

NEWTON COUNTY
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
ENGINEERING SERVICES TDA 2021/2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING
PRE-AWARD AND POST AWARD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Newton County will receive offers at the Newton county Clerk's Office, 115 Court Street, Newton, Texas 75966.

BID/OFFER NUMBER: RFSQ#2020-15 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2021/2022 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) FUNDING

Offers must be received no later than Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., local time.

If you wish to receive an Offer Package with full instructions and requirements, you may do so by one of the following methods:

- **INTERNET (24 hours a day 7 days a week)**
Visit our Website at: www.co.newton.tx.us

- **PICK UP AT (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday)**
Newton County Auditor's Office
Newton County Courthouse
110 Court street, Room 308
Newton, Texas 75966

- **REQUEST A MAILED COPY**
Contact the Auditor's Office at (409) 379-5755 to request a copy be mailed via US Regular Mail.
Offerer must provide: Company Name, Address, Telephone, Fax, Contact Name and email address.

Any prospective offerer desiring any explanation or interpretation of the solicitation must make a written request at least five (5) business days prior to the scheduled time for the offer submission. Any information given to a prospective offerer concerning this solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other known prospective offerers by posting to the County website. Newton County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers as it deems in its best interest.

It is the Offerer's responsibility to verify the issuance of Addenda in regard to this Offer. All Addenda shall be submitted to all known bidders/offerers and shall be posted on the Newton County Website identified above. Newton County shall not be responsible for failed internet connections or power interruptions.

Newton County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

NEWTON COUNTY
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION (RFSQ)
COVER SHEET

**RFSQ#2020-15 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2021/2022 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) FUNDING**

The enclosed REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION (RFSQ) and accompanying specifications and statement of work are for your convenience in submitting an offer for the referenced products and/or services for NEWTON COUNTY.

Offers shall be received no later than:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M., C.S.T.

**PLEASE MARK ENVELOPE: "RFSQ#2020-15 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2021/2022 TEXAS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) FUNDING"**

**Respondent shall sign and date the offer as requested on each page. Offers, which are not signed
and dated in this manner, may be rejected.**

DELIVER OFFER TO:

PHYSICAL ADDRESS FOR COURIERS & HAND DELIVERIES

SANDRA K. DUCKWORTH
NEWTON COUNTY CLERK
115 COURT STREET (Physical)
P.O. BOX 454 (Mailing)
NEWTON, TEXAS 75966

****MAILING ADDRESS**

(SEE NOTE BELOW)

NEWTON COUNTY appreciates your time and effort in preparing this offer. Please note that all offers **must be received at the designated location by the deadline shown**. Offers received after the deadline **will not be considered** for the award of the Contract and shall be considered void and unacceptable.

**U.S. Postal Service mailing address

The U.S. mail may not deliver to the physical address shown above. Respondents who prefer to use the U.S. mail may submit their offers using the U.S. Postal Service mailing address shown below.

HOWEVER, packages delivered by the U.S. Postal Service to the Newton County mailing address are subject to delays that may cause a response to be rejected due to missing a solicitation receipt deadline.

Respondents using the U.S. mail should take this possible delay into account when using the U.S. mail.

MAILING ADDRESS

SANDRA K. DUCKWORTH
NEWTON COUNTY CLERK
P.O. BOX 454
NEWTON, TEXAS 75966

NEWTON COUNTY is very conscious and extremely appreciative of the time and effort you have extended to submit an offer. We would appreciate it if you would indicate on any "No Offer" response, any requirement of this RFSQ which may have influences your decision to "No Offer". If your response to this RFSQ is a "No Offer" response, please complete the Statement of No Offer in this RFSQ package and submit.

Any prospective bidder/respondent desiring any explanation or interpretation of the solicitation must make a written request which must be received by the Grants Office at least five (5) business days prior to the scheduled time for the bid/offer opening. The request must be addressed to Elizabeth Holloway, Newton County Grants Officer, P.O. Box 296, Newton, Texas 75966, emailed to elizabeth.holloway@co.newton.tx.us, or faxed to (409) 379-3359. Any information given to prospective bidder/respondent concerning this solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other known prospective bidders/respondents as a written amendment/addendum to the solicitation. Newton County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids/offers as it deems in its best interest and to waive any formalities.

It is the Respondent's responsibility to verify the issuance of Addenda in regard to this Bid/Offer. All Addenda shall be submitted to all known bidders/respondents and shall be posted on the Newton County Website at www.co.newton.tx.us under "2021/2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Funding". Newton County shall not be responsible for failed internet connections or power interruptions.

All required Bid/Offer documents shown on the Package Checklist, including any Addenda Receipt Forms which may have been issues, must be included in a sealed envelope marked with the bidder's company name, the Bid/Offer name, number and due date.

Along with your proposal, you must also include verification through the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov) that your company and the company's principals are not listed as debarred. Please include a recent printout of the search results with the date clearly visible.

Newton County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all persons or firms submitting proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

Newton County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages the submittal of proposals by Section 3 residents, businesses and business concerns.

Elizabeth Holloway

Elizabeth Holloway, Newton County Grants Officer

Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Services

Newton County is seeking to enter into an engineering/architectural/surveying services contract with a state-registered engineer/architect/surveyor. The following outlines this request for statement of qualifications.

- I. Scope of Work - The engineering/architectural/surveying contract will encompass all application and project-related engineering/architectural/surveying services to the Newton County under its **2021-2022 Community Development Fund** public infrastructure project of eligible activities, including but not limited to the following:
- Application preparation assistance, including sealed Table 2 Budget Justification and Exhibit*
 - Preliminary and final design plans and specifications;
 - Preparation of the bid packet;
 - Conduct all field testing and inspections (interim and final); and
 - Other special services.

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

*Application Items are not reimbursable with CDBG federal or local match funds and must be separately documented

- II. Statement of Qualifications - Newton County is seeking to contract with a competent engineering/architectural/surveying firm, registered to practice in the State of Texas, that has had experience in the following areas:
- Municipal construction including but not limited to waterworks, projects;
 - Registered and in good standing as a professional engineer per the Texas Engineering Practice Act
 - Federally funded construction projects; and
 - Projects located in this general region of the state
 - **Engineer/Firm is not debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) of Sam.gov.**

As such, please provide within your proposal a list of past local government clients, as well as resumes of all engineers/architects/surveyors that will or may be assigned to this project if you receive the engineering/architectural/surveying services contract award.

