Advertisement for Request for Qualifications Professional Engineering Services for FY 2021 and FY 2023 Funding of HMGP, BRIC, and FMA Projects

Notice is hereby given that qualifications will be accepted by the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 Purchasing Department for RFQ 23-001, Professional Engineering Services for FY 2023 Funding of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program (BRIC), and/or Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (FMA) and Professional Engineering Services for FY 2021 Funding of a Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (FMA) Project Scoping grant that has been selected by FEMA for funding.

All interested individuals and firms shall obtain a "Request for Qualifications" packet from the District's website at www.dd7.org or request a copy via email to bcook@dd7.org.

All responses shall be submitted with an original, four (4) copies, and an electronic copy on an external drive of their proposal to the address shown below. The District does not accept proposals submitted solely electronically. Late proposals will be rejected as non-responsive. Proposals will be publicly opened and only the names of responding firms will be read aloud in the District board room at the time and date below. Proposers are invited to attend the administrative sealed proposal opening.

All responses shall be submitted to Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 in a sealed envelope marked:

RFQ NAME:	Professional Engineering Services for FY 2021 and FY 2023 Funding of HMGP, BRIC, and FMA Projects
RFQ NO:	RFQ 23-001
DUE DATE:	2:00 PM, November 7, 2023
MAIL TO:	Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 P.O. Box 3244 Port Arthur, TX 77643-3244
DELIVER TO:	Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 4401 9 th Avenue Port Arthur, TX 77642

Any questions relating to these requirements should be directed to Barron Cook at bcook@dd7.org. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Qualifications, to waive technicalities and to take whatever action is in the best interest of the District.

Phil Kelley, General Manager Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7

Request for Statements of Qualification (RFQ 23- 001) Professional Engineering Services for FY 2021 and FY 2023 Funding of HMGP, BRIC, and FMA Projects

Section 1. Introduction:

Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 (the District) is seeking to enter into an engineering services contract with a state-registered engineer to assist the District in pre-award and post-award engineering services of its proposed applications. The District intends to seek funding in support of eligible projects under one or more of the following programs:

- a. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- b. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program (BRIC)
- c. Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (FMA)

Section 2. Expected Scope of Services:

The successful respondent(s) is to provide engineering services including but not limited to the following areas:

Mitigation Projects-Construction (other than Property Acquisition/Structure Demolition, Structure Elevation, and Reconstruction)

Pre-Award*

(Services associated with developing and requesting Federal disaster assistance), including but not limited to:

- a. Application preparation assistance
- b. Preliminary engineering study, if applicable
- c. Preliminary environmental and historical assessment
- d. Preliminary surveys, if applicable
- e. Preliminary Scope of Work determination
- f. Preliminary Benefit Cost Analysis using FEMA's BCA software program
- g. Preliminary design plans and specifications
- h. Preliminary budget

Post-Award

- a. Comprehensive Benefit Cost Analysis
- b. Comprehensive engineering study
- c. Comprehensive environmental and historical assessment
- d. Final design plans and specifications
- e. Final budget
- f. Preparation of the bid packet and contract documents
- g. Conduct all field testing and inspections (interim and final); and
- h. Other special services as determined

*Pre-Award costs to be reimbursed by FEMA must have been incurred after the date of declaration (HMGP) or grant opening announcement (FMA). (BRIC) Pre-award costs directly related to developing the BRIC grant Application or sub application that are incurred prior to the date of the grant award are allowed subject to FEMA approval at time of award.

All programs Pre-award management costs count towards the limit for subrecipient management costs. Pre-award costs must be identified as separate line items in the cost estimate of the application. Costs associated with implementation of the activity but incurred prior to Federal award or final approval are not eligible. If an award is not made, Pre-award costs will not be reimbursed by FEMA. Pre-award costs are reimbursed when the project is approved and funded.

Note: Projects with specialized or complex technical information such as a drainage project will include two phases. Phase 1 will be for developing Hydrologic and Hydraulics Studies, feasibility studies, final engineering design and other technical studies. After Phase 1 deliverables have been developed and analyzed, a new BCA will be performed, and any necessary changes will be made in the Scope of Work and Budget. When Phase 1 deliverables have been approved by TDEM and FEMA, the balance of Management Activities outlined above will be followed.

