner or the Owner's property;
- (3) If applicable, consent(s) of surety to final payment;
- (4) All product warranties, operating manuals, instruction manuals and other record documents, drawings and things customarily required of the Contractor, or expressly required herein, as a part of or prior to Project closeout;



(L) The Owner shall, subject to its rights set forth in Subparagraph 7(F) above, make final payment of all sums due the Contractor within ten (10) days of the Project Manager's execution of a final Approval for Payment.

**8.**

**INFORMATION AND MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY THE OWNER**

(A) The Owner shall furnish to the Contractor, prior to the execution of this Contract, any and all written and tangible material in its possession concerning conditions below ground at the site of the Project. Such written and tangible material is furnished to the Contractor only in order to make complete disclosure of such material as being in the possession of the Owner and for no other purpose. By furnishing such material, the Owner does not represent, warrant, or guarantee its accuracy either in whole, in part, implicitly or explicitly, or at all, and shall have no liability therefore. The Owner shall also furnish, if appropriate, the legal description of the Project site, and any required survey;

(B) The Owner shall obtain all required authorizations, approvals, easements, and the like excluding the building permit and other permits or fees required of the Contractor by this Contract, or permits and fees customarily the responsibility of the Contractor;

**9.**

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

In the event the Contractor fails or refuses to perform the work as required herein, the Owner may instruct the Contractor to cease and desist from performing further work in whole or in part. Upon receipt of such instruction, the Contractor shall immediately cease and desist as instructed by the Owner and shall not proceed further until the cause for the Owner's instructions has been corrected, no longer exists, or the Owner instructs that the work may resume. In the event the Owner issues such instructions to cease and desist, and in the further event that the Contractor fails and refuses within seven (7) days of receipt of same to provide adequate assurance to the Owner that the cause of such instructions will be eliminated or corrected, then the Owner shall have the right, but not the obligation, to carry out the work with its own forces, or with the forces of another contractor, and the Contractor shall be fully responsible and liable for the costs of performing such work by the Owner. The rights set forth herein are in addition to, and without prejudice to, any other rights or remedies the Owner may have against the Contractor.

**10.**

**DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONTRACTOR**

In addition to any and all other duties, obligations and responsibilities of the Contractor set forth in this Contract, the Contractor shall have and perform the following duties, obligations and responsibilities to the Owner:

(A) The Contractor is again reminded of its continuing duties set forth in Subparagraph 3(G), which are by reference hereby incorporated in this Subparagraph 10(A). The Contractor shall not perform work without adequate plans and specifications, or, as appropriate, approved shop drawings, or other submittals. If the Contractor performs work knowing or believing it involves an error, inconsistency or omission in the Contract without first providing written notice to the Project Manager and Owner, the Contractor shall be responsible for such work and pay the cost of correcting same;

(B) All work shall strictly conform to the requirements of this Contract;

(C) The work shall be strictly supervised, the Contractor bearing full responsibility for any and all acts or omissions of those engaged in the work on behalf of the Contractor;

(D) The Contractor hereby warrants that all labor furnished under this Contract shall be competent to perform the tasks undertaken, that the product of such labor shall yield only first-class results, that all materials and equipment provided shall be new and of high quality, that the completed work will be complete, of high quality, without defects, and that all work strictly complies with the requirements of this Contract. Any work not strictly complying with the requirements of this Subparagraph shall constitute a breach of the Contractor's warranty;

(E) The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all required permits, fees and licenses customarily obtained by the Contractor. The Contractor shall comply with all legal requirements applicable to the work. **CONTRACTOR SHALL LAWFULLY DISPOSE OF ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, CHEMICALS, AND DEBRIS AND SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD OWNER HARMLESS FOR THE UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, CHEMICALS, AND DEBRIS DONE BY CONTRACTOR OR ITS SUBCONTRACTOR(S) IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONTRACT;**

(F) The Contractor shall employ and maintain at the Project site only competent supervisory personnel. **Key supervisory personnel assigned by the Contractor to this Project are as follows:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>
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So long as the individuals named above remain actively employed or retained by the Contractor, they shall perform the functions indicated next to their names unless the Owner agrees to the contrary in writing. In the event one or more individuals not listed above subsequently assumes one or more of those functions listed above, the Contractor shall be bound by the provisions of this Subparagraph 10(f) as though such individuals had been listed above;

(G) The Contractor, within **TEN (10) days** of commencing the work, shall provide to the Owner and the Project Manager, and comply with, the **Contractor's schedule for completing the work**. Such schedule shall be in a form acceptable to the Owner. The Contractor's schedule shall be updated no less frequently than monthly (unless the parties otherwise agree in writing) and shall be updated to reflect conditions encountered from

time to time and shall apply to the total Project. Each such revision shall be furnished to the Owner and the Project Manager. Strict compliance with the requirements of this Subparagraph 10(G) shall be a condition precedent to payment to the Contractor, and failure by the Contractor to strictly comply with said requirements shall constitute a material breach of this Contract;

(H) The Contractor shall keep an updated copy of this Contract at the site. Additionally, the Contractor shall keep a copy of approved shop drawings and other submittals. All of these items shall be available to the Owner and the Project Manager at all regular business hours. Upon final completion of the work, all of these items shall be finally updated and provided to the Owner and shall become the property of the Owner;

(I) Shop drawings and other submittals from the Contractor do not constitute a part of the Contract. The Contractor shall not do any work requiring shop drawings or other submittals unless such shall have been approved in writing by the Project Manager. All work requiring approved shop drawings or other submittals shall be done in strict compliance with such approved documents. However, approval by the Project Manager or the Owner shall not be evidence that work installed pursuant thereto conforms to the requirements of this Contract. The Owner and the Project Manager shall have no duty to review partial submittals or incomplete submittals. The Contractor shall maintain a submittal log which shall include, at a minimum, the date of each submittal, the date of any resubmittal, the date of any approval or rejection, and the reason for any approval or rejection. The Contractor shall have the duty to carefully review, inspect and examine any and all submittals before submission of same to the Owner or the Project Manager;

(J) The Contractor shall maintain the Project site in a reasonably clean condition during performance of the work. Upon final completion, the Contractor shall thoroughly clean the Project site of all debris, trash and excess materials or equipment;

(K) At all times relevant to this Contract, the Contractor shall permit the Owner and the Project Manager to enter upon the Project site and to review or inspect the work without formality or other procedure.

## 11.

### INDEMNITY

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE OWNER HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITY, DAMAGES, LOSS, COST AND EXPENSE OF EVERY TYPE WHATSOEVER INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CLAIMS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS, COST OR EXPENSE IS DUE TO SICKNESS, PERSONAL INJURY, DISEASE OR DEATH, THE UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, CHEMICALS, OR DEBRIS, OR TO LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY (OTHER THAN THE WORK ITSELF), INCLUDING LOSS OF USE RESULTING THERE FROM, TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY THE CONTRACTOR, OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS THE CONTRACTOR MAY BE LIABLE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH LIABILITY, CLAIM, DAMAGE, LOSS, COST OR EXPENSE IS CAUSED IN PART BY THE OWNER.

## 12.

### THE PROJECT MANAGER

The Project Manager for this Project is \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Project Manager"). In the event the Owner should find it necessary or convenient to replace the Project Manager, the Owner shall retain a replacement Project Manager and the role of the replacement Project Manager shall be the same as the role of the Project Manager. Unless otherwise directed by the Owner in writing, the Project Manager will perform those duties and discharge those responsibilities allocated to the Project Manager in this Contract. The duties, obligations and responsibilities of the Project Manager shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Unless otherwise directed by the Owner in writing, the Project Manager shall act as the Owner's agent from the effective date of this Contract until final payment has been made, to the extent expressly set forth in this Contract;

(B) Unless otherwise directed by the Owner in writing, the Owner and the Contractor shall communicate with each other in the first instance through the Project Manager;

(C) When requested by the Contractor in writing, the Project Manager shall render interpretations necessary for the proper execution or progress of the work;

(D) The Project Manager shall draft proposed Change Orders;

(E) The Project Manager shall approve, or respond otherwise as necessary concerning shop drawings or other submittals received from the Contractor;

(F) The Project Manager shall be authorized to refuse to accept work which is defective or otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of this Contract. If the Project Manager deems it appropriate, the Project Manager shall be authorized to call for extra inspection or testing of the work for compliance with requirements of this Contract;

(G) The Project Manager shall review the Contractor's Payment Requests and shall approve in writing those amounts which, in the opinion of the Project Manager, are properly owing to the Contractor as provided in this Contract;

(H) The Project Manager shall, upon written request from the Contractor, perform those inspections required in Paragraph 7 hereinabove;

(I) The Project Manager shall be authorized to require the Contractor to make changes which do not involve a change in the Contract Price or in the time for the Contractor's performance of this Contract consistent with the intent of this Contract;

(J) THE DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONTRACTOR UNDER THIS CONTRACT SHALL IN NO MANNER WHATSOEVER BE CHANGED, ALTERED, DISCHARGED, RELEASED, OR SATISFIED BY ANY DUTY, OBLIGATION OR RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROJECT MANAGER. THE CONTRACTOR IS NOT A THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY OF ANY CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE OWNER

AND THE PROJECT MANAGER. IT IS EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED THAT THE DUTIES OF THE CONTRACTOR TO THE OWNER ARE INDEPENDENT OF, AND ARE NOT DIMINISHED BY, ANY DUTIES OF THE PROJECT MANAGER TO THE OWNER.

### 13.

#### **CLAIMS BY THE CONTRACTOR**

Claims by the Contractor against the Owner are subject to the following terms and conditions:

(A) All Contractor claims against the Owner shall be initiated by a written claim submitted to the Owner and the Project Manager. Such claim shall be received by the Owner and the Project Manager no later than seven (7) calendar days after the event, or the first appearance of the circumstances, causing the claim, and same shall set forth in detail all known facts and circumstances supporting the claim;

(B) The Contractor and the Owner shall continue their performance hereunder regardless of the existence of any claims submitted by the Contractor;

(C) In the event the Contractor discovers previously concealed and unknown site conditions which are materially at variance from those typically and ordinarily encountered in the general geographical location of the Project, the Contract Price shall be modified, either upward or downward, upon the written claim made by either party within seven (7) calendar days after the first appearance to such party of the circumstances. As a condition precedent to the Owner having any liability to the Contractor due to concealed and unknown conditions, the Contractor must give the Owner and the Project Manager written notice of, and an opportunity to observe, such condition prior to disturbing it. The failure by the Contractor to give the written notice and make the claim as provided by this Subparagraph 13(C) shall constitute a waiver by the Contractor of any rights arising out of or relating to such concealed and unknown condition;

(D) In the event the Contractor seeks to make a claim for an increase in the Contract Price, as a condition precedent to any liability of the Owner therefore, the Contractor shall strictly comply with the requirements of Subparagraph 13(A) above and such claim shall be made by the Contractor before proceeding to execute any additional or changed work. Failure of the condition precedent to occur shall constitute a waiver by the Contractor of any claim for additional compensation;

(E) In connection with any claim by the Contractor against the Owner for compensation in excess of the Contract Price, any liability of the Owner for the Contractor's cost shall be strictly limited to direct cost incurred by the Contractor and shall in no event include indirect cost or consequential damages of the Contractor. The Owner shall not be liable to the Contractor for claims of third-parties including subcontractors, unless and until liability of the Contractor has been established therefore in a court of competent jurisdiction;

(F) In the event the Contractor should be delayed in performing any task which at the time of the delay is then critical, or which during the delay becomes critical, as the sole result of any act or omission by the Owner or someone acting in the Owner's behalf, or by Owner-authorized Change Orders, unusually bad weather not reasonably anticipatable, fire or other Acts of God, the date for achieving Substantial Completion, or, as applicable, final completion, shall be appropriately adjusted by the Owner upon the written claim of the Contractor to the Owner and the Project Manager. A task is critical within the meaning of this Subparagraph 13(F) if, and only if, said task is on the critical path of the Project schedule so that a delay in performing such task will delay the ultimate completion of the Project. Any claim for an extension of time by the Contractor shall strictly comply with the requirements of Subparagraph 13(A) above. If the Contractor fails to make such claim as required in this Subparagraph 13(F), any claim for an extension of time shall be waived.

## 14.

### **SUBCONTRACTORS**

Upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall identify to the Owner and the Project Manager, in writing, those parties intended as subcontractors on the Project. The Owner shall, in writing, state any objections the Owner may have to one or more of such subcontractors. The Contractor shall not enter into a subcontract with an intended subcontractor with reference to whom the Owner objects. All subcontracts shall afford the Contractor rights against the subcontractor which correspond to those rights afforded to the Owner against the Contractor herein, including those rights of Contract termination as set forth herein below.

## 15.

### **CHANGE ORDERS**

One or more changes to the work within the general scope of this Contract may be ordered by Change Order. The Contractor shall proceed with any such changes, and same shall be accomplished in strict accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(A) Change Order shall mean a written order to the Contractor executed by the Owner and the Project Manager after execution of this Contract, directing a change in the work and may include a change in the Contract Price or the time for the Contractor's performance, or any combination thereof;

(B) Any change in the Contract Price resulting from a Change Order shall be determined as follows:

(1) By mutual agreement between the Owner and the Contractor as evidenced by (a) the change in the Contract Price being set forth in the Change Order, (b) such change in the Contract Price, together with any conditions or requirements relating thereto, being initialed by both parties and (c) the Contractor's execution of the Change Order, or,

(2) If no mutual agreement occurs between the Owner and the Contractor, the change in the Contract Price, if any, shall be derived by determining the reasonable actual costs incurred or savings achieved, resulting from revisions in the work. Such reasonable actual costs or savings shall include a component for direct jobsite overhead and profit but shall not include home-office overhead or other indirect costs or components. Any such costs or savings shall be documented in the format and with such content and detail as the Owner or the Project Manager requires.

(C) The execution of a Change Order by the Contractor shall constitute conclusive evidence of the Contractor's agreement to the ordered changes in the work, this Contract as thus amended, the Contract Price and the time for performance by the Contractor. The Contractor, by executing the Change Order, waives and forever releases any claim against the Owner for additional time or compensation for matters relating to or arising out of or resulting from the work included within or affected by the executed Change Order;

(D) The Contractor shall notify and obtain the consent and approval of the Contractor's surety with reference to all Change Orders if such notice, consent or approval is required by the Owner, the Project Manager, the Contractor's surety, or by law. The Contractor's execution of the Change Order shall constitute the Contractor's warranty to the Owner that the surety has been notified of, and consents to, such Change Order and the surety shall be conclusively deemed to have been notified of such Change Order and to have expressly consented thereto.

## 16.

### **DISCOVERING AND CORRECTING DEFECTIVE OR INCOMPLETE WORK**

(A) In the event that the Contractor covers, conceals or obscures its work in violation of this Contract or in violation of a directive from the Owner or the Project Manager, such work shall be uncovered and displayed for the Owner's or Project Manager's inspection upon request, and shall be reworked at no cost in time or money to the Owner;

(B) If any of the work is covered, concealed or obscured in a manner not covered by Subparagraph 16(A) above, it shall, if directed by the Owner or the Project Manager be uncovered and displayed for the Owner's or Project Manager's inspection. If the uncovered work conforms strictly to this Contract, the costs incurred by the Contractor to uncover and subsequently, replace such work shall be borne by the Owner. Otherwise, such costs shall be borne by the Contractor;

(C) The Contractor shall, at no cost in time or money to the Owner, correct work rejected by the Owner or by the Project Manager as defective or failing to conform to this Contract. Additionally, the Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for all testing, inspections and other expenses incurred as a result thereof;

(D) In addition to its warranty obligations set forth elsewhere herein, the Contractor shall be specifically obligated to correct any and all defective or nonconforming work for

a period of **TWO (2) years** following final completion upon written direction from the Owner.

