

This contract ("Contract") is made and entered effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 by and between **PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, INC.**, a Texas corporation, of Houston, Harris County, Texas ("Consultant") and the **COUNTY OF HARDIN**, ("Client") for the purpose of retaining Consultant to render **Application Preparation** and **Administration Services** to the Client for Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) – Community Development Fund (CD Fund), administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

Client and Consultant agree that Consultant will provide services to Client on the terms and conditions outlined in this Contract.

I.

Consultant will provide Client with administrative services as follows:

PRE- FUNDING SERVICES:

**Application Preparation:** The Team will prepare the application as directed by the Client to apply for available funding sources adherent to the state and federal agencies guidelines. The Team will coordinate all activities and other service providers with regard to the preparation of the application, including, but not limited to:

- Review of proposed project for program compliance and will work with Client staff to provide an overview;
- Advise on important deadlines and procedures;
- Schedule project meetings with client staff to evaluate proposed project and timeframes.
- Prepare project description in conjunction with staff and project engineer;
- Evaluate project objective and develop timelines/milestones;
- Prepare project maps in ArcGIS and PDF format;
- Prepare necessary preliminary Environmental Compliance documentation;
- Conduct public hearings (as applicable) for application submission and attend Client meeting to address application development;
- Package complete application with all pertinent supplemental documentation for client to review prior to submission;
- Identify and document beneficiaries;
- Advise client on funding availability, anticipated scoring, selection and award process.

POST FUNDING SERVICES

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

**Administrative Duties:** The Team will coordinate, as necessary, between Client and any other appropriate service providers (i.e. Engineer, Environmental, etc.), contractor, subcontract and/or administrative agency to effectuate the services requested.

- Oversee the project and achieve all of the project goals within the constraints given by the funding agency;
- Develop and implement project phases to plan, budget, oversee, and document all aspects of the specific project;
- Coordinate all activities related to the project's successful completion with all other professionals and organizations associated with this project.

**Recordkeeping:** The Team will assist the Client with maintaining all records generated by the program. This includes all records required by the funding agency and the Client (i.e. program management records).

- Complete filing system will be developed and maintained at Client's office;
- Both physical and electronic form of records will be developed and accessible;
- Records will be updated as necessary to ensure compliance with funding source and administrative agency;
- Records will be retained for the appropriate period of time as dictated by the funding agency, with electronic records available for perpetuity.

**Financial Management:** The Team will assist the Client in keeping the general journal, general ledger, cash receipts journal and all other necessary financial documents, as well as monitor the Client's financial system.

- Utilize and assist with the agency's system of record to complete milestones, submit documentation, reports, draws, change requests, etc.;
- Request fund expenditure in-line with project milestones;
- Develop a detailed Contract Ledger;
- Establish a filing system that accurately and completely reflects the financial expenditures of the program and project(s).
- Keep track of disbursement of funds and ensure that the vendors are paid within the required timeframe set out by the funding agency.

**Construction Management:** The Team will coordinate and supervise the project to ensure designated activities are realizing the intended outcomes as stated in contract documents. We will oversee specialized contractors and other personnel and allocate necessary resources.

- Assist the Client in submitting/setting up project applications in the Agency's system of record;
- Coordinate the development, completion, and execution of contract documents to ensure supporting documentation is in order;
- Conduct regular on-site visitations and assessments;
- Development and maintenance of construction management status log;
- Recommendation and development of scope realignments as prescribed by the project's complexities.

#### **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

**Administrative Duties:** The Team will work with the Client's staff to provide the necessary administrative and planning services to see the project to completion. The Team will meet with officials on a regular basis to review progress on the objectives of the project and then take actions to see that those objectives are met.

- Act as the Client's liaison to the funding agency in all matters concerning the project;
- Coordinate communication via email, conference call, facsimile, and direct meetings to ensure the project is on schedule and all parties are properly informed;
- Prepare and submit any necessary reports required by the funding agency during the course of the project (i.e. Monthly/Quarterly Progress Reports, Project Monitoring Reports, Project Completion Reports, etc.);



- Provide Client staff specific instructions on the necessary administrative procedures that will assure a successful project;
- Establish and maintain record keeping systems;
- Assist with resolving monitoring and audit findings.

**Real Property Acquisition (as applicable):** The Team will assist the Client in the preliminary acquisition assessment as well as the development and/or coordination of acquisition of real property (real property in the context of acquisition refers to permanent interest in real property as well as certain less-than-full-fee interests in real property).

