



COUNTY OF EL PASO
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El Paso, Texas 79901
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Notice to Interested Parties

DUE TO THE CURRENT DISASTER DECLARATION

Sealed Request for Proposals (RFP) will be received at the County Purchasing Department, 800 E. Overland, RM 300, El Paso, Texas 79901 before 2:00 p.m., **Thursday, February 4, 2021** to be opened at the County Purchasing Office the same date for **Contract Administration and Management for the New HOME-HRA Grant Program for the County of El Paso**. **No in-person submittals are allowed. Vendors must mail via USPS or third-party carrier (i.e. FedEx/UPS). The County of El Paso is not responsible for late deliveries of any kind or any reason.**

**Proposals must be in a sealed envelope and marked:
"Proposals to be opened Thursday, February 4, 2021
Contract Administration and Management for the New
HOME-HRA Grant Program for the County of El Paso
RFP Number 21-014**

Do not contact the requesting department. Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be e-mailed to: bidquestions@epcounty.com before Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Proposal number and title must be on the "Subject Line" of the e-mail. 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 ; click button labeled **"Directory"**, search for and select **"Purchasing"**, click on button labeled **"List of Bids"**.

Award will be made based on a review of qualifications, scope of services and price. **COMMISSIONER'S COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND WAIVE TECHNICALITIES.** Only proposals that conform to specifications will be considered. Successful Proposer shall not order items or services until a Purchasing Order is received from the County Purchasing Office. Payment will not be made on items delivered without an Agreement. Payment shall be made through County funds after completion of goods or services. Purchase Orders will be issued as required. Successful proposer must comply with all bonding requirements as stated in the Texas Local Government Code §262.032.

In order to remain active on the El Paso County Vendor list, each Vendor receiving this proposal must respond in some form. Vendors submitting a proposal must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

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Due to the County of El Paso Declaration of Local Disaster for the Public Health Emergency regarding COVID-19, The County Courthouse and all County Buildings and Facilities have closed to the public effective Monday, March 23, 2020 until further notice.

While all County buildings are closed to the public, all scheduled bid openings will occur via live video feed at the County YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXwcq_JYs28xwL14oGAVPZg/videos.

During the live broadcast, citizens may call in at telephone (915) 546-2048 ext.4529. Allow for a 10-second delay during the live broadcast.

DEBRA CARREJO-TRULL CPPO, CPPB
Purchasing Agent

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

El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Affidavit (continued)

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 commissioners 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
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Memorandum

To: All Vendors

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

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 in 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. /Bids & More/Vendors List. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please contact us at (915)546-2048.

EL PASO COUNTY SIGNATURE PAGE

<p style="text-align: center;">RFP 21-014 Contract Administration and Management for the New HOME-HRA Grant Program for the County of El Paso Vendor must meet or exceed specifications</p>
<p>Please do not include tax, as the County is tax-exempt. We will sign tax exemption certificates covering these items. Please submit one (1) original copy and two (2) electronic versions of the complete proposal (CD/DVD/Flashdrive) in Word/PDF Format. Electronic copies must reflect the original hard copy.</p>

I or we agree to furnish the following described equipment, supplies, or services for the prices shown in accordance with specifications listed below or attached. By execution of this proposal, I hereby represent and warrant to El Paso County that I have read and understood the Proposal Documents and the Contract Documents and this proposal is made in accordance with the Proposal Documents.

Please quote prices and discounts on the following items:

F. O. B. El Paso County

_____ Company	_____ Mailing Address
_____ Federal Tax Identification No.	_____ City, State, Zip Code
_____ DUNS Number (Applicable to Grant Funded Project)	_____
_____ Representative Name & Title	_____ Telephone Number include area code
_____ Signature	_____ Fax Number include area code
_____ Date	_____ Email Address

*****THIS MUST BE THE FIRST PAGE ON THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED*****

Contract Administration and Management for the New HOME- HRA Grant Program for the County of El Paso

RFP 21-014



**Opening Date
Thursday, February 4, 2021**

El Paso County, "County," is seeking to enter into a services contract with well-qualified administration/management firm/professional service provider(s) to assist the County in in the overall management of its proposed **HOME PROGRAM (HOME REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)** project(s), **IF FUNDED** by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The following outlines the RFP:

- I. Scope of Work - A sample detailed Scope of Work ("SOW") provided by County is enclosed as Exhibit A. The professional administration/management firm/consultant to be hired is to provide application and contract-related management services, including but not limited to the following areas:

Pre-Funding Services*

Grant Administrator will assist the County to develop project scope and complete HOME application as needed. The provider will work with the County and their representatives to provide the concise information needed for submission of one or more complete Home Program (HRA) funding applications and related documents. The required information must be submitted in a format to be described by the TDHCA.