(E) The Owner may, but shall in no event be required to, choose to accept defective or nonconforming work. In such event, the Contract Price shall be reduced by the greater of (1) the reasonable costs of removing and correcting the defective or nonconforming work, and (2) the difference between the fair market value of the Project as constructed and the fair market value of the Project had it not been constructed in such a manner as to include defective or nonconforming work. If the remaining portion of the unpaid Contract Price, if any, is insufficient to compensate the Owner for the acceptance of defective or nonconforming work, the Contractor shall, upon written demand from the Owner, pay the Owner such remaining compensation for accepting defective or nonconforming work.

## 17.

### **TERMINATION BY THE CONTRACTOR**

If the Owner repeatedly fails to perform its material obligations to the Contractor for a period of thirty (30) days after receiving written notice from the Contractor of its intent to terminate hereunder, the Contractor may terminate performance under this Contract by written notice to the Owner and the Project Manager. In such event, the Contractor shall be entitled to recover from the Owner as though the Owner had terminated the Contractor's performance under this Contract for convenience pursuant to Subparagraph 19(A) hereunder.

## 18.

### **OWNER'S RIGHT TO SUSPEND CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE**

(A) The Owner shall have the right at any time to direct the Contractor to suspend its performance, or any designated part thereof, for any reason whatsoever, or without reason, for a cumulative period of up to THIRTY (30) calendar days. If any such suspension is directed by the Owner, the Contractor shall immediately comply with same;

(B) In the event the Owner directs a suspension of performance under this Paragraph 18, through no fault of the Contractor, the Owner shall pay the Contractor as full compensation for such suspension the Contractor's reasonable costs, actually incurred and paid, of:

- (1) Demobilization and remobilization, including such costs paid to subcontractors;
- (2) Preserving and protecting work in place;
- (3) Storage of materials or equipment purchased for the Project, including insurance thereon;



(4) Performing in a later, or during a longer, time frame than that contemplated by this Contract.

## 19.

### TERMINATION BY THE OWNER

The Owner may terminate this Contract in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(A) The Owner may, for any reason whatsoever, terminate performance under this Contract by the Contractor for convenience. The Owner shall give written notice of such termination to the Contractor specifying when termination becomes effective. The Contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the work and the Contractor shall stop work when such termination becomes effective. The Contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts. The Contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders. The Owner may direct the Contractor to assign the Contractor's right, title and interest under termination orders or subcontracts to the Owner or its designee. The Contractor shall transfer title and deliver to the Owner such completed or partially completed work and materials, equipment, parts, fixtures, information and Contract rights as the Contractor has. When terminated for convenience, the Contractor shall be compensated as follows:

(1) The Contractor shall submit a termination claim to the Owner and the Project Manager specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with costs, pricing or other data required by the Owner or the Project Manager. If the Contractor fails to file a termination claim within one (1) year from the effective date of termination, the Owner shall pay the Contractor, an amount derived in accordance with Subparagraph (3) below;

(2) The Owner and the Contractor may agree to the compensation, if any, due to the Contractor hereunder;

(3) Absent agreement to the amount due to the Contractor, the Owner shall pay the Contractor the following amounts:

(a) Contract prices for labor, materials, equipment and other services accepted under this Contract;

(b) Reasonable costs incurred in preparing to perform and in performing the terminated portion of the work, and in terminating the Contractor's performance, plus a fair and reasonable allowance for direct jobsite overhead and profit thereon (such profit shall not include anticipated profit or consequential damages); provided however, that if it appears that the Contractor would have not profited or would have sustained a loss if the entire Contract would have been completed, no profit shall be allowed or included and the amount of compensation shall be reduced to reflect the anticipated rate of loss, if any;

(c) Reasonable costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to Subparagraph 19(A) of

this Paragraph. These costs shall not include amounts paid in accordance with other provisions hereof.

The total sum to be paid the Contractor under this Subparagraph 19(A) shall not exceed the total Contract Price, as properly adjusted, reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, and shall in no event include duplication of payment.

(B) If the Contractor does not perform the work, or any part thereof, in a timely manner, supply adequate labor, supervisory personnel or proper equipment or materials, or if it fails to timely discharge its obligations for labor, equipment and materials, or proceeds to disobey applicable law, or otherwise commits a violation of a material provision of this Contract, then the Owner, in addition to any other rights it may have against the Contractor or others, may terminate the performance of the Contractor and assume possession of the Project site and of all materials and equipment at the site and may complete the work. In such case, the Contractor shall not be paid further until the work is complete. After final completion has been achieved, if any portion of the Contract Price, as it may be modified hereunder, remains after the cost to the Owner of completing the work, including all costs and expenses of every nature incurred, has been deducted by the Owner, such remainder shall belong to the Contractor. Otherwise, the Contractor shall pay and make whole the Owner for such cost. This obligation for payment shall survive the termination of the Contract. In the event the employment of the Contractor is terminated by the Owner for cause pursuant to this Subparagraph 19(B) and it is subsequently determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction that such termination was without cause, such termination shall thereupon be deemed a Termination for Convenience under Subparagraph 19(A) and the provisions of Subparagraph 19(A) shall apply.

## 20.

### INSURANCE

The Contractor shall have and maintain insurance in accordance with the requirements of Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

## 21.

### SURETY BONDS

The Contractor shall furnish **separate performance and payment bonds to the Owner within FIVE (5) calendar days of execution of contract.** If the 5<sup>th</sup> calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday, or County holiday, Contractor may furnish the bonds to Owner on the next County business day. Each bond shall set forth a penal sum in an amount not less than the Contract Price. Each bond furnished by the Contractor shall incorporate by reference the terms of this Contract as fully as though they were set forth verbatim in such bonds. In the event the Contract Price is adjusted by Change Order executed by the Contractor, the penal sum of both the performance bond and the payment bond shall be deemed increased by like amount. The performance and payment bonds furnished by the Contractor shall be in form suitable to the Owner and shall be executed by a surety, or sureties, reasonably acceptable to the Owner.

22.

### **PROJECT RECORDS**

All documents relating in any manner whatsoever to the Project, or any designated portion thereof, which are in the possession of the Contractor, or any subcontractor of the Contractor, shall be made available to the Owner or the Project Manager for inspection and copying upon written request by the Owner. Furthermore, said documents shall be made available, upon request by the Owner, to any state, federal or other regulatory authority and any such authority may review, inspect and copy such records. Said records include, but are not limited to, all drawings, plans, specifications, submittals, correspondence, minutes, memoranda, tape recordings, videos, or other writings or things which document the Project, its design, and its construction. Said records expressly include those documents reflecting the cost of construction to the Contractor. The Contractor shall maintain and protect these documents for no less than four (4) years after final completion of the Project, or for any longer period of time as may be required by law or good construction practice.

23.

### **APPLICABLE LAW**

The law applicable to this Contract is hereby agreed to be the law of the State of Texas and venue shall lie in El Paso County.

24.

### **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

Each party binds itself, its successors, assigns, executors, administrators or other representatives to the other party hereto and to successors, assigns, executors, administrators or other representatives of such other party in connection with all terms and conditions of this Contract. The Contractor shall not assign this Contract without prior written consent of the Owner.

25.

### **PREVAILING WAGE RATES AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

**(A)** The Contractor is aware that and hereby agrees that not less than the prevailing wage rates included in the bid specifications, which were adopted by the El Paso County Commissioners Court on **November 19, 2012** for Highway/Heavy Construction and for Building Construction Trades, shall be paid to all workers on the Project. A copy of the prevailing wage rates is attached hereto and by this reference is incorporated herein as part of this contract.

**(B)** Contractor agrees to comply with Tex. Gov't Code Sections 2258.001 through 2258.058 and acknowledges that it understands that it will pay to the Owner the sum of

\$60.00 per day or part of a day, per worker, that a worker is paid less than said prevailing wage rates set forth in this contract.

**(C)** The Contractor agrees to keep records showing the name and occupation of each worker employed by the Contractor or subcontractor in the construction of the public work and the actual per diem wages paid to each worker. The Contractor further agrees that such records shall be open at all reasonable hours to inspection by the County through its officers and agents.

**(D)** The Contractor shall post the prevailing wage rate schedules made part of this contract at each work site in a prominent location readily accessible to the workers through the duration of the project. In addition, the Contractor shall post a notice to be provided by the County Director of Public Works regarding Prevailing Wage Rates and the County Apprenticeship Program, in English and Spanish, which shall be posted nearby the prevailing wage rate schedules.

**(E)** Upon a determination by the County that there is good cause to believe that Contractor or a subcontractor has violated Chapter 2258 of the Texas Government Code, the County shall withhold any amount due under the contract, up to and including the entire contract price, which the Commissioners Court or its agent, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, determines is sufficient to 1) cover the costs to pay the worker the difference between the amount the worker received in wages for labor on the public work at the rate paid by the Contractor or subcontractor and the amount the worker would have received at the prevailing wage rate and 2) cover the costs of penalties under Section 2258.023 and 3) to ensure compliance with Chapter 2258 for the duration of the project.

**(F) At the time the Contractor submits its applications for progress payments to the Project Manager, the Contractor shall provide a certified payroll for all employees during the period of that pay request.**

**(G)** No worker shall be discharged by the Contractor or Subcontractor or in any other manner discriminated against because such worker has filed an inquiry or complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any legal or equitable proceeding or has testified or is about to testify in any such proceeding under or relating to the prevailing wage rate laws, the apprenticeship program or the provisions of this contract.

**(H)** The Contractor and subcontractors shall allow expeditious jobsite entry by the County Director of Public Works and his/her agents and representatives displaying and presenting proper identification credentials to the jobsite superintendent or his/her representative. While on the jobsite the County Director of Public Works and his/her agents and representatives shall observe all jobsite rules and regulations concerning safety, internal security and fire prevention. The Contractor and subcontractors shall allow project employees to be interviewed at random for a reasonable duration by the County Director of Public Works and his/her agents and representatives to facilitate compliance determinations regarding the prevailing wage rate payment provisions and apprenticeship program provisions of this contract.

**(I)** In the event a particular work element of the project calls for a certain employee classification and skill that is not listed in the prevailing wage rate schedules in the

contract, the Contractor shall notify the Director of Public Works who shall investigate the matter and make a recommendation to the Commissioners Court to make a special wage rate determination as required.

**(J)** In accordance with the Order of the Commissioners Court of El Paso County Regarding Apprenticeship Program Requirements adopted on June 23, 2008, the Contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the following:

1. Must sponsor or participate in a DOL certified apprenticeship program for all job classifications utilized on the project and which are “apprenticeable occupations” as defined by DOL regulations;
2. Must hire registered apprentices enrolled in a DOL certified apprenticeship program. **No helpers shall be permitted;**
3. **May not substitute helpers or unregistered apprentices to perform apprentice level work in place of registered apprentices;**
4. Must pay wage rates and benefits package for apprentices as determined by the apprenticeship program/DOL;
5. Must comply with DOL requirements for the ratio of apprentices to journeymen;
6. **Must hire apprentices in all job classifications utilized on the project and which are “apprenticeable occupations” as defined by DOL regulations, unless such placement would not be approved by the apprenticeship program.**

**(K)** The Contractor shall post the prevailing wage rate schedules made part of this contract at each work site in a prominent location readily accessible to the workers through the duration of the project. In addition, the Contractor shall post a notice to be provided by the County Director of Public Works regarding Prevailing Wage Rates and the County Apprenticeship Program, in English and Spanish, which shall be posted nearby the prevailing wage rate schedules.

**(L)** The Contractor shall provide the names of all apprentices on the project, verification of their status as registered apprentices, and documentation as to their proper wage rates and journeyman to apprentice ratios as determined by the apprenticeship program.

**(M)** The County reserves the right to terminate this Contract for cause if the Contractor and/or subcontractors shall breach any of these provisions regarding the payment of prevailing wages or the apprenticeship program.

**(N) The Contractor shall cause these and any other appropriate prevailing wage rate and apprenticeship program provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts relative to the work to bind the subcontractors to the same prevailing wage rate and apprenticeship program provisions as are applicable to the Contractor.**

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES EXECUTE THIS CONTRACT:

**OWNER**

**CONTRACTOR**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:**

THE COUNTY OF EL PASO

\_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Veronica Escobar  
El Paso County Judge

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
TITLE  
(Signor must be authorized to bind corporation)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Ernesto Carrizal III,  
Director of Public Works  
El Paso County, Texas

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant County Attorney

## EXHIBIT A

### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Contractor agrees that, at its own cost and expense, it shall procure and continue in force throughout the term of this Agreement, for the benefit of the County of El Paso, its officers, agents, and employees, the following listed insurance in the designated amounts. All such policies of insurance shall be written by insurance underwriters authorized to do business in the State of Texas. All policies shall name the County of El Paso, its officers, agents, and employees as additional insureds. Contractor shall furnish to the El Paso County Risk Manager a certificate from the insurance carrier showing such insurance to be in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement. Said certification shall contain a provision that written notice of cancellation or of any material change in said policy by the insurer shall be delivered to the El Paso County Risk Manager thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date thereof.

**1. Worker's compensation Including Occupational Disease, and Employer's Liability Insurance:** Procure, and maintain during the life of the contract, Statutory Worker's Compensation Insurance and Occupation Disease Disability Insurance in strict accordance with requirements of the most current and applicable State Workmen's Compensation Insurance Laws for all employees engaged in Work under the contract, and in case any Work is sublet, require each subcontractor to provide Worker's Compensation and Occupational Disease Disability Insurance for the latter's employees engaged in such Work. In case any class of employees engaged in hazardous Work under his Contract is not protected under the Worker's Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide and shall cause each subcontractor to provide adequate Employer's Liability Insurance for the protection of his employees not otherwise protected.

**2. Commercial and comprehensive General Liability, including Products Liability and Completed Operations:** (Note "Indemnity" clause hereinafter.) Procure, and maintain during the life of the Contract, full comprehensive General Liability and Property Damage Insurance coverage. This coverage shall provide protection from claims for damages for personal injury and bodily injury including in part sickness, disease, and from claims for damages to property (including "Broad Form"), which may arise directly or indirectly out of, or in connection with, the performance of the Work under the Contract by the Contractor or by any of his subcontractors or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them or under the control of either of them, and the minimum amount of such insurance shall be as follows:

**(A) BODILY DAMAGE AND PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE IS AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT PERSONAL INJURY AND BODILY INJURY INCLUDING IN PART: SICKNESS, DISEASE OR DEATH OF ONE PERSON AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME LIMIT FOR EACH PERSON AND IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) IN ANY ONE OCCURRENCE; AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE (BROAD FORM) IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF INJURY TO OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY OF OTHERS IN ANY ONE OCCURRENCE WITH AN AGGREGATE LIMIT IN THE SAME AMOUNT. SUCH**



POLICY SHALL INCLUDED COMPLETED OPERATIONS COVERAGE AND SHALL BE MAINTAINED FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS AFTER SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OCCURS.