- Adherence to the Uniform Act (URA) which guides the acquisition of real property that may be necessary to the needs of the project;
- ***If it is determined that property needs to be acquired, Public Management, Inc. will perform the following services according to the URA for an additional fee.***
- Development and maintenance of appropriate file materials to ensure compliance with federal, state, and program requirements;
- Administrative coordination of parcels, values, correspondence;
- Coordinate property appraisals and determine just compensation;
- Ensure easement/right of way boundaries are in line with proposed project and survey;
- Completion and/or file closure of acquired property.

**Environmental Services:** The Team will prepare all documents and correspondence for environmental review and clearance as well as maintain close coordination with local officials, project engineer and other members of the project team to assure appropriate level of environmental review is performed. This project element will abide by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or any other Federal, State or local regulation as applicable.

- Review each project description to ascertain and/or verify the level of environmental review required: Exempt, Categorical Exclusion not Subject to 58.5, Categorical Exclusion Subject to 58.5, Environmental Assessment, and Environmental Impact Statements;
- Prepare and maintain a written environmental review record;
- Consult and coordinate with oversight/regulatory agencies to facilitate environmental clearance;
- Conduct site-visits as necessary to ensure environmental compliance;
- Prepare all responses to comments received during comment phase of the environmental review, including State/Federal Agency requiring further studies and/or comments from public or private entities during public comment period;
- Provide documentation of clearance for Parties Known to be Interested as required by 24 CFR 58.43;
- Advise and complete environmental re-evaluations per 24 CFR 58.47 when evidence of further clearance or assessment is required;
- Assist in compliance with flood plain and wetlands management review guidelines;
- ***Not included in this service are archeological, engineering, or other special service costs mandated by environmental review record compliance agencies.***

**Civil Rights Requirements:** The Team will structure the program so that all procurement procedures, contracts, and policies will be in accordance with state and federal regulations associated thereto. Ensure that the contractors make affirmative efforts to employ Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises.

- Set up Civil Rights & Citizen Participation File;
- Designate a Civil Rights Officer (CRO);
- Adopt policies and grievance procedures regarding Citizen Participation;
- Adopt Policies and Pass Resolution/Proclamation/Ordinances regarding Civil Rights;
- Publish Citizen Participation and Civil Rights Notices;
- Place necessary documentation in Bid Packets for Contractors;
- Include required clauses in Construction Contracts between Grant Recipient and Contractor;
- Take action to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing;
- The Team will be diligent and consistent in implementing the project's civil rights responsibilities and will undertake further action and reporting requirements.

**Procurement/Bidding/Contracting:** Procurement is the process through which an entity obtains goods and services from vendors. The Team will assist the Client in following appropriate procurement procedures to obtain professional and construction services necessary to complete the project.

- Provide assistance to ensure compliance with Local Government Code Chapter 252 as applicable to goods and services;
- Provide assistance to ensure compliance with 2 CFR 200.320 (Methods of Procurement to be Followed).

**Labor Standards Monitoring:** The Team will ensure that all labor standards laws and regulations are observed during the course of the project. The Team will structure the program so that all procurement procedures and contracts will meet equal opportunity requirements. The Team will also ensure that the contractors make affirmative efforts to employ minority persons and minority subcontractors. Ensure compliance with laws regarding Labor Standards, which include:

- Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC Chapter 31, Subchapter IV);
- Contract Work Hours & Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA);
- Copeland (Anti-Kickback) Act (18 USC 874; 40 USC 3145);
- Fair Labor Standards Act.

**Force Account (as applicable):** The Team will assist the Client in preparing force account documentation for the project, if necessary, and will consolidate this information for suitable presentation to funding agency. ***Public Management, Inc. may consider an additional fee for these services depending upon the scope of Force Account activities.***

- Develop and maintain documentation of all associated costs;
- Using appropriate recordkeeping forms required by funding agency;
- Submit documentation upon completion of necessary milestones.

**Contract Close-out Assistance:** The Team will prepare any necessary reports required by the funding agency to close out the project. The Team will work with the Client in preparing the annual audits and necessary actions to ensure the project reaches the "Administratively Closed" status.

- Ensure projects outcomes are in line with contract documents and funding agency's goals and objectives;
- Ensure project beneficiaries are appropriately documented and reported;
- Develop, complete, and submit project completion report(s) and any other necessary administrative completion documents.



It is specifically agreed and understood that Consultant will not provide either personally or by contract any professional or technical services requiring a license by the State of Texas in any phase or aspect of the foregoing. Rather, Consultant will advise Client of the need of such services in furtherance of the planned objectives of Client's Program.

