

**Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Packet
for
Engineering Services**

Military Highway Water Supply Corporation (MHWSC) is seeking to enter into an engineering services contract with a state-registered engineering firm. The following outlines this request for qualifications.

- I. Scope of Work – Request for qualifications for Grant funding application. MHWSC is proposing to acquire funding for construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant in Cameron County more specifically in the San Pedro area. The plant shall be lagoon type or mechanical activated sludge type sized to treat approximately 0.934 Million Gallons per Day. The selected engineer shall prepare preliminary engineering report and submit all required application documents for funding through USDA. Engineering services shall include the following:
- Conduct all field site visits to familiarize themselves with MHWSC sewer facilities.
 - Preparation of preliminary engineering report for funding, specifically Grant funding through USDA;
 - Preparation of USDA application documents;
- II. Statement of Qualifications - MHWSC is seeking to contract with a competent engineering firm, registered to practice in the State of Texas, that has had experience in the following areas:
- Experience with successful completion of Grant funding applications through USDA.
 - Construction of wastewater treatment plants, lagoon type and mechanical. List minimal 5 wastewater treatment plant projects successfully completed within Texas within the past 2 years.
 - Preparation of preliminary engineering reports for applications.
 - Projects located in this general region of the state.
 - Registered and good standing as a Professional Engineer.

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

Also, please provide a copy of your current certificate of insurance for professional liability.

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

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

- IV. For this RFQ, Respondent's qualifications will be evaluated and the most qualified Respondent will be selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation.
- For costs of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services, negotiations must occur after the initial selection of the engineer or architect as price cannot be used as a selection factor. (See 2 CFR 200.320(d)(5) and Texas Government Code § 2254.004)
- V. Deadline for Submission is no later than 4:00 P.M. on September 30, 2024, at the address:

Military Highway Water Supply Corporation
4000 US-281, Mercedes, Tx 78570

Sample Contract

ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL/SURVEYOR SERVICES

**PART I
AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this ____ day of _____, by and between Military Highway Water Supply Corporation hereinafter called the "MHWSC", acting herein by _____ hereunto duly authorized, and _____ hereinafter called "Firm," acting herein by _____.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the City/County of _____ desires to prepare the following: Submit application for Grant funding through USDA for a new Wastewater Treatment Plant; and Whereas the MHWSC desires to engage _____ to render certain engineering services in connection with the Project, Contract Number _____.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services

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

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

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

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

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

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

contributions imposed or required under the Social Security, worker's compensation and income tax laws.

9. Miscellaneous Provisions

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

10. Extent of Agreement

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

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

BY: _____
(Local City/County Official)

(Printed Name)

(Title)

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

(Printed Name)

(Title)

PART II
SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Firm shall render the following professional services necessary for the development of the project: The Contract is to submit application for funding of new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Prepare any necessary maps and exhibits and prepare necessary documentation for application. Provide consultation and advice as to the type and size of wastewater treatment plant required based on sound engineering practices.
2. Prepare a preliminary engineering report, and report on the project in sufficient detail to indicate clearly the problems involved and the alternate solutions available to the City/County, to include preliminary layouts, sketches and cost estimates for the project, and to set forth clearly the Firm's recommendations; to be completed within **120 Days** of execution of this Agreement.
3. Furnish copies of the preliminary report, if applicable (additional copies will be furnished to the City/County at direct cost of reproduction).

SUBCONTRACTS

1. No work under this Agreement shall be subcontracted by the Firm without prior approval, in writing, from the City/County.
2. The Firm shall, prior to proceeding with the work, notify the City/County in writing of the name of any subcontractors proposed for the work, including the extent and character of the work to be done by each.
3. If any time during progress of the work, the City/County determines that any subcontractor is incompetent or undesirable, the City/County will notify the Firm who shall take reasonable and immediate steps to satisfactorily cure the problem, substitute performance, or cancel such subcontract. Subletting by subcontractors shall be subject to the same regulations. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create any contractual relation between any subcontractor and the City/County.
4. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$150,000 a provision which requires compliance with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). The provisions shall require reporting of violations to TDA and to the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
5. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$150,000 provisions or conditions which will allow for administrative, contractual or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate.
6. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$10,000 provisions addressing termination for cause and for convenience by the City/County including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement..
7. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts provisions requiring compliance with the following, if applicable:
 - a. Prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000, compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C.3141-3144, 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5);
 - b. Prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000, compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3)
 - c. Contracts greater than \$10,000, the inclusion of the Equal Opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) (Executive Order 11246);
 - d. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968;
 - e. Contracts exceeding \$100,000, compliance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352);
 - f. For contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708),

including work week requirements and safety conditions for workers, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5); and

8. The Firm will include in all negotiated contracts and subcontracts a provision which indicates that funds will not be awarded under this contract to any party which is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549 and 2 CFR Part 2424. A certification shall be provided and received from each proposed subcontractor under this contract and its principals.
9. The Firm will include in all negotiated contracts and subcontracts a provision to the effect that the City/County, TDA, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Comptroller General of the United States, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to that specific contract, for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
10. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts a requirement that the contractor maintain all relevant project records for three (3) years after the City/County has made final payment to the contractor and all other pending matters are closed.

STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE AND DEFICIENCIES

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

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

Milestone	% of Contract Fee
• Completion of preliminary site visit and sewer system familiarization .	10%
• Approval of Preliminary Engineering Report by MHWSC.	50%
• Completion of application documents and approval by MHWSC.	20%
• Completion of application submission and approval by USDA.	20%
Total	100%

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

3. The payment requests shall be prepared by the Firm and be accompanied by such supporting data to substantiate the amounts requested.
4. Any work performed by the Firm prior to the execution of this Agreement is at the Firm's sole risk and expense.