**(b)** The Property Damage portion of this coverage shall include such hazardous operations as explosion, collapse and underground exposure coverage. In addition, completed Operations Insurance coverage shall be maintained after completion and acceptance of the project for the full guarantee and maintenance period.

**(c) AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE:** PROCURE, AND MAINTAIN DURING THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT, COMPREHENSIVE AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE COVERAGE ON ALL VEHICLES USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRACT, WHETHER OWNED, NON-OWNED, OR HIRED. THE LIABILITY LIMITS SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00)** FOR INJURY OR DEATH OF EACH PERSON AND IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00)** IN ANY ONE OCCURRENCE; AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIMITS OF NOT LESS THAN **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00)** IN ANY ONE OCCURRENCE.

**(d) Owner's Protective Liability Policy:** Provide the Owner with an Owner's Protective Liability Policy naming the Worker as the named insured, with the Engineer, and each of their officers, agents, and employees as additionally insured under that policy, said policy to protect said parties from claims which may arise from operations under the Contract. This coverage shall be the same company which provides the Contractor's liability insurance coverage, and in the same minimum amounts.

**(e) Contractual Liability Coverage:** Each and ever policy for liability insurance carried by each Contractor and Subcontractor will include a "Broad Form Contractual Liability Coverage" endorsement sufficiently broad to insure the provision titled "indemnity" hereinafter set forth.

**(f) INDEMNITY:** TO THE EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROTECT, DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE OWNER, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST SUITS, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, LOSSES, LIABILITY OR DAMAGE OF ANY CHARACTER AND FROM AND AGAINST COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING IN PART, ATTORNEY FEES, INCIDENTAL TO THE DEFENSE OF SUCH SUITS, ACTIONS, CLAIMS LOSSES, DAMAGES OR LIABILITY ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY, DISEASE, SICKNESS, INCLUDING DEATH, TO ANY PERSON, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, INCLUDING IN PART THE LOSS OF USE RESULTING THEREFROM, BASED UPON OR ALLEGEDLY BASED UPON ANY ACT, OMISSION OR OCCURRENCE OF THE CONTRACTOR OR HIS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR ANYONE ELSE UNDER THE CONTRACTOR'S DIRECTION AND CONTROL, (REGARDLESS IF CAUSED IN PART BY A PARTY INDEMNIFIED HEREUNDER), AND ARISING OUT OF, OCCURRING IN CONNECTION WITH, RESULTING FROM, OR CAUSED BY THE PERFORMANCE OR FAILURE OF

PERFORMANCE OF ANY WORK OR SERVICES CALLED FOR BY THE CONTRACT, OR FORM CONDITIONS CREATED BY THE PERFORMANCE OR NO-PERFORMANCE OF SAID WORK OR SERVICES.

**(g) Builder's Risk "All-Risk" Insurance:** In addition to such Fire and Extended Insurance coverage which the Contractor elects to carry for his own protection, he shall procure and shall maintain for the life of the Contract, Builder's Risk "All-Risk" Completed Value insurance coverage, including, but not limited to, Fire and standard Extended Insurance coverage, Vandalism and Malicious Mischief, upon the full insurable value of all portions of the Work which is the subject of the Contract and subject to a loss for which such Builder's Risk "All- Risk" insurance coverage gives protection and shall include completed Work and Work in progress. Value of this policy shall be fixed to the total bid price on the Bid Form. This coverage shall be with an insurance company or companies acceptable to the Owner.

**(h) Boiler and/or Machinery Insurance:** Boiler and/or Machinery Insurance, where appropriate and necessary, shall be procured and maintained by the Contractor until the Work has been completed and accepted by the Owner.

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF E LPASO  
COUNTY REGARDING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM  
REQUIREMENTS**

Whereas, the County of El Paso supports the adoption of an apprenticeship program for all county building construction projects in the amount of \$50,000 and higher and desires the inclusion of language mandating participation in apprenticeship programs certified by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in all County building construction contracts; and

Whereas, the purpose of the apprenticeship program is to require that only journeymen and apprentices registered in an apprentice program certified by DOL perform work on county building construction projects in order to ensure both quality construction work as well as provide training opportunities; and

Whereas, a DOL certified apprenticeship program requirement for local building construction projects is consistent with the state prevailing wage rate law pursuant to Chapter 2258, Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of El Paso adopts the El Paso County Apprenticeship Program requiring the following of all building contractors and their subcontractors on County Building Construction Projects:

1. must sponsor or participate in a DOL certified apprenticeship program for all job classifications utilized on the project and which are "apprenticeable occupations" as defined by DOL regulations, except when there is a state statute requiring certification for an occupation which has inconsistent requirements;
2. must hire registered apprentices enrolled in a DOL certified apprenticeship program;
3. may not substitute helpers or unregistered apprentices to perform apprentice level work in place of registered apprentices;
4. must pay wage rates and benefits package for apprentices as determined by apprenticeship program/DOL;
5. must comply with DOL requirements for the ratio of apprentices to journeymen;
6. must hire apprentices in all job classifications utilized on the project and which are "apprenticeable occupations" as defined by DOL regulations, unless such placement would not be approved by the apprenticeship program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Purchasing Agent is hereby directed to include notice of the County apprenticeship requirements in all specifications for bids on building constructions projects in the amount of \$50,000 or higher.

APPROVED on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2008.

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ANTHONY COBOS  
EL PASO COUNTY JUDGE



## 2016 PREVAILING WAGE RATES BUILDING

CLASSIFICATION	BASE WAGE	BENEFITS	HOURLY PREVAILING WAGE RATE	(8 HOURS) PER DIEM WAGE RATE
Automatic Fire Sprinkler Fitter, Certified	26.85	0.00	26.85	214.80
Block, Brick, and Stone Mason	17.97	0.00	17.97	143.76
Carpenters – Acoustical Ceiling Installation	15.17	0.00	15.17	121.36
Carpenter – Rough	16.55	0.00	16.55	132.40
Carpenter – All Other Work	14.98	0.00	14.98	119.84
Caulker / Sealers	11.29	0.00	11.29	90.32
Cement and Concrete Finishers	14.90	0.00	14.90	119.20
Commercial Truck Driver	14.75	0.00	14.75	118.00
Communication/Security Technician	16.50	2.12	18.62	148.96
Crane and Heavy Equipment Operator	24.19	3.43	27.62	220.96
Door & Hardware Specialist	12.00	1.35	13.35	106.80
Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	12.64	0.00	12.65	101.12
Drywall Finishers & Tapers	14.00	0.00	14.00	112.00
Electrician	23.36	3.40	26.75	214.00
Elevator Installers and Repairers	31.35	15.10	46.45	371.60
Fence Erectors – Include with Skilled Labor	10.00	0.00	10.00	80.00
Floor Layers- Carpet and Resilient	12.87	0.00	12.87	102.96
Floor Layers- Specialty	13.00	0.00	13.00	104.00
Floor Layers - Wood	11.50	0.00	11.50	92.00
Glaziers	15.86	1.00	16.86	134.88
Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	10.00	0.00	10.00	80.00
Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Service Technician	31.14	12.43	43.57	348.56
Insulation Workers – Mechanical	31.26	11.96	43.22	345.76
Irrigator – Landscape, Certified	15.28	0.00	15.28	122.24
Laborer	11.88	0.01	11.89	95.12
Locksmith	12.00	1.35	13.35	106.80
Mechanic	17.00	0.00	17.00	136.00
Painters - Building	11.77	0.00	11.77	94.16
Paper Hanger	14.00	0.00	14.00	112.00
Pipelayers	15.00	0.00	15.00	120.00
Pipe Fitters and Steamfitters	23.53	9.02	32.55	260.40
Plaster, Stucco, Lather and EIFS Applicator	14.21	0.01	14.22	113.76
Plumber/ Medical Gas Installer	25.72	7.23	32.95	263.60
Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers	19.62	1.60	21.22	169.76
Roofers	16.00	0.00	16.00	128.00
Sheet Metal Workers	27.16	0.00	27.16	217.28
Structural Iron and Steel Workers / Metal Building Erector	25.57	13.24	38.81	310.48
Tile Setters	13.86	0.00	13.86	110.88



## 2016 PREVAILING WAGE RATES HEAVY / HIGHWAY

CLASSIFICATION	BASE WAGE PER HOUR	TOTAL FRINGES PER HOUR	HOURLY PREVAILING WAGE RATE	PER DIEM WAGE RATE
Asphalt Distributor Operator	14.64	0.00	14.64	117.12
Asphalt Paving Machine Operator / Spreader Box Operator	14.20	0.00	14.20	113.60
Asphalt Raker	12.99	0.00	12.99	103.92
Backhoe Operator	15.95	0.00	15.95	127.60
Concrete Finishers (Paving and Structures)	13.88	0.00	13.88	111.04
Crane Operator, Lattice Boom	17.50	0.00	17.50	140.00
Crane Operator, Hydraulic	17.50	0.00	17.50	140.00
Electrician	23.09	0.00	23.09	184.72
Excavator Operator	16.10	0.00	16.10	128.80
Form Builder/Setter	15.02	0.00	15.02	120.16
Form Setter (Paving and Curb)	12.86	0.00	12.86	102.88
Front End Loader	14.82	0.00	14.82	118.56
Laborer	11.89	0.00	11.89	95.12
Laborer (Skilled)(Utility)	13.65	0.00	13.65	109.20
Mechanic	17.50	0.00	17.50	140.00
Motor Grader Operator (Fine)	17.54	0.00	17.54	140.32
Pipe Layer	12.94	0.00	12.94	103.52
Reinforcing Steel Setter (Structure and Paving)/ Structural Steel Worker	17.00	0.00	17.00	136.00
Rock Mason	12.00	0.00	12.00	96.00
Roller Operator	13.70	0.00	13.70	109.60
Servicer	14.33	0.00	14.33	114.64
Truck Driver, Single Axle	13.19	0.00	13.19	105.52
Truck Driver, Tandem Axle	15.32	0.02	15.34	122.72
Utility Operator Grade 1	12.00	0.00	12.00	96.00
Utility Operator Grade 2	13.95	0.00	13.95	111.60
Welder, Certified/ Structural Steel Welder	13.83	0.00	13.83	110.64

• **Building Construction Trades Wage Rates 2012**

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>BASE WAGE PER HOUR</b>	<b>TOTAL FRINGES PER HOUR</b>	<b>HOURLY PREVAILING WAGE RATE</b>	<b>PER DIEM WAGE RATE</b>
Automatic Fire Sprinkler Fitter, Certified	25.84	16.47	42.31	338.48
Brick Masons and Block Masons	16.92	0.00	16.92	135.36
Carpenters – Acoustical Ceiling	12.50	0.00	12.50	117.68
Carpenter – Rough	14.71	-	14.71	117.68
Carpenter – All Other Work, Millwright	14.85	0.00	14.85	118.80
Caulker / Sealers	10	0.00	10.00	80.00
Door & Hardware and Locksmith	12.00	1.35	13.35	106.80
Drywall and Ceiling Tile and Lather	12.5	0.00	12.50	100.00
Drywall Finishers & Tapers	14	0.00	14.00	112.00
Electrician	20.53	7.19	27.72	221.76
Electronic Technician	18.43	1.01	19.44	155.52
Elevator Installers and Repairers	31.35	15.10	46.45	371.60
Fence Erectors	9.5	0.00	9.50	76.00
Floor Layers–Carpet & Resilient	12.87	0.00	12.87	102.96
Floor Layers – Specialty	13	0.00	13.00	104.00
Floor Layers – Wood	11.50	0.00	11.50	92.00
Fork Lift Operator	18	5.83	23.83	190.64
Glaziers	10	0.00	10.00	80.00
Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	10.00	0.00	10.00	80.00
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Service Technician	22	0.00	22.00	176.00
Insulation Workers – Mechanical	14	0.00	14.00	112.00
Irrigator -- Landscape, Certified	14.92	0.00	14.92	119.36
Laborer, Common	9.88	0.00	9.88	79.04
Laborer, Skilled	13	0.00	13.00	104.00
Manlift Operator Include with trade	12.13	0.00	12.13	97.04

Masons, Cement and Concrete Finishers	13.25	0.00	13.25	106.00
Mason, Rock	17.97	0.00	17.97	143.76
Mason, Stone	11.91	0.00	11.91	95.28
Painters	10	0.00	10.00	80.00
Paper Hanger	10	0.50	10.50	84.00
Pipelayers	15.00	0.00	15.00	120.00
Pipe Fitters and Steamfitters	11.43	3.74	15.17	121.36
Plaster and Stucco Applicator	13.00	0.50	13.50	108.00
Plumbers	17.5	0.00	17.50	140.00
Reinforcing Iron and Rebar workers	18.38	4.64	23.02	184.16
Roofers	16	0.00	16.00	128.00
Sheet Metal Workers	23.92	0.00	23.92	191.36
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	17.2	0.00	17.20	137.60
Tile and Marble Setters	12.50	0.00	12.50	100.00
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor- Trailer	14.69	0.00	14.69	117.52
Truck Drivers, Light (under 26,000 GVW)	15	0.00	15.00	120.00

- All persons required to be licensed or certified must meet those qualifications to be paid the associated rate.

• **Paving and Street Construction, Dirt Work, Heavy Construction, Pipeline Work, Highway Wage Rates 2012**

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>BASE WAGE PER HOUR</b>	<b>TOTAL FRINGES PER HOUR</b>	<b>HOURLY PREVAILING WAGE RATE</b>	<b>PER DIEM WAGE RATE</b>
Asphalt Distributor Operator	12.75	0	12.75	102
Asphalt Paving Machine Operator	12.5	0	12.5	100
Asphalt Raker	10.5	0	10.5	84
Backhoe Operator	14	0	14	112
Concrete Finisher (Paving and Structures)	12	0	12	96
Crane Operator, Lattice Boom	17.5	0	17.5	140
Crane Operator, Hydraulic	17	0	17	136
Electrician	23.09	0	23.09	184.72
Excavator Operator	16.1	0	16.1	128.8
Form Builder/Setter	13	0	13	104
Form Setter (Paving and Curb)	10.75	0	10.75	86
Front End Loader	11.75	0	11.75	94
Labor (Common)	9.25	0	9.25	74
Labor (Skilled)	10	0	10	80
Mechanic	17.5	0	17.5	140
Motor Grade Operator	17	0	17	136
Pipe Layer	11.5	0	11.5	92
Reinforcing Steel Setter (Paving)	14	0	14	112
Rock Mason	12	0	12	96
Servicer	12	0	12	96
Traveling Mixer Operator	10	0	10	80
Truck Driver, Single Axle	11	0	11	88
Truck Driver, Tandem Axle	12.74	0	12.74	101.92
Tunneling Machine Operator	13.61	0	13.61	108.88
Utility Operator Grade 1	11.5	0	11.5	92
Utility Operator Grade 2	11	0	11	88
Welder, Certified/Structural Steel Welder	12.08	0	12.08	96.64
Welder	13.08	0	13.08	104.64

• All persons required to be licensed or certified must meet those qualifications to be paid the associated rate.