Post-Funding Services

Grant Administrator will administer and complete infrastructure, utilities, housing and eligible projects approved for Home funding. The selected administrative firm must follow all requirements of the HUD CDBG program as administered by TDHCA.

General Administration Services – General

- Administrative Duties
- Construction Management

Grant Administration Services –Housing

- Project Management
- Financial Management
- Environmental Review
- Real Property Acquisition/ URA
- Construction Management
- Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity
- Housing rehabilitation/affordable housing
- Audit/Contract Close-out Assistance

- II. Statement of Qualifications – The County is seeking to contract with well-qualified professional administration/management firm(s)/consultant(s) experienced in TDHCA HOME/HRA grants/contracts application and administration. Provide the following information:

- A brief history of the proposing entity, including general background, knowledge of and experience working with relevant agencies, with an emphasis on recent experience;
- Related experience in applying for and managing state and federally-funded local construction projects – Infrastructure / Housing, with an emphasis on directly- related and recent experience;
- A description of work performance and experience with HOME/HRA programs including a list of at least three references from past local government clients, with information describing the recency and relevancy of the previous performance and experience;
- Describe the proposing entity's capacity to perform as well as resumes of all employees who will or may be assigned to provide technical assistance if your firm is awarded this management services contract, identifying current employees and proposed hires; and
- A statement substantiating the resources of the proposing entity and the ability to carry out the scope of work requested within the proposed timeline.

III. Proposed Cost of Services - Please provide your cost proposal to accomplish the scope of work by activity (Housing) outlined above and for any additional services required using the Cost of Services page(s) included in Exhibit C: Required RFP Forms. **THE FINAL GRANT AMOUNT IS YET TO BE DETERMINED; THEREFORE, VENDORS SHOULD PROPOSE PRICING BASED ON THE POTENTIAL FUNDING AMOUNTS PROVIDED AND INCLUDE HOURLY RATES FOR ANTICIPATED WORK CLASSIFICATIONS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE SCOPE OF WORK.** The local government will consider dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises. As such, proposers may specify any maximum limit to the total dollar value of grant funds they are able and willing to manage. Firms may submit proposals for any or all activities. Preference will be given to firm fixed pricing. The proposal must include all costs that are necessary to successfully complete these activities. Note that the lowest/best proposal will not be used as the sole basis for entering into this contract; rather, award will be made to the firm(s) providing the best value to the County, cost and other factors considered.

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

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

Proposals must be evaluated based on the requirements set forth in the RFP. Selection of the firm(s) will be at the discretion of the County and will be based on the proposal that the County deems to be the most responsive and responsible and is the best value to the County.

Selected offeror(s) may be required to make on-site oral and visual presentations or demonstrations at the request of the County. The County will schedule the time and location for any presentations. Costs and equipment for such presentations are the responsibility of the offeror.

The Proposer is cautioned that it is the Proposer's sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories and that the County is under no obligation to solicit such information if it is not included in the Proposal. Failure of the Proposer to submit such information may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the proposal.

Proposals will be reviewed by the County Selection Committee and will be evaluated based on the following criteria, point value indicate maximum score.

Description	Score
Experience	25%
Work Performance	25%
Capacity to Perform	25%
Proposed Costs	20%
References Firm shall provide the following reference information. The names, business address, and telephone numbers and email addresses of three (3) individuals and/or organizations who can attest to the firm's capability to carry out the requirements in this proposal.	3%
Provides Healthcare to Employees Health Insurance to Employee-The County is authorized to allow consideration for those firms providing evidence of reasonable health insurance for their employees.	2%
Total Score	100%

V. Submission Requirements

System for Award Management. Consultant/Firm, and its Principals, may not be debarred or suspended nor otherwise on the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) in the System for Award Management (SAM). Include verification that the company as well as the company's principals are not listed (are not debarred) through the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov). Enclose a print out of the search results that includes the record date.

