



**CAMERON COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
INVITATION TO RFQ**

RFQ NUMBER # 170901

RFQ TITLE: GLO 2015 FLOOD HOUSING PROJECT IDENTIFICATION, GRANT APPLICATION PREPARATION, AND CONTRACT GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

DATE DUE: October 3, 2017

DUE NO LATER THAN 11:00 A.M.

RFQs will be opened at the Cameron County Courthouse, 1100 East Monroe Street, Brownsville, Texas in the Purchasing Department – 3rd Floor – Room # 345 at 11:01 a.m. (as per Purchasing Dept. time clock) on deadline due date.

Please return RFQ **ORIGINAL AND SEVEN (7) COPIES** in sealed envelope. Be sure that return envelope shows the RFQ Number, Description and is marked “SEALED RFQ”.

RETURN RFQ TO:

or delivered to the office of Purchasing Dept., **County Courthouse (Dancy Bldg.)
1100 E. Monroe St, 3rd Floor, Room 345, Brownsville, Texas 78520**

For additional INFORMATION or to request ADDENDUM contact: Mike Forbes or Beverly Findley at (956) 544-0871, E-mail: mforbes@co.cameron.tx.us or purchasing@co.cameron.tx.us or [http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp\(q\)_and_addms_and_tabs.php](http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp(q)_and_addms_and_tabs.php)

You must sign below in INK; failure to sign WILL disqualify the offer. All prices must be typewritten or written in ink.

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____ e-mail _____

Historically Underutilized Business (State of Texas) Certification VID Number: _____

How did you find out about this RFQ? _____ (ex: Newspaper, Web, mailout)

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Is Proposer’s principal place of Business within Cameron County? Yes - No

If yes what City: _____

Your signature attests to your offer to provide the services described in this RFQ. When an award letter is issued, the offeror and Cameron County representatives will attempt to reach a contractual agreement. Any contractual agreement is not valid until the contract approved by Commissioners Court and Purchase Order is issued.

CHECK LIST

Proposers are asked to review the package to be sure that all applicable parts are included. If any portion of the package is missing, notify the Purchasing Department immediately. It is the Proposer's responsibility to be familiar with all the Requirements and Specifications. Be sure you understand the following before you return your RFQ packet.

- Cover Sheet**
Your company name, address and your signature (**IN INK**) should appear on this page.
- Instructions to Proposers**
You should be familiar with all of the Instructions to Proposers.
- Special Requirements**
This section provides information you must know in order to make an offer properly.
- Specifications / Scope of Work**
This section contains the detailed description of the product/service sought by the County.

Attachments

- Attachments A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I**
Be sure to complete these forms and return with packet.

Other - Final Reminders To double check before submitting RFQ

- Is your RFQ sealed with RFQ #, title, Proposer's Name, & return address, on outside?
- Did you complete, sign and submit page 1?
- Did you provide the number of copies as required on the cover page?
- Did you visit our website for any addendums?
[http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp\(q\)_and_addms_and_tabs.php](http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp(q)_and_addms_and_tabs.php)

If not interested in responding please let us know why e-mail to: Purchasing@co.cameron.tx.us

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING RFQ'S

These General Instructions apply to all offers made to Cameron County, Texas (herein after referred to as "County") by all prospective vendors (herein after referred to as "Proposers") on behalf of Solicitations including, but not limited to, Invitations to RFQ and Requests for Quotes.

Carefully read all instructions, requirements and specifications. Fill out all forms properly and completely. Submit your RFQ with all appropriate supplements and/or samples. Prior to returning your sealed RFQ response / submittal, all Addendums - if issued - should be reviewed and downloaded by entering the County Purchasing web

[http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp\(q\)_and_addms_and_tabs.php](http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp(q)_and_addms_and_tabs.php)

Addendums Column (updated Addendums). These Addendums must be signed and returned with your RFP in order to avoid disqualification. All Tabulations can also be viewed and downloaded at this site. Annual RFQ award information can be accessed at:

[http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp\(q\)_and_addms_and_tabs.php](http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp(q)_and_addms_and_tabs.php)

Review this document in its entirety. Be sure your RFQ is complete, and double check your RFQ for accuracy.

Cameron County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Review this document in its entirety. Be sure your RFQ is complete, and double check your RFQ for accuracy.

GOVERNING FORMS: In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of these requirements and the specifications, the specifications shall govern. In the event of any conflict of interpretation of any part of this overall document, Cameron County's interpretation shall govern. Where substitutions are used, they must be of equivalent value or service, and specified by the Proposer as such, in the columns to the right on the "Minimum Specifications' Forms". The County's specifications may be exceeded and should be noted by the Vendor as such. Any RFQ NOT MEETING the Minimum Requirements specified will be rejected.

GOVERNING LAW: This invitation to RFQ is governed by the competitive RFQ requirements of the County Purchasing Act, Texas Local Government Code, §262.021 et seq., as amended. Offerors shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Offeror is further advised that these requirements shall be fully governed by the laws of the State of Texas and that Cameron County may request and rely on advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of Texas and the County Attorney concerning any portion of these requirements.

Questions requiring only clarification of instructions or specifications will be handled verbally. If any questions results in a change or addition to this RFQ, the Change(s) and addition(s) will be forwarded to all vendors involved as quickly as possible in the form of a written addendum only. Verbal changes to RFQ's must be backed-up by written addendum or written Q/A clarifications which would be posted on County Purchasing Web site. Without written Addendum or written Q / A clarification, verbal changes to RFQ will not apply.

Sign the Vendor's Affidavit Notice, complete answers to Attachments A,B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and return all with your RFQ.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE:

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire must be filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator (County Clerk's Office) of the local government not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

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

The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than September 1 of the year for which an activity described in Section 176.006(a), Local Government Code, is pending and not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.

Please review this entire document, if for any reason there is any information to disclose, relative to any questions in this Conflict of Interest form, you must file with County Clerk's Office subject to above instructions.

can be downloaded at the following web site:

<http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/purchasing/docs/conflictinterest.pdf>

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

This questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator (County Clerk's Office) of the local government and no later than the 7th business day after the person becomes aware of facts that require this statement to be filed. Cameron County, Texas requires all persons or firms seeking to do business with the County to **provide the following information if the person becomes aware of facts that require this statement to be filed.** Every question must be answered. If the question is not applicable, answer with "N/A."

Please review this entire document, if for any reason there is any information to disclose, relative to any questions in this disclosure of interest form, you must file with County Clerk's Office subject to above instructions.

can be downloaded at the following web site:

<http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/purchasing/docs/DisclosureofInterest.pdf>

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION FORM 1295

All RFQs prior to award or award of Contract by Commissioner's Court will require that the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) Form 1295 Electronic (on line) Vendor filing procedure be completed by Vendor.

All Vendors being recommended to Commissioners Court for award or renewal of award on Agenda must register and obtain a TEC Certification for the specific award. This Certification Form 1295 must be electronically submitted, printed and notarized. Notarized form must be emailed or delivered to County Purchasing Department making the request for form. This process must be completed prior to Commissioners Court Agenda for approval consideration of RFQ award. There is no charge for this TEC online process.

Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) Form 1295 must be completed (by firm - on line "New Form 1295 Certificate of Interested Parties Electronic Filing Application" Site at: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

If any Vendors have questions as to TEC Form 1295 visit the County Purchasing Web site left column tab "Vendor – TEC Form 1295" for more information. TEC Web site links can be found at this location including Question / Answers and Video instructions.
tab Link: http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/index.php

PROPOSER SHALL SUBMIT RFQ ON THE FORM PROVIDED, SIGN THE VENDOR AFFIDAVIT, AND RETURN ENTIRE RFQ PACKET. In the event of inclement weather and County Offices are officially closed on a RFQ deadline day, RFQ's will be received unit 2:00 p.m. of the next business day. RFQs will be opened at the Cameron County Courthouse, 1100 East Monroe Street, Brownsville, Texas in the Purchasing Department – 3rd Floor – Room # 345 (as per Purchasing Dept. time clock).

