

**NEWTON COUNTY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT,
GRANT ADMINISTRATION
CDBG-MIT Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP)**

NOTICE TO OFFERERS

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

BID/OFFER NUMBER: RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT ADMINISTRATION, DEVELOPMENT OF PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS PROGRAM (LHMPP)

Offers must be received no later than Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 4:00 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 Grants Office
107 Davison Street
Newton, Texas 75966

- **REQUEST A MAILED COPY**

Contact the Auditor's Office at (409)527-5050 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.

NEWTON COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP)

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

Offers shall be received no later than:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME

PLEASE MARK ENVELOPE: "REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR #2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP)

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
P.O. BOX 454
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.

****US 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

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NEWTON COUNTY is very conscious and extremely appreciative of the time and effort you have expended to submit an offer. We would appreciate it if you would indicate on any "No Offer" response, any requirement of this RFP which may have influenced your decision to "No Offer". If your response to this RFP is a "No Offer" response, please complete the Statement of No Offer in this RFP 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 Auditor's 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 Office, P. O. Box 1217, Newton, Texas 75966, emailed to elizabeth.holloway@co.newton.tx.us. Any information given to a 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 Bidder/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 www.co.newton.tx.us. 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 issued must be included in a sealed envelope marked with the bidder's company name, the Bid/Offer name, number and due date.

Elizabeth Holloway

Elizabeth Holloway, Newton County Grants Officer

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NEWTON COUNTY BIDDER/RESPONDENT CERTIFICATION

**RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT
ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP)**

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 Offer Sheet. 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

Typewritten or Printed Name

Title

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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 RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP) as stated in the Request for Proposal 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____.

By: _____
Kenneth Weeks, Newton County Judge

By: _____
Signature of Contractor

By: _____
Printed Name and Title

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PACKAGE CHECKLIST

RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP)

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

1. ☒ **Cover Sheet**
2. ☒ **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. ☒ **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. ☒ **Package Checklist**
5. ☒ **Instructions to Respondents**
6. ☒ **Scope of Work - See Exhibit A**
7. ☒ **Offer Sheet** - Must be signed (**IN INK**) by an authorized representative of the respondent having the authority to bind the firm into a contract.
8. ☒ **Statement of No Offer**
9. ☒ **Standard Terms and Conditions**
10. ☒ **Special Requirements**
11. ☒ **Bidder/Respondent's Affirmation**
Company name, identifying information and signature (**IN INK**).
12. ☒ **SDNs/Blocked Persons Affirmation**
13. ☒ **Insurance Requirements**
14. ☒ **Conflict of Interest Questionnaire – Form CIQ**
15. ☒ **Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 (TO BE SUBMITTED BY VENDOR UPON AWARD)**
16. ☒ **Vendor Data Sheet & W-9 Form** (Respondent information and W-9 Form must be completed and returned with offer)
17. ☒ **Return Label**
18. ☒ **Attachments:** The documents marked below are hereby attached and made a part of this package.
 - **Exhibit A – General Land Office Grant Administration Services – Scope of Work**

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NEWTON COUNTY INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP)

The following requirements and specifications shall be in addition to the other requirements contained herein and shall supersede the other requirements where applicable.

1.0 THE CONTRACT:

The Contract consists of the Instructions to Respondents, Scope of Work, Standard Terms & Conditions, as well as all other documents included in the Request for Proposal Number 2021-G15 as stated in the Request for Proposal Package checklist and any other specifications, as well as addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract, other documents listed in the Contract, and modifications issued after execution of the Contract. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. The Contract may only be amended or modified under the terms of this Contract. Newton County may make partial or complete awards to one or more vendors (if applicable) whichever is in the best interest of the County.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Newton County is seeking proposals for the following:

Providers will help the Newton County fulfill State and Federal Community Development Block Grant Mitigation ("CDBG-MIT") statutory responsibilities related to recovery in connection with any federally declared disaster. Providers will develop application(s) for the funding for CDBG-MIT Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Program (LHMPP). Providers will assist Newton County in completion of LHMPP qualified projects. Respondents must be qualified to provide Grant Administration services for LHMPP qualified projects including possible update the County hazard mitigation plan. Grant administrative services must be performed in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and guidelines issued by the GLO.

The contract for grant administration services is contingent upon the receipt of CDBG-MIT funds and, if no such funds are awarded, the contract shall terminate.

3.0 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposal includes instructions to respondents, specifications and contract documents. It is the responsibility of each Respondent before submitting a proposal to examine the contract documents thoroughly.

One (1) original and four (4) copies shall be submitted which will include all documents associated with the request for proposal. Each marked page of the response sheets must be manually signed or initialed by an officer of the company having the authority to bind the company in a Contract.

Newton County prefers that the original response be unbound, and the four (4) copies be bound in a three (3) ring or plastic comb binder. Each submittal shall be marked as "Original" or "Copy".

Complete responses shall be sealed in an envelope or box for delivery to the Newton County Clerk per instructions herein. All documents included in the response and the outside of the envelope and/or box must be labeled with the respondent's name and the RFP number which corresponds to this proposal.

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Each response shall be organized to conform to the RFP sequence and format. Respondent should provide a response for each and every portion of the RFP. Responses should be carefully considered by the respondent as they are critical to the evaluation process. Evaluation will consider the adequacy, accuracy and completeness of responses. While Newton County appreciates a brief straightforward concise proposal, the respondent must fully understand that the evaluation is based on the information provided. Any ambiguous and equivocal statements may be construed against the respondent.

Where appropriate, your response may consist of phrases such as "understood" "agreed", or "no exception". Any omissions shall be assumed to be "No Exceptions". Any ambiguous and equivocal statements may be construed against the respondent.

Provider must note any exceptions to the statements, specifications or requirements stated in the proposal documents. These exceptions must be provided at the time of the RFP submission in order to be considered. Exceptions to the Standard Terms and Conditions and Special Requirements may be placed in an Appendix labeled "Exceptions."

Each respondent shall submit completed standard submission forms provided in this Request for Proposal. Newton County shall have the right to take such steps as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the respondent to perform its obligations under the Contract, and the respondent shall furnish Newton County all such information and data for this purpose as it may request. Newton County reserves the right to reject any offer where an investigation of the available data pertaining to the qualifications of a respondent is not to the satisfaction of Newton County.

4.0 CONTRACT AWARD / EVALUATION PROCESS

An evaluation committee will examine all responses to this Request for Proposals. Responses that do not conform to the instructions given or that do not address all the questions and services specified may be eliminated from consideration.

Newton County may initiate discussions with respondents. Additional information will be accepted during this period from respondents who responded to the original request. Respondents may NOT initiate discussions. Newton County expects to conduct discussions with respondent personnel authorized to enter into contractual obligations.

Newton County shall rank responses in accordance with the Evaluation Criteria listed in Section 5.0 and will review proposal content and its conformance to requirements. Following an initial evaluation, the evaluation team may recommend award without further discussion with one or more respondents or may conduct discussions and interviews with top-ranked responsible respondent(s).

During the discussion / interview and negotiations, the evaluation team may allow the respondent(s) to submit a best and final offer. Final offers shall be evaluated on the same criteria used in the first evaluation.

Newton County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and is not obligated to award a contract pursuant to this request for proposal.