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

- Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business

- enterprises on solicitation lists;
- Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

NOTICE:

FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT IS BEING SOUGHT AS PART OF THIS CONTRACT. THE TARGETED SOURCE IS TDHCA FUNDS WHICH WILL BE THE PRIMARY FUNDING AGENCY. AS SUCH, THE RESPONDENT MUST FOLLOW ALL FUNDING AGENCIES REQUIREMENTS AND STIPULATIONS. THE RESPONDENT AGREES THAT ALL WORK IS BEING DONE WITH AN ANTICIPATED OVERALL PROJECT ACCEPTANCE AND AS SUCH WILL TAKE ALL LIABILITY FOR GETTING THE PROJECT FUNDED. CONSULTANT'S PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AFTER FUNDING/PROJECT ACCEPTANCE IS ACHIEVED AND GRANT IS APPROVED.

EXHIBIT A:
SCOPE OF WORK
RFP 20-014

The Administrator must provide the following scope of services:

SCOPE OF SERVICES REQUESTED

Providers will help El Paso County fulfill State and Federal Community Development Block Grant HOME PROGRAM ("HRA") statutory responsibilities related to administer of grant agreements and project. Providers will assist the County and/or grant recipients in completion of HOME PROGRAM-HRA qualified housing projects. Respondents may be qualified to provide Grant Administration services for housing projects, non-housing projects, or both. Grant administrative services must be performed in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and guidelines issued by the TDHCA.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Respondent must be able to perform the tasks listed herein to be considered eligible for an award under this Solicitation. Respondents should provide a detailed narrative of their experience as it relates to each of the items below. Respondents should clearly indicate if they intend to provide services in-house with existing staff or through subcontracting or partnership arrangements. Grant Administration Services will be provided in conformance with the guidance documents and use forms provided by the County of El Paso utilizing TDHCA guidance. The providers must furnish post-funding grant administrative services to complete the HOME (HRA) projects, including, but not limited to the following:

PRE-FUNDING SERVICES

Grant Administrator will assist the County in developing project scope and complete HOME application (AS NEEDED). The provider will work with the County and their representatives to provide the concise information needed for submission of one or more complete Home Program (HRA) funding applications and related documents. The required information must be submitted in a format to be described by the TDHCA.

POST-FUNDING SERVICES

Grant Administrator will administer, and complete infrastructure, utilities, housing and eligible projects approved for HOME (HRA) funding. The selected administrative firm must follow all requirements of the TDHCA - HOME/HRA Program.

GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES – GENERAL

a) Administrative Duties:

1. Coordinate, as necessary, between County of El Paso and any other appropriate service providers (i.e. Engineer, Environmental, etc.), contractor, subcontractor and TDHCA to effectuate the services requested.
2. May assist the County staff in public hearings.
3. Will work with TDHCA's system of record.
4. Provide monthly project status updates.
5. Funding release will be based on deliverables identified in the contract.
6. Labor and procurement duties:
 - a. Provide all Labor Standards Officer (LSO) Services.

- b. Ensure compliance with all relevant labor standards regulations.
- c. Ensure compliance with procurement regulations and policies.
- d. Maintain document files to support compliance.

7. Financial duties:

- a. Prepare and submit all required reports (Section 3, Financial Interest, etc.).
- c. Maintain HOME (HRA) financial records
- d. Implementation and coordination of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing ("AFFH") requirements as directed by HUD and the TDHCA.
- e. Implementation and coordination of Section 504 requirements.
- f. Program compliance.
- g. Ensure that fraud prevention and abuse practices are in place and being implemented.
- h. Prepare and submit all closeout documents.
- i. Submit all invoices no later than 60 days after the expiration of the contract. All outstanding funds may be swept after 60 days. The provider may request an extension of this requirement in writing.
- j. Assist in preparation of contract revisions and supporting documents including but not limited to:
 - Amendments/modifications,
 - Change orders.

b) Construction Management:

- 1. The provider must assist the County of El Paso in submitting/setting up project applications in the TDHCA's system of record.
- 2. The provider must compile and collate complete contract/proposal packages that meet TDHCA program requirements. The packages will contain supporting documentation that meets or exceeds the requirements of the TDHCA's program. If applications do not have the necessary forms, the provider may assist the County of El Paso by coordinating to acquire the necessary documentation.
- 3. The provider must monitor, report, and evaluate contractor's performance; notify the County of El Paso if the contractor(s) fails to meet established scheduled milestones. Receive, review, recommend, and process any change orders as appropriate to the individual projects.
- 4. The provider must assist the County of El Paso with project Activity Draws/Close Out.
- 5. The provider must assist the County of El Paso by submitting all the necessary documentation for draws and to close a project activity in the TDHCA's system of record. The provider will compile, review for completeness, and collate complete contract/closeout packages that meet TDHCA program requirements for draw requests. If applications do not have the necessary forms, the provider shall assist the County of El Paso by coordinating to acquire the necessary documentation.
- 6. The provider must assist the County of El Paso in developing Architectural and Engineering plans with guidance from the TDHCA.
- 7. Reassignment scope alignment (if necessary).