Section 3. Statement of Qualifications -

The District is seeking to contract with a competent engineering firm experienced in federally funded projects. Please provide the following information:

- a. A brief history of the proposing entity, including general background, knowledge of and experience working with relevant agencies
- b. Related experience in federally funded storm drainage and or flood control projects.
- c. A description of work performance and experience with HMGP, BRIC, and/or FMA including a list of at least three references from past government clients.
- d. Describe the firm's capacity to perform as well as resumes of all employees who will or may be assigned to provide services if your firm is awarded a contract through this solicitation.
- e. A statement substantiating the firm' resources of and the ability to carry out the scope of work requested in a timely manner.

Section 4. Evaluation Criteria -

For this RFQ, qualifications will be evaluated, and the most qualified respondent will be selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation.

a. Evaluation Criteria - The proposal received will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria and using the sample professional engineering rating sheet as follows:

Critorio	<u>Maximum</u> <u>Points</u>
<u>Criteria</u>	10
	40
Work Performance	30
Capacity to Perform	30
Total	100

Sample Professional Engineering Rating Sheet

EXPERIENCE FACTOR

	FACTORS	Maximum <u>Points</u>	SCORE
1.	Related Experience / Background with governmental entities	10	
2.	Related experience/background with specific services (Professional Engineering Services Regional Drainage Projects)	20	
3.	References from current/past clients	10	
	SUBTOTAL, EXPERIENCE	40 possible points	TOTAL
Work F	Performance		
	FACTORS	Maximum <u>Points</u>	SCORE
1.	Past client projects completed on schedule	15	
2.	Work product is consistently of high quality documented with references	15	
	SUBTOTAL, PERFORMANCE	30 possible points	TOTAL
Capac	ity to Perform		
	FACTORS	Maximum <u>Points</u>	SCORE
1.	Qualifications/Experience of Staff	10	
2.	Present and Projected Workloads	10	
3.	Quality of Response	10	
	SUBTOTAL, PERFORMANCE	30 possible points	TOTAL
TOTAL			IOTAL
TOTAL	<u>-</u> SCORE ALL FACTORS	Maximum	
	FACTORS	Points	SCORE
	Experience	40	
	Work Performance	30	
	Capacity to Perform	30	
		100 MAXIMUM	_

TOTAL SCORE RFQ 23-001 Engineering Services for BRIC and FMA and HMGP 2023 POINTS

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

Negotiations of costs of engineering professional services , must occur after the initial selection of the engineer or architect as price cannot be used as a selection factor. (See 2 CFR 200.320(d)(5) and Texas Government Code § 2254.004) Upon the initial selection of the Respondent based on its demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform such services, the Respondent must disclose and certify the percentage of profit as a separate element of the price of the contract during its negotiations with the Grant Recipient to determine fair and reasonable compensation.

Section 5. Additional Submission Requirements

Deadline for Submission

Statements of Qualification must be received no later than 2:00 PM, November 7, 2023

Responses are to be sealed and addressed to the District with the RFQ number and title included on the outside of the envelope or box.

One original, four (4) copies, and an electronic copy on an external drive of the qualification statements shall be mailed or delivered to:

If mailed: Phil Kelley, General Manager Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 P.O. Box 3244 Port Arthur, TX 77643

If delivered: Phil Kelley, General Manager Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 3400 Hwy 73 Port Arthur, TX 77643

Proposer must submit one (1) original and four (4) duplicate, numbered copies of the proposal.

Proposals will be opened publicly in a manner to avoid public disclosure of contents. Only names of Proposers will be read aloud.

The District will not accept any submissions received after the stated time and date and shall return such submissions unopened to the Offeror.