5.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The criteria used to evaluate the proposals shall be:

Experience / Background with CDBG and Federally Funded projects	30 Points
Work Performance	30 Points
Capacity to Perform	30 Points
Proposed Cost	10 Points

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5.1 PROPOSAL SCORING CRITERIA

The following information will be used by the County in the selection of the vendor to provide the work as stated in Section 2.0 Description.

- 5.1.1 Experience / Background with CDBG and Federally Funded projects – Related experience and background with specific project type (Infrastructure / Rental Housing / Non-Rental Housing).
- 5.1.2 Work Performance –Submits requests to client / GLO in a timely manner; responds to client / GLO in a timely manner; past client / GLO projects completed on schedule; work product is consistently of high quality with low level of errors; past client / GLO projects have low level of monitoring findings / concerns; manages projects within budgetary constraints.
- 5.1.3 Capacity to Perform –Qualifications of Professional Administrators / Experience of Staff; present and projected workloads; quality of proposal / work plan; demonstrated understanding of scope of the CDBG program.
- 5.1.4 Proposed Cost – Proposed cost within project delivery

6.0 REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS

Any prospective respondent desiring any explanation or interpretation of the proposal 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 proposal submission. The request must be addressed to Elizabeth Holloway, at the address listed below:

Newton County Grant's Office
Attn: Elizabeth Holloway
P.O. Box 1217
107 Davison Street
Newton, Texas 75966

Respondents may also email requests for clarification to: elizabeth.holloway@co.newton.tx.us.

Questions and answers will be posted on the Newton County website: www.co.newton.tx.us.

7.0 AWARD LETTER / NOTICE TO PROCEED

After the award has been made in Commissioners' Court, an award letter will be sent to the vendor with information on how to submit any required documentation needed to finalize the award. Once all required insurance and other applicable forms have been submitted to the Auditor's Office, the County Judge will contact the awarded vendor and set up the project kick-off meeting, if applicable.

8.0 MODIFICATIONS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION

Prior to submission of proposals, an offer may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted prior to the date and time for the submission of proposals.

9.0 DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN RELATIONSHIP

Texas Local Government Code chapter 176 requires that any vendor or person who enters or seeks to enter into a contract with a local governmental entity (including any agent of such person or vendor) disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ the vendor or person's employment, affiliation, business relationship, family relationship or provision of gifts that might cause a conflict of interest with a local governmental entity. By law, this questionnaire must be completed and filed with the records administrator of Newton County no later than the seventh business day after the date the person engages or communicates with Newton County or becomes aware of facts that require the completion of the questionnaire pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 176.006.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violations Texas Local Government Code section 176.006. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

A copy of House Bill 23 which amended the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is available at: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlodocs/84R/billtext/html/HB00023F.HTM>

Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 can be found here: <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>

Questionnaire Form CIQ is included in this bid/offer

By submitting a response to this request, the vendor or person represents compliance with the requirements of Texas Local Government Code chapter 176. If required, completed forms should be sent to:

Newton County Clerk
P.O. Box 454
Newton, TX 75966

10.0 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

Effective January 1, 2016, all contracts and contract amendments, extensions, or renewals executed by the Commissioners Court will require the completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties" pursuant to Government Code § 2252.908. Form 1295 must be completed by awarded vendor at time of signed contract submission.

Form 1295 and definitions are included in this bid/offer for your information.

11.0 HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES (HUB's)

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB's) are encouraged to participate in the bid/RFP processes. Although Newton County does not certify HUB vendors, Newton County recognizes the certifications of other governmental entities. If you are certified by a government entity, please include your certificate in your bid submittal.

Per Code of Federal Regulations, Title 2, § 200.321, "Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms", if awarded vendor is a prime contractor and subcontractors are to be let by prime contractor, the following affirmative steps are required of the prime contractor:

- (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

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(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

12.0 SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM)

Prior to bid submittal, bidders/respondents must register with the System for Award Management (SAM) or have an active registration with SAM. Registration is free.

The System for Award Management (SAM) is the official registration required prior to bidding on a contract with any federal government agency, including local governments who receive federal funds.

Registering online is accomplished on the [SAM website](http://www.sam.gov) at www.sam.gov.

13.0 CONTRACT TERM

Award will be made to the best firm meeting our specifications and evaluation criteria. The contract term shall begin upon award and continue until completion of the project, and in accordance with the timeline established in the Federal Register.

14.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Contractor shall furnish certificates of insurance to County evidencing compliance with the insurance requirements hereof for the duration of the project. Certificates shall indicate name of Contractor, name of insurance company, policy number, term of coverage and limits of coverage.

Insurance shall be placed with insurers having an A.M. Best's rating of no less than A. Such insurance must be issued by a casualty company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and in standard form approved by the Board of Insurance Commissioners of the State of Texas, with coverage provisions insuring the public from loss or damage that may arise to any person or property by reason of services rendered by Contractor.

Insurance required herein shall be maintained in full force and effect during the life of this contract and shall be issued on an occurrence basis. Contractor shall require that any and all subcontractors that are not protected under the Contractor's own insurance policies take and maintain insurance of the same nature and in the same amounts as required of Contractor and provide written proof of such insurance to Contractor. Proof of renewed/replacement coverage shall be provided upon expiration, termination, or cancellation of any policy. Contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on the subcontract until such insurance required for the subcontractor has been obtained and approved.

In the event that the insurance is renewed during the duration of the contract, Contractor shall furnish certificate of insurance to the County evidencing renewal of policy within 30 days of renewal. Contractor shall provide County with at least 30 days prior written notice of any reduction in the limit of liability by endorsement of the policy, cancellation or non-renewal of the insurance coverage required under this Agreement.

Certificates of Insurance, fully executed by a licensed representative of the insurance company written or countersigned by an authorized Texas state agency, shall be filed with the County Judge within ten (10) business days of issuance of notification from the County Judge to Bidder that the contract is being activated as written proof of such insurance and further provided that Bidder shall not commence work under this contract until it has obtained all insurance required herein and provided written proof as required herein.

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WAIVER OF SUBROGATION:

All policies of insurance shall waive all rights of subrogation against Newton County, its officers, employees and agents.

ADDITIONALLY INSURED:

Further, on vendor's certificate of insurance supplied to Newton County, Newton County shall be listed as additionally insured with the exception of workers compensation insurance.

15.0 INCLEMENT WEATHER:

In case of inclement weather or any other unforeseen event causing the County to close for business on the date of a bid/proposal submission deadline, the bid closing will automatically be postponed until the next business day the County is open. If inclement weather conditions or any other unforeseen event causes delays in carrier service operations, the County may issue an addendum to all known vendors interested in the project to extend the deadline. It will be the responsibility of the vendor to notify the County of their interest in the project if these conditions are impacting their ability to turn in a submission within the stated deadline. The County reserves the right to make the final judgment call to extend any deadline.

16.0 PRE-OFFER MEETING

There is no pre-offer meeting scheduled.

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NEWTON COUNTY SPECIFICATIONS / SCOPE OF WORK

**RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT
ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP)**

The following requirements and specifications shall be in addition to the other requirements contained herein and shall supersede the other requirements where applicable.

The scope of work also includes updating the County's hazard mitigation plan.

SEE EXHIBIT A – TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES SCOPE OF WORK

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NEWTON COUNTY OFFER SHEET

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The following requirements and specifications shall be in addition to the other requirements contained herein and shall supersede the other requirements where applicable.

Provide a lump sum price for total grant administrative services for the categories shown below. Proposers should include the elements below in their proposed cost and/or price (e.g., labor, materials, overhead, profit, etc.)