Also, please provide a copy of your current certificate of insurance for professional liability as well as recent SAM's clearance documentation with the date clearly visible.

III. Evaluation Criteria - The proposals received will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
Experience	60
Work Performance	25
Capacity to Perform	<u>15</u>
Total	100

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

- For costs of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services, negotiations must occur after the initial selection of the engineer or architect as price cannot be used as a selection factor. (See 2CFR 200.320 (d)(5) and Texas Government Code § 2254.004)

V. Deadline for Submission - The proposals will be received **no later than 3:00 pm on Tuesday, December 8, 2020**. Please submit the original and three (3) copies of your proposal of services and statement of qualifications to the following address:

**SANDRA K. DUCKWORTH
NEWTON COUNTY CLERK
115 COURT STREET (Physical)
P.O. BOX 454 (Mailing)
NEWTON, TEXAS 75966**

**NEWTON COUNTY
BIDDER/RESPONDENT
CERTIFICATION**

**RFSQ#2020-15 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2021/2022 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) FUNDING**

Note: In order to sign the documents electronically and insert an authorized signature into the PDF, you will need to use the latest version of Adobe Reader. Be aware that such a signature will have the full legal force of a handwritten signature under Texas law.

LEGAL NAME OF CONTRACTING COMPANY

FEDERAL I.D. # (Company or Corporation)

SOCIAL SECURITY # (Individual)

TELEPHONE NUMBER

FACSIMILE NUMBER

CONTACT PERSON

TITLE

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS

CITY & STATE

ZIP CODE

COMPLETE STREET ADDRESS

CITY & STATE

ZIP CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

CERTIFICATION

By my signature hereon, I certify that the Goods and/or Services that I propose to furnish will meet or exceed every specification contained herein, and that I have read each and every page of the Specifications/Statement of Work, other requirements, as well as, the Standard Terms & Conditions and Bid Table. Further, I agree that if my offer is accepted, I shall perform as required in these Contract documents. I am aware that, once accepted by Newton County, my offer becomes a binding Contract in accordance with the provisions herein of the aforementioned Contract documents, and that I will not be permitted to attempt enforcement of any other Contract or Contract provisions.

SIGNATURE

DATE

“must be authorized to execute on behalf of company”

Typewritten or Printed Name

Title

Published Dates:

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020**

NEWTON COUNTY CONTRACT SHEET

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF NEWTON

This memorandum of agreement made and entered into on the _____ day of _____ 20__, by and between Newton County in the State of Texas (hereinafter designated County), acting herein by County Judge Kenneth Weeks, by virtue of an order of Newton County Commissioners' Court, and _____ (hereinafter designated Contractor).

WITNESSETH:

The Contractor and the County agree that the Instructions to Respondents, Specifications/Statement of Work, Standard Terms & Conditions, and all other requirements herein for **RFSQ#2017-10 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS (MARCH 2016 FLOODING EVENT/DR-4266 DISASTER DECLARATION)** as stated in the Request for Statement of Qualifications Package Checklist hereto attached and made a part hereof, together with the bond (when required), and shall constitute the full agreement and Contract between parties and for furnishing the items set out and described; the County agrees to pay the prices stipulated in the accepted offer.

It is further agreed that this Contract shall not become binding or effective until signed by the parties hereto and a purchase order authorizing the items desired has been issued.

Executed at Newton, Texas this _____ day of _____ 20__.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED BY
VENDOR UPON AWARD

By: _____
Kenneth Weeks, Newton County Judge Signature

By: _____
Signature of Contractor

By: _____
Printed Name and Title

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Items below represent components, which comprise this bid/offer package. If the item **IS NOT** checked, it is **NOT APPLICABLE** to this bid/offer. Bidders 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 Newton County Purchasing Department immediately.

It is the respondent's responsibility to be thoroughly familiar with all requirements and specifications. Be sure you understand the following before you return your offer packet. Failure to provide these items may result in rejection of offer.

1. X **Cover Sheet**
2. X **Bidder Certification** -Must be signed (**IN INK**) by an authorized representative of the respondent having the authority to bind the firm into a contract.
3. X **Contract Sheet** – Must be signed (**IN INK**) by an authorized representative of the respondent having the authority to bind the firm into a contract (**TO BE SUBMITTED BY VENDOR UPON AWARD**)
4. X **Package Checklist**
5. X **Agreement - See PART I**
6. X **Scope of Services – See PART II**
7. X **Payment Schedule - See PART III**

8. X **Terms and Conditions - See PART IV**
9. X **Project Time Schedule - See PART V**
10. X **Conflict of Interest Questionnaire - Form CIQ**
11. X **Statement of No Offer**

12. X **Standard Terms and Conditions - Newton County**

13. X **Special Requirements**
14. X **Bidder/Respondent's Affirmation** - Company name, identifying information and signature (**IN INK**)
15. X **SDNs/Blocked Persons Affirmation** - Must be signed (**IN INK**) by an authorized representative of the respondent having the authority to bind the firm into a contract
16. X **Title VI Policy Statement**
17. X **Insurance Requirements**
18. X **Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 (TO BE SUBMITTED BY VENDOR UPON AWARD)**
19. X **Vendor Data Sheet & W-9** (Respondent information and W-9 Form must be completed and returned with offer)
20. X **House Bill 89 Verification Form**
21. X **Certification Regarding Lobbying**
22. X **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**
23. X **Non-Collusion Affidavit**
24. X **Return Label** (*for hard copy sealed offers only*)

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

Sample Contract

ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL/SURVEYOR SERVICES

PART I AGREEMENT

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

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the City/County of _____ desires to [implement/construct/etc.] the following: _____ [describe project] under the general direction of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter called "TxCDBG") Program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA); and Whereas the City/County desires to engage _____ to render certain engineering/surveyor/architectural services in connection with the TxCDBG Project, Contract Number _____.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services

The Firm will perform the services set out in Part II, Scope of Services.