**General Provisions**  
County of El Paso, Texas

**These General Provisions are considered standard language for all County of El Paso BIDS and Request for Proposal documents. If any “specific bid requirements” differ from the General Provisions listed here, the “specific bid requirements” shall prevail.**

**1. BID/PROPOSAL PACKAGE**

- a. The request for bid/proposal, general and special provisions, drawings, specifications/line item details, contract documents and the bid/proposal sheet are all considered part of the bid/proposal package. Bids/Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided by the County, including the bid/proposal sheet completed in its entirety and signed by an authorized representative by original signature. Failure to complete and sign the bid/proposal sheet/contract page (s) may disqualify the bid/proposal from being considered by Commissioners’ Court. Any individual signing on behalf of the proposer expressly affirms that he or she is duly authorized to tender this bid/proposal and to sign the bid/proposal sheet/contract under the terms and conditions in this bid/proposal. Proposer further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect unless subsequently awarded and the contract properly executed by Commissioners’ Court. All figures must be written in ink or typed. Figures written in pencil or with erasures are not acceptable. However, mistakes may be crossed out, corrections inserted, and initialed in ink by the individual signing the bid/proposal. Changes must also be made to any electronic copies submitted. If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price will prevail. Each bidder/proposer is required to thoroughly review this entire bid/proposal packet to familiarize themselves with the bid/proposal procedures, the plans and specifications for the requested work as well as the terms, and conditions of the contract the successful proposer will execute with the County.
- b. **Bid/Proposal must be in the Purchasing Department BEFORE the hour and date specified. Faxed or e-mailed bids/proposals will not be accepted. Late bids/proposals will not be considered under any circumstances.**
- c. Any bid/proposal sent via express mail or overnight delivery must have the BID/RFP number and title clearly marked on the outside of the envelope or package. Failure to clearly identify your bid/proposal may be cause for disqualification.

**2. COMPETITIVENESS AND INTEGRITY**

To prevent biased evaluations and to preserve the competitiveness and integrity of such acquisition efforts, proposers are to direct all communications regarding this bid/proposal to the El Paso County Purchasing Agent or assigned designee, unless otherwise specifically noted.

An authorized person from the submitting firm must sign all bids/proposals. The signature acknowledges that the proposer has read the bid/proposal documents thoroughly before submitting a bid/proposal and will fulfill the obligations in accordance to the terms, conditions, and specifications.

Please carefully review this Request for Bid/Proposal. It provides specific information necessary to aid participating firms in formulating a thorough response.

### **3. BIDDERS'S/PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY**

The Bidder/Proposer must affirmatively demonstrate its responsibility. The Bidder/Proposer must also meet the following minimum requirements:

- Have been in business of providing services for a minimum of one (1) years;
- Have adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- Be able to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders regarding this Request for Bid/Proposal;
- Have satisfactory record of performance;
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics; and
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

### **4. REJECTION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS**

The County, acting through its Commissioners' Court reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all bids/proposals and waive any informality in the bids/proposals received; (2) disregard the bid/proposal of any proposer determined to be not responsible. The County further reserves the right to reject any bid/proposal due to failure of performance on deliveries as determined in writing by the County Purchasing Agent.

### **5. RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS SPECIFICATIONS**

It is the responsibility of the prospective proposer to review the entire invitation to bid/proposal packet and to notify the Purchasing Department if the specifications are formulated in a manner that would restrict competition or appear ambiguous. Any such protest or question(s) regarding the specifications or bid/proposal procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department no less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for bid/proposal opening. Vendors are to propose as specified herein or propose an approved equal. The mention of any brand name in the specifications is not intended to be restrictive, but is intended to describe the general features and requirements (or equivalent) that the County of El Paso is seeking.

Under Local Gov't Code Section 262.005 and Health & Safety Code Section 361.426, the County is required to give preference to products made of recycled materials if they meet specs. The County is also required to encourage the use of recycled products in developing new procedures and specs. They are also required to eliminate procedures and specifications that explicitly discriminate against products made of recycled materials.

### **6. SUBSTITUTES**

It is not the County's intent to discriminate against any material of equal merit to those specified however, should the proposer desire to use any substitutions, prior written approval shall be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent sufficiently in advance in order that an addendum might be issued.

### **7. EXCEPTIONS TO BID/PROPOSAL**

The proposer will list on a separate sheet of paper any exceptions to the conditions of the bid/proposal. This sheet will be labeled, "Exceptions to Bid/Proposal Conditions", and will be attached to the bid/proposal. If no exceptions are stated, it will be

understood that all general and specific conditions will be complied with, without exception.

The Bidder/Proposer must specify in its bid/proposal any alternatives it wishes to propose for consideration by the County. Each alternative should be sufficiently described and labeled within the bid/proposal and should indicate its possible or actual advantage to the program being offered.

The County reserved the right to offer these alternatives to other proposers.

## **8. PRICING**

Bid/Proposals for equipment shall offer new (unused) equipment or merchandise unless otherwise specified. Quotes F.O.B. destination. If otherwise, show exact cost to deliver (merchandise only). Bid/Proposal will be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on the bid/proposal sheet. The net price will be delivered to the El Paso County, including all freight or shipping charges. In case of error in extension, unit prices shall govern. BID/RFP subject to unlimited price increases will not be accepted. The County is tax exempt and no taxes should be included in your bid/proposal.

Unless prices and all information requested are complete, bid/proposal may be disregarded and given no consideration.

In case of default by the contractor, the County may procure the articles or services from other sources and may deduct from any monies due, or that may thereafter become due to the contractor, the difference between the price named in the contract of purchase order and the actual cost thereof to the County. Prices paid by the County shall be considered the prevailing market price at the time such purchase is made. Periods or performance may be extended if the facts as to the cause of delay justify such extension in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent and the Commissioners' Court.

## **9. TAX EXEMPTION**

Pursuant to Section 151.309 of the Texas Tax Code, El Paso County qualifies for exemption from sales, excise and use taxes imposed under the Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act, which is codified at Chapter 151 of the Texas Tax Code. In accordance with Section 151.309, a taxable item sold, leased, or rented to, or stored, used, or consumed by the County is exempt from the taxes imposed under Chapter 151.

## **10. MODIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS**

A bidder/proposer may modify a bid/proposal by letter at any time prior to the submission deadline for receipt of bids/proposals. Modification requests must be received prior to the submission deadline. Modifications made before opening time must be initialed by bidder/proposer guaranteeing authenticity. Bids/Proposals may not be amended or altered after the official opening with the single exception that any product literature and/or supporting data required by the actual specifications, if any, will be accepted at any time prior to the Commissioners' Court consideration of same. No substitutions or cancellations for merchandise will be permitted without written approval of the County Purchasing Agent.

## **11. SIGNATURE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS**

Each bid/proposal shall give the complete mailing address of the Bidder/Proposer and be signed by an authorized representative by original signature with the authorized representative's name and legal title typed below the signature line. Each bid/proposal shall include the Bidder's/Proposer's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), failure to sign the Contract page(s) and bid/proposal response sheet will disqualify the bid/proposal from being considered by the County. The person signing on behalf of the Bidder/Proposer expressly affirms that the person is duly authorized to render the bid/proposal and to sign the bid/proposal sheets and contract under the terms and conditions of this BID/RFP and to bind the Bidder/Proposer thereto and further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect until it is properly placed on the Commissioner's Court agenda, approved in open Court, authorized to be executed by the County Judge, and fully executed by both parties.

## 12. AWARD OF BID/PROPOSALS-EVALUTATION CRITERIA AND FACTORS

### **Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code**

**Bids** shall be awarded to the responsible bidder that submits the lowest and best bid.

**Bid/Proposals** will be made to the responsible proposer whose bid/proposal is determined to be the best evaluated offer demonstrating the best ability to fulfill the requirements set forth in this Request for Bid/Proposal. The prices proposed will be considered firm and cannot be altered after the submission deadline. **The proposed cost to the County will be considered firm, unless the County invokes its right to request a best and final offer and cannot be altered after the submission deadline.**

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this BID/RFP and may discontinue its efforts under this BID/RFP for any reason or no reason or solely for the County's convenience at any time prior to actual execution of the contract by the County. County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the bid/proposal, waive minor technicalities, or to award by item or by total bid/proposal. Price should be itemized.

**A Bidder/Proposer whose bid/proposal does not meet the mandatory requirements set forth in this BID/RFP will be considered noncompliant.**

Each Bidder/Proposer, by submitting a bid/proposal, agrees that if its bid/proposal is accepted by the Commissioners' Court, such Bidder/Proposer will furnish all items and services upon the terms and conditions in this BID/RFP and contract.

Contractor shall submit to the County, for approval, within ten (10) days from notice of contract award, all Certificates of Insurance evidencing the required coverage as described under Insurance in the schedule of the Requests for Bids/Proposals.

## 13. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

The parties agree that the County is a governmental body for purposes of the Public Information Act, codified as Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and as such is required to release information in accordance with the Public Information Act. Bidder/Proposer agrees that it has marked any information that it considers to be confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret in its bid/proposal. County agrees to provide notice to Bidder/Proposer in accordance with the Public Information Act in the event the County receives a request for information under the Public Information Act for

information that the Proposer has marked as confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret.

**14. RESULTANT CONTRACT**

The resultant contract shall become effective upon the Commissioners' Court execution of the same. The contract documents shall consist of the contract, the general and special provisions, the drawings, bid/proposal package, any addenda issued, and any change orders issued during the work.

The criteria utilized for determining responsibility of bidder/proposer(s) includes, but is not limited to, the proposer's experience, skill, ability, business judgment, financial capacity, integrity, honesty, possession of the necessary facilities or equipment, previous performance, reputation, promptness, and any other factor deemed relevant by the County to determine whether a bidder/proposer is responsible. The term of the resultant contract will begin as stated in the contract executed by the Commissioners' Court and will terminate on the date specified in the contract unless terminated earlier as herein set forth.

**15. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

Any reference to quantities shown in the Request for Bids/Proposals are an estimate only. Since the exact quantities cannot be predetermined, the County reserves the right to adjust quantities as deemed necessary to meet its requirements.

**16. CONTRACTOR INVESTIGATION**

Before submitting a bid/proposal, each contractor shall make all investigations and examinations necessary to ascertain all site conditions and requirements affecting the full performance of the contract and to verify any representations made by the County upon which the contractor will rely. If the contractor receives an award as a result of its bid/proposal submission, failure to have made such investigations and examinations will in no way relieve the contractor from its obligation to comply in every detail with all provisions and requirements of the contract, nor will a plea of ignorance of such conditions and requirements be accepted as a basis for any claim whatsoever by the contractor for additional compensation.

**17. NO COMMITMENT BY COUNTY**

This Request for Bid/Proposal does not commit the County to award any costs or pay any costs, or to award any contract, or to pay any costs associated with or incurred in the preparation of a bid/proposal to this request, or to procure or contract for services or supplies.

**18. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS**

In acceptance proposals, the County reserves the right to negotiate further with one or more of the contractors as to any features of their proposals and to accept modifications of the work and price when such action will be in the best interest of the County. This includes solicitations of a Best and Final Offer from one or more of the proposers. If invoked, it allows acceptable proposers the opportunity to amend, change or supplement their original proposal. Proposers may be contacted in writing requesting that they submit their best and final offer. Any such best and final offer must include discussed and negotiated changes.

**19. SINGLE BID/PROPOSAL RESPONSE**

If only one (1) bid/proposal is received in response to the Request for Bids/Proposals, a detailed cost bid/proposal may be requested of the single contractor. A cost/price analysis and evaluation and/or audit may be performed of the cost bid/proposal in order to determine if the price is fair and reasonable.

**20. REJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS**

El Paso County reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this bid/proposal package and may discontinue its efforts for any reason under this bid/proposal package at any time prior to actual execution of the Contract by the County. Bidders/Proposers may be disqualified and rejection of bid/proposals may be recommended to the Commissioners' Court for any of (but not limited to) the following causes:

- A. Failure to use the bid/proposal form(s) furnished by the County, if applicable.
- B. Lack of signature by an authorized representative that can legally bind the company on the bid/proposal form.
- C. Failure to properly complete the bid/proposal.
- D. Bids/proposals that do not meet the mandatory requirements.
- E. Evidence of collusion among bidders/proposers.

**21. CHANGES IN SPECIFICATIONS**

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this bid/proposal, a written notice of such revision will be posted on the County Purchasing website. The County is not bound by any oral representations, clarifications, or changes made in the written specifications by the County's employees, unless such clarification or change is posted on the County Purchasing website. It shall be Bidder's/Proposer's responsibility to check the website prior to the bid/proposal opening date to verify whether any addendums have been posted.

**22. BID/PROPOSAL IDEAS AND CONCEPTS**

The County reserves the right to adopt or use for its benefits, any concept, plan, or idea contained in any bid/proposal.

**23. BID/PROPOSAL DISCLOSURES**

Results of bids/proposals for the purchase of goods, materials, general services and construction are considered public information at the time of the bid/proposal opening. All information contained in the bid/proposal response is available for public review.

The Proposal for Services: Only the names of those who submitted proposals will be made public information until an award is made by Commissioners' Court and contract executed by the parties. No price, staffing or other proposal information will be released. Proposers are requested to withhold all inquiries regarding their proposal or other submissions until after an award is made. No communication is to be had with any County employee, other than the Purchasing Agent, regarding whether a proposal was received. Violations of this provision may result in the rejection of a proposal.

**24. WITHDRAWAL OF BID/PROPOSAL**

Bidders/Proposers may request withdrawal of a sealed bid/proposal prior to the scheduled bid/proposal opening time provided the request for withdrawal is submitted to the Purchasing Agent in writing. No bids/proposals may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after opening of the bids/proposals.

**25. INDEMNIFICATION**

**A.** The contractor shall agree to assume all risks and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless, the County, its elected and appointed officials and department heads, and its agents and employees from and against all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments, and costs and expenses including reasonable attorney’s fees for the defense thereof in connection therewith on account of the loss of life property or injury or damage to the person which shall arise from contractor’s operations under this contract, its use of County facilities and/or equipment or from any other breach on the part of the contractor, its employees, agents or any person(s) in or about the County’s facilities with the expressed or implied consent of the County. Contractor shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against El Paso County resulting from contractor’s operations under this contract.

Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless from all claims of subcontractors, laborers incurred in the performance of this contract. Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of this nature herein above designated have been paid, discharged or waived. If Contractor fails to do so, then the County reserves the right to pay unpaid bills of which County has written notice direct and withhold from Contractor’s unpaid compensations a sum of money reasonably sufficient to liquidate any and all such lawful claims.

**B.** Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.032(b), any successful bidder who is awarded any contract in excess of \$50,000 may be required to execute a performance bond to the County. Said bond shall be in the full amount of the contract and must be furnished within 30 days after the date a purchase order is issued or the contract is signed and prior to commencement of the actual work. A performance bond required pursuant to this section shall be noted in the attached detailed bid specifications or scope of work. This section does not apply to a performance bond required by Chapter 2253, Texas Government Code.