Client acknowledges that Consultant is providing Administrative Services only to Client and that Consultant is not responsible for any procurement activities for or on behalf of the Client. That is, Client, not Consultant, will advertise for and procure the services of any third party required to fulfill Program requirements. By way of example only, Client, not Consultant, must timely and properly post any advertisements necessary to fulfill Program requirements and Client, not Consultant, will enter into any required contracts with third parties necessary to fulfill Program requirements.

Client Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Consultant Initials  \_\_\_\_\_

II.

Consultant hereby agrees that in the implementation of this Contract, Consultant will comply with the terms and conditions of **Attachment III**, which document is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes, as if set out herein verbatim.

III.

Client is awarding this contract in accordance with the State of Texas Government Code 2254, Professional and Consulting Services.

IV.

It is agreed by the parties hereto that Consultant will, in the discharge of services herein, be considered as an Independent Contractor as that term is used and understood under the laws of the State of Texas and further for the purposes of governing Consultant's fees under the Procurement Standards of Title 2 CFR Part 200.

V.

For work associated to the **Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG)** and in consideration of the foregoing, Client agrees to pay Consultant a fee not to exceed **ZERO DOLLARS (\$0.00)** for **Application Preparation Services**.

For work associated to **Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG)** and in consideration of the foregoing, Client agrees to pay Consultant a fee of 8% of the grant request amount not to exceed **Sixty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$60,000.00)** for **Administrative Services**.

The proposed fee is based on the submission and award of an application that requests the maximum grant funds allowable (\$750,000.00). Final administration fee will be the lesser of 8% of the request amount or \$60,000.

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**VI.**

It is agreed that upon determination of total funding request amount Consultant and Client will execute the **Work Authorization (Attachment I)** that will detail final contract amount and cost for services. It is also agreed that payments to such Consultant shall be subject to adjustment where monitoring reviews or audits by the agency indicate that personal services were compensated at greater than reasonable rates.

Services that fall outside the regular scope and/or are not part of the proposed scope will be billed according to the hourly rate and fee schedule defined in **Corporate Hourly Rate and Fee Schedule (Attachment II)**. *Prior to Consultant performing any services which are not part of the proposed scope, Consultant shall submit to Client, per paragraph of this contract, a projected hourly schedule and projected total fee for approval.*

**VII.**

Payment of the fees associated with ("**Part V. and VI.**") - Payment Schedule of this Agreement – shall be contingent upon funding award. In the event that grant funds are not awarded to the Client this agreement shall be terminated by the Client.

**VIII.**

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

**IX.**

This Contract shall extend and be in full force until the Program has been fully closed out by the agency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Contract may be terminated by Consultant, with or without cause, on forty-five (45) days' written notice to Client.

**X.**

**Termination for Cause by Client:** If Consultant fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if Consultant violates any of the covenants, conditions, contracts, or stipulations of this Contract, Client shall have the right to terminate this Contract by giving written notice to Consultant of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, which shall be at least five (5) 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 Consultant pursuant to this Contract shall, at the option of Client, be turned over to Client and become the property of Client. In the event of termination for cause, Consultant shall be entitled to receive reasonable compensation for any necessary services actually and satisfactorily performed prior to the date of termination.



Termination for Convenience by Client: Client may at any time and for any reason terminate Consultant's services and work at Client's convenience upon providing written notice to the Consultant specifying the extent of termination and the effective date. Upon receipt of such notice, Consultant 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, Consultant 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 Consultant as are permitted by the prime contract and approved by Client; (3) plus ten percent (10%) of the cost of the work referred to in subparagraph above for overhead and profit. There shall be deducted from such sums as provided in this subparagraph the amount of any payments made to Consultant prior to the date of the termination of this Agreement. Consultant shall not be entitled to any claim or claim of lien against Client for any additional compensation or damages in the event of such termination and payment.

Resolution of Program Non-Compliance and Disallowed Costs: In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from or relating to this Contract, or the breach thereof, including determination of responsibility for any costs disallowed as a result of non-compliance with federal, state or 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 thirty (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 thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice or invitation to negotiate, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the matter by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Mediation Procedures before resorting to arbitration, litigation, or some other dispute resolution procedure. The parties may enter into a written amendment to this Contract and choose a mediator that is not affiliated with the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. If the matter is not resolved through such mediation within sixty (60) days of the initiation of that procedure, either party may proceed to file suit.