The District will not accept any responsibility for submissions being delivered by third party carriers

Submission Requirements

- a. **<u>Firm's Experience</u>** provide a list of at least (5) clients, with specific contact names and phone numbers, as references for whom the firm has completed, or is performing, work relating generally to flood planning activities.
- b. **Insurance.** Each Engineering Firm must include a copy of the Engineering Firm's current certificate of insurance for professional liability as well as evidence that the policy covers any subcontractors employed by the Engineering Firm unless the subcontractor provides evidence of such independent insurance coverage. The following coverages shall be included: General Insurance Requirements
 - I. Commercial General Liability Limits:

Each Occurrence

\$1,000,000

	Fire Damage to Rented Premises	\$100,000
	Medical Expenses	\$5,000
	Personal & Adv. Injury	\$1,000,000
	General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
	Products-Comp/Ops Aggregate	\$2,000,000
II.	Auto Liability Limits:	
	Combined Single Limits for	\$1,000,000
	Owned, Hired & Non-Owned	
III.	Umbrella Liability Limits:	
	Each Occurrence	\$2,000,000
	Aggregate	\$2,000,000
IV.	Professional Liability Limits:	
	Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
	Aggregate	\$1,000,000
V.	Worker's Compensation Limits:	
	Workers' Compensation	Statutory
	Employer's Liability	\$ 500,000/500,000/500,000

Prior to commencement of work, Firms shall furnish ACORD 25 (2010/05) certificates verifying coverage and limits outlined above and other provision set forth below. Such insurance shall be provided by carriers rated by AM Best & Company and deemed acceptable by the District.

Certificates shall document Waiver of Subrogation provisions in favor of the District on Commercial General Liability, Auto Liability, Umbrella Liability, and Workers Compensation policies.

Certificates shall document Additional Insured provisions in favor of the District on Commercial General Liability, Auto Liability, and Umbrella Liability policies.

Certificates shall document reasonable cancellation provisions to protect the interests of the District.

Coverage and Limits set forth above are minimum requirements and may be adjusted by the District to include higher limits and other coverage such as Pollution Liability, USL&H, Jones Act, and Protection & Indemnity.

Please direct Certificates of Insurance to the contact listed below.

Diane Smith, Administrative Assistant Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7

PO Box 3244 Port Arthur, TX 77643

E-mail: dsmith@dd7.org Phone: (409) 985-4369

c. <u>System for Award Management.</u> the Firm must include a certification that the Engineering Firm is not debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System ("EPLS") in the System for Award Management ("SAM") (See, Attachment A). Engineering Firm must include verification that the Engineering Firm, as well as the Engineering Firm's key employees, are not listed (are not debarred) through the SAM as

indicated on the website https://sam.gov/SAM/. Each Engineering Firm must enclose a printed copy of the search results (including the record date).

- d. <u>Affidavit of Non-Collusion</u>. Engineering Firm must complete and include the Affidavit of Non-Collusion (See, Attachment B).
- e. **Form CIQ.** Each Engineering Firm (and/or any key employee of Engineering Firm) seeking to contract with a local government entity must disclose the Engineering Firm's (and/or any key employee of Engineering Firm) employment, affiliation, business relationship, family relationship or provision of gifts that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. *See*, Chapter 176, TEX. GOV'T CODE. Accordingly, each Engineering Firm (and/or any key employee of Engineering Firm) must complete and attach Form CIQ (*See*, Attachment C).
- f. <u>Certification Regarding Lobbying</u>. A Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements (*See*, Attachment D) is included in the RFQ and must be included in each Engineering Firm's submittal.
- g. <u>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities</u>. Each Engineering Firm must complete a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (*See*, Attachment E) of the Engineering Firm, and its key employees.
- h. <u>Certification of Interested Parties- Form 1295</u>. Effective January 1, 2016, all contracts and contract amendments, extensions, or renewals executed by the District's Board of Directors will require the completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties." See, TEX. GOV'T CODE §2252.908. Each Engineering Firm that is awarded a contract must complete and submit Form 1295 at the same time as the Engineering Firm submits a signed contract. A copy of Form 1295 is included in this RFQ for the convenience of each Engineering Firm (See, Attachment F).
- i. <u>House Bill 89 Verification</u> Does not boycott Israel currently; and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:(See, Attachment G).