\$ _____

Pre-Funding Services*

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

Post-Funding Services

Grant Administrator will administer and complete infrastructure, utilities, housing and any eligible projects approved for disaster recovery funding. The selected administrative firm must follow all requirements of the HUD CDBG-MIT program. The following requirements may include, but are not limited to the following possible types of projects:

General Administration Services – General

- Administrative Duties
- Construction Management, if applicable
- Update hazard mitigation plan

The above is not an all inclusive list of possible projects and/or services.

*Pre-funding services may not be paid if program is not funded.

GENERAL: The undersigned respondent has carefully examined the Request for Proposal package and the Certification, the Standard Terms and Conditions, the Technical Specifications and all other documents and requirements included therein.

Further, the undersigned understands that by his signature affixed below, he agrees to enter into a contract with Newton County in accordance with the requirements of the County as stated in the above-referenced contract documents.

Detailed specifications covering items offered must be attached to and made a part of the Offer Sheet.

The scope of work is attached in Appendix A.

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Newton County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and waive all technicalities.

(legal name of bidding firm)

(address)

(type name of officer)

(signature of officer)

(title of officer)

(telephone)

(fax)

(date)

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**NEWTON COUNTY
STATEMENT OF NO
OFFER**

**RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT
ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP)**

If respondent is not offering on the goods and/or services as stated in this RFP please complete and return this form to:

Newton County, Attn: Elizabeth Holloway, County Auditor, P.O. Box 296, Newton, TX 75966.

NAME OF FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ DATE: _____

The 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: _____

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NEWTON COUNTY STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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. **DELIVERY:** Items ordered from this offer may require delivery to various locations throughout Newton County, as specified in this offer or at time of order. All delivery and freight charges (F.O.B. Newton County designated location) are to be included in the offer price except as noted herein.
3. **AWARD OF CONTRACT:** Newton County reserves the right to reject any or all offers, and to select any part or parts thereof without accepting the entire offer. All solicitations may be compared with contracts available to the County through other sources such as Interlocal Agreements and other appropriate sources. Newton County may purchase through the source that provides the best value to the County. The successful Respondent will be notified of award as promptly as a thorough analysis of offers will permit, and shall have ten (10) calendar days following date of notification of award in which to supply bonds and certificate of insurance as may be required herein.
 - 3.1 Newton County hereby notifies Respondents 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.
4. **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.
5. **CONTRACT:** The Contract consists of the Instructions to Respondents, Specifications/Statement of Work, Standard Terms & Conditions, all well as all other documents included in the Request for Proposal Number 2021-G15 as stated in the Request for Proposal Package Checklist, and any drawings and other specifications, as well as addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract, other documents listed in the Contract, and modifications issued after execution of the Contract. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. No invoices will be paid prior to acceptance of Contract by Newton County. No different or additional terms will become a part of this Contract, except as agreed upon by all parties hereto.
6. **INTERLOCAL PARTICIPATION:** It is hereby made a precondition of any offer for a Contract for supplies or services and a part of these specifications, that the submission of any offer in response to this request constitutes a offer made under the same conditions, for the same price, and for the same effective period as this offer, to any other governmental entity having an interlocal agreement with Newton County.
 - 6.1 It is further understood, that any other governmental entity that elects to use a Newton County semi-annual or annual award will issue its own Contracts or purchase orders and will require separate billing.
7. **DEFAULT OF RESPONDENT:** If successful respondent defaults by failing to supply bonds and/or certificate of insurance within the ten (10) day period allotted, award shall pass to the next respondent who provides the best value to Newton County upon the approval of Commissioners' Court.
 - 7.1 Respondent, in submitting this offer, agrees that Newton County shall not be liable for damages in the event that the County declares the respondent in default.

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8. **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 Auditor. 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.
9. **SALES TAX:** Newton County is exempt by law from payment of Texas Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax.
10. **ETHICAL CONDUCT:** The respondent shall not offer or accept gifts or anything of value, nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee or official 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.
- 10.1 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.
11. **MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:** A prospective bidder must affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. A prospective bidder must meet the following requirements:
- 1) Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
 - 2) Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
 - 3) Have a satisfactory record of performance;
 - 4) Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
 - 5) Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.
- 11.1 Newton County may request representation and other information sufficient to determine bidder's ability to meet these minimum standards listed above.
12. **REFERENCES:** During an analysis of all offers, 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.
13. **INSURANCE:** Prior to acceptance of contract by Newton County, the successful Respondent must furnish a Certificate of Insurance from an approved insurance carrier for the coverage indicated.
14. **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.
15. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The successful Respondent (herein after referred to as Contractor), shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless Newton County and all its officers, Directors, officials, agents, and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name, and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages of any negligent act or fault of the Contractor; or on account of or in consequence of any neglect in safeguarding the work; or through use of unacceptable materials in constructing the work; or because of any act of omission, neglect, or misconduct of said Contractor; or because any claims or amount recovered from any infringements of patent, trademark, or copyright; or from any claims or amounts arising recovered under the Worker's Compensation Act, or any other law, ordinance, order, or decree; or of any Director, employee, subcontractor, or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any Contract which may result from award of bid/offer.
- 15.1 Further, Contractor indemnifies and will indemnify and save harmless Newton County from liability, claim or demand on their part, their Directors, servants, customers, employees, subcontractors, or any employees or agents of subcontractors, whether such liability, claim, or demand arise from event or casualty happening within the job site itself or elsewhere. Contractor shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against Newton County growing out of such injury or damages.

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15.2 Money due the Contractor under and by virtue of his Contract as may be considered necessary by the County for such purpose may be retained for the use of the County, or in case no money is due, his surety may be held until such suit or suits action or actions, claim or claims for injuries or damages as aforesaid shall have been settled and suitable evidence to the effect furnished to the County, except that money due the Contractor will not be withheld when the Contractor produces satisfactory evidence that he is adequately protected by public liability and property damage insurance.

- 16. 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.
- 17. 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.
- 18. TESTING:** All materials being used in fulfillment of this Contract are subject to inspection or test at any time during their preparation, delivery, or use. At the option of the County Purchasing Director, they may be sampled and tested in order to determine compliance with the governing specifications. Materials not conforming to the requirements of these specifications shall not be used in fulfillment of this Contract with Newton County. The County reserves the right to immediately terminate any Contract found not to be in compliance with governing specifications as a result of testing by the County.
- 19. 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.
- 20. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:**

Termination with Cause:

"Upon written notice to the Contractor of a defect or breach of this Agreement, Contractor has five (5) business days to cure any defect(s) or breach(es) cited in said notice. If Contractor fails to cure the defect(s) or breach(es) within the five (5) business days allowed, Newton County may terminate this Agreement. Nevertheless, Newton County reserves the right to provide written notice to the Contractor that this Agreement shall continue if Contractor has in good-faith commenced efforts to cure said defect(s) or breach(es) and Contractor agrees, in writing, to continue to act without undue delay to cure said defect(s) or breach(es).

Termination Without Cause:

This contract may be terminated by either the County or the Contractor at any time, without cause, by providing the other Party at least thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice.