Grant Administration Services – Housing

a) Administrative Duties:

1. Develop and submit for approval Housing guidelines.
2. Assist the grant recipient in developing a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).
3. Develop and submit for approval an Affirmative Marketing Plan on behalf of the County of El Paso utilizing TDHCA guidance.
4. Develop a tenant selection policy on behalf of the County of El Paso based on TDHCA guidance.
5. Develop and submit for approval a needs assessment on behalf of the County of El Paso based on TDHCA guidance.
6. Develop and submit to site-specific environmental reviews as required by 24 CFR Part 58.
7. Develop and submit a monitoring plan for approved projects on behalf of the County of El Paso based on TDHCA guidance.
8. The provider will assist the County of El Paso in conducting assessments of all projects and align the TDHCA Form 11.17, to the constructed project. The provider will determine the percent complete and the dollar value of the partially completed project and the dollar value necessary to assign to the new Contractor to complete the project. In the event a conflict of interest exists between both the Provider and Contractor, or they are one in the same, the County shall unilaterally assess each relevant projects utilizing TDHCA Form 11.7.

b) Project Case Management:

1. Assist the County of El Paso with any project, transaction, service or response that is “opened” and “closed” over a period of time to achieve resolution of a problem, claim, request, proposal, development or other complex activity.
2. Assist the County of El Paso in developing project application eligibility procedures, processing, and approvals.

c) Site Inspections:

1. Assist the County of El Paso with Assessments (Inspections) - Assist in performing a visual field review of projects to determine the presence of damage to the project that may be attributable to the event. The assessment will follow the TDHCA issued Assessment Guidelines and includes:
 - a. Assist the County of El Paso with observations and documentation (written and photographic) of findings the following:
 - i. Foundation;
 - ii. Exterior walls;
 - iii. Exterior wall finishes;
 - iv. Windows and doors;
 - v. Roof system (roof coverings, deck, joists, tie downs, diaphragms, penetrations, flashing, and closures);
 - vi. Floor system and structure;
 - vii. Electrical system components;
 - viii. Plumbing system components;
 - ix. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning system;
 - x. Interior wall finishes;

- xi. Interior fixtures and components;
 - xii. Porches;
 - xiii. Exterior stairs and ramps;
 - xiv. Miscellaneous items not covered by the above such as septic systems, chimneys/fireplaces, etc.
 - b. The results of the Assessment will be provided according to the TDHCA sample provided in the TDHCA issued Assessment Guidelines. The inspector's report will include:
 - i. The reviewer's name;
 - ii. The property address;
 - iii. The homeowner's name;
 - iv. A checklist of housing components that may have received damage, if any
 - v. A narrative that specifically and clearly documents disaster-related property assessments via photographic evidence and detailed narratives of the assessments;
 - vi. The reviewer's certification, signature, and date of review.
 - c. The results of the assessment may be provided in an approved TDHCA format.
2. Estimated Cost of Repair Inspection (Work Write-Up):
- a. Assist in providing an estimated cost of repair inspections with the assessments. Upon notification that a project has been determined eligible for Program assistance, the respondent will prepare an Estimated Cost of Repair (ECR) for the program-eligible repairs.
 - b. ECR's will be developed to include repair of damage that could reasonably be attributed to the repairs to bring the project into compliance with HUD Housing Quality Standards, local, state and federal building codes. The scopes of repair will be developed to include work items necessary for the identified repairs to be performed in accordance with the International Residential Code, 2009 Edition (where required) and to meet the TDHCA's Minimum Housing Design Standards.
 - c. Assistance to the County of El Paso may include:
 - i. Contact the project owner to schedule a date and time to perform the field review.
 - ii. Travel to the project site.
 - iii. Perform the visual review of the project to determine the approximate amount to the project. The review will include the observations and documentation (written and photographic) of findings of assessments if not already documented.
 - iv. Develop a Scope of Repair to address the assessments and initially determine the applicability of the proposed repairs to the criteria of the Program. The draft Scope of Repair will include:
 - a. a summary list of items to be addressed;
 - b. a basic description of the repair approach for each item;
 - c. estimated item quantities; and
 - d. site photographs.