RFQ's SUBMITTED AFTER THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE SHALL BE RETURNED UNOPENED AND WILL BE CONSIDERED VOID AND UNACCEPTABLE.

PRESENTATIONS SEQUENCE TO EVALUATION COMMITTEE. Presentations to Evaluation Committee will be sequenced (in order) as determined by the utilization of RANDOM.ORG. Process will be conducted in the Purchasing Dept. with Auditor's designee present.

SUCCESSFUL PROPOSERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL. All responding vendors will receive written notification regarding outcome of award.

PROPOSERS MAY ATTEND PUBLICLY HELD COMM COURT MEETING FOR AWARD OF THIS SOLICITATION. All responding proposers are welcome to attend the publicly held Commissioners Court meeting relative to the outcome / award of this solicitation. Court Meeting agenda date and times may be obtained at the following web site: http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/commissioner_s_court_agenda/index.php

OPEN RECORDS ACCESS TO ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED. All information included will be open to the public, other proposers, media as per the Open Records Act and not be confidential in nature. If you deem any information as confidential, it should not be made part of your RFQ package.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

THIS IS THE ONLY APPROVED INSTRUCTION FOR USE ON SUBMITTING YOUR REPONSE

1. **ORIGINAL AND SEVEN (7) COPIES OF RFQ's MUST BE SUBMITTED** Each RFQ shall be placed in a separate envelope completely and properly identified with the name and number of the RFQ. RFQ's must be in the Purchasing Department **BEFORE** the hour and date specified.
2. RFQ's MUST give full firm name and address of the Proposer. Failure to manually sign RFQ will disqualify it. Person signing RFQ should show TITLE or AUTHORITY TO BIND THE FIRM IN A CONTRACT.
3. RFQs CANNOT be altered or amended after deadline time. Any alterations made before deadline time must be initiated by PROPOSER or PROPOSER'S authorized agent. No RFQ can be withdrawn after opening time without approval by the Commissioners Court based on a written acceptable reason.
4. The County is exempt from State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax. DO NOT INCLUDE TAX IN RFQ. Cameron County claims exemption from all sales and/or use taxes under Texas Tax Code §151.309, as amended. Texas Limited Sales Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon written request to the Cameron County Purchasing Agent.
5. Written and verbal inquires pertaining to RFQ's must give RFQ Number and Company.
6. The County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any RFQ, waiver minor technicalities. The County of Cameron reserves the right to award by item category or by total RFQ. County also reserves the right to award either with or without trade-in, if applicable. Cameron County retains the option to re-solicit at any time if in its best interest and is not automatically bound to renewal or re-solicitation. The County reserves the right to hold all RFQs for 60 days from the due date of receipt without actions. The County reserves the right to add additional County Departments (at a later time during this RFQ award) as the need arises.

5. This is a RFQ inquiry only and implies no obligation on the part of Cameron County.
6. Acceptance of and final payment for the item will be contingent upon satisfactory performance of the product received by County.
7. Partial RFQ's will not be accepted. **All RFO requests must be addressed in the Offeror's submittal. To be awarded by total RFQ.**
8. If PROPOSER takes no exception to specifications or reference data, he will be required to provide details etc. as specified.
9. It is the responsibility of the PROPOSER to ask any and all questions the PROPOSER feels to be pertinent to the RFQ or RFQ. Cameron County shall not be required to attempt to anticipate such questions. Cameron County will endeavor to respond promptly to all questions asked.

PURCHASE ORDER AND DELIVERY: The successful PROPOSER shall not deliver products or provide services without a contract approved by the Cameron County Commissioners Court and a Cameron County Purchase Order signed by an authorized agent of the Cameron County Purchasing Department.

TESTING: Cameron County reserves the right to test equipment, supplies, material and goods Proposed for quality, compliance with specifications and ability to meet the needs of the user. Demonstration units must be available for review. Should the goods or services fail to meet requirements and/or be unavailable for evaluation, the RFQ is subject to rejection. **County user Dept.(s) reserves the right to make the final determination as to equivalents.**

SCOPE OF WORK

Selected contractor will be required to identify housing projects impacted by the 2015 Flood-GLO Disaster Recovery. After verifying with GLO that the projects are eligible the contractor will be required to complete the GLO Housing Application according to the GLO Housing Application Guide. All this work will be at no-cost to the county. Applications should be completed with ample time for any signature(s) required in the application by Commissioners Court authorization.

Application is due at GLO by no later than November 10, 2017.

Upon successful award of housing applications, the contractor will be required to:

- A. Application Development
- B. Project Management
- C. Financial Management
- D. Environmental Review Assessment
- E. Real Property Acquisition/URA
- F. Construction Management and Labor Standards Monitoring
- G. Civil Rights Requirements (as applicable)
- H. Audit/Contract Close-out Assistance

Upon grant award and contract signature by the GLO and Cameron County Judge, the county will enter into a contract agreement with selected contractor for professional services for the performance of A-H functions and any other agreed responsibilities and any other GLO contract management requirements . See RFQ Supplement Attachment, Detailed Scope of Work, page 31.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ)

In addition to completing Attachments A- I, provide as part of your qualification RFQ, address and provide information for each of the 4 factors above: Qualifications, Experience, Capacity to Perform, and Implementation plan.

RFQ SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

RFQs **must** address each of the four sections listed below. Incomplete RFQs may **not** be considered. Responses to these four sections will provide the basis for RFQ evaluation (See Section 5. below).

1. Statement of Qualifications

Provide a statement of qualifications, including agency's or individual(s) background in the development and delivery of similar programs and services. List type of services provided, and dates when services were provided. Provide list of references from clients, funding agencies, neighborhood groups, governmental units, or community development partners. Include qualifications and/or resumes of key staff and/or affiliates to be connected to the operation of the project(s).

2. Experience

Provide a statement explaining agency's or individual(s) experience in provision of project related services.

3. Describe Agency's or individual(s) Capacity to Perform.

Describe agency's or individual(s) capacity to perform. Include a description of staff experience, staffing level, organizational structure, current projects or responsibilities, and staff that will be assigned to project activities. Describe agency's financial management system, including cost accounting, record keeping, and internal controls. Provide evidence of operating charter and copies of current insurance coverage, including general liability and workers compensation.

4. Implementation

Interested service provider(s) shall indicate in this section the plan of action delivery of work and a project time schedule. If partnerships are formed, indicate the lead entity, describe here the method of project implementation to include partnership's division of work/ responsibilities. Specify the number of housing units to be delivered in respective colonias, and "estimated" cost for each reconstruction. Providers are highly encouraged to include all other relevant information such as strategy/plan for leveraging the other funds.

Describe and quantify services to be provided. Provide a "two up to four" year operating budget and an implementation schedule for "four" years for proposed work. Correlate services to be provided, number and cost of homes to be delivered with expected delivery timeline. The timeline should show starting and ending dates for proposed services or milestones, and any related considerations that could affect the performance of work.

RFQ EVALUATION CRITERIA

RFQs will be evaluated and ranked by a review committee appointed by the Cameron County Commissioners Court. The respondent ranked highest by the review committee will be recommended to Commissioners Court for contract negotiation. Final contract award will be made by the Cameron County Commissioners Court, subject to GLO funding. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any or all respondents and award a contract for self-help services in whole or in part.

The RFQ evaluation criteria will generally be based on an agency's statement of qualifications, experience, capacity to perform, and its implementation method. RFQ evaluation factors will be scored as shown below. Interviews with respondents may or may not be conducted, at the discretion of the review committee.

WEIGHTED QUANTITATIVE SCORING:

Each Vendor will be assigned a score of 1- 4 by each evaluator for each criteria

4 = Very good / Exceeds expectations

3 = Above expectations

2 = Meets expectations

1 = Does not meet expectations

0 = non responsive

Utilization of 0 by evaluator requires Evaluation Committee's full consensus.

Evaluators average by category will be multiplied by the assigned weight for each vendor then totaled.

Once RFQs are reviewed and scored, a short list will be compiled. Interviews may be conducted with Proposers determined by total score rankings. Additional information may be required at that time. Negotiations will begin with the Proposer selected for the project. Commissioners Court will make the final selection and possible approval of the contract.