- 21. DELIVERY OF NOTICES:** Any notice provided by this Contract (or required by law) to be given to the Contractor by Newton County shall be conclusively deemed to have been given and received on the next day after such written notice has been deposited in the mail in Newton, Texas, by Registered or Certified mail with sufficient postage affixed thereto, addressed to the Contractor at the address so provided; provided this shall not prevent the giving of actual notice in any other manner.
- 22. DELIVERY TICKETS:** Delivery tickets shall accompany each order shipped, and shall show Contractor's name and address, delivery location, Newton County purchase order number and descriptive information as to item and quantity delivered.
- 23. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES:** State law requires that shipments of hazardous substances shall include MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS (MSDS). MSDS must be supplied with the first order shipped under any contract, and at any time MSDS is revised.

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24. **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.
25. **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.
- 25.1 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.
26. **DEFECTIVE MATERIALS:** Unless otherwise stated herein, items supplied under this Contract shall be subject to the County's approval. Items found defective or not meeting specifications shall be picked up and replaced by the Contractor at the next service day at no expense to the County. If item is not picked up within one (1) week after notification, the item will become a donation to the County for disposition.
27. **WARRANTY:** Contractor shall warrant that all items and services shall conform to the proposed specifications, all warranties as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code, and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and title. Contractor and the County agree that both parties have all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code. Further, Contractor shall provide additional warranty requirements as defined in the Scope of Work attached. Respondents must provide all warranty terms and conditions in response package.
28. **ASSIGNMENT:** Contractor shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey this Contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Newton County.
29. **GOVERNING LAW:** Contractor is advised that these requirements shall be fully governed by the laws of the State of Texas and that Newton 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. All disputes arising out of this agreement will be resolved in Newton County, Texas.

All documents are subject to the Public Information Act requirements.

30. **DRAWINGS:** All drawings, plans, and specifications are hereby attached and made a part of this Contract.
31. **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.
32. **BID BOND:** *If marked on the "Request for Proposal Package Checklist" as an applicable component*, all respondents must submit, with proposal, a cashier's check or certified check for at least five percent (5%) of the total proposal price, if the proposal exceeds \$100,000 in Contract price or if the Contract includes construction of public work. Such cashier's check shall be payable to the order of Newton County, or a Bid Bond in the same amount issued by a surety, acceptable to Newton County, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, as a guaranty that the respondent will enter into a contract with Newton County (as outlined in the Instructions/Specifications/Statement of Work and attachments) and that offer will furnish the requisite performance and payment bonds as may be required. (*See Package Checklist.*)

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33. **PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS:** (Public Works Contract or as Required by Commissioner's Court) *If marked on the "Request for Proposal Package Checklist" as an applicable component*, 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 *Package Checklist*.)
34. **APPLICABLE LAW:** All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Texas and ordinances and regulations of Newton County shall apply.
35. **COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS:** Respondent shall at all times observe and comply with all federal, state, local and municipal ordinances, rules, regulations, relating to the provision of the services contracted to be provided by respondent hereunder or which in any manner affect this Contract.
36. **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.
37. **SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of this Contract is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the unenforceability thereof shall not affect any other provision contained herein, and the remainder of the Contract shall remain in full force and effect, and enforceable in accordance with its terms.
38. **QUANTITIES:** Newton County requests purchase prices for the items identified in this offer, and in accordance with the specifications provided herein. The quantities provided are given as a guideline only for the purpose of offer preparation. These quantities shall not be construed as the total number of purchases for the Contract. This estimated figure may increase and/or decrease throughout the year. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to the total quantity of items to be purchased under this Contract.
- 38.1 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. Additional items shall be priced in accordance with this contract with appropriate discounts being applied.
39. **PURCHASE FROM OTHER SOURCES:** Newton County reserves the right to purchase goods and/or services specified herein, or of equal or like kind, through contracts established by other governmental agencies or thorough separate procurement actions due to the unique or special needs of Newton County. Further, the County reserves the right to obtain such goods and/or services from others without penalty or prejudice to the County or the respondent and such action shall not invalidate in whole or in part this Contract or any rights or remedies Newton County may have hereunder.
40. **REMEDIES:** "If the bidder/vendor fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Newton County may take one or more of the following actions, as appropriate to the circumstance:

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- 40.1 Temporarily withhold payments pending the bidder/vendor commencing in good-faith corrective action to cure the deficiency;
- 40.2 Permanently withhold payments; and/or
- 40.3 Take any and all other remedies that may be legally available.

41.0 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

I. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act

"Clean Air Act

- (1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*
- (2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the (name of the state agency or local or Indian tribal government) and understands and agrees that the (name of the state agency or local or Indian tribal government) will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the (name of grantee), Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- (3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act

- (1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*
- (2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the (name of the state agency or local or Indian tribal government) and understands and agrees that the (name of the state agency or local or Indian tribal government) will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the (name of grantee), Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office
- (3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA."

II. Debarment and suspension "Suspension and Debarment

- (1) The contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
- (2) The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- (3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by Newton County. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to Newton County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- (4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions."

III. Byrd Anti-Lobbying

The undersigned [Contractor] certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

- 1. 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.

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2. 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.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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NEWTON COUNTY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP)

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 supersede other requirements where applicable.

General

The requirements set forth below are intended to outline the basic operating parameters and procedures required to provide goods and/or services to Newton County as described herein. 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 Scope of Work as necessary to develop and maintain specifications / statement of work that meets the County's needs. Such modifications 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.

The Specifications/Statement of Work provided in this package is to be used as a guide in developing an offer to this RFP. The information contained herein is not intended to be restrictive and the County will consider alternate offers submitted by respondent. Alternate offers shall be clearly marked with the proposed alternates and or exceptions to the Specifications/Statement of Work and shall include all pricing/cost advantages if applicable. Respondents are expected to include any additional requirements that may have been inadvertently left out of the attached Specifications/Statement of Work.

All offers inclusive of pricing shall remain firm for acceptance for a period of ninety (90) days from opening date unless otherwise specified by Newton County.

Prices offered shall reflect the full Specifications/Statement of Work as defined per the RFP documents, inclusive of all associated costs for insurance, taxes, overhead, profit and bonding, if required and so identified.

Respondent must include all incidental costs in his pricing. 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 shown on the Pricing/Delivery Sheet 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 Request for Proposal, 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, 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.

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

This Request for Proposal 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 RFP. Newton County makes no guarantee that any goods and/or services will be purchased as a result of this request for proposal, and reserves the right to reject any and all offers. All offers and their accompanying documentation will become the property of Newton County. All offers 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, offers 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 offer, be readily separable from the offer and shall be CLEARLY MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL".

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

All information provided to respondent for the purpose of submitting a proposal in response to this RFP 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.

RFP Form Completion

Respondent shall fill out, **SIGN**, and return to the Newton County Clerk one (1) original and four (4) copies of the complete RFP form. An authorized representative of the respondent **MUST** sign the Contract Sheet. The Contract will be binding only when signed by the Newton County Judge and a purchase order authorizing the item(s) desired has been issued. The use of liquid paper is **NOT** acceptable and may result in the disqualification of RFP. If an error is made, respondent **MUST** draw a line through the error and initial each change. **PLEASE NOTE:** Unless otherwise specified, **ALL** RFPs are to be **F.O.B. Destination, Net Thirty (30) Days**.

Exceptions

Bidder/Respondent must provide any and all warranty terms and conditions. Bidder/Respondent Terms & Conditions are subject to the review and approval of Newton County. In the event of conflicting Terms & Conditions, the terms submitted in the solicitation package shall prevail. Bidder/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 (respondent) 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.