**26. PROOF OF INSURANCE**

Successful proposer agrees to keep in full force and effect, a policy of public liability and property damage insurance issued by a casualty company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and in standard form approved by the Board of Insurance Commissioners’ of the State of Texas, with coverage provision insuring the public from any loss or damage that may arise to any person or property by reason of services limits of not less than the following sums:

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY OF EL PASO**

GENERAL LIABILITY:  
\$1,000,000 – Each Occurrence

\$1,000,000 – General Aggregate  
\$1,000,000 – Personal & Advertising Injury  
\$1,000,000 – Products/Completed Operations – Aggregate  
\$5,000 – Premises Medical Expense  
\$500,000 – Fire Legal Damage Liability  
County named as “Additional Insured”  
Waiver of Subrogation

AUTOMOBILE:

\$1,000,000 – Each Occurrence  
County named as “Additional Insured”  
Waiver of Subrogation

WORKERS COMPENSATION:

\$1,000,000 – Employers Liability – Each Accident  
\$1,000,000 – Employers Liability – Each Employee  
\$1,000,000 – Employers Liability – Disease – Policy Limit  
Statutory Limits  
Waiver of Subrogation

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS additional requirements:

Builders Risk Policy for total amount of completed project  
Bid Bond  
Performance & Payment Bond

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES additional requirements:

Limit of \$1,000,000 for E&O/Professional Insurance.

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

In the remarks section should include job description or project name and/or number. Successful bidder shall carry in full force Workers’ Compensation Insurance Policy (ies), if there is more than one employee, for all employees, including but not limited to full time, part time, and emergency employees employed by the successful bidder. Current insurance Certificates certifying that such policies as specified above are in full force and effect shall be furnished by successful bidder to the County. Insurance is to be placed with insurers having a best rating of no less than A. The Bidder shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and original endorsements affecting coverage required by these insurance clauses within ten (10) business days of execution of this contract. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The Bidder shall be required to submit annual renewals for the term of this contract prior to expiration of any policy.

In addition to the remedies stated herein, the County has the right to pursue other remedies permitted by law or in equity. The County agrees to provide Bidder with reasonable and timely notice of any claim, demand, or cause of action made or brought against the County arising out of or related to utilization of the property. Proposer shall have the right to defend any such claim, demand or cause of action at its sole cost and expense and within its sole and exclusive discretion. The County agrees not to compromise or settle any claim or cause of action arising out of or related to the utilization of the property without the prior written consent of the Bidder. In no event shall the County be liable for any damage to or destruction of any property belonging to the Bidder.



**County of El Paso shall be listed as the additional insured on policy certificates and shall be notified of changes to the policy during the contractual period.**

**27. MANDATORY DISCLOSURES:**

Texas law requires the following disclosures by vendors:

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure Reporting (required of all vendors responding to the Bid/RFP/RFQ)**

Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor or person considering doing business with a local government entity make certain disclosures. In 2015, the Texas Legislature updated the law and the Texas Ethics Commission made corresponding changes to the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ Form), in which the vendor must disclose any covered affiliation or business relationship with County personnel that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. A list of County elected officials and employees that will award the bid/proposal and/or make recommendations for award are included in this bid/proposal. By law, a completed questionnaire must be filed with the County of El Paso County, Texas. If no conflict of interest exists, write "N/A" or "None" in Box 3 of the CIQ Form. For vendor's convenience, a blank CIQ Form is enclosed with this bid/proposal. Blank CIQ Forms may also be obtained by visiting the Purchasing Department website at:

<http://epcounty.com/purchasing/bids/default.htm>

**Disclosure of Interested Parties (only required of vendors who are awarded the Bid/RFP/RFQ)**

In 2015, the Texas Legislature added Section 2252.908 to Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code. Pursuant to Section 2252.908, for contracts entered into January 1, 2016 and after, the awarded vendor must submit to the County a completed "Certificate of Interested Parties" form, which will be included in the Commissioners Court agenda at the time the contract is approved and sent to the Texas Ethics Commission within 30 days thereafter.

Compliance with this new requirement requires logging into the Texas Ethics Commission website, at: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm) Several instructional videos are available there.

**28. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

The contractor declares, by signing and submitting a bid/proposal, that the bid/proposal is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid/proposal is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the contractor has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited another contractor to put in a false or sham bid/proposal, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any contractor or anyone else to put in a sham bid/proposal, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the contractor has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communications, or conference with anyone to fix the bid/proposal price of the contractor or any other bidder/proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the bid/proposal price, or of that of any other contractor, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract, that all statements

contained in the bid/proposal are true; and further, that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid/proposal price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any cooperation, partnership, company association, organization, bid/proposal depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid/proposal.

Non negotiations, decisions, or cautions shall be initiated by any company as a result of any result of any verbal discussion with any County employee prior to the opening of responses to this Request for Bid/Proposal.

No officer or employee of the County, and no other public or elected official, or employee, who may exercise any function or responsibilities in the review or approval of this undertaking, shall have any personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or negotiation process thereof. The above compliance request will be part of all County contracts for this service.

## **29. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

The County specifically reserves any claim it may have to sovereign, qualified, or official immunity as a defense to any action arising in conjunction with this contract.

## **30. MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS**

The Bidder/Proposer shall be required to notify the County of any potential for merger or acquisition of which there is knowledge at the time that a bid/proposal is submitted.

If subsequent to the award of any contract resulting from this BID/RFP the Bidder/Proposer shall merge or be acquired by another firm, the following documents must be submitted to the County.

1. Corporate resolutions prepared by the awarded Proposer and the new entity ratifying acceptance of the original contract, terms, conditions and prices;
2. New Bidder's/Proposer's Federal Identification Number (FEIN); and
3. New Bidder's/Proposer's proposed operating plans.

Moreover, Bidder/Proposer is required to provide the County with notice of any anticipated merger or acquisition as soon as Bidder/Proposer has actual knowledge of the anticipated merger or acquisition. The new Bidder's/Proposer's proposed plan of operation must be submitted prior to merger to allow time for submission of such plan to the Commissioners' Court for its approval.

## **31. DELAYS**

The County reserves the right to delay the scheduled commencement date of the contract if it is to the advantage of the County. There shall be no additional costs attributed to these delays should any occur. Bidder/Proposer agrees it will make no claim for damages, for damages for lost revenues, for damages caused by breach of contract with third parties, or any other claim by Bidder/Proposer attributed to these delays, should any occur. In addition, Bidder/Proposer agrees that any contract it enters into with any third party in anticipation of the commencement of the contract will contain a statement that the third party will similarly make no claim for damages based on delay of the scheduled commencement date of the contract.

**32. ACCURACY OF DATA**

Information and data provided through this BID/RFP are believed to be reasonably accurate.

**33. SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT**

Bidder/Proposer shall not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer its contract in whole or in part without prior written permission of Commissioners' Court. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the Bidder/Proposer of any of its responsibilities under this contract.

**34. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Bidder/Proposer expressly acknowledges that it is an independent contractor. Nothing in this agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an agency relationship, an employer/employee relationship, a joint venture relationship, or any other relationship allowing County to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which Bidder/Proposer or its subcontractors perform in providing the requirements stated in the Request for Bid/Proposal.

**35. MONITORING PERFORMANCE**

The County shall have the unfettered right to monitor and audit the Vendor's work in every respect. In this regard, the Vendor shall provide its full cooperation and insure the cooperation of its employees, agents, assigns, and subcontractors. Further, the Vendor shall make available for inspection and/or copying when requested, original data, records, and accounts relating to the Bidder's/Proposer's work and performance under this contract. In the event any such material is not held by the vendor in its original form, a true copy shall be provided.

**The County of El Paso is an equal opportunity employer.**

**36. PROCUREMENT ETHICS**

**CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING AFFIDAVIT FORM**

**El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Requirement for Vendors:**

Any vendor involved in a single procurement exceeding \$50,000 must read and sign the El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Affidavit that is included in each bid/proposal packet. By reading and signing the Affidavit form, the bidder has confirmed that they have been trained in the El Paso County Code of Ethics. The training must be completed by an officer, principal, or other person with the authority to bind the company.

**Optional On-Line Training:** As an alternative to reading and completing the El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Affidavit, in compliance with Section 161 of the Texas Local Government Code, the training on the El Paso County Code of Ethics is accessible in an online format to Vendors and Lobbyists on an ongoing basis, subject only to limitations due to technical resources.

**The optional On-Line Training may be accessed and completed at:**

[http://www.epcounty.com/ethicscom/trainingvendor\\_files/frame.htm](http://www.epcounty.com/ethicscom/trainingvendor_files/frame.htm)

If completed on-line, the training receipt should be printed out and included with the BID/RFP/RFQ/RFI.

# GENERAL CONDITIONS - PART I FOR CONSTRUCTION

## 1. Contract and Contract Documents

- (a) The project to be constructed pursuant to this contract will be financed with assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs through a Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) and is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.
- (b) The Plans, Specifications and Addenda shall form part of this contract and the provisions thereof shall be binding upon the parties as if they were herein fully set forth.

## 2. Definitions

Whenever used in any of the Contract Documents, the following meanings shall be given to the terms here in defined:

- (a) The term "Contract" means the Contract executed between the (County of El Paso), hereinafter called the "County" and (Name of Construction Co.), hereinafter called "Contractor", of which these GENERAL CONDITIONS, form a part.
- (b) The term "Project Area" means the area within the specified Contract limits of the Improvements contemplated to be constructed in whole or in part under this contract.
- (c) The term "Engineer" means (El Paso Water Utilities/Engineering Department), Engineer in charge, serving the County with architectural or engineering services, his successor, or any other person or persons, employed by the County for the purpose of directing or having in charge the work embraced in this Contract.
- (d) The term "Contract Documents" means and shall include the following: Executed Contract, Addenda (if any), Invitation for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Signed Copy of Bid, General Conditions, Special Conditions, Technical Specifications, and Drawings (as listed in the Schedule of Drawings).

## 3. Supervision by Contractor

- (a) Except where the Contractor is an individual and personally supervises the work, the Contractor shall provide a competent superintendent, satisfactory to the Engineer, on the work at all times during working hours with full authority to act as Contractor's agent. The Contractor shall also provide adequate staff for the proper coordination and expediting of his work.
- (b) The Contractor shall be responsible for all work executed under the Contract. Contractor shall verify all figures and elevations before proceeding with the work and will be held responsible for any error resulting from his failure to do so.

## 4. Subcontracts

- (a) The Contractor shall not execute an agreement with any subcontractor or permit any subcontractor to perform any work included in this contract until Contractor has verified the subcontractor is eligible to participate in federally funded contracts.
- (b) No proposed subcontractor shall be disapproved by the County except for cause.
- (c) The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the County for the acts and omissions of his subcontractors, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them.

(d) Nothing contained in the Contract shall create any contractual relation between any subcontractor and the County.

5. Fitting and Coordination of Work

The Contractor shall be responsible for the proper fitting of all work and for the coordination of the operations of all trades, subcontractors, or material suppliers engaged upon this Contract.

6. Payments to Contractor

(a) Partial Payments

- 1) The Contractor shall prepare the requisition for partial payment as of the last day of the month and submit it, with the required number of copies, to the Engineer for approval. The amount of the payment due the Contractor shall be determined by adding to the total value of work completed to date, the value of materials properly stored on the site and deducting (1) **five percent (5%)** of the total amount, to be retained until final payment, and (2) the amount of all previous payments. The total value of work completed to date shall be based on the estimated quantities of work completed and on the unit prices contained in the agreement. The value of materials properly stored on the site shall be based upon the estimated quantities of such materials and the invoice prices. Copies of all invoices shall be available for inspection of the Engineer.
- 2) Monthly or partial payments made by the County to the Contractor are advanced for the purpose of assisting the contractor to expedite the work of construction. The Contractor shall be responsible for the care and protection of all materials and work upon which payments have been made until final acceptance of such work and materials by the County. Such payments shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the County to require the fulfillment of all terms of the Contract and the delivery of all improvements embraced in this Contract complete and satisfactory to the County in all details.

(b) Final Payment

- 1) After final inspection and the acceptance by the County of all work under the Contract, the Contractor shall prepare the requisition for final payment which shall be based upon the careful inspection of each item of work at the applicable unit prices stipulated in the Contract. The total amount of the final payment due the Contractor under this Contract shall be the amount computed as described above less all previous payments.
- 2) Before paying the final estimate, County shall require the Contractor to furnish releases or receipts from all subcontractors having performed any work and all persons having supplied materials, equipment (installed on the Project) and services to the Contractor. The County may make payment in part or in full to the Contractor without requiring the furnishing of such releases or receipts and any payments made shall in no way impair the obligations of any surety or sureties furnished under this Contract.
- 3) Any amount due the County under Liquidated Damages shall be deducted from the final payment due the contractor.

(c) Payments Subject to Submission of Certificates

Each payment to the Contractor by the County shall be made subject to submission by the Contractor of all written certifications required of it and its subcontractors.

(d) Withholding Payments

The County may withhold any payment due the Contractor as deemed necessary to protect the County, and if so elects, may also withhold any amounts due from the Contractor to any subcontractors or material dealers, for work performed or material furnished by them. The foregoing provisions shall be construed solely for the benefit of the County and will not require the County to determine or adjust any claims or disputes between the Contractor and its subcontractors or material dealers, or to withhold any moneys for their protection unless the County elects to do so.

The failure or refusal of the County to withhold any moneys from the Contractor shall in no way impair the obligations of any surety or sureties under any bond or bonds furnished under this Contract.

7. Changes in the Work

- (a) The County may make changes in the scope of work required to be performed by the Contractor under the Contract without relieving or releasing the Contractor from any obligations under the Contract or any guarantee given pursuant to the Contract provisions, and without affecting the validity of the guaranty bonds, and without relieving or releasing the surety or sureties of said bonds. All such work shall be executed under the terms of the original Contract unless it is expressly provided otherwise. Additionally, all such change orders must be approved by TxCDBG prior to execution of same.
- (b) Except for the purpose of affording protection against any emergency endangering health, life, limb or property, the Contractor shall make no change in the materials used or in the specified manner of constructing and/or installing the improvements or supply additional labor, services or materials beyond that actually required for the execution of the Contract, unless in pursuance of a written order from the County authorizing the Contractor to proceed with the change. No claim for an adjustment of the Contract Price will be valid unless so ordered.
- (c) If applicable unit prices are contained in the Contract, the County may order the Contractor to proceed with desired unit prices specified in the Contract; provided that in case of a unit price contract the net value of all changes does not increase the original total amount of the agreement by more than twenty-five percent (25%) or decrease the original the total amount by eighteen percent (18%).
- (d) Each change order shall include in its final form:
  - 1) A detailed description of the change in the work.
  - 2) The Contractor's proposal (if any) or a confirmed copy thereof.
  - 3) A definite statement as to the resulting change in the contract price and/or time.
  - 4) The statement that all work involved in the change shall be performed in accordance with contract requirements except as modified by the change order.
  - 5) The procedures as outlined in this Section for a unit price contract also apply in any lump sum contract.