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Score</u>
a) qualifications	25
b) experience	25
c) capacity to perform	25
<u>d) implementation</u>	<u>25</u>
Total Score	100

REFERENCES

Please list three (3) references of current customers who can verify the quality of service your company provides. The County prefers customers of similar size and scope of work to this RFQ.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RFQ.

REFERENCE ONE

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work _____

REFERENCE TWO

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work _____

REFERENCE THREE

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work _____

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CAMERON

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned certifies that the RFQ prices contained in this RFQ have been carefully checked and are submitted as correct and final and if RFQ is accepted (within 60 days), agrees to furnish any and/or all items upon which prices are offered, at the price(s) and upon the conditions contained in the Specifications.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, A Notary Public in and for the State of _____, on this day personally appeared _____ who, after having first been duly sworn, upon oath did depose and say;

That the foregoing RFQ submitted by _____ hereinafter called "Proposer" is the duly authorized agent of said company and that the person signing said RFQ has been duly authorized to execute the same. Proposer affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this RFQ in collusion with any other Proposer. The Proposer is not a member of any trust, pool, or combination to control the price of products or services RFQ on, or to influence any person to RFQ or not to RFQ thereon. I further affirm that the Proposer has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give, at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discounts, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted RFQ. The contents of this RFQ as to prices, terms or conditions of said RFQ have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this RFQ.

Name and Address of Proposer :

Telephone number _____ Fax number _____

Signature

Name: _____ Title: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBE BEFORE ME THIS _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Notary Public in and for County _____ State _____

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RFQ

RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.001 *et seq.*, as amended, Cameron County requests Residence Certification. §2252.001 *et seq.* of the Government Code provides some restrictions on the awarding of governmental contracts; pertinent provisions of §2252.001 are stated below:

“Nonresident Proposer ” refers to a person who is not a resident.

“Resident Proposer ” refers to a person whose principal place of business is in this state, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

I certify that _____ is a Resident
(Company Name)
Proposer of Texas as defined in Government Code §2252.001.

I certify that _____ is a Nonresident
(Company Name)
Proposer as defined in Government Code §2252.001 and our principal place of business is

(City and State)

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RFQ

CAMERON COUNTY EXPRESSLY REQUESTS THAT PROPOSERS NOT DISCUSS THIS ENGAGEMENT OR THIS PROPOSER'S PLANS, EXPERIENCE OR CREDENTIALS WITH OTHER PROPOSERS OR ANY MEMBER OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT, ANY COUNTY OFFICIAL, OR ANY EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT. EXCLUDED ARE PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULED VENDOR PRESENTATIONS OR VENDOR INTERVIEWS, OR EVALUATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULED EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES DEMONSTRATIONS. YOU MAY CONTACT THE ASST. AUDITOR / PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AT ANY TIME.

FROM RFQ OPENING DATE THROUGH COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING FOR SELECTION, VENDORS WILL NOT APPROACH THE COUNTY JUDGE OR COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO THIS RFQ.

01. Has any individual with the firm submitting this RFQ Response made any contact with any member of Commissioners Court, any County Official, or an Evaluation Committee member concerning this Invitation to RFQ, other than questions to the Assistant County Auditor/Purchasing Officer?

02. Has any individual with the firm submitting this RFQ Response made any contact with any other Proposer concerning this Invitation to RFQ?

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RFQ

ORDER NO. 2007O2005

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §

ORDER ADOPTING CONTRACTING RULES FOR PERSONS INDEBTED TO COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Section 262.0276, a commissioners court is authorized to adopt rules permitting a county to refuse to enter into a contract or other transaction with a person indebted to the county;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Cameron County finds it is in the best interest of Cameron County to adopt such rules;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Cameron County, that the following rules be adopted regarding Cameron County and persons interested in doing business with Cameron County:

- 1. Cameron County may refuse to enter into a contract or other transaction with a person with a past due debt to Cameron County, including delinquent ad valorem taxes, even if the person is the lowest Proposer or successful proposer; and
2. For purposes of this Order, a debt is past due if it is not received in the County Treasurer's Office by the due date in a written agreement or notice, and ad valorem taxes are past due if not received in the County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office by February 1st following the January 1st on which the ad valorem taxes are due.
3. For purposes of this Order, a person includes an individual, sole proprietorship, corporation, nonprofit corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, and any other entity that proposes or otherwise seeks to enter into a contract or other transaction with Cameron County requiring approval by the Commissioners Court.

ADOPTED this 13 day of March, 2007.

Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.):

Cameron County Acct #'s : Real Estate Personal Property

01. Is the person or the firm submitting this RFQ current with all local and State taxes?

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

Q

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension Ineligibility

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, in the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this RFQ and/or application been convicted of or had 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, theory, 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 government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this RFQ and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated of cause or default.

Company name: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____

If the Proposer is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such Proposer should attach an explanation to this RFQ.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RFQ

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

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

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).

Date Received

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.

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 in this section is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C, & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the vendor has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001 (1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A Is the local government officer named in this section 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 named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer services as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more?

Yes No

D. Describe each employment or business and family relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

4.

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

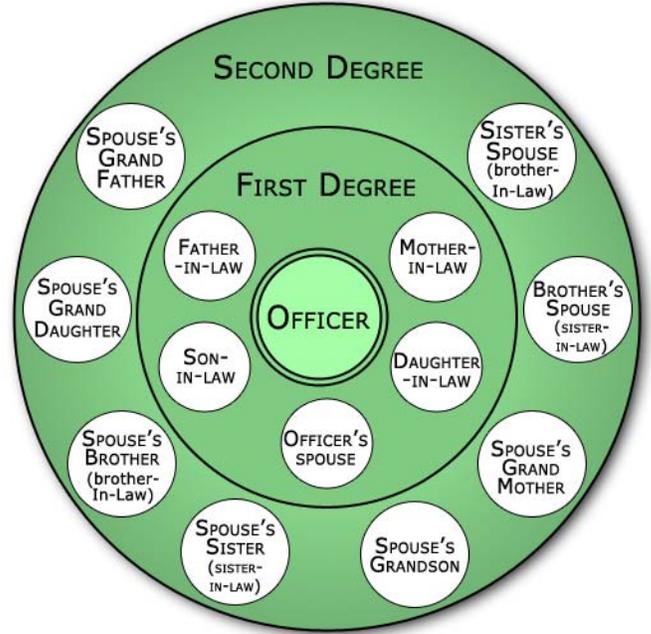
Date

NEPOTISM CHART

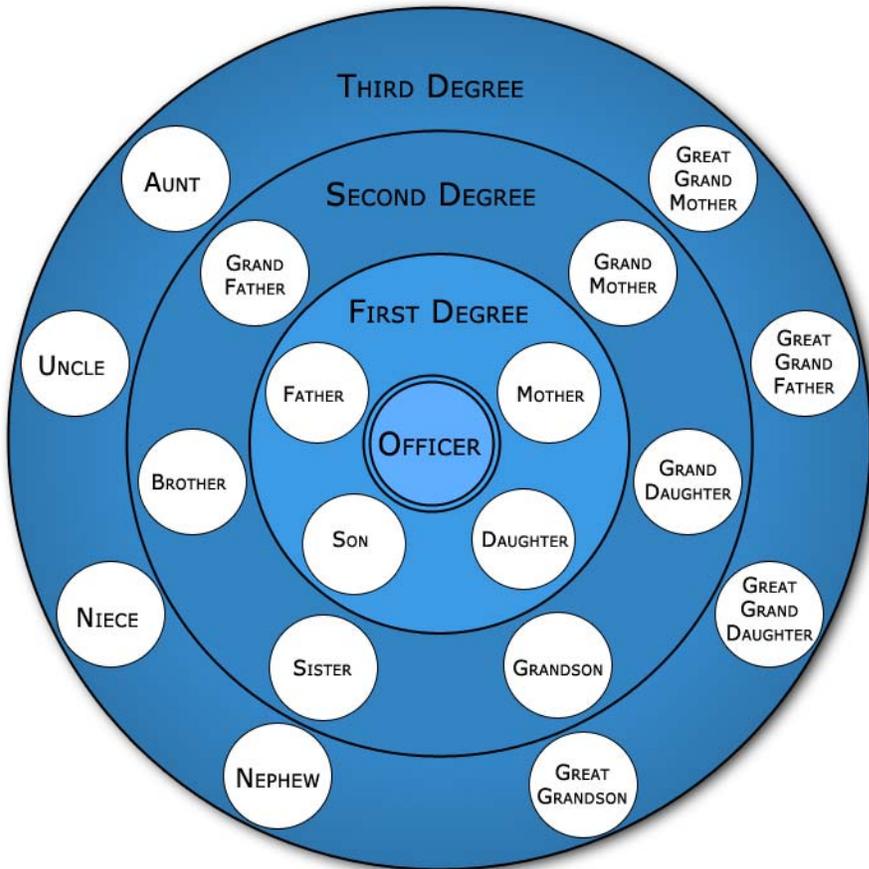
The chart below shows

- **Affinity Kinship** (relationship by marriage)
- **Consanguinity Kinship** (relationship by blood) for purposes of interpreting nepotism as defined in VTCA Government Code, Chapter 573, §§573.021 - .025