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

3. Local Program Liaison - For purposes of this Agreement, the [e.g. *City Manager/County _____*] or equivalent authorized person will serve as the Local Program Liaison and primary point of contact for the Firm. All required progress reports and communication regarding the project shall be directed to this liaison and other local personnel as appropriate.

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

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

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

7. Indemnification – The Firm shall comply with the requirements of all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and shall exonerate, indemnify, and hold harmless the City/County and its agency members from and against any and all claims, costs, suits, and damages, including attorney’s fees, arising out of the Firm’s performance or nonperformance of the activities, services or subject matter called for in this Agreement, and shall assume full responsibility for payments of Federal, State and local taxes on contributions imposed or required under the Social Security, worker's compensation and income tax laws.

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

10. Extent of Agreement

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

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

BY: _____
 (Local City/County Official)

 (Printed Name)

 (Title)

BY: _____
 (Firm/Contractor’s Authorized Representative)

 (Printed Name)

 (Title)

PART II
SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Firm shall render the following professional services necessary for the development of the project:
(Choose appropriate contracted services)

SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Attend preliminary conferences with the City/County regarding the requirements of the project.
2. Determine necessity for acquisition of any additional real property/easements/right-of-ways (ROWS) for the TxCDBG project and, if applicable, furnish to the City/County:
 - a. Name and address of property owners;
 - b. Legal description of parcels to be acquired; and
 - c. Map showing entire tract with designation of part to be acquired.
3. Make any necessary surveys of existing rights-of-way, topography, utilities, or other field data required for proper design of the project. Provide consultation and advice as to the necessity of the City/County providing or obtaining other services such as auger borings, core borings, soil tests, or other subsurface explorations; laboratory testing and inspecting of samples or materials; other special consultations. The Firm will review any tests required and act as the City/County's representative in connection with any such services.
4. Prepare railroad/highway permits.
5. Prepare a preliminary engineering/architectural study and report on the project in sufficient detail to indicate clearly the problems involved and the alternate solutions available to the City/County, to include preliminary layouts, sketches and cost estimates for the project, and to set forth clearly the Firm's recommendations; to be completed within _____ days of execution of this Agreement.
6. Furnish the City/County copies of the preliminary report, if applicable (additional copies will be furnished to the City/County at direct cost of reproduction).
7. Make periodic visits, no less than every 30 days during the construction period, to the construction site to observe the progress and quality of the work, to ensure that the work conforms with the approved plans and specifications, and to determine if the work is proceeding in accordance with the Agreement.
8. Furnish the City/County a written monthly status report at least seven (7) days prior to the regularly scheduled council/commissioner's court meeting until the project is closed by TDA. The format for this report is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit 1.
9. Submit detailed drawings and plans/specifications to appropriate regulatory agency(ies) and obtain clearance.
10. Prepare bid packet/contract documents/advertisement for bids. At the time the bid packet is completed, the Firm shall also furnish to the City/County an updated written Estimate of Probable Costs for the Project.
11. Make 10-day call to confirm prevailing wage decision.
12. Incorporate any and all wage rate modifications or supersedes via bid addendum (if applicable).
13. Conduct bid opening and prepare minutes.
14. Tabulate, analyze, and review bids for completeness and accuracy.
15. Accomplish construction contractor's eligibility verification through www.SAM.gov.
16. Conduct pre-construction conference and prepare copy of report/minutes.
17. Issue Notice to Proceed to construction contractor.
18. Provide in all proposed construction contracts deductive alternatives where feasible, so that should the lowest responsive base bid for construction exceed the funds available, deductive alternatives can be taken to reduce the bid price.

19. Design for access by persons with disabilities for those facilities to be used by the public in accordance with Public Law 504.
20. Use TDA-approved forms for instructions to bidders, general conditions, contract, bid bond, performance bond, and payment bond.
21. Consult with and advise the City/County during construction; issue to contractors all instructions requested by the City/County; and prepare routine change orders if required, at no charge for engineering services to the City/County when the change order is required to correct errors or omissions by the Firm; provide price analysis for change orders; process change orders approved by City/County and the Firm and submit to TDA for approval prior to execution with the construction contractor.
22. Review shop and working drawings furnished by contractors for compliance with design concept and with information given in contract documents (contractors will be responsible for dimensions to be confirmed and correlated at job site).
23. Resolve all payment requests within 14 days of receipt of signed pay request from the construction contractor.
24. Based on the Firm's on-site observations and review of the contractor's applications for payment, determine the amount owed to the contractor in such amounts; such approvals of payment to constitute a representation to the City/County, based on such observations and review, that the work has progressed to the point indicated and that the quality of work is in accordance with the plans, specifications and contract documents.
25. Recommend that a 10% retainage is withheld from all payments on construction contracts until final acceptance by the City/County and approval by TDA, unless State or local law provides otherwise.
26. Prepare Certificate of Construction Completion and Clean Lien Certificate. A Clean Lien Certificate may be prepared for each of the Prime Contractor(s) and each of the subcontractor(s).
27. Conduct interim/final inspections.
28. Revise contract drawings to show the work as actually constructed, and furnish the City/County with a set of "record drawings" plans.
29. The Firm will provide a copy of the final project record drawing(s) engineering schematic(s), as constructed using funds under this contract. These maps shall be provided in digital format containing the source map data (original vector data) and the graphic data in files on machine readable media, such as compact disc (CD), which are compatible with computer systems owned or readily available to the owner. The digital copy provided shall not include a digital representation of the engineer's seal but the accompanying documentation from the Firm shall include a signed statement of when the map was authorized, that the digital map is a true representation of the original sealed document, and that a printed version with the seal has been provided to the City/County. In addition, complete documentation as to the content and layout of the data files and the name of the software package(s) used to generate the data and maps shall be provided to the owner in written form.

SUBCONTRACTS

1. No work under this Agreement shall be subcontracted by the Firm without prior approval, in writing, from the City/County.
2. The Firm shall, prior to proceeding with the work, notify the City/County in writing of the name of any subcontractors proposed for the work, including the extent and character of the work to be done by each.
3. If any time during progress of the work, the City/County determines that any subcontractor is incompetent or undesirable, the City/County will notify the Firm who shall take reasonable and immediate steps to satisfactorily cure the problem, substitute performance, or cancel such subcontract. Subletting by subcontractors shall be subject to the same regulations. Nothing

contained in this Agreement shall create any contractual relation between any subcontractor and the City/County.

4. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$150,000 a provision which requires compliance with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). The provisions shall require reporting of violations to TDA and to the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
5. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$150,000 provisions or conditions which will allow for administrative, contractual or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate.
6. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$10,000 provisions addressing termination for cause and for convenience by the City/County including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement..
7. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts provisions requiring compliance with the following, if applicable:
 - a. Prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000, compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C.3141-3144, 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5);
 - b. Prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000, compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3)
 - c. Contracts greater than \$10,000, the inclusion of the Equal Opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) (Executive Order 11246);
 - d. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968;
 - e. Contracts exceeding \$100,000, compliance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352);
 - f. For contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708), including work week requirements and safety conditions for workers, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5); and
8. The Firm will include in all negotiated contracts and subcontracts a provision which indicates that funds will not be awarded under this contract to any party which is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549 and 2 CFR Part 2424. A certification shall be provided and received from each proposed subcontractor under this contract and its principals.
9. The Firm will include in all negotiated contracts and subcontracts a provision to the effect that the City/County, TDA, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Comptroller General of the United States, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to that specific contract, for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
10. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts a requirement that the contractor maintain all relevant project records for three (3) years after the City/County has made final payment to the contractor and all other pending matters are closed.

STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE AND DEFICIENCIES

1. All services of the Firm and its independent professional associates, consultants and subcontractors will be performed in a professional, reasonable and prudent manner in

accordance with generally accepted professional practice. The Firm represents that it has the required skills and capacity to perform work and services to be provided under this Agreement.

2. The Firm represents that services provided under this Agreement shall be performed within the limits prescribed by the City/County in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other professional consultants under similar circumstances.
3. Any deficiency in Firm's work and services performed under this contract shall be subject to the provisions of applicable state and federal law. Any deficiency discovered shall be corrected upon notice from City/County and at the Firm's expense if the deficiency is due to Firm's negligence. The City/County shall notify the Firm in writing of any such deficiency and provide an opportunity for mutual investigation and resolution of the problem prior to pursuit of any judicial remedy. In any case, this provision shall in no way limit the judicial remedies available to the City/County under applicable state or federal law.
4. The Firm agrees to and shall hold harmless the City/County, its officers, employees, and agents from all claims and liability of whatsoever kind or character due to or arising solely out of the negligent acts or omissions of the Firm, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, and others acting for or under the direction of the Firm doing the work herein contracted for or by or in consequence of any negligence in the performance of this Agreement, or by or on account of any omission in the performance of this Agreement.



**PART III -
PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

City/County shall reimburse the Firm for professional services provided upon completion of the following project milestones per the following percentages of the maximum contract amount:

Milestone	% of Contract Fee
• Approval of Preliminary Engineering Plans and Specifications by City/County.	20%
• Approval of Plans and Specifications by Regulatory Agency(ies).	30%
• Completion of bid advertisement and contract award.	20%
• Completion of construction staking.	10%
• Completion of Final Closeout Assessment and submittal of "As Builts" to City/County.	10%
• Completion of final inspection and acceptance by the City/County.	10%
Total	100%

NOTE: Percentages of payment listed here are general guidelines based on engineering services typically provided. These are negotiable, and should serve only as a guide. Payment schedule should be tied directly to the actual Scope of Work identified in Part II - Scope of Services.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special Services shall be reimbursed under the following hourly rate schedule: (List all applicable services to include overhead charge).

Registered Surveyor	\$ _____
Survey Crew (3 members)	\$ _____
Project Engineer	\$ _____
Engineering Technician	\$ _____
Project Representative	\$ _____
Draftsman	\$ _____

The fee for all other Special Services shall not exceed a total of _____ and No/100 Dollars (\$ _____). The payment for these Special Services shall be paid as a lump sum, per the following schedule:

1. The Firm shall be paid upon completion of surveying, necessary field data, and acquisition data, if applicable, the sum of _____ and No/100 Dollars (\$ _____).
2. The Firm shall be reimbursed the actual costs of necessary testing based on itemized billing statements from the independent testing laboratory, plus a _____ percent (____%) overhead charge. All fees for testing shall not exceed a total of _____ and No/100 Dollars (\$ _____).
3. The payment requests shall be prepared by the Firm and be accompanied by such supporting data to substantiate the amounts requested.
4. Any work performed by the Firm prior to the execution of this Agreement is at the Firm's sole risk and expense.

PART IV

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.

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

[Parties should include the manner by which such termination will be effected and the basis for settlement or any other terms and conditions concerning payment upon such termination.]

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 (1986) and 12689 (1989). The term “principal” for purposes of this Agreement is defined as an officer, director, owner, partner, key employee, or other person with primary management or supervisory responsibilities, or a person who has a critical influence on or substantive control over the operations of the 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.

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

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

- 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 Firm agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- b. The Firm will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Firm, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

- c. The Firm will not discourage or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
 - d. The Firm will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Firm's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
 - e. The Firm will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, "Equal Employment Opportunity," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
 - f. The Firm will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
 - g. In the event of the Firm's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Firm may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
 - h. The Firm will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (a) and the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Firm will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a Firm becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the Firm may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.
15. Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

16. Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The 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).

PART V
PROJECT TIME SCHEDULE
ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL/SURVEYOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

INSERT YOUR OWN TIME SCHEDULE

Exhibit 1.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Grant Recipient: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Grant No.: _____ Reporting Period: _____

Project Status:

Date of Last Inspection: _____

Name of Inspector: _____

Inspection Description:

Projected Date of Construction Completion: _____

Amount of Last Pay Request: _____

Date of Last Pay Request: _____

Status of Last Pay Request: _____

List of Subcontractors Onsite

Name	Date Cleared by Grant Administrator
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**This report may be e-mailed or faxed to the Grant Recipient*

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

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

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

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

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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

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

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

Name of Officer

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

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

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

7

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) the vendor:

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

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;

or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

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

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

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

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

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

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

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

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

(1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

Engineer/Architect/Surveyor Rating Sheet

Grant Recipient _____
 Name of Respondent _____
 Evaluator's Name _____

TxCDBG Contract No. _____
 Date of Rating _____

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

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1. Has previously designed _____ type of projects	20	_____	
2. Has worked on federally funded construction projects	10	_____	
3. Has worked on projects that were located in this general region.	10	_____	
Note: Location for A/E (Architect/Engineer) may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract. 2 CFR 200.319(b)			
4. Extent of experience in project construction management	15	_____	
5. Current Certification of TxCDBG Project Implementation Training	5	_____	
Subtotal, Experience	60	_____	

Work Performance

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

NOTE: Information necessary to assess the respondent on these criteria should be gathered by contacting past/current clients.