8. Claims for Extra Cost

- (a) If the Contractor claims that any instructions by Drawings or otherwise involve extra cost or extension of time, he shall, within ten days after the receipt of such instructions, and in any event before proceeding to execute the work, submit his protest thereto in writing to the County, stating clearly and in detail the basis of his objections. No such claim will be considered unless so made.
- (b) Claims for additional compensation for extra work, due to alleged errors in ground elevations, contour lines, or bench marks, will not be recognized unless accompanied by certified survey data, made prior to the time the original ground was disturbed, clearly showing that errors exist which resulted, or would result, in handling more material, or performing more work, than would be reasonably estimated from the Drawings and maps issued.
- (c) Any discrepancies which may be discovered between actual conditions and those represented by the Drawings and maps shall be reported at once to the County and work shall not proceed except at the Contractor's risk, until written instructions have been received from the County.
- (d) If, on the basis of the available evidence, the County determines that an adjustment of the Contract Price and/or time is justifiable, a change order shall be executed.

9. Termination, Delays, and Liquidated Damages

(a) Right of the County to Terminate Contract for Convenience

County may at any time and for any reason terminate Contractor's services and work at County's convenience upon providing written notice to the Contractor specifying the extent of termination and the effective date. Upon receipt of such notice, Contractor shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue the work and placing of orders for materials, facilities and supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

Upon such termination, Contractor shall be entitled to payment only as follows: (1) the actual cost of the work completed in conformity with this Agreement; plus, (2) such other costs actually incurred by Contractor as are permitted by the prime contract and approved by County; (3) plus ten percent (10%) of the cost of the work referred to in subparagraph (1) above for overhead and profit. There shall be deducted from such sums as provided in this subparagraph the amount of any payments made to Contractor prior to the date of the termination of this Agreement. Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim or claim of lien against County for any additional compensation or damages in the event of such termination and payment.

(b) Right of the county to Terminate Contract for Cause

In the event that any of the provisions of this contract are violated by the Contractor, or by any subcontractors, the County may serve written notice upon the Contractor and the Surety of its intention to terminate the contract. The notices shall contain the reasons for such intention to terminate the contract, and unless such violation or delay shall cease and satisfactory arrangement of correction be made within ten days, the contract shall, upon the expiration of said ten (10) days, cease and terminate. In the event of any such termination, the County shall immediately serve notice thereof upon the Surety and the Contractor. The Surety shall have the right to take over and perform the contract. Provided, however, that if the Surety does not commence performance thereof within ten (10) days from the date of the mailing to such Surety of notice of termination, the County may take over the work and complete the project by bid/contract or by force account at the expense of the Contractor and his Surety shall be liable to the County for any excess cost incurred. In such event the County may take possession of and utilize in completing the work, such materials, appliances, and plant as may be on the site of the work and necessary therefore.

(c) Liquidated Damages for Delays.

If the work is not completed within the time stipulated in the applicable bid for Lump Sum or Unit Price Contract provided, the Contractor shall pay to the County as fixed, agreed, and liquidated damages the amount of **\$750.00** for each calendar day of delay, until the work is completed. The Contractor and Contractor's sureties shall be liable to the County for the amount thereof.

(d) Excusable Delays.

- 1) The right of the Contractor to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall the Contractor be charged with liquidated damages for any delays in the completion of the work due to:
- 2) Any acts of the Government, including controls or restrictions upon or requisitioning of materials, equipment, tools, or labor by reason of war, national defense, or any other national emergency;
- 3) Any acts of the County;
- 4) Causes not reasonably foreseeable by the parties to this Contract at the time of execution which are beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including, but not restricted to, acts of God, terrorism, war, acts of another Contractor in the performance of some other contract with the County, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine, restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and weather of unusual severity such as hurricanes, tornadoes, cyclones and other extreme weather conditions.
- 5) Provided, however, that the Contractor promptly notifies the County within ten (10) days in writing of the cause of the delay. Upon receipt of such notification, the County shall ascertain the facts and the cause and extent of



delay. If, upon the basis of the facts and the terms of this contract, the delay is properly excusable, the County shall extend the time for completing the work for a period of time commensurate with the period of excusable delay.

10. Assignment or Novation

The Contractor shall not assign nor transfer, whether by assignment or novation, any of its rights, duties, benefits, obligations, liabilities, or responsibilities under this Contract without the written consent of the County. No assignment or novation of this Contract shall be valid unless the assignment or novation expressly provides that the assignment of any of the Contractor's rights or benefits under the Contract is subject to a prior lien for labor performed, services rendered, and materials, tools, and equipment supplied for the performance of the work under this Contract in favor of all persons, Contractors, or corporations rendering such labor or services or supplying such materials, tools, or equipment.

11. Technical Specifications and Drawings

Anything mentioned in the Technical Specifications and not shown on the Drawings or vice versa, shall be of like effect as if shown on or mentioned in both. In case of difference between Drawings and Technical Specifications, the Technical Specifications shall govern. In case of any discrepancy in Drawings, or Technical Specifications, the matter shall be immediately submitted to the County for review. Contractor shall be liable for any issues or expenses in the event the discrepancy is not submitted to the County.

12. Shop Drawings

- (a) All required shop drawings, machinery details, layout drawings, etc. shall be submitted to the Engineer in 3 copies for approval sufficiently in advance of requirements to afford ample time for checking, including time for correcting, resubmitting and rechecking if necessary. The Contractor may proceed, only at Contractor's own risk, with manufacture or installation of any equipment or work covered by said shop drawings, etc. until they are approved and no claim, by the Contractor, for extension of the contract time shall be granted by reason of his failure in this respect.
- (b) Any drawings submitted without the Contractor's stamp of approval will not be considered and will be returned to him for proper resubmission. If any drawings show variations from the requirements of the Contract because of standard shop practice or other reason, the Contractor shall make specific mention of such variation in his letter of transmittal in order that, if acceptable, suitable action may be taken for proper adjustment of contract price and/or time, otherwise the Contractor will not be relieved of the responsibility for executing the work in accordance with the Contract even though the drawings have been approved.
- (c) If a shop drawing is in accordance with the contract or involves only minor adjustment in the interest of the County not involving a change in contract price or time, the engineer may approve the drawing. The approval shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility to adhere to the contract or for any error in the drawing.

13. Requests for Supplementary Information

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to make timely requests of the County for any additional information which should be furnished by the County under the terms of this Contract, and which is required in the planning and execution of the work. Such requests may be submitted from time to time as the need approaches, but each shall be filed in ample time to permit appropriate action to be taken by all parties involved so as to avoid delay. Each request shall be in writing, and list the various items and the latest date by which each will be required by the Contractor. The first list shall be submitted within two weeks after Contract award and shall be as complete as possible at that time. The Contractor shall, if requested, furnish promptly any assistance and information the Engineer may require in responding to these requests of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be fully responsible for any delay in his work or to others arising from his failure to comply fully with the provision of this section.

14. Materials and Workmanship

- (a) Unless otherwise specifically provided for in the technical specifications, all workmanship, equipment, materials and articles incorporated in the work shall be new and the best grade of the respective kinds for the purpose. Where

equipment, materials, articles or workmanship are referred to in the technical specifications as "equal to" any particular standard, the Engineer shall decide the question of equality.

- (b) The Contractor shall furnish to the County for approval the manufacturer's detailed specifications for all machinery, mechanical and other special equipment, which he contemplates installing together with full information as to type, performance characteristics, and all other pertinent information as required, and shall likewise submit for approval full information concerning all other materials or articles which he proposes to incorporate.
- (c) Machinery, mechanical and other equipment, materials or articles installed or used without such prior approval shall be at the risk of subsequent rejection.
- (d) Materials specified by reference to the number or symbol of a specific standard, shall comply with requirements in the latest revision thereof and any amendment or supplement thereto in effect on the date of the Invitation for Bids, except as limited to type, class or grade, or modified in the technical specifications shall have full force and effect as though printed therein.
- (e) The County may require the Contractor to dismiss from the work such employee or employees as the County or the Engineer may deem unqualified.

15. Samples, Certificates and Tests

- (a) The Contractor shall submit all material or equipment samples, certificates, affidavits, etc., as called for in the contract documents or required by the Engineer, promptly after award of the contract and acceptance of the Contractor's bond. No such material or equipment shall be manufactured or delivered to the site, except at the Contractor's own risk, until the required samples or certificates have been approved in writing by the Engineer. Any delay in the work caused by late or improper submission of samples or certificates for approval shall not be considered just cause for an extension of the contract time.
- (b) Each sample submitted by the Contractor shall carry a label giving the name of the Contractor, the project for which it is intended, and the name of the producer. The accompanying certificate or letter from the Contractor shall state that the sample complies with contract requirements, shall give the name and brand of the product, its place of origin, the name and address of the producer and all specifications or other detailed information which will assist the Engineer in making a prompt decision regarding the acceptability of the sample. It shall also include the statement that all materials or equipment furnished for use in the project will comply with the samples and/or certified statements.
- (c) Approval of any materials shall be general only and shall not constitute a waiver of the County's right to demand full compliance with Contract requirements. After actual deliveries, the Engineer will have such check tests made as he deems necessary in each instance and may reject materials and equipment and accessories for cause, even though such materials and articles have been given general approval. If materials, equipment or accessories which fail to meet check tests have been incorporated in the work, the Engineer will have the right to cause their removal and replacement by proper materials or to demand and secure such reparation by the Contractor as is equitable.
- (d) Except as otherwise specifically stated in the Contract, the costs of sampling and testing will be divided as follows:
  - 1) The Contractor shall furnish without extra cost, including packing and delivery charges, all samples required for testing purposes, except those samples taken on the project by the Engineer;
  - 2) The Contractor shall assume all costs of re-testing materials which fail to meet contract requirements;
  - 3) The Contractor shall assume all costs of testing materials offered in substitution for those found deficient;
  - 4) The County will pay all other expenses.

16. Permits and Codes

- (a) The Contractor shall give all notices required by and comply with all applicable federal and state laws, ordinances, and codes of the Local Government. All construction work and/or utility installations shall comply with all applicable ordinances, and codes including all written waivers. Before installing any work, the Contractor shall examine the drawings and technical specifications for compliance with applicable ordinances and codes and shall immediately report any discrepancy to the County. Where the requirements of the drawings and technical specifications fail to comply with such applicable ordinances or codes, the County will adjust the Contract by Change Order to conform to such ordinances or codes (unless waivers in writing covering the difference have been granted by the governing body or department) and make appropriate adjustment in the Contract Price or stipulated unit prices.
- (b) Should the Contractor fail to observe the foregoing provisions and proceed with the construction and/or install any utility at variance with any applicable ordinance or code, including any written waivers (notwithstanding the fact that such installation is in compliance with the drawings and technical specifications), the Contractor shall remove such work without cost to the County.
- (c) The Contractor shall at his own expense, secure and pay for all permits for street pavement, sidewalks, shed, removal of abandoned water taps, sealing of house connection drains, pavement cuts, buildings, electrical, plumbing, water, gas and sewer permits required by the local regulatory body or any of its agencies.
- (d) The Contractor shall comply with applicable local laws and ordinances governing the disposal of surplus excavation, materials, debris and rubbish on or off the Project Area and commit no trespass on any public or private property in any operation due to or connected with the Improvements contained in this Contract.
- (e) The Contractor will be required to make arrangements for and pay the water, electrical power, or any other utilities required during construction.
- (f) During construction of this project, the Contractor shall use every means possible to control the amount of dust created by construction. Prior to the close of a day's work, the Contractor, if directed by the County, shall moisten the surrounding area to prevent a dusty condition.

17. Care of Work

- (a) The Contractor shall be responsible for all damages to person or property that occur as a result of its fault or negligence in connection with the prosecution of the work and shall be responsible for the proper care and protection of all materials delivered and work performed until completion and final acceptance.
- (b) In an emergency affecting the safety of life, limb or property, including adjoining property, the Contractor, without special instructions or authorization from the County is authorized to act to prevent such threatened loss or injury. Contractor shall follow all instructions of County.
- (c) The Contractor shall avoid damage as a result of his operations to existing sidewalks, streets, curbs, pavements, utilities (except those which are to be replaced or removed), adjoining property, etc., and shall be responsible for completely repairing any damage thereto caused by the operations.
- (d) The Contractor shall shore up, brace, underpin, secure, and protect as maybe necessary, all foundations and other parts of existing structures adjacent to, adjoining, and in the vicinity of the site, which may be in any way affected by the excavations or other operations connected with the construction of the improvements included in this Contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for the giving of any and all required notices to any adjoining or adjacent property owner or other party before the commencement of any work. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the County from any damages on account of settlements or the loss of lateral support of adjoining property and from all loss or expense and all damages for which the County may become liable in consequence of such injury or damage to adjoining and adjacent structures and their premises.

18. Accident Prevention

- (a) No laborer or mechanic employed in the performance of this Contract shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his health or safety as determined under construction safety and health standards promulgated by the Department of Labor.
- (b) The Contractor shall exercise proper precaution at all times for the protection of persons and property and shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property, either on or off the site, which occur as a result of his prosecution of the work.
- (c) The Contractor shall maintain an accurate record of all cases of death, occupational disease, or injury requiring medical attention or causing loss of time from work, arising out of and in the course of employment on work under the Contract. The Contractor shall promptly furnish the County with reports concerning these matters.
- (d) The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County from any claims for damages resulting from property damage, personal injury and/or death suffered or alleged to have been suffered by any person as a result of any work conducted under this contract.
- (e) The Contractor shall provide trench safety for all excavations more than five feet deep prior to excavation. All OSHA Standards for trench safety must be adhered to by the Contractor.
- (f) The contractor shall at all time conduct work in such a manner as to ensure the least possible inconvenience to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. At the close of the work each day, all streets where possible in the opinion of the County, shall be opened to the public in order that persons living in the area may have access to their homes or businesses by the use of the streets. Barricades, warning signs, and necessary lighting shall be provided to the satisfaction of the County at the expense of the Contractor.

19. Sanitary Facilities

The Contractor shall furnish, install and maintain ample sanitary facilities for laborers. As the needs arise, a sufficient number of enclosed temporary toilets shall be conveniently placed as required. Drinking water shall be provided from an approved source, so piped or transported as to keep it safe and fresh and served from single service containers or satisfactory types of sanitary drinking stands or fountains. All such facilities and services shall be furnished in strict accordance with existing and governing health regulations.

20. Use of Premises

- (a) The Contractor shall confine equipment, storage of materials, and construction operations to the contract limits as shown on the drawings and as prescribed by ordinances or permits, or as may be desired by the County, and shall not unreasonably encumber the site or public rights of way with materials and construction equipment.
- (b) The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable instructions of the County and all existing federal, state and local regulations regarding signs, advertising, traffic, fires, explosives, danger signals, and barricades.

21. Removal of Debris, Cleaning, Etc.

The Contractor shall, periodically or as directed during the progress of the work, remove and legally dispose of all surplus excavated material and debris, and keep the Project Area and public rights of way reasonably clear. Upon completion of the work, he shall remove all temporary construction facilities, debris and unused materials provided for work, and put the whole site of the work and public rights of way in a neat and clean condition.