## XI.

Client, the agency, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of Consultant which are directly pertinent to this Program, for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions, and to close out the Client's contract. Consultant agrees hereby to maintain all records made in connection with the Program for a period of three (3) years after Client makes final payment and all other pending matters are closed. All subcontracts of Consultant shall contain a provision that Client, the agency, and the Texas State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency or representative, shall have access to all books, documents, papers and records relating to subcontractor's contract with Consultant for the administration, construction, engineering or implementation of the Program between the agency and Client.

**XII.**

If, by reason of force majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable, wholly or in part, to carry out its obligations under this Contract, then if such party shall give notice and full particulars of such force majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after the occurrence of the event or cause relied on, the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such force majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch.

The term "force majeure" as employed herein shall mean acts of God, acts of public enemy, orders of any governmental entity of the United States or of the State of Texas, or any civil or military authority, and any other cause not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability.

**XIII.**

This document embodies the entire Contract between Consultant and Client. Client may, from time to time, request changes in the services Consultant will perform under this Contract. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of Consultant's compensation, must be agreed to by all parties and finalized through a signed, written amendment to this Contract.

**XIV.**

If a portion of this Contract is illegal or is declared illegal, the validity of the remainder and balance of the Contract will not be affected thereby.

**XV.**

Any provision of this Contract which imposes upon Consultant or Client an obligation after termination or expiration of this Contract will survive termination or expiration of this Contract and be binding on Consultant or Client.

**XVI.**

No waiver of any provision of this Contract will be deemed, or will constitute, a waiver of any other provision, whether or not similar, nor will any waiver constitute a continuing waiver. No waiver will be binding unless executed in writing by the party making the waiver.

**XVII.**

This Contract will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

**XVIII.**

Any dispute between Consultant and Client related to this contract which is not resolved through informal discussion will be submitted to a mutually agreeable mediation service or provider. The parties to the mediation shall bear the mediation costs equally. This paragraph does not preclude a party from seeking equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction.



**XIX.**

The party who prevails in any legal proceeding related to this contract is entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and all costs of such proceeding.

**XX.**

Consultant and Client, each after consultation with an attorney of its own selection (which counsel was not directly or indirectly identified, suggested, or selected by the other party), both voluntarily waive a trial by jury of any issue arising in an action or proceeding between the parties or their successors, under or connected with this contract or its provisions. Consultant and Client acknowledge to each other that Consultant and Client are not in significantly disparate bargaining positions.

 **PUBLIC  
MANAGEMENT**  
P.O. BOX 1827  
CLEVELAND, TEXAS 77328-1827

PATRICK K. WILTSHIRE  
President/CEO

**Client**

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Chief Elected Official

ATTEST:

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**Attachment I  
Work Authorization**

For work associated to County of Hardin Contract No. XXXXX-XXXX and in consideration of the foregoing, Client agrees to pay Consultant a fee not to exceed:

**Sixty Thousand Dollars and 0/100 (\$60,000.00)**

The fees are payable upon receipt of invoice from Consultant in accordance with the following schedule for Administrative Services.

<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</u></b>		
Preliminary Administrative Requirements	<b>25%</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
Environmental Review	<b>25%</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
Start of Construction	<b>20%</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>
Construction Completion	<b>20%</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>
Closeout Documents	<b>10%</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>		<b>\$60,000.00</b>

It is also agreed that payments to such Consultant shall be subject to adjustment where monitoring reviews or audits by the client indicate that personal services were compensated at greater than reasonable rates.

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**Attachment II**  
**Corporate Hourly Rate & Fee Schedule**

PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, INC.  
2024 Hourly Rate

Principal Consultant	\$275.00/HR
Senior Consultant	\$250.00/HR
Senior Project Manager	\$225.00/HR
Environmental Specialist	\$200.00/HR
Project Manager	\$200.00/HR
Planner	\$200.00/HR
GIS Manager	\$200.00/HR
GIS Technician	\$185.00/HR
Assistant Project Manager/Planner	\$170.00/HR
Compliance Specialist	\$150.00/HR
Executive Assistant	\$125.00/HR

*Hourly rates for personnel not listed will be billed at direct payroll cost*

**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES**

- Travel (vehicle miles traveled) at allowable IRS rate per mile, or at actual out-of-pocket cost.
- Actual cost of subsistence and lodging.
- Actual cost of long-distance telephone calls, expenses, charges, delivery charges, and postage.
- Actual invoiced cost of materials required for the job and used in drafting and allied activities, including printing and reproduction.