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RFP Returns

Respondents must return all completed offers to the Newton County Clerk's Office **no later than 4:00 p.m.** on the date specified. Late RFPs will not be accepted. RFPs must be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed as follows:

MAILING ADDRESS:

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

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

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

Late Bid/Offers

Bids/Offers 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.

Altering Bids/Offers

Bids/Offers 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.

Substitutions to Bid/Offer

Respondents offering substitutions shall state these by attachment as part of the bid/offer. Newton County reserves the right to accept any and all or none of the substitutions deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

Withdrawal of Bid/Offer

A bid/offer 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 bids/offers, and respondent so agrees upon submittal of their bid/offer.

Descriptions

Any reference to model and/or make/manufacture used in bid/offer specifications or scope of work are descriptive, not restrictive. It is used to indicate the type and quality desired. Bids/Offers on items of like quality will be considered. Offer must provide hardware specifications where hardware is offered.

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 and software will not be paid prior to complete acceptance by Newton County unless otherwise specified. If installation of equipment and software is delayed, the County reserves the right (without extra expense or penalty) to delay a portion of the payment until equipment is installed and functioning properly.

Pricing / Delivery

All items should be priced – FOB Destination Full Freight Allowed, inside delivery. Newton County will not pay for any additional transportation and/or shipping charges.

No charges may be billed to the County unless such costs were explicitly included in the proposal. Respondent will incur any costs not explicitly included in the proposal and/or mutually agreed to in writing by the Newton County Purchasing Department.

Reduction in Price: If during the life of the contract, the successful bidder's net prices to other customers for items awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to Newton County.

Price Increase: A price redetermination may be considered by Newton County only after six (6) months of the contract period have elapsed, and request for same shall be substantiated in writing addressed to the Newton County Auditor, 110 East Court Street, Room 308, Newton, TX 75966, based on a minimum of five percent increase in manufacturer's direct cost, postage rates, Railroad Commission rates, prevailing wage/labor rates, etc. The bidder's past history of honoring contracts at the bid price will be an important consideration in the evaluation of the lowest and best bid. Newton County reserves the right to accept or reject any/all of the price redeterminations as it deems to be in the best interest of the County. If rejected, either party may terminate the contract in accordance with the provisions of TERMINATION OF CONTRACT as included herein.

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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.

Legal Documents

Respondent must submit with its proposal any agreements for services, etc. which may be required by their organization to enter into a Contract with Newton County. These agreements must be completed, executed by respondent's authorized representative and submitted with the returned proposal, and are subject to review and amendment by the Newton County Attorney's Office, and to approval by Commissioners Court. In the event of conflicting terms, the Newton County Terms and Conditions, Statement of Work, and attachments shall prevail.

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 RFP, 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.

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NEWTON COUNTY

BIDDER/RESPONDENT'S AFFIRMATION

RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT
ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP)

This sheet 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 §262.076 (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:

_____ 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 Auditor 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 _____

Sole Owner's SSN _____

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

RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT
ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP)

This sheet 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 Auditor 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 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP)

The following requirements and specifications shall be in addition to the other requirements contained herein and shall supersede the other requirements where applicable.

INSURANCE: Prior to acceptance of contract by Newton County, the successful bidder must furnish a Certificate of Insurance together with a receipt showing the time period for which premium has been paid, from an approved insurance carrier for the coverage indicated below.

A. FOR STANDARD PURCHASES CONTRACTS, THE FOLLOWING COVERAGES ARE REQUIRED:

1. Statutory workers compensation in accordance with the State of Texas requirements.
2. Comprehensive general liability including owners and contractors protective liability insurance for bodily injury, death, or property damages in the following amounts:

COVERAGE	PER PERSON	PER OCCURRENCE
a. Premises and product liability	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
b. Aggregate policy limits	\$1,000,000	

3. Comprehensive automobile and truck liability insurance (covering owned, hired and non-owned vehicles):

COVERAGE	PER PERSON	PER OCCURRENCE
a. Bodily injury (including death)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
b. Property damage	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
c. Aggregate policy limits	\$1,000,000	

All policies must provide, by endorsement to the policy, that thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation or material change in coverage be given to the Newton County Judge. Such insurance when accepted by the County in writing will become acceptable and shall remain unmodified until final acceptance of the work. Coverage provided must be on an occurrence basis.

No policy submitted shall be subject to limitations, conditions, or restrictions deemed inconsistent with the intent of the insurance requirements to be fulfilled by the successful bidder. The decision of Newton County thereon is final.

All policies shall be written through a company duly entered and authorized to transact that class of insurance in the State of Texas.

Neither approval by Newton County of any insurance supplied by the successful bidder, nor a failure to disapprove that insurance, shall relieve the successful bidder of full responsibility of liability, damages and accidents as set forth herein.

No additional payment shall be made for any insurance that the successful bidder may be required to carry.

Initials _____

NEWTON COUNTY

WORKERS' COMPENSATION REQUIREMENTS

BIDDER/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 supersede all other Requirements where applicable.

§T285S110.110(c) (7). Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage

A. Definitions

Certificate of coverage ("certificate") – A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement (TWCC-81, TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

Duration of the project – includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.

Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor" in §406.096) – includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity or employees of any entity with furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

- B. The contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
- C. The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract.
- D. If the coverage period shown on the contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.
- E. The contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:
 - (1) a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and
 - (2) no later than seven (7) days after receipt by the contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
- F. The contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter.
- G. The contractor shall notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.
- H. The contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

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- I. The contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project, to:
- (1) provide coverage, base on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;
 - (2) provide to the contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;
 - (3) provide the contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;
 - (4) obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the contractor:
 - (a) a certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and
 - (b) a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;
 - (5) retain all required certificated of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter;
 - (6) notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the person knew of should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and
 - (7) contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required by paragraphs (9.1) - (9.7), with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.
- J. By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the contractor is representing to the governmental entity that all employees of the contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier of, or in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the contractor to administration penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.
- K. The contractor's failure to comply with any of these provision is a breach of contract by the contractor which entitles the governmental entity to declare the contract void if the contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the governmental entity.

If awarded a contract for RFP #2021-G15, by my signature below, I certify that I will provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for each employee employed on this public project. I also certify that each of my subcontractors will also provide workers compensation for each employee employed on this public project.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Typewritten or Printed Name

Title

Initials _____

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**FORM CIQ**

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

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

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.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES**FORM 1295**

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

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

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

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

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

5 Check only if there is NO interested party. ☐

6 AFFIDAVIT

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

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

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

Signature of officer administering oath

Printed name of officer administering oath

Title of officer administering oath

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

Chapter 46. Disclosure of Interested Parties
(effective December 24, 2015)
Text of Adopted Rule

The adopted new language is indicated by underlined text.

Chapter 46. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

§46.1. Application

(a) This chapter applies to section 2252.908 of the Government Code.

(b) Section 2252.908 of the Government Code applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency entered into after December 31, 2015, that meets either of the following conditions:

(1) The contract requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency; or

(2) The value of the contract is at least \$1 million.

(c) A contract does not require an action or vote by the governing body of a governmental entity or state agency if:

(1) The governing body has legal authority to delegate to its staff the authority to execute the contract;

(2) The governing body has delegated to its staff the authority to execute the contract; and

(3) The governing body does not participate in the selection of the business entity with which the contract is entered into.

§46.3. Definitions

(a) "Contract" includes an amended, extended, or renewed contract.