Capacity to Perform

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

TOTAL SCORE

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

NEWTON COUNTY STATEMENT OF NO OFFER

RFSQ#2020-15 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2021/2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) FUNDING

If Bidder/Respondent is not submitting on the goods and/or services as stated in this RFSQ, please download and complete this form.

Mail the form to:

Newton County, Attn: Elizabeth Holloway, Grants Officer, P.O. Box 296, Newton, Texas 75966.

Or email to: elizabeth.holloway@co.newton.tx.us

NAME OF FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ DATE: _____

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above has declined to submit a response for the following reason(s) [please check all that apply]:

- Specifications too "restrictive", i.e., goods offered by our company do not meet stated specifications.
- Specifications unclear (please explain below).
- We do not offer this commodity and/or service or an equivalent.
- Insufficient time to respond to the RFP.
- Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
- Cannot meet insurance requirements.

Remarks: _____

**NEWTON COUNTY STANDARD
TERMS AND CONDITIONS
RFSQ#2020-15 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2021/2022 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) FUNDING**

1. **FUNDING:** Funds for payment have been provided through the Newton County budget approved by the Commissioners Court for the current fiscal year only. State of Texas statutes prohibit the obligation and expenditure of public funds beyond the fiscal year for which a budget has been approved. Therefore, anticipated orders or other obligations that may arise past the end of the current Newton County fiscal year shall be subject to budget approval.

2. **AWARD OF CONTRACT:**

Each successful respondent will be notified of award.

Newton County hereby notifies respondent that pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.0276 (effective September 1, 2003) Newton County is prohibited from entering into a contract or other transaction which requires approval by the Commissioners Court with an individual, sole proprietorship, corporation, non-profit corporation, partnership joint venture, limited corporation or other entity which is indebted to the County. Further, that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if awarded respondent becomes indebted to the County during the term of the Contract.

3. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT:** All contracts will be awarded by Newton County without consideration as to race, religion, sex, national origin or disability of bidder. Successful bidders are required to adhere to the provisions of 42 USCA Sec. 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act.

4. **DEFAULT OF RESPONDENT:**

If successful respondent fails to supply a current certificate of insurance at the signing of the Professional Services Agreement for a specific project, the specified project shall pass to another qualified respondent.

Respondent, in submitting this response, agrees that Newton County shall not be liable to prosecution for damages in the event that the County declares the respondent in default.

5. **ADDENDA:** Any interpretations, corrections or changes to these Contract documents and specifications will be made by addenda. Sole issuing authority of addenda shall be vested in the Newton County Purchasing Director. Addenda will be mailed to all that are known to have received a copy of the offer package and/or Contract. Respondents shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda.

6. **SALES TAX:** Newton County is exempt by law from payment of Texas Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax.

7. **ETHICAL CONDUCT:** The respondent shall not offer or accept gifts or anything of value, nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee, official, or Director of Newton County. No public official shall have interest in this Contract, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Annotated Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171.

The Respondent affirms that the only person or parties interested in this offer as principals are those named herein, and that this offer is made without collusion with any other person, firm, or corporation.

8. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** All information disclosed by Newton County to successful respondent for the purpose of the work to be performed or information that comes to the attention of the successful respondent during the course of performing such work is to be kept strictly confidential.

9. **MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENTS:** A prospective respondent must affirmatively demonstrate respondent's responsibility. A prospective respondent must meet the following requirements:

- Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- Have a satisfactory record of performance;
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award

Newton County may request representation and other information sufficient to determine respondent's ability to meet these minimum standards listed above.

10. REFERENCES: During an analysis of all responses, Newton County may request Respondent to supply a list of three (3) references to which like services or materials have been supplied by Respondent. If requested, references should include name of firm, address, telephone number and name of representative.

11. INSURANCE:

See Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.

12. SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS: The apparent silence of the specifications contained as a part of this package as to any detail or to the apparent omission of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

13. INDEMNIFICATION:

See Professional Services Agreement attached hereto

14. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY CLAUSE: It is specifically agreed between the parties executing the Contract that it is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of the Contract to create with the public or any member thereof a third-party beneficiary or to authorize anyone not a party to the Contract to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage pursuant to the terms or provisions of the Contract.

15. PURCHASE ORDERS REQUIRED: All orders for materials or work must be authenticated by a purchase order issued by the Newton County Purchasing Department. Invoices not bearing a purchase order number will not be paid.

16. WAGES: Contractor shall pay or cause to be paid, without cost or expense to Newton County, all Social Security, Unemployment and Federal Income Withholding Taxes of all employees; and all such employees shall be paid wages and benefits as required by Federal and/or State law. Contracts involving construction work or supply of materials in place shall abide by the provisions of Article 5159d Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated.

17. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:

See Professional Services Agreement attached hereto for additional terms.

In the event of breach or default of this Contract, Newton County reserves the right to enforce the performance of this Contract in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County

18. DELIVERY OF NOTICES:

See Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.

19. PAYMENT: Payment shall be made upon receipt and/or acceptance in accordance with the terms of this Contract by the County of items(s) ordered, and receipt of a valid invoice in accordance with Texas Government Code chapter 2251. Contractor is required to pay subcontractors within ten (10) days.

20. CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY: The Contractor shall be responsible for all damage or injury to property of any character during the execution of the work, resulting from any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct in his manner or method of executing the work, including the Contractor's agents, employees, subcontractors, and any employees or agents of subcontractors, or at any time due to defective work or materials, and said responsibility will not be released until the project shall have been completed and accepted.