This rate schedule will be applicable through December 31, 2024. In January, 2025, if increases are necessary due to increases in wages or other salary related costs, the rates shown will be adjusted accordingly.

**ATTACHMENT III**  
**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

I.

**Equal Employment Opportunity**

During the performance of this Contract, Consultant agrees as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

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

(3) 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.

(4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for

purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(7) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive order. In addition, the applicant



agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

(c) Subcontracts. Each nonexempt prime contractor or subcontractor shall include the equal opportunity clause in each of its nonexempt subcontracts.

(d) Incorporation by reference. The equal opportunity clause may be incorporated by reference in all Government contracts and subcontracts, including Government bills of lading, transportation requests, contracts for deposit of Government funds, and contracts for issuing and paying U.S. savings bonds and notes, and such other contracts and subcontracts as the Deputy Assistant Secretary may designate.

(e) Incorporation by operation of the order. By operation of the order, the equal opportunity clause shall be considered to be a part of every contract and subcontract required by the order and the regulations in this part to include such a clause whether or not it is physically incorporated in such contracts and whether or not the contract between the agency and the contractor is written.

(f) Adaptation of language. Such necessary changes in language may be made in the equal opportunity clause as shall be appropriate to identify properly the parties and their undertakings. [43 FR 49240, Oct. 20, 1978, as amended at 62 FR 66971, Dec. 22, 1997; 79 FR 72993, Dec. 9, 2014; 80 FR 54934, September 11, 2015]

## II.

### 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.

## III.

### 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.

## IV.

### 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.

## V.

### 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.

## VI.

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

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

b) The parties to this Contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75, 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 75 regulations.

c) The Contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 75, 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 75. 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 75.

d) 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 75 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the Contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 75. Minimum expectations of effort to direct employment opportunities to such workers are identified in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.

e) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75 may result in sanctions, termination of this Contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

VII.

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act (the "Act") - Handicapped Affirmative Action for Handicapped Workers

a) Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. Consultant agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified handicapped individuals without discrimination based upon their physical or mental handicap in all employment practices such as the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising layoff or termination rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

b) Consultant agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

c) In the event of Consultant's non-compliance with requirements of this clause, actions for non-compliance may be taken in accordance with rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

d) Consultant agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the director, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified handicapped employees and applicants for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.

e) Consultant will notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the contractor is bound by the terms of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment physically and mentally handicapped individuals.

f) Consultant will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of \$2,500 or more unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary Issued pursuant to Section 503 of the Act, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for non-compliance.

VIII.

Interest of Members of Client

No member of the governing body of Client and no other officer, employee, or agent of Client who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of the Program, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract and Consultant shall take reasonably appropriate steps to assure compliance.

IX.

Interest of Other Local Public Officials

No member of the governing body of the locality and no other public official of such locality, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connections with the planning and carrying out of the Program, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract; and Consultant shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.

X.

Interest of Consultant and Employees

Consultant covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire interest, direct or indirect, in the study area or any parcels therein or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. Consultant further covenants that in the performance of this Contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

XI.

Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)

The Consultant 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 Consultant. The

Consultant 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."

XII.

Copyrights and Rights in Data

FEMA has no regulations pertaining to copyrights or rights in data as provided in 24 CFR 85.36. FEMA requirements, Article 45 of the General Conditions to the Contract for Construction (form FEMA-5370) requires that contractors pay all royalties and license fees.



All drawings and specifications prepared by the Design Professional pursuant to this contract will identify any applicable patents to enable the general contractor to fulfill the requirements of the construction contract.

XIII.

Clean Air and Water.

(Applicable to contracts in excess of \$150,000)

Due to 24 CFR 85.36(i)(12) and federal law, the Design Professional shall comply with applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 1857h-4 transferred to 42 USC § 7607, section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15), on all contracts, subcontracts, and sub grants of amounts in excess of \$100,000.

XIV.

Energy Efficiency

Pursuant to Federal regulations (24 C.F.R 85.36(i)(13)) and Federal law, except when working on an Indian housing authority Project on an Indian reservation, the Design Professional shall comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163 codified at 42 U.S.C.A. § 6321 et. seq.).

XV.

Retention and Inspection of Records

Pursuant to 24 CFR 85.26(i)(10) and (11), access shall be given by the Design Professional to the Owner, HUD, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Design Professional which are directly pertinent to that specific Contract for the purpose of making an audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions. All required records shall be retained for three years after the Owner or Design Professional and other sub grantees make final payments and all other pending matters are closed.