(b) "Business entity" includes an entity through which business is conducted with a governmental entity or state agency, regardless of whether the entity is a for-profit or nonprofit entity. The term does not include a governmental entity or state agency.

(c) "Controlling interest" means: (1) an ownership interest or participating interest in a business entity by virtue of units, percentage, shares, stock, or otherwise that exceeds 10 percent; (2) membership on the board of directors or other governing body of a business entity of which the board or other governing body is composed of not more than 10 members; or (3) service as an officer of a business entity that has four or fewer officers, or service as one of the four officers most highly compensated by a business entity that has more than four officers.

(d) "Interested party" means: (1) a person who has a controlling interest in a business entity with whom a governmental entity or state agency contracts; or (2) a person who actively participates in facilitating a contract or negotiating the terms of a contract with a governmental entity or state agency, including a broker, intermediary, adviser, or attorney for the business entity.

(e) "Intermediary," for purposes of this rule, means, a person who actively participates in the facilitation of the contract or negotiating the contract, including a broker, adviser, attorney, or representative of or agent for the business entity who:

(1) receives compensation from the business entity for the person's participation;

(2) communicates directly with the governmental entity or state agency on behalf of the business entity regarding the contract; and

(3) is not an employee of the business entity.

§46.5. Disclosure of Interested Parties Form

(a) A disclosure of interested parties form required by section 2252.908 of the Government Code must be filed on an electronic form prescribed by the commission that contains the following:

(1) The name of the business entity filing the form and the city, state, and country of the business entity's place of business;

(2) The name of the governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed;

(3) The name of each interested party and the city, state, and country of the place of business of each interested party;

(4) The identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract for which the form is being filed and a short description of the goods or services used by the governmental entity or state agency provided under the contract; and

(5) An indication of whether each interested party has a controlling interest in the business entity, is an intermediary in the contract for which the disclosure is being filed, or both.

(b) The certification of filing and the completed disclosure of interested parties form generated by the commission's electronic filing application must be printed, signed by an authorized agent of the contracting business entity, and submitted to the governmental entity or state agency that is the party to the contract for which the form is being filed

(c) A governmental entity or state agency that receives a completed disclosure of interested parties form and certification of filing shall notify the commission, in an electronic format prescribed by the commission, of the receipt of those documents not later than the 30th day after the date the contract for which the form was filed binds all parties to the contract.

(d) The commission shall make each disclosure of interested parties form filed with the commission under section 2252.908(f) of the Government Code available to the public on the commission's Internet website not later than the seventh business day after the date the commission receives the notice required under subsection (c) of this section.

***VENDOR MUST PROVIDE APPLICABLE COMMODITY CODES IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED. ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MUST ADD 2 DIGIT CODE TO 3 DIGIT CLASSIFICATION.

VENDOR NAME _____ DATE FORM COMPLETED: _____

SAM.GOV: VENDOR D & B DUNS NUMBER: _____ CAGE CODE: _____

Is vendor incorporated? ☐ Yes ☐ No; If incorporated: How incorporated: _____ Where incorporated: _____

Has Name Changed in past two (2) years? Yes No If Yes, When _____

FORMER NAME _____

ORDER /PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

_____ COUNTY

COMPLETE STREET ADDRESS (Cannot be P.O. Box) CITY STATE / ZIP

_____ () _____ ()

SALES/PARTS CONTACT PERSON/TITLE TELEPHONE # FACSIMILE #

WEBSITE ADDRESS: EMAIL ADDRESS:

REMIT ADDRESS:

REMITTANCE NAME (If different from above) COUNTY

COMPLETE REMIT TO ADDRESS CITY STATE / ZIP

_____ () _____ ()

CONTACT PERSON/TITLE TELEPHONE # FACSIMILE #

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

INVOICING ADDRESS (If different than Remit):

_____ COUNTY

COMPLETE INVOICING ADDRESS CITY STATE / ZIP

_____ () _____ ()

CONTACT PERSON/TITLE TELEPHONE # FACSIMILE #

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCTS OR SERVICES SOLD:

VENDOR'S COMMODITY CODES (3 DIGIT) **REQUIRED**

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

Entered into PeopleSoft by: _____

Date: _____ NEWTON CO. VENDOR # _____

DOCS SCANNED TO VENDOR SET-UP: YES NO

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) 6 City, state, and ZIP code	7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a TIN</i> on page 3. Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.	<table border="1"><tr><td colspan="9">Social security number</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>-</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="9">or</td></tr><tr><td colspan="9">Employer identification number</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>-</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Social security number													-					or									Employer identification number													-				
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Part II Certification Under penalties of perjury, I certify that: 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and 2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct. Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.	<table border="1"><tr><td>Signature of U.S. person ▶</td><td>Date ▶</td></tr></table>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶		

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at www.irs.gov/fw9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding?* on page 2.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II Instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

What is FATCA reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; do not leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note. ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(ii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8. Instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 6 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note. You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on this page), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 6 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" includes payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ²
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ²
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ¹
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 2.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, *Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance*.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-368-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

**NEWTON COUNTY
RETURN LABEL**

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

<u>REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)</u>	
RFP#:	2021-G15
DUE DATE:	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
TIME:	4:00 P.M.. C.S.T.
RFP DESCRIPTION:	RFP#2021-G15 APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG- MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRAM (LHMPP)
RETURN OFFER TO:	PHYSICAL ADDRESS: SANDRA K. DUCKWORTH NEWTON COUNTY CLERK 115 COURT STREET NEWTON, TX 75966
<i>DATED MATERIAL – DELIVER IMMEDIATELY</i>	

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

****VENDOR MUST RETURN ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND FOUR (4)
COMPLETE COPIES OF THE BID DOCUMENTS****

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APPENDIX A



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

GRANT ADMINISTRATION

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SCOPE OF SERVICES REQUESTED

Providers will help the GLO fulfill State and Federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") statutory responsibilities related to recovery in connection with any federally declared disaster. Providers will assist the GLO and/or grant recipients in completion of CDBG-DR qualified housing or non-housing projects. Respondents may be qualified to provide Grant Administration services for housing projects, non-housing projects, or both. Grant administrative services must be performed in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and guidelines issued by the GLO.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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

Pre-Funding Services

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

Post-Funding Services

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

Grant Administration Services – General

(a) Administrative Duties:

- i. Coordinate, as necessary, between subrecipient and any other appropriate service providers (i.e. Engineer, Environmental, etc.), contractor, subcontractor and GLO to effectuate the services requested.
- ii. May assist in public hearings.
- iii. Will work with GLO's system of record.
- iv. Provide monthly project status updates.
- v. Funding release will be based on deliverables identified in the contract.
- vi. Labor and procurement duties:
 - a. Provide all Labor Standards Officer (LSO) Services.
 - b. Ensure compliance with all relevant labor standards regulations.
 - c. Ensure compliance with procurement regulations and policies.
 - d. Maintain document files to support compliance.
- vii. Financial duties:
 - a. Prepare and submit all required reports (Section 3, Financial Interest, etc.).
 - b. Assist subrecipient with the procurement of audit services.
 - c. Assist subrecipient in establishing and maintaining a bank account for disaster recovery funds.
 - d. Implementation and coordination of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing ("AFFH") requirements as directed by HUD and the GLO.
 - e. Implementation and coordination of Section 504 requirements.
 - f. Program compliance.