- v. Consider the following in preparation of the ECR:
 - a. the specific materials needed;
 - b. the quantity of those materials;
 - c. trades involved;
 - d. the level of effort and duration for each trade;
 - e. estimated rates and manpower; and
 - f. equipment required to accomplish each of the identified repairs.
- vi. Utilize the following to develop the ECR:
 - a. current industry cost standards as identified by Xactimate or RSMeans price lists for the project location;
 - b. experience with projects of similar size and scope; and
 - c. Knowledge of the local market rates and conditions.
- vii. Summarize the data and findings into the final ECR and will furnish a copy of the ECR to the County of El Paso. The final ECR will include the following:
 - a. a completed, *Work Write-up and Cost Estimate* containing a general scope of repair and summary of construction costs.
- viii. Assist the County of El Paso with project inspections at:
 - a. 50% complete
 - b. A final inspection at 100% complete
- ix. In the case of a single family, assist the County of El Paso with reconstruction inspections:
 - a. Foundation
 - b. 33% complete progress inspection
 - c. 66% complete progress inspection
 - d. Final inspection at 100% completion
 - e. Arrange for and TREC inspection to be conducted prior to closing.
- x. Upon notification of a project being ready for a Construction Review, the provider may:
 - a. Contact the project owner and or County of El Paso to schedule a date and time to perform the Review.
 - b. Travel to the project site.
 - c. Conduct on-site observations (field review) of the work completed.

The purpose of the field review is to observe and document: the progress of the work; the estimated quantity and value of work accomplished to date; the materials and workmanship utilized; the general conformance to the agreed upon Scope of Repairs (Scope); and identify items necessary for completion. During the field review, the provider may observe work which, in its opinion, does not conform generally to the agreed upon Scope or may compromise the integrity of the repair. The provider may recommend rejection of this work.

Upon completion of the field review, the provider may summarize and present the findings of the field review to include:

3. Estimated amounts owed to the Contractor.
4. Items of work that are incomplete (Punch List items).
5. Other items of work that may be required by the apparent intent of the Scope that is not included in the Scope.

d. Environmental services:

- i. The provider may assist the County of El Paso in performing environmental reviews and documentation for HUD compliance in connection with the program. The provider may provide services for the preparation of Environmental Review Records (ERR) in accordance with the standards set forth by HUD and the statutes, executive orders, and regulations listed at 24 CFR Part 58.
- ii. The provider may submit a request for Special Services to County of El Paso if environmental document review and site inspections indicate that additional investigation is warranted.
- iii. Special services may include, but are not limited to the following tasks:
 - a. Archeological study required by SHPO;
 - b. Lead-based paint and/or asbestos inspection; and
 - c. Wetlands assessment.

Exhibit B:
Required RFP Forms
PRICE SHEET
Contract Administration and Management for the New
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Indicate “**No Cost**” if firm is not proposing for the services specified on this price sheet.

Note: Any firm that does not submit pricing in a price sheet provided **will not** be considered for award.

Name _____ Address _____

Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Maximum amount of grant funds firm is able and/or willing to manage:

\$ _____

Estimated Grant Award Amount	Cost of Services (maximum)
\$100, 000	
\$500, 000	
\$1 million	
\$2 million	

Hourly Rates

Work Classification	Hourly Rate

Signature: _____

Date: _____

CLIENT Reference Form

Three (3) applicable references are required.

**Note: Reference responses count as part of the overall score in this category.
Ensure that provided references are willing to respond, as each non-responses count as a zero in scoring of this criteria.**

Vendor name: _____

Customer name: _____

Customer contact: _____

Customer phone number: _____

Customer E-mail address: _____

Duration of Contract: _____

Vendor name: _____

Customer name: _____

Customer contact: _____

Customer phone number: _____

Customer E-mail address: _____

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Customer contact: _____

Customer phone number: _____

Customer E-mail address: _____

Duration of Contract: _____

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

DISCLAIMER: This sample draft document was developed for TxCDBG grant projects and does not include all applicable provisions. This document has important legal consequences. Please consult with your legal counsel with respect to its completion or modification to insure that it is in compliance with any appropriate local, state and federal laws applicable.