AFFINITY KINSHIP Relationship by Marriage



CONSANGUINITY KINSHIP Relationship by Blood



DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cameron County, Texas requires all persons or firms seeking to do business with the County to provide the following information. Every question must be answered. If the question is not applicable, answer with "N/A." By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator (County Clerk's Office) of the local government.

Date _____

FIRM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

FIRM is: 1. Corporation () 2. Partnership () 3. Sole Owner ()
4. Association () 5. Other () _____

DISCLOSURE QUESTIONS

If additional space is necessary, please use the reverse side of this page or attach separate sheet.

- 1. State the names of each "employee, elected official, or member of Commissioners Court" of Cameron County having Substantial Interest in Business Entity Local Govt. Code 171.002

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

- a) For purpose of this chapter, a person has a substantial interest in a business entity if :
 - (1) the person owns 10 percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity or owns either 10 percent or more or \$15,000 or more of the fair market value of the business entity; or
 - (2) funds received by the person from the business entity exceeds 10 percent of the person’s gross income for the previous year.
- b) A person has a substantial interest in real property if the interest is an equitable or legal ownership with a fair market value of \$2,500 or more.
- c) A local public official is considered to have a substantial interest under this section if a person related to the official in the first degree by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, has a substantial interest under this section.

Name	Title	Department

CERTIFICATE

I certify that all information provided is true and correct as of the date of this statement, that I have not knowingly withheld disclosure of any information requested; and that supplemental statements will be promptly submitted to the Cameron County as changes occur.

Certifying Person: _____ Title: _____
 (Type or Print)

Signature of Certifying Person: _____ Date: _____

HOUSE BILL 89 VERIFICATION

I, _____,
(Person Name)

the undersigned representative of _____
(Company or Business Name)

(hereafter referred to as Company) being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, do hereby depose and verify that the Company named above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Texas Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott the country of Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott the country of Israel during the term of the contract the above named Company, business or individual with Cameron County

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. *“Boycott Israel” means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and*
2. *“Company” means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.*

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RFQ

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS (RFQ)

ADDENDA: If RFQ specifications, terms or conditions are revised, the Cameron County Purchasing Department will issue an addendum addressing the nature of the changes and notify interested potential respondents. Respondents must acknowledge receipt and consideration of any such changes by signing the addendum and including it in the RFQ package containing the Respondent's submittal.

ADVERTISING: Unless otherwise required by law, respondents to County RFQs shall not publish and shall keep confidential their intentions and actions respecting any response to the RFQ.

AWARD: Cameron County may hold RFQ responses for a period of sixty (60) days. Cameron County reserves the right to reject any or all responses to RFQs. Cameron County reserves the right to award a contract, if any, based on the Respondent's response when compared to the EVALUATION CRITERIA (AS STATED IN RFQ) and, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, reserves the right to waive any formality or irregularity, to make awards to more than one Respondent. Commissioners Court reserves the right to determine the method and procedures for the final award of all RFQs at any time they so choose, regardless of the Point System used by the Evaluation Committee.

BONDS: If the contract that may be entered into between an RFQ respondent and the County will likely require a performance guarantee or bond, the Purchasing Department will attach a separate page to the RFQ explaining those requirements.

CANCELLATION AND TERMINATION: In any contract resulting from the RFQ, the County shall have the right to cancel all or any part of the undelivered portion of the contract if Respondent breaches any of the terms hereof, including, but not limited to warranties, and/or Respondent becomes insolvent or files for bankruptcy. Such right of cancellation is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies which the County may have in law or equity. Cancellation of work hereunder shall be effected by the delivery to the Respondent of a "Notice of Cancellation of Undelivered Work" specifying the extent to which performance of work under the contract is or cancelled and the date upon which such cancellation becomes effective.

The performance of work under any resulting contract may be terminated in whole, or in part, by the County in accordance with this provision. The County shall have the right to cancel all or any part of the contract if Respondent breaches any of the terms hereof, including, but not limited to warranties, and/or Respondent becomes insolvent or files for bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies which the County may have in law or equity. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by the delivery to the Respondent of a "Notice of Termination" specifying the extent to which performance of work under the contract is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.

CHANGE ORDERS: No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. All change orders to the contract will be made in writing by mutual consent of the Respondent and the County.

CONTRACT RENEWALS: Contract Renewals must receive Commissioners Court approval. For contract renewal status and information, please contact Elisa Cisneros at 956-982-5405 e-mail: Elisa.Cisneros2@co.cameron.tx.us Cameron County Purchasing Dept. or Dylbia Jeffries 956-550-1340 djefferies@co.cameron.tx.us at the Cameron County Civil Legal Division. Any price escalations are limited to those stated by the original contract terms. All contracts with a one (1) year renewal option requires that the Respondent must notify Cameron County of any anticipated price increases in writing at least three months (90 calendar days) prior to the annual renewal award date unless otherwise specified within the specific provisions of the contract up for renewal. This allows the County sufficient time to find an alternative vendor if possible. Respondent fails to notify the County within time noted it shall be assumed that there will be no price increase for the following year's award period if renewed. This procedure does not apply to any contract which allows for Open Market Price increases or Cost allowance increases.

DISCRIMINATION: In order to encourage fair employment practices, the Respondent agrees as follows: 1.) Respondent will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex, color, age, religion, handicap, or national origin; 2) in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, the Respondent will state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, handicap or national origin; 3) the Respondent will furnish such relevant information and reports as requested by the County for the purpose of determining compliance with these regulations; and 4) failure of the Respondent to comply with these laws will be deemed a breach of contract and it may be cancelled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part.

DISQUALIFICATION OF RESPONDENT: Upon submitting a response to this RFQ, Respondent certifies that the Respondent has not violated the antitrust laws of this state codified in Texas Business and Commerce Code 15.01, *et seq.*, as amended, or the federal antitrust laws, and has not communicated directly or indirectly its RFQ considerations, plan or response to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business. Any and all responses may be rejected if the County believes that collusion exists among the respondents. If multiples are submitted by a respondent and, after all responses to the RFQs are opened, one or more of the responses are withdrawn, the result will be that all of the responses submitted by that respondent will be withdrawn; however, nothing herein prohibits a respondent from submitting multiples for different products or services.

EVALUATION: All responses will be evaluated in accordance with law and reviewed to assure they are in the best interest of Cameron County. Evaluations shall be based on criteria bearing on performance in the user environment. Any specific criteria section or sections identified elsewhere in this RFQ may be evaluated by one or more evaluators once the basis and details of this process have been approved by the Purchasing Officer and acknowledged by the Evaluation Committee. Detailed information pertaining to this selective evaluation process is available to respondents and the Commissioners Court upon request. Evaluation sheets and summary of all responses are subject to review by the Cameron County Purchasing Department and Evaluation Committee's recommendation to Cameron County Commissioners Court. Compliance with all RFQ requirements, delivery and needs of the using department are considerations in evaluating responses. The Cameron County Purchasing Department reserves the right to contact any Respondent, at any time, to clarify, verify or request information with regard to that Respondent's response. The Cameron County Purchasing Department further reserves the right to hold negotiation discussions with any responsible Respondent's response determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award in accordance with law.