- g. Ensure that fraud prevention and abuse practices are in place and being implemented.
- h. Prepare and submit all closeout documents.
- i. Submit all invoices no later than 60 days after the expiration of the contract. All outstanding funds may be swept after 60 days. The provider may request an extension of this requirement in writing.
- j. Assist in preparation of contract revisions and supporting documents including but not limited to:
 - Amendments/modifications,
 - Change orders.

(b) Construction Management

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

Architectural and Engineering plans with guidance from the GLO.

vii. Reassignment scope alignment (if necessary).

Grant Administration Services – Infrastructure

a) Administrative Duties:

- i. Ensure program compliance including all CDBG-DR requirements and all part's therein, current Federal Register, etc.
- ii. Assist subrecipient in establishing and maintaining financial processes.
- iii. Obtain and maintain copies of the subrecipient's most current contract including all related change requests, revisions and attachments.
- iv. Establish and maintain record keeping systems.
- v. Assist subrecipient with resolving monitoring and audit findings.
- vi. Serve as monitoring liaison.
- vii. Assist subrecipient with resolving third party claims.
- viii. Report suspected fraud to the GLO.
- ix. Submit timely responses to the GLO requests for additional information.
- x. Complete draw request forms and supporting documents.
- xi. Facilitate outreach efforts, application intake, and eligibility review.
- xii. Perform any other administrative duty required to deliver the project.
- xiii. Utilize and assist with GLO's system of record to complete milestones, submit documentation, reports, draws, change requests, etc.
- xiv. Submit change requests and all required documentation related to any change requests.

(b) Acquisition Duties:

- i. Submit acquisition reports and related documents.

- ii. Establish acquisition files (if necessary).
 - iii. Complete acquisition activities (if necessary).
- (c) Environmental Services
- i. Assist detailed scope of services
 - a. Review each project description to ascertain and/or verify the level of environmental review required: Exempt, Categorical Exclusion not Subject to 58.5, Categorical Exclusion Subject to 58.5, Environmental Assessment, and Environmental Impact Statements;
 - b. Prepare, complete and submit HUD required forms for environmental review and provide all documentation to support environmental findings;
 - c. Consult and coordinate with oversight/regulatory agencies to facilitate environmental clearance;
 - d. Be able to perform or contract special studies, additional assessments, or permitting to secure environmental clearance. These may include, but are not limited to biological assessments, wetland delineations, asbestos surveys, lead-based paint assessments, archeology studies, architectural reviews, Phase I & II ESAs, USACE permits, etc.;
 - e. Prepare all responses to comments received during comment phase of the environmental review, including State/Federal Agency requiring further studies and/or comments from public or private entities during public comment period;
 - f. Maintain close coordination with local officials, project engineer and other members of the project team to assure appropriate level of environmental review is performed and no work is conducted without authorization;
 - g. Complete and submit the environmental review into GLO's system of record;
 - h. At least one site visit to project location and completion of a field observation report
 - i. Prepare and submit for publication all public

notices including, but not limited to the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Request for Release of Funds floodplain/wetland early and final notices in required order and sequence;

- j. Provide documentation of clearance for Parties Known to be Interested as required by 24 CFR 58.43;
- k. Process environmental review and clearance in accordance with NEPA;
- l. Advise and complete environmental re-evaluations per 24 CFR 58.47 when evidence of further clearance or assessment is required;
- m. Prepare and submit Monthly Status Report; and
- n. Participate in regularly scheduled progress meetings.

Grant Administration Services – Rental Housing

a) Administrative Duties:

- i. Develop and submit for approval rental guidelines.
- ii. Assist the grant recipient in developing a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).
- iii. Develop and submit for approval an Affirmative Marketing Plan on behalf of the subrecipient utilizing GLO guidance.
- iv. Develop a tenant selection policy on behalf of the subrecipient based on GLO guidance.
- v. Develop and submit for approval a needs assessment on behalf of the subrecipient based on GLO guidance.
- vi. Develop and submit to site-specific environmental reviews as required by 24 CFR Part 58.
- vii. Develop and submit a monitoring plan for approved projects on behalf of the subrecipient based on GLO guidance.
- viii. The provider will assist the subrecipient in conducting assessments of all incomplete projects and align the GLO Form

11.17, to the constructed project. The provider will determine the percent complete and the dollar value of the partially completed project and the dollar value necessary to assign to the new Contractor to complete the project. This is accomplished through a joint Provider and Contractor site visit utilizing the initial Contractor's GLO Form 11.17, as the basis for construction and payment due to the contractor.

b) Project Case Management:

- i. Assist the subrecipient with any project, transaction, service or response that is "opened" and "closed" over a period of time to achieve resolution of a problem, claim, request, proposal, development or other complex activity.
- ii. Assist the subrecipient in developing project application eligibility procedures, processing, and approvals.

c) Site Inspections:

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

- ix. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning system;
 - x. Interior wall finishes;
 - xi. Interior fixtures and components;
 - xii. Porches;
 - xiii. Exterior stairs and ramps;
 - xiv. Miscellaneous items not covered by the above such as septic systems, chimneys/fireplaces, etc.
- b. The results of the Disaster Damage Assessment will be provided according to the GLO sample provided in the GLO issued Damage Assessment Guidelines. The damage inspector's report will include:
- i. The reviewer's name;
 - ii. The property address;
 - iii. The homeowner's name;
 - iv. A checklist of housing components that may have received disaster damage, if any;
 - v. A narrative that specifically and clearly documents disaster-related property damage via photographic evidence and detailed narratives of the damage;
 - vi. The reviewer's certification, signature, and date of review.
- c. The results of the disaster damage assessment may be provided in a format similar to *Forms 11.01 or 11.01A*. The 11.01A, Initial Inspection Checklist, Short will be completed for homes that have received disaster damage that obviously cannot be rehabilitated. Form 11.01 will be completed in accordance with the guidance contained in HQS 52580.
- ii. Estimated Cost of Repair Inspection (Work Write-Up):
- a. Assist in providing an estimated cost of repair inspections with the damage assessments. Upon notification that a project has been determined eligible for Program

assistance, the respondent will prepare an Estimated Cost of Repair (ECR) for the program-eligible repairs.

- b. ECR's will be developed to include repair of damage that could reasonably be attributed to the disaster event and repairs to bring the project into compliance with HUD Housing Quality Standards, local, state and federal building codes. The scopes of repair will be developed to include work items necessary for the identified repairs to be performed in accordance with the International Residential Code, 2009 Edition (where required) and to meet the GLO's Minimum Housing Design Standards.
- c. Assistance to the subrecipient may include:
 - i. Contact the project owner to schedule a date and time to perform the field review.
 - ii. Travel to the project site.
 - iii. Perform the visual review of the project to determine the approximate amount and extent of damage to the project. The review will include the observations and documentation (written and photographic) of findings of disaster-related damage if not already documented.
 - iv. Develop a Scope of Repair to address the observed damage and initially determine the applicability of the proposed repairs to the criteria of the Program. The draft Scope of Repair will include:
 - a. a summary list of items to be addressed;
 - b. a basic description of the repair approach for each item;
 - c. estimated item quantities; and
 - d. site photographs.
 - v. Consider the following in preparation of the ECR:
 - a. the specific materials needed;
 - b. the quantity of those materials;
 - c. trades involved;

- d. the level of effort and duration for each trade;
 - e. estimated rates and manpower; and
 - f. equipment required to accomplish each of the identified repairs.
- vi. Utilize the following to develop the ECR:
 - a. current industry cost standards as identified by Xactimate or RSMeans price lists for the project location;
 - b. experience with projects of similar size and scope; and
 - c. Knowledge of the local market rates and conditions.
- vii. Summarize the data and findings into the final ECR and will furnish a copy of the ECR to the subrecipient. The final ECR will include the following:
 - a. a completed *Form 11.17, Work Write-up and Cost Estimate* containing a general scope of repair and summary of construction costs.
- viii. Assist the subrecipient with project inspections at:
 - a. 50% complete
 - b. A final inspection at 100% complete
- ix. In the case of a single family rental, assist the subrecipient with reconstruction inspections:
 - a. Foundation
 - b. 33% complete progress inspection
 - c. 66% complete progress inspection
 - d. Final inspection at 100% completion
 - e. Arrange for and TREC inspection to be conducted prior to closing.