Sample Contract

ADMINISTRATION/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

PART I AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this _____ day of _____, by and between the COUNTY OF _____, hereinafter called the "County", acting herein by _____ hereunto duly authorized, and _____ hereinafter called "the Contractor", acting herein by _____.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the County of _____ desires to Administer and Manage the following: _____ [describe project] under the general direction of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter called "TxCDBG") Program administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; and Whereas the County desires to engage _____ to render certain [professional /administration] services in connection with this TxCDBG Project, Contract Number _____.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services

The Contractor will perform the services set out in Exhibit A, Scope of Work.

2. Time of Performance - The services of the Contractor shall commence on _____. In any event, all of the services required and performed hereunder shall be completed no later than _____.

3. Local Program Liaison - For purposes of this Contract, the [e.g. County _____] 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.

4. Access to Records - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), 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 TDHCA.

5. Retention of Records - The Contractor shall retain all required records for three years after the City/County makes its final payment and all pending matters are closed.

6. Compensation and Method of Payment - The maximum amount of compensation and reimbursement to be paid hereunder shall not exceed \$ _____. Payment to the Contractor shall be based on satisfactory completion of identified milestones in Part III - Payment Schedule of this Agreement.

7. Indemnification - The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and shall exonerate, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its agency members from and against any and all claims, costs, suits, and damages, including attorneys' fees, arising out of the Contractor's performance or nonperformance of the activities, services or subject matter called for in this agreement or in connection with the

management and administration of the TxCDBG contract, and shall assume full responsibility for payments of Federal, State and local taxes on contributions imposed or required under the Social Security, worker's compensation and income tax laws.

8. Miscellaneous Provisions

- a. This Agreement shall be construed under and in accord with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in _____ County, Texas.
- b. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.
- c. In any case one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
- d. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.
- e. This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties hereto and a writing to be attached to and incorporated into this Agreement.

9. Extent of Agreement

This Agreement, which includes Parts I-IV, [*and if applicable*, including the following exhibits/attachments: represents the entire and integrated agreement between the City/County and the Contractor and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by authorized representatives of both City/County and Contractor.

IN WITNESSETH WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by causing the same to be signed on the day and year first above written.

BY: _____

(Local County Official)

BY: _____

(Contractor's Authorized Representative)

(Printed Name)

(Printed Name)

(Title)

(Title)

**PART II
PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

County shall reimburse (Contractor) for management/administrative services provided for completion of the following project milestones per the following percentages of the maximum contract amount:

Milestone / Task	% of Contract Fee
• Establishment of Recordkeeping System	5%
• Completion of Environmental/Special Conditions Clearance	15%
• Completion of all Acquisition Activities	10%
• Completion of the Bid/Contract Award Process	15%
• Labor Standards Compliance/Completion of Construction	15%
• Comply with EEO / Fair Housing Requirements	10%
• Program and Financial Management	20%
• Filing of all Required Close-out Information	10%
Total	100%

NOTE: Percentages of payment listed here are guidelines based on management services typically provided. The payment schedule should be tied directly to the actual Scope of Work identified in Exhibit A - Administrative Scope of Services. Localities may also opt to reimburse Professional Services Contracts on an hourly basis.

FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT IS BEING SOUGHT AS PART OF THIS CONTRACT. THE TARGETED SOURCE IS TDHCA FUNDS WHICH WILL BE THE PRIMARY FUNDING AGENCY. AS SUCH, THE RESPONDENT SHALL FOLLOW ALL FUNDING AGENCIES REQUIREMENTS AND STIPULATIONS. THE RESPONDENT AGREES THAT ALL WORK IS BEING DONE WITH AN ANTICIPATED OVERALL PROJECT ACCEPTANCE AND AS SUCH WILL TAKE ALL LIABILITY FOR GETTING THE PROJECT FUNDED. CONSULTANT'S PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE AFTER FUNDING/PROJECT ACCEPTANCE IS ACHIEVED AND GRANT IS APPROVED.

PART III

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Termination for Cause. If the Contractor fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Contractor violates any of the covenants, conditions, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, which shall be at least five days before the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination for cause, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall, at the option of the County, be turned over to the County and become the property of the County. In the event of termination for cause, the Contractor shall be entitled to receive reasonable compensation for any necessary services actually and satisfactorily performed prior to the date of termination.

Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the County for damages sustained by the County by virtue of any breach of contract by the Contractor, and the County may set-off the damages it incurred as a result of the Contractor's breach of contract from any amounts it might otherwise owe the Contractor.