PROTEST PROCEDURES: Procedure - This protest procedure is available to Respondents responding to this RFQ and requesting a debriefing conference.

Debriefing Conference – A debriefing conference must be requested in writing to the Purchasing Department within five (5) business days from the date of the RFQ award by the Cameron County Commissioners Court. Debriefing questions must be submitted (in writing - to the Purchasing Department) no later than two (2) business days before the scheduled date for the Debriefing Conference. These questions will be answered at the debriefing conference. Follow-up questions must be submitted (in writing) no later than one (1) business day after the date of the Debriefing Conference and answered no later than two (2) business days after the date of the Debriefing Conference. Follow-up answers will be sent via e-mail or fax (if e-mail not available). For RFQs, Respondents are given the opportunity to ask questions of the Evaluation Committee relative to their responses and scores received by the Respondent.

Protests are made:

1. To the Purchasing Department after the debriefing conference. Respondent protests shall be received, in writing, by the Purchasing Department within five (5) business days after the debriefing conference.
2. To the Protest Committee, only after the protest to the Purchasing Department was not satisfactorily resolved. Protests to the Protest Committee shall be made within five (5) business days after the Respondent has received notification from the County Purchasing Department of the decision.

Grounds for protest:

1. Errors were made in computing the score.
2. The County failed to follow procedures established in the RFQ, the Purchasing policy on acquisitions or applicable state or federal laws or regulations.
3. Bias, discrimination or conflict of interest on the part of an evaluator. Protests not based on these criteria shall not be considered.

Format and Content - Protesting Respondents shall include, in their written protest to the Cameron County Purchasing Department, all facts and arguments upon which they rely. Respondents shall, at a minimum, provide:

1. Information about the protesting vendor; name of firm, mailing address, phone number and name of individual responsible for submission of the protest.
2. Information about the acquisition and the acquisition method.
3. Specific and complete statement of the County's action(s) protested.
4. Specific reference to the grounds for the protest.
5. Description of the relief or corrective action requested.
6. For protests to the Protest Committee, a copy of the Purchasing Department's written decision on the protest.

Review Process:

1. Upon receipt of a Respondent protest, the Purchasing Department shall postpone further steps in the acquisition process until the Respondent protest has been resolved.
2. The Department's internal protest review procedures consist of the following: a) The Purchasing Department shall perform an objective review of the protest by individuals not involved in the acquisition protested. The review shall be based on the written protest material submitted by the Respondent. b) A written decision will be delivered to the Respondent within five business days after receipt of the protest, unless more time is needed. The protesting Respondent shall be notified if additional time is necessary.

Final Determination - The final determination shall:

1. Find the protest lacking in merit and uphold the agency's action; or
2. Find only technical or harmless errors in the agency's acquisition process conduct, determine the agency to be in substantial compliance, and reject the protest; or
3. Find merit in the protest and provide the agency options which may include a) Correct its errors and reevaluate all proposals, and/or b) Reissue the Respondent solicitation document; or c) Make other findings and determine other courses of action as appropriate.

Protest Committee Review Process: Protests to the Protest Committee may be made only for Protest Committee approved acquisitions and only after review by County Purchasing Department. Protests of the decisions of County Purchasing Department shall be made by letter to the Protest Committee, who may establish procedures to resolve the protest. Protests shall be received by the Protest Committee within five business days after the decision of Purchasing Department in order to be considered. The resulting decision is final with no further administrative appeal available.

FISCAL FUNDING: A multi-year lease or lease/purchase arrangement (if requested by the Special Requirements/Instructions), or any contract continuing as a result of an extension option, must include a fiscal funding “out” clause. If, for any reason, funds are not appropriated to continue the lease or contract, said lease or contract shall become null and void on the last day of the current appropriation of funds. After expiration of the lease, leased equipment shall be removed by the Respondent from the using department without penalty of any kind or form to Cameron County. All charges and physical activity related to delivery, installation, removal and redelivery shall be the responsibility of the Respondent.

GRATUITIES AND PROHIBITION AGAINST PERSONAL INTEREST IN CONTRACTS: Any elected or appointed official who has any substantial interest, either direct or indirect, in any business entity seeking to contract with the County, shall, before any vote or decision on any matter involving the business entity, file an affidavit stating the nature and extent of interest and shall abstain from any participation in the matter. This is not required if the vote or decision will not have any special effect on the entity other than its effect on the public. However, if a majority of the governing body is also required to file, and do file similar affidavits, then the member is not required to abstain from further participation. Attached and included is a disclosure of all of this Company's business or pecuniary financial relationships with officers or employees of Cameron County or County entities (if any such relationships exists) must be attached and included with RFQ submitted. The County may, by written notice to the Respondent, cancel this contract without liability to Respondent if it is determined by County that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by the Respondent, or any agent, or representative of the Respondent, to any officer or employee of Cameron County with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending or the making or any determinations with respect to the performance of such a contract. In the event this contract is cancelled by County pursuant to this provision, County shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by Respondent in providing such gratuities. Consistent and continued tie RFQ responses could cause rejection of an RFQ response by the County and/or investigation for Anti-Trust violations. Respondent guarantees that he has not retained a person to solicit or secure any contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies maintained by the Respondent for the purpose of securing business.

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) CERTIFICATION: If Respondent is a Certified Historically Underutilized Business (HUB), please include a copy of your HUB Certificate with your response. This information will assist Cameron County in the percentage tracking of HUB utilization.

INSURANCE : The Respondent shall secure and maintain, throughout the duration of the Contract, insurance of such types and in such amounts as may be necessary to protect the Respondent and the interests of the County against all hazards or risks of loss as hereinafter specified. The form and limits of such insurance, together with the insurer, must be acceptable to the County. It shall be the responsibility of the Respondent to maintain adequate insurance coverage at all times. Failure of the Respondent to maintain adequate coverage shall not relieve the Respondent of any contractual responsibility or obligation.

SCANNED RE-TYPED RESPONSE - FLOPPY DISK: If in its RFQ response, Respondent either electronically scans, re-types, or in some way reproduces the County's published RFQ package, then, in event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of the County's published RFQ specifications or any portion thereof, and the terms and provisions of the RFQ response made by Respondent, the County's RFQ specifications as published shall control. Furthermore, if an alteration of any kind to the County's published RFQ specifications is only discovered after the contract is executed and is or is not being performed, the contract is subject to immediate cancellation.

SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS: The apparent silence of specifications as to any detail, or the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to be used.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Respondents are responsible for including all pertinent data in the returned RFQ package. Literature, brochures, data sheets, specification information, completed forms requested as part of the RFQ package and any other facts which may affect the evaluation and subsequent contract award should be included. Materials such as legal documents and contractual agreements, which the respondent wishes to include as a condition of the RFQ, must also be in the returned RFQ package. Failure to include all necessary and proper supplemental materials may be cause to reject the entire RFQ.

USAGE REPORTS: Cameron County reserves the right to request, and receive at no additional cost up to two (2) times during the contract period, a usage report detailing services furnished to date under a contract resulting from this RFQ. The reports must be

furnished no later than five (5) working days after written request and itemize all purchases to date by the Cameron County department using the services with a description of services rendered, the unit and total price.

WARRANTY: Respondents may not limit or exclude any implied warranties. **Respondent warrants that services provided to the County shall conform to the highest commercial and/or professional standards in the industry.**

APPLICABLE LAW

ASSIGNMENT DELEGATION: No right or interest in this contract shall be assigned or delegation of any obligation made by Respondent without the written permission of the County. Any attempted assignment or delegation by Respondent shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for all purposes unless made in conformity with this paragraph. Any contract entered into pursuant to this request is not assignable, nor the duties thereunder, by either party, without the written consent of the other party, the Commissioners Court, and County Auditor.