When or where any direct or indirect damage or injury is done to public or private property by or on account of any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct in the execution of the work, or in consequence of the non-execution thereof by the Contractor, including the Contractor's agents, employees, subcontractors, and any employees or agents of subcontractors, he shall restore, at his own expense, such property to a condition similar or equal to that existing before such damage or injury

was done, by repairing, rebuilding, or otherwise restoring as he may be directed, or he shall make good such damage or injury in an acceptable manner.

21. ASSIGNMENT: -See Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.

22. GOVERNING LAW: 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. See Professional Services Agreement attached hereto for additional terms.

23. DRAWINGS:

See Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.

24. RIGHT TO AUDIT:

At any time during the term of this Contract and for a period of four (4) years thereafter, the State of Texas, Newton County, and/or other federal, State and local agencies which may have jurisdiction over this contract and/or purchase order, at reasonable times and at its expense reserve the right to audit successful bidder's records and books. If needed for audit, original or independently certified copies of off-site records will be provided to auditors at successful respondent's expense within two (2) weeks of written request.

25. EXCEPTIONS/SUBSTITUTIONS: All responses meeting the intent of this RFSQ will be considered for negotiations. Respondents taking exception to the specifications and/or statement of work or offering substitutions, shall state these exceptions in the section provided or by attachment as part of the response referencing the appropriate page of the RFSQ package.

The absence of such a list shall indicate that the respondent has not taken exceptions and the respondent shall be responsible for performing in strict accordance with the specifications and/or statement of work of the RFSQ. Newton County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept any and all or none of the exception(s)/substitution(s) deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

26. PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS: (Public Works Contract or as Required by Commissioner's Court) In the event the total accepted proposal price exceeds \$25,000 the successful respondent must provide to the office of the County Purchasing Director, a payment bond, and if the price exceeds \$100,000 the successful respondent must also provide a performance bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract sum within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notification of bid/proposal award. Such bonds shall be executed by a corporate surety or corporate sureties in accordance with Article 7.19-1, Vernon's Texas Insurance Code. Such corporate surety/sureties shall be duly authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and licensed in the State of Texas to issue fidelity and surety bonds with a Best Rating of "A" or better and have a bonding capacity adequate for the prescribed amount. Newton County reserves the right to accept or reject any surety company proposed by the respondent. In the event Newton County rejects the proposed surety company, the respondent will be afforded five (5) additional days to submit the required bonds issued by a surety company acceptable to Newton County. (*See Table of Contents.*)

27. APPLICABLE LAW:

See Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.

28. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS:

See Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.

29. FORCE MAJEURE: Neither the County nor the successful respondent shall be deemed in violation of this Agreement if either is prevented from performing its obligations hereunder for any reason beyond its control, including but not limited to, acts of God, civil or military authority, acts of public enemy, war riots, rebellions, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, or catastrophic failure of public transportation; provided however, that in the event of strikes or labor disputes, an inability to procure raw materials, equipment, power or supplies, or the enactment of any law, order, proclamation, regulation, ordinance, demand, or other requirement of any governmental agency or intergovernmental body, which prevents, restricts, interferes or delays with the performance of this Contract, the party so affected, upon giving notice to the other party, shall be excused from such performance to the extent of such prevention, restriction, delay or interference, so long as the party so affected shall use reasonable efforts under the circumstance to avoid or remove such causes of nonperformance, and shall continue performance hereunder with the utmost dispatch whenever such causes are removed.

30. SEVERABILITY:

See Professional Services Agreement attached hereto, Newton County reserves the right to add or delete like or related items at any time during the term of this Contract. The additions or deletions shall be incorporated into the contract in the form of an addendum. Such addendum is subject to the review and approval of Commissioner's Court and shall be effective only if evidenced in writing by both parties.

31. AGREEMENT TO NOT BOYCOTT ISRAEL: By agreeing to this Purchase Order [or if no formal agreement, by providing the good(s) / services(s)] the vendor verifies it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel, as defined by Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code, during the term of this contract [during the time necessary to provide the good(s) / services(s)].

32. PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACT: Newton County reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County in the event of breach or default of resulting contract award.

33. VENUE: See Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.

34. COUNTYSHIP: See Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.

NEWTON COUNTY

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

RFSQ#2020-15 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2021/2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) FUNDING

RESPONDENT INSTRUCTIONS:

READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY. FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING ALL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS. BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THEM.

The following requirements and specifications may, where applicable, supersede, in whole or in part, the other requirements contained herein.

General

The requirements set forth below are intended to outline the basic operating parameters and procedures required to provide the described goods and/or services to Newton County. It is not the intention to describe every item required. In the performance of this Contract, the successful respondent represents it is familiar with the condition under which Newton County operates and represents that it has the resources, knowledge and skills to properly support the County's needs consistent with these special conditions and the Contract documents.

The County reserves the right to modify this Contract and Specifications/Statement of Work as necessary to develop and maintain a Statement of Work that meets the County's needs. Such modifications, if required, shall be mutually agreed upon and shall be incorporated into this Contract as an addendum. Newton County shall not be responsible for any additional charge that is not stated in this Contract or mutually agreed to prior to such work or service is performed and/or invoiced.

At the time requested to enter into a Professional Services Agreement, the Specifications/Statement of Work provided for that project will be used in developing a project specific Professional Services Agreement.

The qualified respondents will be required to provide pricing structure at the time of issuance of specific projects. The pricing structure shall reflect the full specifications / statement of work as defined by the Professional Services Agreement documents inclusive of all associated costs for insurance, taxes, overhead, profit and bonding, if required and so identified.

Newton County will not provide or allow for parking or travel reimbursements for the respondent's employees. Respondent's offices, administration and/or place of business will not be on Newton County premises and will be the respondent's responsibility. Only those costs established by contract and confirmed by a purchase order will be paid.

It is also understood that any and all persons who provide services under Contract to Newton County, resulting from this RFSQ, shall be and remain employees of the Contractor, not Newton County. It is understood and agreed that the respondent is solely responsible for all services being provided and shall provide adequate insurance to cover against any and all losses incurred by the respondent's employees and or equipment during the course of the Contract.