22. Inspection

- (a) All materials and workmanship shall be subject to inspection, examination, or test by the County and Engineer at any and all times during manufacture or construction and at any and all places where such manufacture or construction occurs. The County shall have the right to reject defective material and workmanship or require its correction. Unacceptable workmanship shall be satisfactorily corrected. Rejected material shall be promptly segregated and removed from the Project Area and replaced with material of specified quality without charge. If the Contractor fails to proceed at once with the correction of rejected workmanship or defective material, the County may by contract or otherwise have the defects remedied or rejected materials removed from the Project Area and charge the cost of the same against any Monies which may be due the Contractor, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the County.
- (b) The Contractor shall furnish promptly all materials reasonably necessary for any tests which may be required. All tests by the County will be performed in such manner as not to delay the work unnecessarily and will be made in accordance with the provisions of the technical specifications.
- (c) The Contractor shall notify the County sufficiently in advance of back filling or concealing any facilities to permit proper inspection. If any facilities are concealed without approval or consent of the County, the Contractor shall uncover for inspection and recover such facilities at Contractor's expense, when so requested by the County.
- (d) Should it be considered necessary or advisable by the County at any time before final acceptance of the entire work to make an examination of work already completed, the Contractor shall on request promptly furnish all necessary facilities, labor, and material. If such work is found to be defective in any important or essential respect, due to fault of the Contractor or subcontractors, the Contractor shall defray all the expenses of such examination and of satisfactory reconstruction. If, however, such work is found to meet the requirements of the Contract, the actual cost of labor and material necessarily involved in the examination and replacement, shall be reimbursable and if completion of the work of the entire Contract has been delayed, a suitable extension of time will be approved.
- (e) Inspection of materials and appurtenances to be incorporated in the improvements included in this Contract may be made at the place of production, manufacture or shipment, whenever the quantity justifies it, and such inspection and acceptance, unless otherwise stated in the technical specifications, shall be final, except as regards to: (1) latent defects, (2) departures from specific requirements of the Contract, (3) damage or loss in transit, or (4) fraud or such gross mistakes as amount to fraud. Subject to the requirements contained in the preceding sentence, the inspection of materials as a whole or in part will be made at the Project Site.
- (f) Neither inspection, testing, approval nor acceptance of the work in whole or in part, by the County or its agents shall relieve the Contractor or its sureties of full responsibility for materials furnished or work performed not in strict accordance with the Contract.

23. Review by County

The County and its authorized representatives and agents shall have access to and be permitted to observe and review all work, materials, equipment, payrolls, personnel records, employment conditions, material invoices, and other relevant data and records pertaining to this Contract, provided, however that all instructions and approval with respect to the work will be given to the Contractor only by the County through its authorized representatives or agents.

24. Final Inspection

When the Improvements included in this Contract are substantially completed, the Contractor shall notify the County in writing that the work will be ready for final inspection on a definite date which shall be stated in the notice. The County will make the arrangements necessary to have final inspection commenced on the date stated in the notice, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

25. Deduction for Uncorrected Work

If the County deems it not expedient to require the Contractor to correct work not done in accordance with the Contract Documents, an equitable deduction from the Contract Price will be made by agreement between the Contractor and the County and subject to settlement, in case of dispute, as herein provided.

26. Insurance

The Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until all required insurance under this paragraph has been secured and approved by the County.

- (a) Worker's Compensation Insurance: The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Worker's Compensation Insurance as required by the State of Texas for all of his employees to be engaged in work at the site of the project under this contract and, in case of any such work sublet, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of the employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor's Worker's Compensation Insurance.
- (b) Contractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability Insurance. The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Contractor's Public Liability Insurance, Contractor's Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability Insurance in the following amounts: ( ).
- (c) Proof of Insurance: The Contractor shall furnish the County with certificates showing the type, amount, class of operations covered, effective dates and date of expiration of policies. Such certificates shall also contain substantially the following statement: "The insurance covered by this certificate will not be canceled or materially altered, except after ten (10) days written notice has been received by the County."

27. Warranty of Title

No material, supplies, or equipment to be installed or furnished under this Contract shall be purchased subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sale, lease-purchase or other agreement by which an interest is retained by the seller or supplier. The Contractor shall warrant good title to all materials, supplies, and equipment installed or incorporated in the work and upon completion of all work, shall deliver the same, together with all improvements and appurtenances constructed or placed by Contractor, to the County free from any claims, liens, or charges. Neither the Contractor nor any person, firm, or corporation furnishing any material or labor for any work covered by this Contract shall have any right to a lien upon any improvement or appurtenance. Nothing contained in this paragraph, however, shall defeat or impair the right of persons furnishing materials or labor to recover under any law permitting such persons to look to funds due the Contractor. The provisions of this paragraph shall be inserted in all subcontracts and material contracts and notice of its provisions shall be given to all persons furnishing materials for the work when no formal contract is entered into for such materials.

28. Warranty of Workmanship and Materials

Neither the final certificate of payment nor any provision in the Contract nor partial or entire use of the improvements included in this Contract by the City/County or the public shall constitute an acceptance of work not done in accordance with the Contract or relieve the Contractor of liability in respect to any express warranties or responsibility for faulty materials or workmanship. The Contractor shall promptly remedy any defects in the work and pay for any damage to other work resulting therefrom which shall appear within a period of 12 months from the date of final acceptance of the work.

29. Job Offices

- (a) The Contractor and its subcontractors may maintain such office and storage facilities on the site as are necessary for the proper conduct of the work. These shall be located so as to cause no interference to any work to be performed on the site. The County shall be consulted with regard to locations.
- (b) Upon completion of the improvements, or as directed by the County, the Contractor shall remove all such temporary structures and facilities from the site, and leave the site of the work in the condition required by the Contract.

30. Partial Use of Site Improvements

The County may give notice to the Contractor and place in use those sections of the improvements which have been completed, inspected and can be accepted as complying with the technical specifications and if in its opinion, each such section is reasonably safe, fit, and convenient for the use and accommodation for which it was intended, provided:

- (a) The use of such sections of the Improvements shall in no way impede the completion of the remainder of the work by the Contractor.
- (b) The Contractor shall not be responsible for any damages or maintenance costs due directly to the use of such sections.

31. Local Program Liaison

For purposes of this Agreement, the [*County Judge*] or equivalent authorized person will serve as the Local Program Liaison and primary point of contact for the Contractor. All required progress reports and communication regarding the project shall be directed to this liaison and other local personnel as appropriate.

32. Access to Information

(a) The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), and the County, or any of their authorized representatives, shall have access to any documents, papers, or other records of the Contractor which are pertinent to the TxCDBG award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts, and to closeout the County's TxCDBG contract with TDA.

- (b) Contractor shall include the substance of this clause in all subcontracts it awards.

33. Records Retention

(a) The Contractor shall retain all required records for three years after the County makes its final payment and all pending matters are closed.

- (b) Contractor shall include the substance of this clause in all subcontracts it awards.

34. Resolution of Program Non-Compliance and Disallowed Costs

In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from or relating to this Contract, or the breach thereof, including determination of responsibility for any costs disallowed as a result of non-compliance with federal, state or TxCDBG program requirements, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question or disagreement. To this effect, the parties shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith within 30 days of receipt of a written notice of the dispute or invitation to negotiate, and attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties. If the matter is not resolved by negotiation within 30 days of receipt of written notice or invitation to negotiate, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the matter by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Mediation Procedures before resorting to arbitration, litigation, or some other dispute resolution procedure. The parties may enter into a written amendment to this Contract and choose a mediator that is not affiliated with the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. If the matter is not resolved through such mediation within 60 days of the initiation of that procedure, either party may proceed to file suit.

35. Compliance with Davis-Bacon Act

All laborers and mechanics employed upon the work covered by this Contract shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than once each week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as

are made mandatory by law and such other payroll deductions as are permitted by the applicable regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor, pursuant to the Anti-Kickback Act hereinafter identified), the full amount due at time of payment computed at wage rates not less than those contained in the wage determination decision of said Secretary of Labor (**a copy of which is attached as Attachment A and herein incorporated by reference**), regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the Contractor or any subcontractor and such laborers and mechanics. All laborers and mechanics employed upon such work shall be paid in cash, except that payment may be by check if the employer provides or secures satisfactory facilities approved by the City/County for the cashing of the same without cost or expense to the employee. For the purpose of this clause, contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated under Section 1 (b) (2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of Section 5.5 (a) (1) (iv) of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations. Also for the purpose of this clause, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period under plans, funds, or programs, but covering the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period.

The Contractor and its subcontractors shall not, by any means, induce any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The City/County must report all suspected or reported violations to TDA.

36. Conflicts of interest.

- (a) Governing Body. No member of the governing body of the County and no other officer, employee, or agent of the County, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with administration, construction, engineering, or implementation of TxCDBG award between TDA and the County, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Contractor or this Contract; and the Firm shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
- (b) Other Local Public Officials. No other public official, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of administration, construction, engineering or implementation of the TxCDBG award between TDA and the County, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Contractor or this Contract; and the Contractor shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
- (c) The Contractor and Employees. The Contractor warrants and represents that it has no conflict of interest associated with the TxCDBG award between TDA and the County or this Contract. The Contractor further warrants and represents that it shall not acquire an interest, direct or indirect, in any geographic area that may benefit from the TxCDBG award between TDA and the County or in any business, entity, organization or person that may benefit from the award. The Contractor further agrees that it will not employ an individual with a conflict of interest as described herein.

37. Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)

The Contractor certifies, by entering into this Contract, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally-assisted programs under Executive Orders 12549 (1986) and 12689 (1989). The term "principal" for purposes of this Contract is defined as an officer, director, owner, partner, key employee, or other person with primary management or supervisory responsibilities, or a person who has a critical influence on or substantive control over the operations of the Contractor. The Contractor understands that it must not make any award or permit any award (or contract) at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension."

38. Procurement of Recovered Materials

The Contractor shall comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired by the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000 as long as such procurement is economically feasible.



39. [For Contracts that exceed \$100,000] Anti-Lobbying

Contractor shall file the required certification: 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 of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

40. [For Contracts > \$100K] Overtime Requirements

No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the Contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics, including watchmen and guards, shall require or permit any laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he is employed on such work to work in excess of 40 hours in such work week unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times his basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in such work week, as the case may be.

41. [For Contracts > \$150K] Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act

The Contractor or subcontractor shall 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).

42. Equal Opportunity Clause [applicable to contracts and subcontracts over \$10,000].

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- (a.) 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 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.
- (b.) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

- (c.) The Contractor will not discourage 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.
- (d.) 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.
- (e.) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, "Equal Employment Opportunity," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (f.) 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.
- (g.) 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.
- (h.) The Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (a) and the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) 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.

43. Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. No person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.

44. Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

The Contractor 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.

45. Age Discrimination Act of 1975.

The Contractor shall comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 which provides that no person in the United States shall on the basis of age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

46. Economic Opportunities for Section 3 Residents and Section 3 Business Concerns.

- (a) The work to be performed under this Contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 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) 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).

47. Contract Documents and Drawings

The County will furnish the Contractor without charge 2 copies of the Contract Documents, including Technical Specifications and Drawings. Additional copies requested by the Contractor will be furnished at cost.

48. Contract Period

The work to be performed under this contract shall commence within the time stipulated by the County in the Notice to Proceed, and shall be fully completed within 120 calendar days thereafter.

49. Liquidated Damages

Since the actual damages for any delay in completion of the work under this contract are impossible to determine, the Contractor and his Sureties shall be liable for and shall pay to the County the sum of **Seven Hundred fifty Dollars** (\$ **750.00**) as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages for each calendar day of delay from the above stipulated time for completion.

50. Gender Neutral - Gender References

When necessary, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, any gender-specific or gender-neutral term in this Contract (for example, he, she, it, etc.) is to be read as referring to any other gender or to no gender.

51. Texas Parks and Wildlife Mitigation

The contractor will need to follow the general construction recommendation provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife letter and make all the appropriate accommodation to comply (exhibit B) along with the county's requirements to the contractor to implement the the following measures to avoid potential harm to the State listed Texas Horned Lizard (*Phrynosoma cornutum*), and Greater Short-horned Lizard (*Phrynosoma hernandesi*)::

*All pipeline trenches should be covered by the end of each day when feasible, or if not, inspected prior to the initiation of daily construction. Contractors should be made aware of the potential presence of horned lizards and instructed to notify an individual authorized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to relocate any individual species out of the path of construction*

## CONTRACTOR'S LOCAL OPPORTUNITY PLAN

(name of company) agrees to implement the following specific affirmative action steps directed at increasing the utilization of lower income residents and businesses within the (County) of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. To ascertain from the County's CDBG program official the exact boundaries of the project area and where advantageous, seek the assistance of local officials in preparing and implementing the affirmative action plan.
- B. To attempt to recruit from within the city the necessary number of lower income residents through: local advertising media, signs placed at the proposed site for the project, and community organizations and public or private institutions operating within and servicing the project area such as Service Employment and Redevelopment (SER), Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), Urban League, Concentrated Employment Program, Hometown Plan, or the U.S. Employment Service.
- C. To maintain a list of all lower income residents who have applied either on their own or on referral from any source, and to employ such persons, if otherwise eligible and if a vacancy exists.
- D. To insert this plan in all bid documents and to require all bidders on subcontracts to submit an affirmative action plan including utilization goals and the specific steps planned to accomplish these goals.
- E. To ensure that subcontracts (greater than \$10,000), which are typically let on a negotiated rather than a bid basis in areas other than the covered project area, are also let on a negotiated basis, whenever feasible, in a covered project area.
- F. To formally contact unions, subcontractors, and trade associations to secure their cooperation in this effort.
- G. To ensure that all appropriate project area business concerns are notified of pending sub-contractual opportunities.
- H. To maintain records, including copies of correspondence, memoranda, etc., which document that all of the above affirmative action steps have been taken.
- I. To appoint or recruit an executive official of the company or agency as Equal Opportunity Officer to coordinate the implementation of this plan.
- J. To maintain records concerning the amount and number of contracts, subcontracts, and purchases which contribute to objectives.
- K. To maintain records of all projected work force needs for all phases of the project by occupation, trade, skill level, and number of positions and to update these projections based on the extent to which hiring meets these Local Opportunity objectives.

As officers and representatives of (name of company), we the undersigned have read and fully agree to this Plan, and become a party to the full implementation of the program and its provisions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

PROPOSED CONTRACTS BREAKDOWN

Type of Contracts	No. of Contracts	Approx. Total Dollar Amount	Estimated No. to local Business	Estimated \$ Amount Local Business

ESTIMATED PROJECT WORKFORCE BREAKDOWN

Work Classifications	Total Estimated Positions	No. of Positions Currently Filled	No. of Positions not Filled	No. of Positions to fill with LM/ Residents
Totals				

# HUD 4010 Language Appendix F

## Federal Labor Standards Provisions

U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development  
Office of Labor Relations

### Applicability

The Project or Program to which the construction work covered by this contract pertains is being assisted by the United States of America and the following Federal Labor Standards Provisions are included in this Contract pursuant to the provisions applicable to such Federal assistance.

A. 1. (I) **Minimum Wages.** All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work, will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR Part 3), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics. Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under Section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv); also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs, which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period.

Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(ii) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible, place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

(II) (a) Any class of laborers or mechanics which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. HUD shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefor only when the following criteria have been met:

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

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

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

(b) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and HUD or its designee agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by HUD or its designee to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise HUD or its designee or will notify HUD or its designee within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB control number 1215-0140.)

(c) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and HUD or its designee do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), HUD or its designee shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of HUD or its designee, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise HUD or its designee or will notify HUD or its designee within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Number 1215-0140.)

(d) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to subparagraphs (1)(ii)(b) or (c) of this paragraph, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

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

(IV) If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part

of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Number 1215-0140.)