- j. <u>Senate Bill 252</u>. SB 252 prohibits governmental entities from contracting with parties on the State Comptroller's list of companies known to have contracts with, or provide supplies or services to, an organization designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. Secretary of State. As a result of this law, governmental entities are required to certify that vendors/independent Vendors are not on the listing of companies on the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas which do business with Iran, Sudan, or any Foreign Terrorist Organization. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2252, Section 2252.152 and Section 2252.153 (See, Attachment H)
- k. <u>Mandated Federal and State Contract Provisions.</u> All contracts between the District and a Engineering Firm must include the mandated federal and state contract clauses (See, Attachment I).
- I. Non-Disclosure Agreement Vendor References Signature Page (See, Attachment J)

Section 6. Confidential/Proprietary Information

If any material in the Statement of Qualifications is considered by Respondent to be confidential or proprietary information, Respondent <u>must</u> clearly mark the applicable pages of Respondent's Statement of Qualifications to indicate each claim of confidentiality. Additionally, Respondent must include a statement on company letterhead identifying all Statement of Qualifications section(s) and page(s) that have been marked as confidential. The District will protect from public disclosure such portions of a Statement of Qualifications, unless directed otherwise by legal authority, including existing open records acts. Merely making a blanket claim that the entire Statement of Qualifications submission is protected from disclosure because it contains some proprietary information is not acceptable and will make the entire Statement of Qualifications Act.

By submitting a Statement of Qualifications, Respondent agrees to reproduction by the District, without cost or liability, of any copyrighted portions of Respondent's Statement of Qualifications submission or other information submitted by Respondent.

Section 7. Terms and Conditions

- a. The District reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information of one or more respondents.
- b. Any agreement or contract resulting from this RFQ shall be on forms approved by the District and shall contain, at minimum, applicable provisions of this document. The District reserves the right to reject any agreement that does not conform to this document and any District requirements and contracts.
- c. The Engineering Firms shall not assign any interest in the contract and shall not transfer any interest in the same without prior written consent of the District.
- d. No reports, information, or data given to or prepared by the Engineering Firm under contract shall be made available to any individual or organization by the Engineering Firm without the prior written approval of the District.

Attachment A: System For Award Management Information



SAM Registration Is Required To Win Contracts and Receive Grants

A SAM registration is required for any business, organization, or agency that is eligible to, or plans to, receive payments from the federal government. In order to qualify for federal contracts or grants, a fully accurate, and compliant System For Award Management registration is required. More importantly if you have already completed a government contract or have been awarded a grant, an up-to-date SAM registration is required in order for you to receive payment.



Attachment B: Anti-Collusion Affidavit

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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

ANTI-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the following, who, upon oath says:

"I am the Manager, Secretary, or other Agent or Officer or the Principal of the Proposer in the matter of the Proposal to which this affidavit is attached, and I have full knowledge of the relations of the Proposer with the other firms in this same line of business, and the Proposer is not a member of any trust, pool or combination to control the price of the services in this Proposal, or to influence any person to submit a Proposal or not to submit a Proposal thereon.

I further affirm that the Proposer has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted Proposal."

AFFIANT FURTHER SAYETH NAUGHT

AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME by the above Affiant, who, on oath, states that the facts contained in the above are true and correct, this ______ day of _____, 2023.