Respondents may be requested to provide presentations; such presentations may develop into negotiating sessions with the successful respondent as selected by the evaluation committee. If Newton County and respondent are unable to agree to Contract terms and/or Pricing, Newton County reserves the right to terminate Contract negotiations with that respondent and enter into negotiations with another respondent.

No award or acquisition can be made until Commissioners Court approves such action.

Newton County will not be obligated to the respondent for goods and/or services until completion of a signed Contract as approved by Commissioners Court.

Submission of a response implies the respondent's acceptance of the evaluation criteria and respondent recognition that subjective judgments must be made by the evaluating committee.

This RFSQ in no manner obligates Newton County or any of its agencies to the eventual purchase of any goods and/or services described, implied or which may be proposed, until confirmed by a written Contract and purchase order. Progress toward this end is solely at the discretion of Newton County and may be terminated at any time prior to the signing of a Contract.

Newton County will not be liable for any costs incurred by the respondent in preparing a response to this RFSQ. Newton County makes no guarantee that any goods and/or services will be purchased as a result of this RFSQ, and reserves the right to reject any and all responses. All responses and their accompanying documentation will become the property of Newton County. All responses shall be open to negotiation.

All documents will be held by the County and are NOT subject to public view until an award is made. When an award is made, responses are subject to review under the "Public Information Act". To the extent permitted by law, respondents may request in writing non-disclosure of confidential data. Such data shall accompany the response, be readily separable from the response and shall be CLEARLY MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL".

All correspondence relating to this RFSQ, from advertisement to award shall be sent to the Newton County Purchasing Department. All presentations and/or meetings between Newton County and the respondent relating to this RFSQ shall be coordinated by the Newton County Purchasing Department. Deviations from this requirement may cause the cancellation of this RFSQ process and/or disqualification of respondent's proposal.

All information provided to respondent for the purpose of submitting a response in response to this RFSQ is confidential, and is and will remain the property of Newton County and will not be used by respondent for any other purposes.

The respondent is expected to examine all documents, forms, specifications, and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at respondent's risk.

It is understood that Newton County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all RFSQs as it shall deem to be in the best interest of Newton County. The award of the contract(s) shall be made to the responsible respondent(s) whose Statement of Qualifications is determined to be the best evaluated response resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of evaluation factors set forth in the Statement of Qualifications.

Exceptions

Respondent Terms & Conditions are subject to the review and approval of Newton County. In the event of conflicting Terms & Conditions, the terms and conditions contained in the solicitation package shall prevail. Respondent must clearly identify any conflict with terms & conditions by denoting them on the same page where the conflicting terms and conditions appear.

Public Information Act

All responses to this solicitation are in their entirety, subject to the Public Information Act. Newton County will respond to open records requests in accordance to law by providing all requested response information unless respondent (offerer) has specifically identified, in the response package, any section or part respondent deems confidential and/or proprietary. Respondent must note and identify such information on the page where such information appears in the same manner as other exceptions.

RFSQ Returns

Respondents must return all completed bids to the Newton County Clerk's Office at the address below **no later than 3:00 p.m.** on the date specified. Late RFSQ's will not be accepted. RFSQ's must be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed as follows:

MAILING ADDRESS:

Sandra K. Duckworth
Newton County Clerk
P.O. Box 454
Newton, Texas 75966

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

Sandra K. Duckworth
Newton County Clerk
115 Court Street
Newton, Texas 75966

Late Offer – Hard Copy Submissions

Hard Copy proposals received in the office of the County Purchasing Director after submission deadline will be considered void and unacceptable. Newton County is not responsible for lateness or non-delivery of mail, carrier, etc., and the date/time stamp in the office of the County Purchasing Director shall be the official time of receipt.

Withdrawal of Response

A response may not be withdrawn or canceled by the respondent without the permission of Newton County for a period of ninety (90) days following the date designated for the receipt of responses, and respondent so agrees upon submittal of their response.

Altering Submissions – Hard Copy

Bids cannot be altered or amended after submission deadline. Any interlineation, alteration, or erasure made before opening time must be initialed by the signer of the bid/offer, guaranteeing authenticity.

Terms of Payment

Terms of payment shall be net thirty (30) days from receipt of acceptable invoice and/or acceptance of conforming goods, whichever is later. However, alternate terms will be considered and may be offered. Invoices for installed equipment, software and/or services will not be paid prior to complete acceptance by Newton County unless otherwise specified. If services and/or the installation of equipment and software are delayed, the County reserves the right (without extra expense or penalty) to delay a portion of the payment until services are performed and/or equipment is installed and functioning properly.

Invoices

The invoices shall show 1) name and address of successful respondent, and 2) detailed breakdown of all charges for the services or products delivered stating any applicable period of time; and 3) Newton County Purchase Order number. Invoices shall be based upon actual services rendered and actual hours of performance and/or products delivered.

Invoices shall be mailed directly to:

Newton County Grants Officer
P.O. Box 296
Newton, Texas 75966

Personnel

Successful respondent agrees at all times to maintain an adequate staff of experienced and qualified full time employees to ensure efficient performance under this Agreement. No part-time, subcontract, or third party personnel may perform services hereunder without the prior written consent of the Newton County Purchasing Department.

Successful respondent agrees that at all times its employees will perform required services in a professional and workmanlike manner in accordance with good industry practices.

Newton County may, at any time, request the removal and replacement of any of successful respondent's employees and the successful respondent will duly consider such request.

Contract Obligations

This offer, submitted documents and any negotiations, when properly accepted by Newton County, shall constitute a Contract equally binding between the successful respondent and Newton County. The selected respondent will be considered as the prime Contractor and shall assume responsibility for the goods and/or services. Failure to meet obligations may result in the cancellation of any Contracts.

The respondent's response may be incorporated into any Contract which results from this RFSQ, therefore, respondents are cautioned not to make claims or statements which they are not prepared to commit to Contractually. Failure by the respondent to meet such claims will result in a requirement that the respondent provide resources necessary to meet submitted claims and/or breach of Contract.

Contract Award

Newton County shall make an award to the most qualified respondent(s) meeting specifications and resulting from negotiations.