CONTRACT OBLIGATION: Cameron County Commissioners Court must award any resulting contract and the County Judge or other person authorized by the Cameron County Commissioners Court must sign the contract before it becomes binding on Cameron County or the Respondent. Department heads are NOT authorized to sign agreements for Cameron

County. Binding agreements shall remain in effect until the contract requirements have been satisfied.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS: Errors and Omissions in the RFQ of any provision herein described will not be construed as to relieve the Respondent of any responsibility or obligation requisite to the complete and satisfactory implementation, operation, and support of all obligations under any resulting contract.

FORCE MAJEURE: If, by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly, or in part, to carry out its obligations under this RFQ and any resulting contract, then such party shall give notice and full particulars of Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and 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, except as hereinafter provided, 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, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, act of public enemy, orders of any kind of government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals, or other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely with the discretion of the party having the difficulty, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable in the judgment of the party having the difficulty.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: The successful Respondent, shall indemnify and hold Cameron County harmless from all claims for personal injury, death and/or property damage resulting directly or indirectly from Respondent's performance. Respondent shall procure and maintain, with respect to the subject matter of this RFQ, appropriate insurance coverage including, as a minimum, public liability and property damage with adequate limits to cover Respondent's liability as may arise directly or indirectly from work performed under terms of this RFQ. Certification of such coverage must be provided to the County upon request.

INTERPRETATION PAROLE EVIDENCE: Unless a separate contract or addendum hereof is prepared and entered into following the award of this RFQ to a successful respondent, this writing is intended by the parties as a final expression of the terms of this RFQ and the general terms of any resulting contract with the selected Respondent. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term. Acceptance or acquiescence in a course of performance rendered under this RFQ and any resulting contract shall not be relevant to determine meaning even though the accepting or acquiescing party has knowledge of the performance and opportunity for objection.

LATE RESPONSES: RFQ responses must be received by the County before the hour and date specified. Responses received after the time and date specified will be disqualified and may be returned to sender. The County is not responsible for lateness or non-delivery of mail, delivered to wrong office, carrier, etc.

REMEDIES: The successful Respondent and County agree that both parties have all rights, duties, defenses and remedies available under law.

RIGHT TO ASSURANCE: During the RFQ process and any resulting contract, whenever a respondent or the County in good faith has reason to question the other's intent to perform, demand may be made that the other party give written assurance of intent. In the event that a demand is made, and no assurance is given within five (5) days, such failure may be treated as an anticipatory repudiation of the RFQ and any resulting contract.

SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of these requirements or the specifications shall be held invalid, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of these requirements and the specifications and it is hereby declared that such remaining portions would have been included in these requirements and the specifications as though the invalid portion had been omitted.

VENUE: Both parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall lie in Cameron County, Texas. These General Terms and Conditions shall be incorporated in the response to the RFQ and any resulting contract. The Respondent shall specifically state acceptance of these terms and conditions as a basis for providing the County with a response. The Respondent shall state any exceptions desired to these terms and conditions and may suggest alternate wording that addresses the intent of the term or condition. The County may accept or reject any suggestions in accordance with law.

PART 10: TxCDBG PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Termination of Agreement for Cause. If the Firm fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Firm violates any of the covenants, conditions, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the City/County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Firm 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 Firm pursuant to this Agreement shall, at the option of the City/County, be turned over to the City / County and become the property of the City / County. In the event of termination for cause, the Firm 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 Firm shall not be relieved of liability to the City/County for damages sustained by the City/County by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by the Firm, and the City/County may set-off the damages it incurred as a result of the Firm's breach of the contract from any amounts it might otherwise owe the Firm.

2. Termination for Convenience of the City/County. The City/County may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving at least ten (10) days' notice in writing to the Firm. If this Agreement is terminated for convenience, the City/County will pay the Firm for actual services rendered up to the termination date, based on the charges for time, labor, expenses and other items specified in the Agreement.
3. Changes. The City/County may, from time to time, request changes in the services the Firm will perform under this Agreement. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Firm'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 Amendment and choose a mediator that is not affiliated with the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. *[This section may also provide for the qualifications of the mediator(s), the locale of meetings, time limits, or any other item of concern to the parties.]* 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 Firm 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 City/County.
 - b. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by the Firm 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 City/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 Firm 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 City/County thereto; Provided, however, that claims for money by the Firm 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 City/County.
7. Reports and Information. The Firm, at such times and in such forms as the City/County may require, shall furnish the City/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 Firm shall insure that the City/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. The Firm and the City/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.
9. Findings Confidential. All of the reports, information, data, etc., prepared or assembled by the Firm under this contract are confidential and the Firm agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the City/County.
10. 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 Firm.
11. Compliance with Local Laws. The Firm shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and codes of the State and local governments, and the Firm shall save the City/County harmless with respect to any damages arising from any tort done in performing any of the work embraced by this Agreement.
12. Conflicts of interest.
- a. Governing Body. No member of the governing body of the City/County and no other officer, employee, or agent of the City/County, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with administration, construction, engineering, or implementation of TxCDBG award between TDA and the City / County, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Firm or this Agreement; and the Firm shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
- b. Other Local Public Officials. No other public official, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of administration, construction, engineering or implementation of the TxCDBG award between TDA and the City/County, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Firm or this Agreement; and the Firm shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
- a. The Firm and Employees. The Firm warrants and represents that it has no conflict of interest associated with the TxCDBG award between TDA and the City/County or this Agreement. The Firm further warrants and represents that it shall not acquire an interest, direct or indirect, in any geographic area that may benefit from the TxCDBG award between TDA and the City/County or in any business, entity, organization or person that

may benefit from the award. The Firm further agrees that it will not employ an individual with a conflict of interest as described herein.

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

The Firm 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 (3 CFR Part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR Part 1989 Comp., p. 235). 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 Firm. The Firm 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.

During the performance of this Agreement, the Firm agrees as follows:

14. Equal Opportunity Clause (applicable to contracts and subcontracts over \$10,000).

- a. The Firm will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Firm 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 by the City/County setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.
- b. The Firm will, in all solicitation or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Firm, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin.
- c. The Firm will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by this Agreement so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.
- d. The Firm will include provisions (a). through (c). in every subcontract or purchase order, unless exempted.

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 Firm 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 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Firm agrees that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, including discrimination in employment, under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

18. Age Discrimination Act of 1975. The Firm 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.

19. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) (if contract greater than or equal to \$100,000)

The Firm certifies that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining this contract. The Firm shall disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.

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

20. 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 Agreement 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 Agreement certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.

c. The Firm agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the Firm has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the Firm'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 Firm 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 Firm will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the Firm has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.

e. The Firm will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the Firm 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 Firm'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 contract that are subject to the provisions of section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).

SUPPLEMENTAL RFQ ATTACHMENT

Part 1 - Signature Form

**FAILURE TO MANUALLY SIGN WILL DISQUALIFY RFP RESPONSE.
BIDDER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL TERMS & CONDITIONS OF THIS RFQ.**

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Fax Number: (____) _____

E-mail: _____ FEIN: _____

My/Our proposal amount is: _____ or _____
(Percent of project costs) (Amount of project costs)

I am responding to the RFQ for the Management Services being requested:

Signed:

Authorized Contact (Print Name) Title Date

Part 2 – Attachments

Definition of conflict of interest:

- Per 24 CFR 84 and 24 CFR 85, no employee, officer or agent of Cameron County may participate in selection, or in the award or administration of a contract supported by federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.
- Such a conflict would arise when Cameron County’s employee, officer, or agent or any member of his/her immediate family, his/her partner, or an organization which employs, or is about to employ, any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.
- Cameron County’s officers, employees, and agents may not solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from Contractors, or parties to sub-agreements.
- Requests for resolution of potential conflicts of interest must be submitted in writing to the assigned GLO Program Specialist. Such request will be forwarded by GLO to HUD for final determination.