2. Termination for Convenience of the County.

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.

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 City/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.

3. Changes. The County may, from time to time, request changes in the services the Contractor will perform under this Agreement. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Contractor's compensation, must be agreed to by all parties and finalized through a signed, written amendment to this Agreement.
4. Resolution of Program Non-Compliance and Disallowed Costs. In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from or relating to this Agreement, 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 Agreement 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.
5. Personnel.
 - a. The Contractor represents that he/she/it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the County.
 - b. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by the Contractor or under its supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under State and Local law to perform such services.
 - c. None of the work or services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the County. Any work or services subcontracted hereunder shall be specified by written contract or agreement and shall be subject to each provision of this Agreement.
6. Assignability. The Contractor shall not assign any interest on this Agreement, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without the prior written consent of the County thereto; Provided, however, that claims for money by the Contractor from the City/County under this Agreement may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Written notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the County.
7. Reports and Information. The Contractor, at such times and in such forms as the County may require, shall furnish the County such periodic reports as it may request pertaining to

the work or services undertaken pursuant to this Agreement, the costs and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection therewith, and any other matters covered by this Agreement.

8. Records and Audits. The Contractor shall insure that the County maintains fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures of funds made under this contract in a manner that conforms to 2 CFR 200.300-.309, 24 CFR 570.490, and this Agreement. Such records must include data on the racial, ethnic, and gender characteristics of persons who are applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries of the funds provided under this Agreement. County shall retain such records, and any supporting documentation, for the greater of three years from closeout of the Agreement or the period required by other applicable laws and regulations.
1. Findings Confidential. All of the reports, information, data, etc., prepared or assembled by the Contractor under this contract are confidential and the Contractor agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the County.
2. Copyright. No report, maps, or other documents produced in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Contractor.
3. Compliance with Local Laws. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and codes of the State and local governments, and the Contractor shall save the County harmless with respect to any damages arising from any tort done in performing any of the work embraced by this Agreement.
4. 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 the TxCDBG award between TDHCA and the County shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Contractor or this Agreement; and the Contractor 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 TDHCA and the County shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Contractor or this Agreement; and the Contractor shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
 - c. Contractor and Employees. The Contractor warrants and represents that it has no conflict of interest associated with the TxCDBG award between TDHCA and the County or this Agreement. 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 TDHCA 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.

5. Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689). The Contractor certifies, by entering into this Agreement, 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 Agreement 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.”

Federal Civil Rights Compliance.

6. Equal Opportunity Clause (applicable to federally assisted construction 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.
15. Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
16. 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.
17. 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.

18. 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.

[If this Contract is greater than \$100,000, include the following Section 3 language:]

19. 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 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 Agreement 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 Agreement. 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 Agreement 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).

Section 3 Policy

In accordance with 12 U.S.C. 1701u the County of El Paso agrees to implement the following steps, which, to the greatest extent feasible, I provide job training, employment and contracting opportunities for Section 3 residents and Section 3 businesses of the areas in which the program/project is being carried out

- A. Introduce and pass a resolution adopting this plan as a policy to strive to attain goals for compliance to Section 3 regulations by increasing opportunities for employment and contracting for Section 3 residents and businesses.
- B. Assign duties related to implementation of this plan to the designated Civil Rights Officer.
- C. Notify Section 3 residents and business concerns of potential new employment and contracting opportunities as they are triggered by TxDBG grant awards through the use of Public Hearings and related advertisements; public notices bidding advertisements and bid documents; notification to local business organizations such as the Chamber(s) of Commerce or the Urban League; local advertising media including public signage; project area committees and citizen advisory boards; local HUD offices; regional planning agencies; and any other appropriate referral sources. Include Section 3 clauses in all covered solicitations and contracts.
- D. Maintain a list of those businesses that have identified themselves as Section 3 businesses for utilization in TxDBG funded procurements, notify those businesses of pending contractual opportunities, and make this list available for general Grant Recipient procurement needs.
- E. Maintain a list of those persons who have identified themselves as Section 3 residents and contact those persons when hiring/training opportunities are available through either the Grant Recipient or contractors.
- F. Require that all Prime contractors and subcontractors with contracts over 100,000 commit to this plan as part of their contract work. Monitor the contractors' performance with respect to meeting Section 3 requirements and require that they submit reports as may be required by HUD or TOA to the Grant Recipient.
- G. Submit reports as required by HUD or TDA regarding contracting with Section 3 businesses and/or employment as they occur; and submit reports within 20 days of the federal fiscal year end (by October 20) which identify and quantify Section 3 businesses and employees.
- H. Maintain records, including copies of correspondence, memoranda, etc., which document all actions taken to comply with Section 3 regulations.