**2. Withholding.** HUD or its designee shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other Federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract in the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee or helper, employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased. HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the contractor, disburse such amounts withheld for and on account of the contractor or subcontractor to the respective employees to whom they are due. The Comptroller General shall make such disbursements in the case of direct Davis-Bacon Act contracts.

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

communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Numbers 1215-0140 and 1215-0017.)

**(II) (a)** The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to HUD or its designee if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the contractor will submit the payrolls to the applicant sponsor, or owner, as the case may be, for transmission to HUD or its designee. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i) except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm> or its successor site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to HUD or its designee if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the contractor will submit the payrolls to the applicant sponsor, or owner, as the case may be, for transmission to HUD or its designee, the contractor, or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this subparagraph for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to HUD or its designee. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Number 1215-0149.)

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

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



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

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

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

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

(III) The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under subparagraph A.3.(I) available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of HUD or its designee or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

#### 4. Apprentices and Trainees.

(I) **Apprentices.** Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who

is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(II) **Trainees.** Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by

the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(III) **Equal employment opportunity.** The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under 29 CFR Part 5 shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR Part 30.

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

**6. Subcontracts.** The contractor or subcontractor will insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in subparagraphs 1 through 11 in this paragraph A and such other clauses as HUD or its designee may by appropriate instructions require, and a copy of the applicable prevailing wage decision, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in this paragraph.

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

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

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

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

awarded HUD contracts or participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR Part 24.

(II) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of Section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1) or to be awarded HUD contracts or participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR Part 24.

(III) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001. Additionally, U.S. Criminal Code, Section 1 01 0, Title 18, U.S.C., "Federal Housing Administration transactions", provides in part: "Whoever, for the purpose of . . . influencing in any way the action of such Administration..... makes, utters or publishes any statement knowing the same to be false..... shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both."

**11. Complaints, Proceedings, or Testimony by Employees.** No laborer or mechanic to whom the wage, salary, or other labor standards provisions of this Contract are applicable shall be discharged or in any other manner discriminated against by the Contractor or any subcontractor because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding or has testified or is about to testify in any proceeding under or relating to the labor standards applicable under this Contract to his employer.

**B. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.** The provisions of this paragraph B are applicable where the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000. As used in this paragraph, the terms "laborers" and "mechanics" include watchmen and guards.

(1) **Overtime requirements.** No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which the individual is employed on such work to work in excess of 40 hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in such workweek.

(2) **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.** In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of 40 hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph.

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

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

**C. Health and Safety.** The provisions of this paragraph C are applicable where the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000.

(1) No laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his health and safety as determined under construction safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor by regulation.

(2) The Contractor shall comply with all regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Title 29 Part 1926 and failure to comply may result in imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, (Public Law 91-54, 83 Stat 96). 40 USC 3701 et seq.

(3) The contractor shall include the provisions of this paragraph in every subcontract so that such provisions will be binding on each subcontractor. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontractor as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Labor shall direct as a means of enforcing such provisions.

**STATEMENT OF BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS**

All questions must be answered and the data given must be clear and comprehensive. **This statement must be notarized.** If necessary, questions may be answered on separate attached sheets. The Bidder may submit any additional information it desires.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder (Legal Name of Firm): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Organized: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date Incorporated \_\_\_\_\_

Federal ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in contracting business under present name \_\_\_\_\_

List all other names under which your business has operated in the last 10 years:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Work Presently Under Contract:**

Contract	Amount \$	Completion Date
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_____		

Type of work performed by your company: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Staff employed by Firm (Break down by Managers and Trades on separate sheet):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you?  Yes  No

(If yes, please attach summary of details on a separate sheet. Include brief explanation of cause and resolution)

Have you ever defaulted on a contract?  Yes  No

(If yes, please attach summary of details on a separate sheet.)

Has your organization had any disbarments or suspensions that have been imposed in the past five years or that was still in effect during the five year period or is still in effect?  Yes  No

(If yes, list and explain; such list must include disbarments and suspensions of officers, principals, partners, members, and employees of your organization.)

List the projects most recently completed by your firm (include project of similar importance):

Project	Amount \$	Mo/Yr Completed

Major equipment available for this contract: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in compliance with all applicable EEO requirements?  Yes  No  
 (If no, please attach summary of details on a separate sheet.)

**Bank References**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit available: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Has the firm or predecessor firm been involved in a bankruptcy or reorganization?  Yes  No  
 (If yes, please attach summary of details on a separate sheet.)

List on a sheet attached hereto all judgements, claims, arbitration proceedings, or suits pending or outstanding against bidder over the last five (5) years with amount of claim and brief description.

List on a sheet attached hereto all lawsuits or requested arbitration with regard to construction contracts which bidder has initiated within the last five (5) years and brief explanation of claim and outcome.

Attach resume(s) for the principal member(s) of your organization, including the officers as well as the proposed superintendent for the project.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Company Name

**Notary Statement:**

\_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn, says that he/she is the \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Firm Name), and hereby swears that the answers to the foregoing questions and all statements therein contained are true and correct. He/she hereby authorizes and requests any person, firm, or corporation to furnish any information requested City/County of \_\_\_\_\_ in verification of the recitals comprising this Statement of Bidder's Qualifications.

Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_,

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

## CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATIONS

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

### CERTIFICATION OF BIDDER REGARDING CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

#### INSTRUCTIONS

CERTIFICATION OF BIDDER REGARDING Executive Order 11246 and Federal Laws Requiring Federal Contractor to adopt and abide by equal employment opportunity and affirmative action in their hiring, firing, and promotion practices. This includes practices related to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, disability, and veterans' rights.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BIDDER (include ZIP Code)

#### CERTIFICATION BY BIDDER

Bidder has participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to Civil Rights Laws and Regulations.

Yes

No

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

- The Provision of Local Training, Employment, and Business Opportunities clause (Section 3 provision) is included in the Contract. A written Section 3 plan (Local Opportunity Plan) was prepared and submitted as part of the bid proceedings (if bid equals or exceeds \$100,000).
- The Equal Opportunity clause is included in the Contract (if bid equals or exceeds \$10,000).

Have you ever been or are you being considered for sanction due to violation of Executive Order 11246, as amended?

Yes

No

NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Please type)

SIGNATURE

DATE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
 CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION

**CONCERNING LABOR STANDARDS AND PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS**

TO (appropriate recipient)	DATE
	PROJECT NUMBER (if any)
C/O	PROJECT NAME

1. The undersigned, having executed a contract with \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for the construction of the above-identified project, acknowledges that:

- (a) The Labor Standards provisions are included in the aforesaid contract,
- (b) Correction of any infractions of the aforesaid conditions, including infractions by any subcontractors and any lower tier subcontractors, is Contractor's responsibility.

2. Certifies that:

- (a) Neither Contractor nor any firm, partnership or association in which it has substantial interest is designated as an ineligible contractor by the Comptroller General of the United States pursuant to Section 5.6(b) of the Regulations of the Secretary of Labor, Part 5 (29 CFR, Part 5) or pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended.
- (b) No part of the aforementioned contract has been or will be subcontracted to any subcontractor if such subcontractor or any firm, corporation, partnership or association in which such subcontractor has a substantial interest is designated as an ineligible contractor pursuant to any of the aforementioned regulatory or statutory provisions.

3. Contractor agrees to obtain and forward to the aforementioned recipient within ten days after the execution of any subcontract, including those executed by subcontractors and any lower tier subcontractors, a Subcontractor's Certification Concerning Labor Standards and Prevailing Wage Requirements executed by the subcontractors.

4. Certifies that:

(a) The legal name and the business address of the undersigned are:

(b) The undersigned is (choose one):

(1) A SINGLE PROPRIETORSHIP	(3) A CORPORATION ORGANIZED IN THE STATE OF
(2) A PARTNERSHIP	(4) OTHER ORGANIZATION (Describe)

(c) The name, title and address of the owner, partners or officers of the undersigned are:

NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS

(d) The names and addresses of all other persons having a substantial interest in the undersigned, and the nature of the interest are:

NAME	ADDRESS	NATURE OF INTEREST




(e) The names, addresses and trade classifications of all other building construction contractors in which the undersigned has a substantial interest are:

NAME	ADDRESS	TRADE CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION**  
**of RECOVERED MATERIAL**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Principal's Name) of \_\_\_\_\_ (Company Name) \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter called "Contractor"), acknowledge the recovered material bidding requirements found in 2 CFR 200.322 that requires the Contractor to procure those items designated in the guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition.

I also acknowledge that this requirement shall apply to items purchased (1) where the Contractor purchases in excess of \$10,000 of the item under this contract; or (2) where during the preceding fiscal year, the value of the quantity acquired was in excess of \$10,000.

Finally, I acknowledge the attached list of recovered materials included in the bid documents.  
(For up-to-date listing, please go to <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program#directory>)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**USE OF RECOVERED MATERIAL**

**Please check one:**

- Recovered materials are included in this bid:  
Materials included \_\_\_\_\_
- Recovered materials are not reasonably available in a reasonable period of time.
- Recovered materials fail to meet reasonable performance standards, which are determined on the basis of the guidelines of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, if applicable.
- Recovered materials are only available at an unreasonable price.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**[ INSERT: EPA's current listing of Texas suppliers of recovered materials.]**

**[A listing of Texas suppliers of recovered materials may be found at  
<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program#directory>]**

## COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

### **CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING, DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS; FEDERAL DEBT STATUS, AND NONDISCRIMINATION STATUS AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS\***

Instructions for the certifications:

#### General Requirements

The County of El Paso, Texas is required to obtain from all applicants of federal funds or pass-through certifications regarding federal debt status, debarment and suspension, and a drug free workplace. Institutional applicants are required to certify that they will comply with the nondiscrimination statutes and implementing regulations.

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certifications to which they are required to attest. Signature of the form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 21 CFR part 1405, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," 21 CFR part 1414, Government wide Debarment and Suspension (Non procurement), Certification Regarding Federal Debt Status (OMB Circular A-129), and Certification Regarding the Nondiscrimination Statutes and Implementing Regulations. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the County of El Paso determines to award the covered cooperative agreement

#### 1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented in 21 CFR part 1405, for persons entering into a cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 21 CFR Part 1405, the applicant certifies that;

(a) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant 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 Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal Grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form -LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions;

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-grants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

#### 2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension and implemented at 21 CFR Part 1404, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

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

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to the application.

### 3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

As required by the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 21 CFR Part 1404 Subpart F.

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug free workplace by:

(a). Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the applicant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug free awareness program to inform employees about:

- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The applicant's policy of maintaining a drug free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a)

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee must

- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such convictions. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice including position title, to: The County of El Paso, Texas, 500 East San Antonio Street, Suite 406, El Paso, Texas 79901. Notice shall include the identification number of each affected grant

(f) Taking one of the following actions within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

#### 4. CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL DEBT STATUS (OMB Circular A-129)

The Applicant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it is not delinquent in the repayment of any federal debt.

#### 5. CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE NONDISCRIMINATION STATUTES AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

The applicant certifies that it will comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and their implementing regulations: (a) title VI of the Civil right Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000D et seq.) which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant received federal financial assistance; (b) Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; (c) title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972m as amended (20 U.S.C. 1981 et seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; and (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 ec seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, except that actions which reasonably take age into account as a factor necessary for the normal operation or achievement of any statutory objective of the project or activity shall not violate this statute.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

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\*All four (4) pages of this document must be included in all responses.

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## HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE

Texas Local Government Code Section 262.0271 states the County may give preference to bidders that provide reasonable health insurance coverage to its employees, over a bidder that doesn't provide such insurance. Complete the questionnaire below if applicable. If not, check box #3.

1. Do you or your subcontractor(s) currently offer health insurance benefits to your employees?

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If so, please describe those health insurance benefits that you or your subcontractor(s) currently provide/offer to your employees.

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2. What percentage, if any, of your of your subcontractor's employees are currently enrolled in the health insurance benefits program?

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3.  **No. The bidder is not requesting the Health Insurance Benefits Preference.**

**Checking Box #3 will not disqualify you from participating in this bid selection process.**

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Business Name

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Date

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Name of Authorized Representative

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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\* This page must be included in all responses.





**COUNTY OF EL PASO**  
County Purchasing Department  
800 East Overland, RM 300  
El Paso TX 79901  
(915) 546-8180 Fax

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RE: Bid #16-066, Construction for Water Installation on Wiloughby Road

Dear Vendor:

The Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 requires all vendors and potential vendors who contract or seek to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with any local government entity to complete and submit a Conflicts of Interest Questionnaire. Attached is a copy of the questionnaire.

In filing out the Questionnaire, the following are the County Officers that will award the bid and the employees which will make a recommendation to the Commissioners' Court:

County Officers: County Judge Veronica Escobar  
Commissioner Carlos Leon  
Commissioner David Stout  
Commissioner Vincent M. Perez  
Commissioner Andrew Haggerty

County Employees: Jose Lopez, Jr., Interim Purchasing Agent  
Peter Gutierrez, Buyer II  
Betsy Keller, County Administrator  
Elvia Contreras, Formal Bid Buyer  
Lucy Balderama, Inventory Bid Technician  
Blanca Carbajal, Inventory Bid Technician  
Edward Dion, County Auditor  
Wallace Hardgrove, Budget & Financial Manager  
Lee Shapleigh, Assistant County Attorney  
Diana Shearer, Assistant County Attorney  
Ian R. Kaplin, Assistant County Attorney  
Michael Martinez, Administration  
Lorena Rodriguez, Analyst  
Pat Aauto, Public Works Director  
Norma Palacios, Public Works Deputy  
Munzer Alsarraj, Infrastructure Program Manager  
Gilbert Saldana, D & F Plain Pgram. Engineer  
Fernando Hernandez, CIP & Design Engineer  
Sal Alonzo, Civil Engineer

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

**FORM CIQ**

<p><b>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</b></p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p>	<p><b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b></p> <p>Date Received</p>
<p><b>1</b> Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p>	
<p><b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)</p>	
<p><b>3</b> Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of Officer</p>	
<p><b>4</b> 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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">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?</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">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?</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p><b>5</b> 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.</p>	
<p><b>6</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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).</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">Date</p>	

**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.

# 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.	<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>	
<b>2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.</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 goods or services 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 AFFIDAVIT** I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above disclosure is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said \_\_\_\_\_, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of officer administering oath      Printed name of officer administering oath      Title of officer administering oath

**ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY**

**COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
Solicitation Check List

**Bid # 16-066**  
**Construction for Water**  
**Installation on Wiloughby Road**

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**THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE**

\_\_\_\_\_ Responses should be delivered to the County Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m., October 31, 2016. Did you visit our website ([www.epcounty.com](http://www.epcounty.com)) for any addendums?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign the Bid?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign the "Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Federal Debt Status, and Nondiscrimination Status And Implementing Regulations" document?

\_\_\_\_\_ If seeking preference, did you sign the "Health Insurance Benefits Questionnaire"?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign and complete the required "Conflict of Interest Questionnaire"?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign and complete the required "Certificate of Interested Parties Form"?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign and complete the required "Ethics Affidavit Form"?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you provide one original and four (4) electronic versions of the complete bid (CD/DVD/Flashdrive) in Word/PDF Format of your response? Electronic copy must reflect the original hard copy.