Information requirements to be submitted by the RFQ Respondent include, at a minimum:

At a minimum, provide the following information (you may attach resume(s) of principal respondent(s) Check here if you attached resume(s))

- a) Service provider’s references, including past and current clients: (Check here if you attached additional pages):

Contact Information: Please mark past or present

Contact Information: Please mark past or present

Contact Information: Please mark past or present

- b) List of federal programs previously managed by the service provider; (Check here if you attached additional pages):

Please mark past or present

- c) Please provide a narrative description of service provider’s capacity to perform the specified tasks (Check here

if you attached additional pages): _____

d) Please indicate your proposed time requirements for completing specified tasks
(Check here if you attached additional pages): _____

Project Description:

Texas General Land Office (GLO) under the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program to be used for eligible activities. Cameron County is interested in entering into an agreement with an individual or firm considered a qualified Professional Administrator or Service Provider and who must show evidence of prior experience in the administration, reporting, and compliance of CDBG Disaster Recovery programs. The selected individual or firm will be responsible for providing all applicable and required including the preparation of specified grant application(s) and, if funded, the implementation of the project to include financial management compliance and reporting, environmental review compliance, engineering and/or architectural services including the project design and specifications, procurement of construction contractors, and conduct all required inspections and close-out of the prescribed construction activities.

Texas General Land Office
GLO Disaster Recovery 2015-2016 Flooding Project(s)
GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

RFQ for Administration/Professional Services

Cameron County is seeking to enter into a services contract with a competent administration/management firm/professional service provider to assist the County in preparing an application for and in the overall management of its proposed CDBG-Disaster Recovery project, if funded by the Texas General Land Office Community Development and Revitalization (GLO). The following outlines the request for proposals.

- I. Scope of Work - The professional administration/management firm/consultant to be hired is to provide application and contract-related management services to the County, including but not limited to the following areas:

Pre-Funding Services

Grant Administrator will develop project scope and complete CDBG-DR application. The provider will work with the County, if applicable, to provide the concise information needed for submission of complete disaster recovery funding application and related documents. The required information shall be submitted in a format to be described by the GLO.

Post-Funding Services

Grant Administrator will administer and complete infrastructure, utilities, housing and eligible projects approved for disaster recovery funding. The selected administrative firm must follow all requirements of the Texas CDBG Disaster Recovery program.

General Administration Services – General

- Administrative Duties
- Construction Management

Grant Administration Services – Infrastructure

- Administrative Duties
- Acquisition Duties
- Environmental Services

Grant Administration Services – Rental Housing

- Administrative Duties
- Project Case Management
- Site Inspections
- Environmental Services

Grant Administration Services – Non-Rental Housing

- Administrative Duties
- Site Inspections
- Environmental Services

Please specify actual tasks to be performed under each of these categories.

*Pre-funding services are not eligible for CDBG-DR reimbursement and must be paid with local or other non-CDBG-DR funds.

II. Statement of Qualifications - the County is seeking to contract with a competent professional administration/management firm/consultant experienced in grants/contracts application and administration. Specifically, it is seeking those consultant(s) or firm(s) with the following qualifications:

- Related experience in applying for and managing federally-funded local public works construction projects
- Related Experience / Background with specific project type
- Consultant/Firm is not debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) in the System for Award Management (SAM).

As such, please provide within your proposal a list of referrals from past local government clients, as well as the resumes of all employees who will or may be assigned to provide technical assistance to the County on this project if your firm is awarded this management services contract.

III. Proposed Cost of Services - Please provide your cost proposal to accomplish the scope of work by activity (Infrastructure, Rental Housing, Non-Rental Housing) outlined above and for any additional services required. The proposal must include all costs that are necessary to successfully complete these activities. Firms may submit proposals for any or all activities. Please note that the lowest/best bid will not be used as the sole basis for entering into this contract.

GLO-CDR will reimburse administrative and project delivery fees up to the following maximum rates:

Housing Activities (Rental and Non-Rental)

Administration Expenses: Any expenses incurred in carrying out the program that are not directly connected to a specific project. Administration fees are capped at **2%** of the Total CDBG-DR Award amount.

Project Delivery Expenses: Anything DIRECTLY connected to the delivery of a specific project.

Project delivery (PD) fees are capped at **10%**.

Non-Housing Activities (Infrastructure)

Total CDBG-DR Award	Project Delivery Fees
\$249,999.99 or less	11%
\$250,000.00 to \$749,999.99	9%
\$750,000.00 to \$999,999.99	8%
Over \$1,000,000.00	6%

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

Texas General Land Office
GLO Disaster Recovery 2015-2016 Flooding Project(s)
GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor shall provide the following scope of services: *(choose contracted services)*

SCOPE OF SERVICES REQUESTED

Providers will help the GLO fulfill State and Federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) statutory responsibilities related to recovery in connection with any federally declared disaster. Providers will assist the GLO and/or Cameron County in completion of CDBG-DR qualified housing or non-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 GLO.

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 utilizing GLO guidance. The providers shall furnish pre-funding and post-funding grant administrative services to complete the disaster recovery projects, including, but not limited to the following:

Pre-Funding Services

Grant Administrator will develop project scope and complete CDBG-DR application. The provider will work with the County to provide the concise information needed for submission of complete disaster recovery funding application and related documents. The required information shall be submitted in a format to be described by the GLO.

Post-Funding Services

The selected Grant Administrator will administer and complete infrastructure, utilities, housing and eligible projects approved for disaster recovery funding. The selected administrative firm must follow all requirements of the Texas CDBG Disaster Recovery program.

Grant Administration Services – General

- a) Administrative Duties:
 - i. Coordinate, as necessary, between the County and any other appropriate service providers (i.e. Engineer, Environmental, etc.), contractor, subcontractor and GLO to effectuate the services requested.
 - ii. May assist in public hearings.
 - iii. Will work with the County’s and GLO’s system of record.
 - iv. Provide monthly project status updates.
 - v. Funding release will be based on deliverables identified in the contract.
 - vi. 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.
- vii. Financial duties:
 - a. Prepare and submit all required reports (Section 3, Financial Interest, etc.).
 - b. Assist the County with the procurement of audit services.
 - c. Assist the County in establishing and maintaining a bank account for disaster recovery funds.
 - d. Implementation and coordination of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (“AFFH”) requirements as directed by HUD and the GLO.
 - 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

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

Grant Administration Services – Infrastructure

a) Administrative Duties:

- i. Ensure program compliance including all CDBG-DR requirements and all part’s therein, current Federal Register, etc.
- ii. Assist the County in establishing and maintaining financial processes.
- iii. Obtain and maintain copies of the County’s most current contract including all related change requests, revisions and attachments.
- iv. Establish and maintain record keeping systems.
- v. Assist the County with resolving monitoring and audit findings.
- vi. Serve as monitoring liaison.
- vii. Assist the County with resolving third party claims.
- viii. Report suspected fraud to the GLO.

- ix. Submit timely responses to the GLO requests for additional information.
 - x. Complete draw request forms and supporting documents.
 - xi. Facilitate outreach efforts, application intake, and eligibility review.
 - xii. Perform any other administrative duty required to deliver the project.
 - xiii. Utilize and assist with the County's and GLO's system of record to complete milestones, submit documentation, reports, draws, change requests, etc.
 - xiv. Submit change requests and all required documentation related to any change requests.
- b) Acquisition Duties:
- i. Submit acquisition reports and related documents.
 - ii. Establish acquisition files (if necessary).
 - iii. Complete acquisition activities (if necessary).
- c) Environmental Services
- i. Assist detailed scope of services
 - a. Review each 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;
 - b. Prepare, complete and submit HUD required forms for environmental review and provide all documentation to support environmental findings;
 - c. Consult and coordinate with oversight/regulatory agencies to facilitate environmental clearance;
 - d. Be able to perform or contract special studies, additional assessments, or permitting to secure environmental clearance. These may include, but are not limited to biological assessments, wetland delineations, asbestos surveys, lead-based paint assessments, archeology studies, architectural reviews, Phase I & II ESAs, USACE permits, etc.;
 - e. 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;
 - f. Maintain close coordination with local officials, project engineer and other members of the project team to assure appropriate level of environmental review is performed and no work is conducted without authorization;
 - g. Complete and submit the environmental review into GLO's system of record;
 - h. At least one site visit to project location and completion of a field observation report
 - i. Prepare and submit for publication all public notices including, but not limited to the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Request for Release of Funds floodplain/wetland early and final notices in required order and sequence;
 - j. Provide documentation of clearance for Parties Known to be Interested as required by 24 CFR 58.43;
 - k. Process environmental review and clearance in accordance with NEPA;
 - l. Advise and complete environmental re-evaluations per 24 CFR 58.47 when evidence of further clearance or assessment is required;
 - m. Prepare and submit Monthly Status Report; and
 - n. Participate in regularly scheduled progress meetings.