Newton County retains the option to re-solicit at any time if in its best interest. -

**NEWTON COUNTY
RESPONDENT'S AFFIRMATION**

**RFSQ#2020-15 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2021/2022 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) FUNDING**

This form must be completed, signed, and returned by Bidder/Respondent

NOTE: FAILURE TO SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM WITHIN 10 DAYS OF AWARD NOTIFICATION MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF ANY RESULTING PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT.

1. Bidder/Respondent affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this Contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this bid/offer in collusion with any other bidder, and that the contents of this bid/offer as to prices, terms or conditions of said bid/offer have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or Director to any other person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this bid/offer.
2. Bidder/Respondent hereby assigns to purchaser any and all claims for overcharges associated with this Contract which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 USCA Section 1 et seq., and which arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, Tex. Bus. & Com. Code, Section 15.01, et seq.
3. Pursuant to §262.0276 (a) of the Texas Local Government Code and subject to Newton County Court Order No. 36 of October 28, 2003, Bidder/Respondent, hereby affirms that Bidder/Respondent:

(Please check all that are applicable)

_____ Does not own taxable property in Newton County.

_____ Does not owe any ad valorem taxes to Newton County or is not otherwise indebted to Newton County.

* If any additional information is required regarding these requirements, please contact The Newton County Grants Officer PRIOR to execution.

Bidder/Respondent Company Name _____

Bidder (Signature) _____ Date _____

Bidder (Print Name) _____ Date _____

Position with Company _____

Signature of Company Official
Authorizing the Bid/Offer _____ Date _____

Company Official
(Printed Name) _____

Official's Position _____

Corporate Vendors Shall Furnish the Following Information:

Where Incorporated _____ Charter Number _____

**NEWTON COUNTY RESPONDENT'S
SDNs/BLOCKED PERSONS AFFIRMATION**

**RFSQ#2020-15 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2021/2022 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) FUNDING**

This form must be completed, signed, and returned by Bidder/Respondent

NOTE: FAILURE TO SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM WITHIN 10 DAYS OF AWARD NOTIFICATION MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF ANY RESULTING PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT.

1. Pursuant to §2155.077 of the Texas Government Code and subject to Newton County Court Order No19 of August 9, 2005, Bidder/Respondent, hereby affirms that Bidder/Respondent:

(Please check all that are applicable)

_____ Is not excluded from doing business at the federal level.

_____ Is not listed as Specially Designated Nationals (SDN)s/Blocked Persons (individuals and companies owned or controlled by or acting for or on behalf of targeted Countries; or individuals, groups and entities, such as terrorists and narcotics traffickers designated under programs that are not country-specific).

2. Newton County may not make procurement transactions with SDNs/Blocked Persons.

If any additional information is required regarding these requirements, please contact The Newton County Purchasing Department PRIOR to execution.

Bidder/Respondent Company Name _____

Bidder (Signature) _____ Date _____

Bidder (Print Name) _____ Date _____

Position with Company _____

Signature of Company Official
Authorizing the Bid/Offer _____ Date _____

Company Official
(Printed Name) _____

Official's Position _____

Corporate Vendors Shall Furnish the Following Information:

Where Incorporated _____ Charter Number _____

**Title VI and Related
Statues Nondiscrimination Statement**

Newton County, as a recipient of Federal financial assistance and under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes, ensures that no person shall on the grounds or race, religion (where the primary objective of the financial assistance is to provide employment per 42 U.S.S. § 2000d-3), color, national origin, sex, age or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of; or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any Department programs or activities.

KENNETH WEEKS
COUNTY JUDGE

**Título VI y Estatutos Relacionados
Declaration de No Discriminacion**

Newton County, como beneficiario de la asistencia financiera federal y según el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 y estatutos relacionados, asegura que ninguna persona será excluida por motivos de raza, religión (donde el objetivo principal de la ayuda financiera es proporcionar empleo por 42 U.S.S. § 2000d-3), color, origen nacional, sexo, edad o discapacidad, excluida de participde participacion en, o negado los beneficios, ni será sujeto a discriminación bajo ningún programa o las actividades del Departamento.

KENNETH WEEKS
COUNTY JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

OFFICE USE ONLY

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
 Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

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

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

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 AFFIDAVIT I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above disclosure is true and correct.

 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

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

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

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

House Bill 89 VERIFICATION

We, _____ (Company name), verify that we do not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270:

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.*

DATE

SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

PRINTED NAME

TITLE

Certification Regarding Lobbying

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995).

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Printed Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

Approved by OMB

0348-0046

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

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

Type of Federal Action: a. contract _____ b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	Status of Federal Action: a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award c. post-award	Report Type: a. initial filing _____ b. material change
Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____ Prime _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known: Congressional District, if known:	If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:	
Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI):	b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____	
Federal Use Only	Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)	

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF TEXAS

OWNER _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____
who being by me duly sworn upon oath says: that he is duly qualified and authorized to make this affidavit for and on behalf of
- ("Contractor"), of and is fully cognizant of the fact herein set out: that Contractor
has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement with OWNER in any collusion: or otherwise taken any action in
restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the contract for the above referenced project.

Name

Title

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME by the said _____, this _____ day of
_____, 20_____, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for

State of _____

Printed Name: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

**NEWTON COUNTY
RETURN LABEL**

*******LATE RESPONSES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED*******

USE THIS LABEL WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR RESPONSE

<u>SEALED REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</u>	
RFSQ#:	2020-15
DUE DATE:	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020
DUE TIME:	3:00 p.m. C.S.T.
RFSQ DESCRIPTION:	ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2021/2022 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) FUNDING
RETURN OFFER TO:	PHYSICAL ADDRESS: SANDRA K. DUCKWORTH NEWTON COUNTY CLERK 115 COURT STREET NEWTON, TEXAS 75966

DATED MATERIAL – DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

PLEASE CUT OUT AND AFFIX THE RFSQ LABEL ABOVE TO THE OUTER MOST ENVELOPE OF YOUR RESPONSE TO HELP ENSURE PROPER DELIVERY!

****VENDOR MUST RETURN ONE (1) ORIGINAL COMPLETE HARD COPY OF THE PROPOSAL DOCUMENT AND FOUR (4) COMPLETE COPIES OF THE RFSQ DOCUMENTS.**