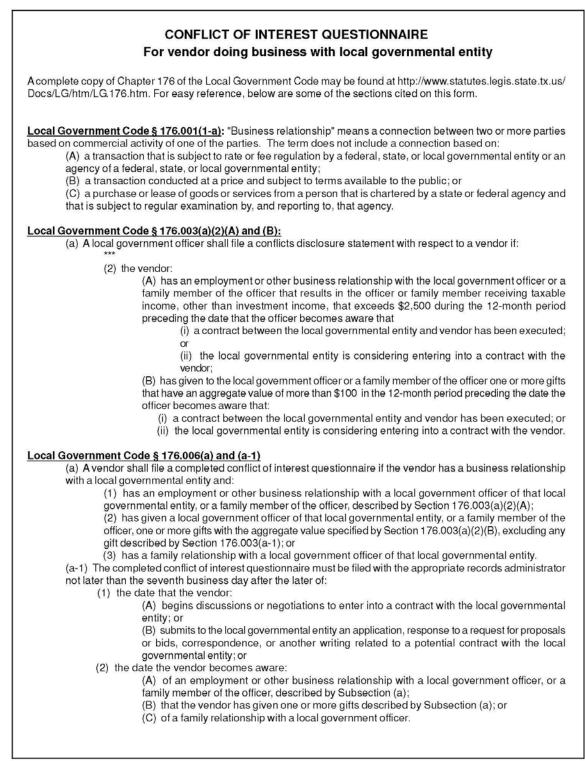
NOTARY PUBLIC – STATE OF TEXAS

Signed By:	
Title:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

NOTE: PROPOSALS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THIS AFFIDAVIT WILL NOT BE C ONSIDERED

Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7, Texas is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. The District does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age or handicapped status in employment or the provision of services, section 3 residents, minority business enterprises, small business enterprises, women business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit Proposals.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity	FORM CIQ			
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.	OFFICE USE ONLY			
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a). 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. <i>See</i> 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.	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 app later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the orig incomplete or inaccurate.)				
3 Name of local government officer about whom the information in this section is being discl	osed.			
Name of Officer				
This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C, & D) must be completed for each officer w employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Govern pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.				
A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable i income, from the vendor?	ncome, other than investment			
Yes No				
B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?				
Yes No				
C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity will government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one per	th respect to which the local cent or more?			
Yes No				
D. Describe each employment or business and family relationship with the local government	officer named in this section.			
4				
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity	Date			
	Adopted 8/7/2015			



Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission

www.ethics.state.tx.us

Revised 11/30/2015

Attachment D- Certification Regarding Lobbying 44 C.F.R. PART 18

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, 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.
- 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 subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Vendor, ______, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Vendor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C.Chap.38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Vendor's Authorized Official

Date

Name and Title of Vendor's Authorized Official

Attachment E- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

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

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

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

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

Attachment E- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continued

Approved by OMB 0348-0046

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

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

1. Type of Federal Action: a. contract b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: a. bid/offer/application b. initial award c. post-award		3. Report Type: a. initial filing b. material change	
1. Name and Address of Reportin	ig Entity:	2. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Sub awardee,		
<u>P</u> rime Subawardee Tier <u>,</u> if Known:		Enter Name and Address of Prime:		
Congressional District, if	known:	Congr	essional District, if known:	
3. Federal Department/Agency:		7. Federal Program Name/Description:		
		CFDA Number, <i>if applicable</i> :		
8. Federal Action Number, if known:		9. Award Amount, if known: \$		
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI):		b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):		
representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was		Signature: Print Name: Title: Telephone No.: Date:		
Federal Use Only		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)		

Attachment F- Certificate of Interested Parties

(To be completed by awarded vendor)

CERTIFICATE OF INT		FORM 1295	
Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if th Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and	OFFI	CE USE ONLY	
1 Name of business entity filing form, entity's place of business.	, and the city, state and country of the busin	ess	
2 Name of governmental entity or sta which the form is being filed.	ite agency that is a party to the contract for		
	used by the governmental entity or state age rvices, goods, or other property to be provid		
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4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interes	t (check applicable)
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5 Check only if there is NO Interested	I Party.		000
⁶ AFFIDAVIT	I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury,	that the above disclose	sure is true and correct.
	Signature of authorized ag	ent of contracting busi	iness entity
AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE	E		
Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the of, 20, to ce	said	, this the	day
Signature of officer administering oath	Printed name of officer administering oath	Title of offic	er administering oath
AD	D ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECES	SARY	
Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission	www.ethics.state.tx.us		Bevised 4/8/2016

Attachment G- House Bill 89 Verification

I, _____, the undersigned representative of (company or business name)

to as company) being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath that the company named above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and

2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made ordinary business purposes; and

2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or an limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business association that exist to make a profit.

Signature of Company Representative

Date

On this _____ day of _____, 2023, personally appeared ______ the above-named person, who after by me being duly sworn, did swear and confirm that the above is true and correct.

Notary Seal

Notary Signature

Date

Proposer Must Complete and Return This Page With Offer

Attachment H- Senate Bill 2252 Certification

On this day, I, Karen J. Stewart, MBA, CTCD/CTCM, Chief Business Officer for Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2252, Section 2252.152 and Section 2252.153, certify that I did review the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that is identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051, or Section 2253.253 and I have ascertained that the below named company is not contained on said listing of companies which do business with Iran, Sudan, or any Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Company Name

IFB/RFQ/RFQ number

Certification check performed by:

Purchasing Representative

Date

Attachment I- Mandatory Federal And State Contract Clauses

Contract Clauses Mandated By The State Of Texas

The following clauses are mandated by the State of Texas and must be included with any contract for grant administration services funded in whole, or in part, by an agency of the State of Texas.