Grant Administration Services – Rental Housing

- a) Administrative Duties:
- i. Develop and submit for approval rental housing guidelines.
 - ii. Develop and submit for approval an Affirmative Marketing Plan on behalf of the County utilizing GLO guidance.
 - iii. Develop a tenant selection policy, as may be necessary, on behalf of the County based on GLO guidance.

- iv. Develop and submit for approval a need assessment on behalf of the County based on GLO guidance.
 - v. Develop and submit to site-specific environmental reviews as required by 24 CFR Part 58.
 - vi. Develop and submit a monitoring plan for approved projects on behalf of the County based on GLO guidance.
 - vii. The provider will assist the County in conducting assessments of all incomplete projects and align the GLO 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. This is accomplished through a joint Provider and Contractor site visit utilizing the initial Contractor's GLO Form 11.17, as the basis for construction and payment due to the contractor.
- b) Project Case Management:
- i. Assist the County 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.
 - ii. Assist the County in developing project application eligibility procedures, processing, and approvals.
- c) Site Inspections:
- i. Assist the County with Disaster Damage Assessments (Damage 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 disaster event. The damage assessment will follow the GLO issued Damage Assessment Guidelines and includes:
 - a. Assist the County with observations and documentation (written and photographic) of findings of disaster-related damage to 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 Disaster Damage Assessment will be provided according to the GLO sample provided in the GLO issued Damage Assessment Guidelines. The damage 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 disaster damage, if any;
 - v. A narrative that specifically and clearly documents disaster-related property damage via photographic evidence and detailed narratives of the damage;
 - vi. The reviewer’s certification, signature, and date of review.
 - c. The results of the disaster damage assessment may be provided in a format similar to *Forms 11.01 or 11.01A*. The 11.01A, Initial Inspection Checklist, Short will be completed for homes that have received disaster damage that obviously cannot be rehabilitated. Form 11.01 will be

completed in accordance with the guidance contained in HQS52580.

- ii. Estimated Cost of Repair Inspection (Work Write-Up):
 - a. Assist in providing an estimated cost of repair inspections with the damage 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 disaster event and 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 GLO's Minimum Housing Design Standards.
 - c. Assistance to the County 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 and extent of damage to the project. The review will include the observations and documentation (written and photographic) of findings of disaster-related damage if not already documented.
 - iv. Develop a Scope of Repair to address the observed damage 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. The final ECR will include the following:
 - a. a completed *Form 11.17, Work Write-up and Cost Estimate* containing a general scope of repair and summary of construction costs.
 - viii. Assist the subrecipient with project inspections at:
 - a. 50% complete
 - b. A final inspection at 100% complete
 - ix. In the case of a single family rental, assist the sub recipient 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 sub recipient 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:

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

- d) Environmental Service
 - i. The provider may assist the County 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 the County 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.

Grant Administration Services – Non-Rental Housing

- a) Administrative Duties:
 - i. Develop and implement Outreach Plans detailing specific outreach for the project. Plans will be required to be submitted and approved by GLO on a project by project basis.
 - ii. Perform extensive community outreach to affected areas on behalf of the County utilizing GLO guidance.
 - iii. Develop and submit for approval Housing Guidelines on behalf of the sub recipient utilizing GLO guidance.
 - iv. Develop and submit for approval a Needs Assessment on behalf of the County based on GLO guidance.
 - v. Provide case management support to sub recipient to manage the grant applications process, including but not limited to:
 - a. creating eligibility procedures to lessen the fallout of applicants;
 - b. advising applicants on eligibility and program requirements, and assist in application preparation and submission;
 - c. facilitating intake of applications from grant applicants;
 - d. performing eligibility reviews;
 - e. processing applications, including necessary communications;
 - f. capture applicant fallout reasons; and
 - g. the follow-up to grant applicants.
 - vi. Participate in the appeals process and handling of disputes for disallowed/ineligible applications.

- vii. Act as an advocate for applicants through appeals process when required.
- viii. Assist applicants through housing construction process.
- ix. Perform other application management and homeowner support duties as required to ensure the success of the program.
- x. Develop and submit to site-specific environmental reviews as required by 24 CFR Part 58.
- xi. Provide construction and builder management services as required to comply with applicable construction codes and program requirements.
- xii. The provider will assist the County in conducting assessments of all incomplete projects and align the GLO *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. This is accomplished through a joint Provider and Contractor site visit utilizing the initial Contractor's GLO *Form 11.17*, as the basis for construction and payment due to the contractor.

b)

Site Inspections

- i. Establish Disaster Damage Assessments (Damage Inspections).
 - a. Assist in performing a visual field review of single- family housing units to determine the presence of damage to the home that may be attributable to the disaster event. The damage assessment will follow the GLO issued Damage Assessment Guidelines and includes:
 - b. The respondent may assist the County with:
 - i. Contacting the Homeowner to schedule a date and time to perform the field review.
 - ii. Traveling to the project site.
 - iii. Interviewing the Homeowner on site to gain a perspective of the pre-disaster condition of the structure; damage was resulting directly from the disaster; and damage resulting from subsequent deterioration. The provider may utilize this information to assist in its review of the housing unit.
 - c. Performing the visual review of the housing unit to determine the presence of damage to the home that may be attributed to a national disaster declaration. The review will include the observations and documentation (written and photographic) of findings of disaster-related damage to 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.
 - d. The results of the Disaster Damage Assessment will be provided according to the GLO sample provided in the GLO issued Damage Assessment Guidelines. The damage inspectors 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 disaster damage, if any;

- v. A narrative that specifically and clearly documents disaster-related property damage via photographic evidence and detailed narratives of the damage; and
- vi. The reviewer's certification, signature, and date of review.

The results of the disaster damage assessment may be provided in a format similar to the *11.01* or *11.01A* forms. The *11.01A, Initial Inspection Checklist, Short* will be completed for homes that have received disaster-damage that obviously cannot be rehabilitated. *Form 11.01*, will be completed in accordance with the guidance contained in HQS 52580.

- ii. Estimated Cost of Repair Inspection (Work Write-Up).
 - a. Assist in providing an estimated cost of repair inspections with the damage assessments. Upon notification that a property has been determined eligible for Program assistance, the respondent will prepare an Estimated Cost of Repair ("ECR") for the program- eligible repairs.
 - b. ECRs will be developed to include repair of damage that could reasonably be attributed to the disaster event and repairs to bring the home 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 GLO's Minimum Housing Design Standards.
 - c. Assistance to the County may include:
 - i. Contact the Homeowner to schedule a date and time to perform the field review.
 - ii. Travel to the project site.
 - iii. Perform the visual review of the housing unit to determine the approximate amount and extent of damage to the home. The review will include the observations and documentation (written and photographic) of findings of disaster-related damage if not already documented.
 - iv. Develop a Scope of Repair to address the observed damage 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 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. The final ECR will include the following:
 - a. A completed *Form 11.17, Work Write-up and Cost Estimate* containing a general scope of repair and summary of construction costs.
 - viii. Assist the County with Rehabilitation Inspections at:
 - a. 50% complete progress inspection
 - b. A final inspection at 100% complete
 - ix. Assist the County with reconstruction inspections at:

- a. Foundation
- b. 33% complete progress inspection
- c. 66% complete progress inspection
- d. A final inspection at 100% complete
- x. Upon notification of a home being ready for a Construction Review, the provider may contact the homeowner and contractor to schedule a date and time to perform the Review.
- xi. Travel to the project site.
- xii. 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:

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

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Environmental Services

- i. The provider may assist the County in performing environmental reviews and documentation for HUD compliance in connection with the Program. The provider will 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 the County 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.