- x. Upon notification of a project being ready for a Construction Review, the provider may:
 - a. Contact the project owner and or subrecipient to schedule a date and time to perform the Review.
 - b. Travel to the project site.
 - c. Conduct on-site observations (field review) of the work completed.

The purpose of the field review is to observe and document: the progress of the work; the estimated quantity and value of work accomplished to date; the materials and workmanship utilized; the general conformance to the agreed upon Scope of Repairs (Scope); and identify items necessary for completion.

During the field review, the provider may observe work which, in its opinion, does not conform generally to the agreed upon Scope or may compromise the integrity of the repair. The provider may recommend rejection of this work.

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

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

d) Environmental Service

- i. The provider may assist the subrecipient in performing environmental reviews and documentation for HUD compliance in connection with the program. The provider may provide services for the preparation of Environmental Review Records (ERR) in accordance with the standards set forth by HUD and the statutes, executive orders, and regulations listed at 24 CFR Part 58.
- ii. The provider may submit a request for Special Services to

subrecipient if environmental document review and site inspections indicate that additional investigation is warranted.

- iii. Special services may include, but are not limited to the following tasks:
 - a. Archeological study required by SHPO;
 - b. Lead-based paint and/or asbestos inspection; and
 - c. Wetlands assessment.

Grant Administration Services – Non-Rental Housing

a) Administrative Duties:

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

- vi. Participate in the appeals process and handling of disputes for disallowed/ineligible applications.
 - vii. Act as an advocate for applicants through appeals process when required.
 - viii. Assist applicants through housing construction process.
 - ix. Perform other application management and homeowner support duties as required to ensure the success of the program.
 - x. Develop and submit to site-specific environmental reviews as required by 24 CFR Part 58.
 - xi. Provide construction and builder management services as required to comply with applicable construction codes and program requirements.
 - xii. The provider will assist the subrecipient in conducting assessments of all incomplete projects and align the GLO *Form 11.17*, to the constructed project. The provider will determine the percent complete and the dollar value of the partially completed project and the dollar value necessary to assign to the new Contractor to complete the project. This is accomplished through a joint Provider and Contractor site visit utilizing the initial Contractor's GLO *Form 11.17*, as the basis for construction and payment due to the contractor.
- b) Site Inspections
- i. Establish Disaster Damage Assessments (Damage Inspections).
 - a. Assist in performing a visual field review of single-family housing units to determine the presence of damage to the home that may be attributable to the disaster event. The damage assessment will follow the GLO issued Damage Assessment Guidelines and includes:
 - b. The respondent may assist the subrecipient with:
 - i. Contacting the Homeowner to schedule a date and time to perform the field review.
 - ii. Traveling to the project site.
 - iii. Interviewing the Homeowner on site to gain a perspective of the pre-disaster condition of the

structure; damage resulting directly from the disaster; and damage resulting from subsequent deterioration. The provider may utilize this information to assist in its review of the housing unit.

- c. Performing the visual review of the housing unit to determine the presence of damage to the home that may be attributed to a national disaster declaration. The review will include the observations and documentation (written and photographic) of findings of disaster-related damage to the following:
 - i. Foundation;
 - ii. Exterior walls;
 - iii. Exterior wall finishes;
 - iv. Windows and doors;
 - v. Roof system (roof coverings, deck, joists, tie downs, diaphragms, penetrations, flashing, and closures);
 - vi. Floor system and structure;
 - vii. Electrical system components;
 - viii. Plumbing system components;
 - ix. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning system;
 - x. Interior wall finishes;
 - xi. Interior fixtures and components;
 - xii. Porches;
 - xiii. Exterior stairs and ramps;
 - xiv. Miscellaneous items not covered by the above such as septic systems, chimneys/fireplaces, etc.
- d. The results of the Disaster Damage Assessment will be provided according to the GLO sample provided in the GLO issued Damage Assessment Guidelines. The damage inspectors report will include:

- i. The reviewer's name;
- ii. The property address;
- iii. The homeowner's name;
- iv. A checklist of housing components that may have received disaster damage, if any;
- v. A narrative that specifically and clearly documents disaster-related property damage via photographic evidence and detailed narratives of the damage; and
- vi. The reviewer's certification, signature, and date of review.

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

- ii. Estimated Cost of Repair Inspection (Work Write-Up).
 - a. Assist in providing an estimated cost of repair inspections with the damage assessments. Upon notification that a property has been determined eligible for Program assistance, the respondent will prepare an Estimated Cost of Repair ("ECR") for the program-eligible repairs.
 - b. ECRs will be developed to include repair of damage that could reasonably be attributed to the disaster event and repairs to bring the home into compliance with HUD Housing Quality Standards, local, state and federal building codes. The scopes of repair will be developed to include work items necessary for the identified repairs to be performed in accordance with the International Residential Code, 2009 Edition (where required) and to meet the GLO's Minimum Housing Design Standards.
 - c. Assistance to the subrecipient may include:
 - i. Contact the Homeowner to schedule a date and time to perform the field review.

- ii. Travel to the project site.
- iii. Perform the visual review of the housing unit to determine the approximate amount and extent of damage to the home. The review will include the observations and documentation (written and photographic) of findings of disaster-related damage if not already documented.
- iv. Develop a Scope of Repair to address the observed damage and initially determine the applicability of the proposed repairs to the criteria of the Program. The draft Scope of Repair will include:
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 - b. experience with projects of similar size and scope; and
 - c. knowledge of the local market rates and conditions.

- v. Summarize the data and findings into the final ECR and will furnish a copy of the ECR to the applicable subrecipient. The final ECR will include the following:
 - a. A completed *Form 11.17, Work Write-up and Cost Estimate* containing a general scope of repair and summary of construction costs.
- vi. Assist the subrecipient with Rehabilitation Inspections at:
 - a. 50% complete progress inspection
 - b. A final inspection at 100% complete
- vii. Assist the subrecipient with reconstruction inspections at:
 - a. Foundation
 - b. 33% complete progress inspection
 - c. 66% complete progress inspection
 - d. A final inspection at 100% complete
- viii. Upon notification of a home being ready for a Construction Review, the provider may contact the homeowner and contractor to schedule a date and time to perform the Review.
 - a. Travel to the project site.
 - b. Conduct on-site observations (field review) of the work completed. The purpose of the field review is to observe and document: the progress of the work; the estimated quantity and value of work accomplished to date; the materials and workmanship utilized; the general conformance to the agreed upon Scope of Repairs (Scope); and identify items necessary for completion. During the field review, the provider may observe work which, in its opinion, does not conform generally to the agreed upon Scope or may compromise the integrity of the repair. The provider may recommend rejection of this work.

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