- **A. Child Support Obligation.** Under Section 231.006 of the Family Code, Vendor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Agreement is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this Agreement may be terminated, and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate. TEX. FAM. CODE §§231.006 and 231.302.
- **B.** Contracting Information Responsibilities. In accordance with Section 552.372 of the Texas Government Code, Vendor agrees to (1) preserve all contracting information related to this contract as provided by the records retention requirements of the District for the duration of the Contract, (2) promptly provide to the District any contracting information related to the contract that is in the custody or possession of Vendor on request of the District, and (3) on termination or expiration of the contract, either provide at no cost to the District all contracting information related to the contract as provided by the records retention requirements of the District. Except as provided by Section 552.374(c) of the Texas Government Code, the requirements of subchapter J, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, may apply to the contract and Vendor agrees that the contract can be terminated if Vendor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter. TEX. GOV'T CODE §552.372
- C. Critical Infrastructure Affirmation. Pursuant to Section 2274.0102 of the Texas Government Code, Vendor certifies that neither it nor its parent company, nor any affiliate of Vendor or its parent company, is: (1) majority owned or controlled by citizens or governmental entities of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or any other country designated by the Governor under Section 2274.0103 of the Texas Government Code Section 2274.0103, or (2) headquartered in any of these countries. TEX. GOV'T CODE §2274.0102.
- D. Energy Company Boycotts. Vendor represents and warrants that: (1) it does not, and will not for the duration of the contract, boycott energy companies or (2) the verification required by Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the contract, Vendor shall promptly notify the District. TEX. GOV'T CODE §2271.002.
- E. Entities That Boycott Israel. Vendor represents and warrants that (1) it does not, and shall not for the duration of the contract, boycott Israel or (2) the verification required by Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the contract, Vendor shall promptly notify the District. TEX. GOV'T CODE §2271.002.
- F. Excluded Parties. Vendor certifies that it is not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order No. 13224, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism", published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control. Exec. Order No. 13224, 31 C.F.R. 594 (2001- 2021).
- **G. Firearms Entities and Trade Associations Discrimination.** Vendor verifies that: (1) it does not, and will not for the duration of the contract, have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association or (2) the verification required by Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the contract, Vendor shall promptly notify the District. TEX. GOV'T CODE §22774.001 *et seq.*

- **H.** Foreign Terrorist Organizations. Vendor represents and warrants that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization, as prohibited by Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code. TEX. GOV'T CODE §2252.152.
- I. No Conflicts of Interest. Vendor represents and warrants that the provision of goods and services or other performance under the contract will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonable create an appearance of impropriety. TEX. GOV'T CODE §§2252.908, 2252.032 and 2261.252(b).
- J. **Texas Public Information Act.** Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the Parties expressly acknowledge that this Agreement is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE §§552.001 et seq., as amended (the "Act"). Vendor expressly understands and agrees that the District shall release all information necessary to comply with Texas law without the prior written consent of Vendor. It is expressly understood and agreed that the District, its officers, and employees may request advice, decisions, and opinions of the Attorney General of Texas ("Attorney General") regarding the application of the Act to any software, or any part thereof, or other information or data furnished to the District, whether the same are available to the public. It is further understood that the District, its officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions, and opinions of the Attorney General, and that the District, its officers, and employees shall have no liability or obligations to Vendor for the disclosure to the public, or to any person or persons, of any software, or a part thereof, or other information or data furnished to the District in reliance on any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General. In the event the District receives a written request for information pursuant to the Act that affects Vendor's rights, title to, or interest in any information or data or a part thereof, furnished to the District by Vendor under this Agreement, then the District will promptly notify Vendor of such request. Vendor may, at its own option and expense, prepare comments and submit information directly to the Attorney General stating why the requested information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the requirements of the Act. Vendor is solely responsible for submitting the memorandum brief and information to the Attorney General within the period prescribed by the Act. Vendor is solely responsible for seeking any declaratory or injunctive relief regarding the disclosure of information that it deems confidential or privileged. With respect to electronic mail addresses, Vendor affirmatively consents to the disclosure of its e-mail addresses that are provided to the District. This consent is intended to comply with the requirements of the Act and shall survive termination of this Agreement. This consent shall apply to e-mail addresses provided by Vendor and agents acting on behalf of Vendor and shall apply to any e-mail address provided in any form for any reason whether related to this Agreement or otherwise.
- K. State Auditor's Right to Audit. Pursuant to Section 2262.154 of the Texas Government Code, the state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under any contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the contract. The acceptance of funds by the Vendor or any other entity or person directly under the contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, the Vendor or other entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. Vendor shall ensure that this paragraph concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through the contract and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards. TEX. GOV'T CODE §2262.154.