As officers and representatives of (name of Grant Recipient), we the undersigned have read and fully agree to this plan, and become a party to the full implementation of this program.

Ricardo A. Samaniego
Signature

Ricardo A Samaniego
County Judge

8/17/2020
Date

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. NON-APPROPRIATIONS

Vendor acknowledges that funding to pay for support and services referenced herein is subject to annual appropriations by Customer's governing body, and any termination, liability, indemnity, other provision in the Terms to the contrary does not apply to Customer. In the event such funds are not appropriated in any fiscal year for support and services, Customer may terminate the agreement between the parties upon no less than 30 days prior written notice without incurring any termination liability or penalty. Such termination will not affect Customer's obligation with respect to payment for satisfactory service or support received through the termination date.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

The County reserves the right to review the insurance requirements during the effective period of the contract and to require adjustment of insurance coverage and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by the County based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or the claims history of the industry as well as the contractor.

28. BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

In accordance with Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code, a company, other than a sole proprietorship, with ten or more full time employees is required to certify in writing that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract, if the contract has a value of \$100,000 or more.

29. 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 Several instructional videos are available there.

30. 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 of 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.

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. 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.

34. ACCURACY OF DATA

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

35. 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.

36. 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.

37. 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.

38. 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

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

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.

1. 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.

2. 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

(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).

3. 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.

4. 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

*All three (3) pages of this document must be included in all responses.

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?

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

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

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.

Business Name

Date

Name of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

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* This page must be included in all responses.



COUNTY OF EL PASO
County Purchasing Department
800 E. Overland, RM 300
El Paso, Texas 79901
(915) 546-2048
(915) 546-8180 Fax

RE: RFP 21-014, Contract Administration and Management for the New HOME-HRA Grant Program for the County of El Paso

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 filling 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 Ricardo A. Samaniego
Commissioner Carlos Leon
Commissioner David Stout
Commissioner Vincent M. Perez
Commissioner Carl L. Robinson

County Employees: Debra Carrejo-Trull CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Jose Lopez, Jr., Assistant Purchasing Agent
Betsy Keller, County Administrator
Elvia Jauregui, Purchasing Manager
Araceli Hernandez, Formal Bid Buyer
Blanca Guereca, Procurement Data Analyst
Claudia Parra, Procurement Data Analyst
Edward Dion, County Auditor
Barbara Franco, Auditor First Assistant
Wallace Hardgrove, Budget & Financial Manager
Christina Ford, Division Chief
Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney
Chris Sullivan, Sr. Trial Attorney
Michael Martinez, Administration
Lorena Rodriguez, Analyst
Jose M. Landeros, Planning & Development Director
Munzar Alsarraj, Infrastructure Program Manager
Cynthia Martinez, Civil Engineer
Shani Enriquez, Assistant Planner

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

FORM CIQ

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

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

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

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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

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

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

Name of Officer

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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (2) the vendor:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

- (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

Effective January 1, 2016, Texas Legislature adopted [House Bill 1295](#), which states that a governmental agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity, unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity. **This Certificate of Interested Parties - Form 1295 must be submitted before the county can enter into the contract**

- The Form 1295 must be submitted online at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm.
- Upon completion, you will be provided a verification printout.
- The printout must be notarized and then submitted to the County of El Paso for verification.

Upon the County's receipt of your notarized Form 1295, the contracting process can begin. Failure to complete and submit the Form 1295 will delay the contract from possibly being awarded and could result in loss of the contract

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.

OFFICE USE ONLY

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

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

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the 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
Check List

RFP 21-014
Contract Administration and Management for the
New HOME-HRA Grant Program for the County of El Paso

THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

_____ Responses should be delivered to the County Purchasing Department
by 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 4, 2021.

_____ Did you visit our website (www.epcounty.com) for any addendums?

_____ Did you sign the Proposal Signature Page?

_____ 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 complete and sign the required "Ethics Training Affidavit Form"?

_____ Did you provide one original and two (2) electronic versions of the
complete proposal (CD/DVD/Flashdrive) in Word/PDF Format?
Electronic copies must reflect original hard copy.