Contract Clauses Mandated By The United States Government (FEMA)

Vendor acknowledges its full and complete understanding that the Work that it provides pursuant to this contract will be funded in whole or in part, if a grant is awarded, by funding offered under FMA, BRIC, and HMGP, and that notwithstanding any other provisions set forth in this Contract, the following provisions govern the responsibilities of the Parties, and Vendor shall comply with all the following provisions:

A. DAMAGES, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (A)

- 1. All work to be performed under this AGREEMENT shall be timely commenced. A breach of this AGREEMENT by Contractor would cause substantial delay in the completion of the required services affecting the safety and welfare of the public.
- 2. In the event of Contractor's breach of its performance obligations, the District shall have all rights and remedies against Contractor as provided by law.

B. TERMINATION RIGHTS, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (B)

- 1. **Termination for Convenience**: Whenever the interests of the District so require, District may terminate the parties' Agreement, in whole or in part, for the convenience of the District. District shall give Contractor thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination specifying the portions of the Agreement to be terminated and when such termination will become effective. If only portions of the parties' agreement are terminated, Contractor has the right to withdraw from the parties' Agreement, without adverse action or claims. In the event of a termination for convenience by the District, Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all work and services performed by it up to the effective date of such termination.
- 2. **Termination for Cause:** The District may, by written notice of default to Contractor, terminate the parties' Agreement, in whole or in part, if the Contractor fails to satisfactorily perform any provisions of the parties' agreement after a period of ten (10) following Contractor's receipt of a Notice of Deficiency provided by the District.

C. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200-(C)

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the AGREEMENT, during the performance of the AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause (41 CFR 60-1.4(b)):

- 1. CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. CONTRACTOR will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. AGREEMENTOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- 2. CONTRACTOR will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- 3. CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the CONTRACTOR'S commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- 4. CONTRACTOR will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- 5. CONTRACTOR will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor for purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

6. In the event of the CONTRACTOR'S noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of RFQ 23-001 Engineering Services for BRIC and FMA and HMGP 2023 Page 21 of 26

this AGREEMENT or with any of the said rules, regulations or orders, this AGREEMENT may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

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

D. DAVIS-BACON ACT AND COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appen. II to Part 200 (D)

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT:

- 1. Bacon-Davis Act: Applicable to construction or repair of public buildings or public works. see FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide, Ch.2(V)(G)(2), page 32 (FP 104-009-2/January 2016).
- 2. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act: In contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. §3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that the contractor and subcontractor must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The GOVERNMENT must report all suspected or reported violations to the appropriate Federal agency.
- 3. CONTRACTOR shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this AGREEMENT.
- 4. CONTRACTOR or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontract the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontract with all of these contract clauses.
- 5. A breach of the AGREEMENT clause above may be grounds for termination of the AGREEMENT, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. §5.12.

E. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (E) (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)

Contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor and its subcontractors shall compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the

standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week.

- 1. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one halftimes the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such work week.
- 2. Violation: liability for unpaid wages: liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (a) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (a) of this section.
- 3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The GOVERNMENT shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (b) of this section.
- 4. The contractor and subcontractor shall insert in any subcontract the clauses set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts.

F. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (F)

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT and if the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the GOVERNMENT wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the GOVERNMENT must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business."

G. CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (G)

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251- 1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

CONTRACTOR shall include the foregoing requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000.

H. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (H)

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the mandatory standards and policies of the state regulation promulgated in accordance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. § 6201).

I. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (I)

This AGREEMENT is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, 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).

- 1. 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.
- 2. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by GOVERNMENT. 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 GOVERNMENT, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C AGREEMENT is valid and throughout the period of performance. The CONTRACTOR further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

J. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (J)

CONTRACTOR must file with the GOVERNMENT the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award. If not provided with the bid response, CONTRACTOR must complete and submit the Certification Regarding Lobbying Form.

K. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (K) and 2 CFR §200.322)

- 1. In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired
 - a. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
 - b. Meeting contract performance requirements; or
 - c. At a reasonable price.
- 2. Information about this requirement is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, http://www.epa.gov/cpg/. The list of EPA-designate items is available at: http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products/htm

L. AGREEMENTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS (2 CFR §200.321) (L)

Should the CONTRACTOR subcontract any of the work under this AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall take the following affirmative steps: place qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists; assure that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources; divide total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; establish delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and use 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.

M. ACCESS TO RECORDS (M)

- 1. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide GOVERNMENT, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives' access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this AGREEMENT for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- 2. CONTRACTOR agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- CONTRACTOR agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives' access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

N. SEAL, LOGO AND FLAGS (N)

CONTRACTOR shall not use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's agency officials without specific FEMA preapproval.

O. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS (O)

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund the AGREEMENT only. CONTRACTOR will comply will all federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

P. NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (P)

The Federal Government is not a party to this AGREEMENT and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to GOVERNMENT, CONTRACTOR, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

Q. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS (Q)

CONTRACTOR acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the CONTRACTOR'S actions pertaining to this contract.

In consideration of the District retaining the services of a consultant and because of the sensitivity of certain information which may come under the care and control of Consultant, both parties agree that all information regarding the District or any selected District agency subject to this Contract; or gathered, produced, or derived from this project (Confidential Information) must remain confidential subject to release only by permission of the District, and more specifically agree as follows:

Media releases pertaining to this RFP and/or any resulting contract, or the services to which they relate, will not be made without the prior written consent of the District, and then only in accordance with explicit written instructions from the District. The disclosure of the contents of proposals prior to the award of a contract under this RFP, or any other violation of this section, may result in disqualification.

- 1. The Information may be used by Consultant only to assist Consultant in connection with its engagement with the District.
- 2. Consultant will not, at any time, use the Information in any fashion, form, or manner except in its capacity as independent consultant to the District.
- 3. Consultant agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all deliverables resulting from this Contract in the same manner that it protects the confidentiality of its own proprietary products of like kind.
- 4. The Information may not be copied or reproduced without the District's written consent.
- 5. All materials made available to Consultant, including copies thereof, must be returned to District upon the first to occur of; (a) completion of the project, or (b) request by the District.
- 6. The foregoing must not prohibit or limit Consultant use of the information (including, but not limited to, ideas, concepts, know-how, techniques and methodologies) (a) previously known to it, (b) independently developed by it, (c) acquired by it from a third party, or (d) which is or becomes part of the public domain through no breach to Consultant of this agreement.
- 7. This agreement shall become effective as of the date Information is first made available to Consultant and must survive the contract and be a continuing requirement.
- 8. The breach of this Nondisclosure Agreement by Consultant shall entitle the District to immediately terminate the Agreement upon written notice to Proposer for such breach. The parties acknowledge that the measure of damages in the event of a breach of this Nondisclosure Agreement may be difficult or impossible to calculate, depending on the nature of the breach. Regardless of whether the District elects to terminate the Agreement upon the breach hereof, the District may require Consultant to pay to the District the sum of \$1,000 for each breach as liquidated damages. This amount is not intended to be in the nature of a penalty but is intended to be a reasonable estimate of the amount of damages to the District in the event of a breach hereof by Consultant. Comptroller does not waive any right to seek additional relief, either equitable or otherwise, concerning any breach of this Agreement.

[Printed Name of Consultant]

By:			
Title:			

Date:

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