PART IV
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Termination of Agreement for Cause. If the Firm fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Firm violates any of the covenants, conditions, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the City/County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Firm of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, which shall be at least five days before the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination for cause, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by the Firm pursuant to this Agreement shall, at the option of the City/County, be turned over to the City / County and become the property of the City / County. In the event of termination for cause, the Firm shall be entitled to receive reasonable compensation for any necessary services actually and satisfactorily performed prior to the date of termination.

Notwithstanding the above, the Firm shall not be relieved of liability to the City/County for damages sustained by the City/County by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by the Firm, and the City/County may set-off the damages it incurred as a result of the Firm's breach of the contract from any amounts it might otherwise owe the Firm.

2. Termination for Convenience of the City/County.

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

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

3. Changes. The City/County may, from time to time, request changes in the services the Firm will perform under this Agreement. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Firm's compensation, must be agreed to by all parties and finalized through a signed, written amendment to this Agreement.
4. Resolution of Program Non-Compliance and Disallowed Costs. In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, including determination of responsibility for any costs disallowed as a result of non-compliance with federal, state or TxCDBG program requirements, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question or disagreement. To this effect, the parties shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith within 30 days of receipt of a written notice of the dispute or invitation to negotiate, and attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties. If the matter is not resolved by negotiation within 30 days of receipt of written notice or invitation to negotiate, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the matter by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Mediation Procedures before resorting to arbitration, litigation, or some other dispute resolution procedure. The parties may enter into a written amendment to this Amendment and choose a mediator that is not affiliated with the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. *[This section may also provide for the qualifications of the mediator(s), the locale of meetings, time limits, or any other item of concern to the parties.]* If the matter is not resolved through such mediation within 60 days of the initiation of that procedure, either party may proceed to file suit.

5. Personnel.

- a. The Firm represents that he/she/it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the City/County.
 - b. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by the Firm or under its supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under State and Local law to perform such services.
 - c. None of the work or services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the City/County. Any work or services subcontracted hereunder shall be specified by written contract or agreement and shall be subject to each provision of this Agreement.
6. Assignability. The Firm shall not assign any interest on this Agreement, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without the prior written consent of the City/County thereto; Provided, however, that claims for money by the Firm from the City/County under this Agreement may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Written notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the City/County.
 7. Reports and Information. The Firm, at such times and in such forms as the City/County may require, shall furnish the City/County such periodic reports as it may request pertaining to the work or services undertaken pursuant to this Agreement, the costs and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection therewith, and any other matters covered by this Agreement.
 8. Records and Audits. The Firm shall insure that the City/County maintains fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures of funds made under this contract in a manner that conforms to 2 CFR 200.300-.309, 24 CFR 570.490, and this Agreement. Such records must include data on the racial, ethnic, and gender characteristics of persons who are applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries of the funds provided under this Agreement. The Firm and the City/County shall retain such records, and any supporting documentation, for the greater of three years from closeout of the Agreement or the period required by other applicable laws and regulations.
 9. Findings Confidential. All of the reports, information, data, etc., prepared or assembled by the Firm under this contract are confidential and the Firm agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the City/County.
 10. Copyright. No report, maps, or other documents produced in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Firm.
 11. Compliance with Local Laws. The Firm shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and codes of the State and local governments, and the Firm shall save the City/County harmless with respect to any damages arising from any tort done in performing any of the work embraced by this Agreement.
 12. Conflicts of interest.
 - a. Governing Body. No member of the governing body of the City/County and no other officer, employee, or agent of the City/County, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with administration, construction, engineering, or implementation of TxCDBG award between TDA and the City / County, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Firm or this Agreement; and the Firm shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
 - b. Other Local Public Officials. No other public official, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of administration, construction, engineering or implementation of the TxCDBG award between TDA and the City/County, shall

have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Firm or this Agreement; and the Firm shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.

- a. The Firm and Employees. The Firm warrants and represents that it has no conflict of interest associated with the TxCDBG award between TDA and the City/County or this Agreement. The Firm further warrants and represents that it shall not acquire an interest, direct or indirect, in any geographic area that may benefit from the TxCDBG award between TDA and the City/County or in any business, entity, organization or person that may benefit from the award. The Firm further agrees that it will not employ an individual with a conflict of interest as described herein.

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

The Firm certifies, by entering into this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally-assisted programs under Executive Orders 12549 (1986) and 12689 (1989). The term "principal" for purposes of this Agreement is defined as an officer, director, owner, partner, key employee, or other person with primary management or supervisory responsibilities, or a person who has a critical influence on or substantive control over the operations of the Firm. The Firm understands that it must not make any award or permit any award (or contract) at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension."

Federal Civil Rights Compliance.

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

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

- a. The Firm will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Firm will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Firm agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- b. The Firm will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Firm, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- c. The Firm will not discourage or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
- d. The Firm will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the

said labor union or workers' representatives of the Firm's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

- e. The Firm will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, "Equal Employment Opportunity," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
 - f. The Firm will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
 - g. In the event of the Firm's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Firm may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
 - h. The Firm will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (a) and the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Firm will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a Firm becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the Firm may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.
15. Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
16. Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Firm shall comply with the provisions of Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. No person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.
17. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Firm agrees that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, including discrimination in employment, under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
18. Age Discrimination Act of 1975. The Firm shall comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 which provides that no person in the United States shall on the basis of age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
19. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) (if contract greater than or equal to \$100,000)

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

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

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

(b) The parties to this Contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this Contract, the parties to this Contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 75 regulations.

(c) The Contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 75, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 75. The Contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the Contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 75.

(d) The Contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the Contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 75 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the Contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 75. Minimum expectations of effort to direct employment opportunities to such workers are identified in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.

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

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

FORM CIQ

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

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

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

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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

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

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

Name of Officer

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

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

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

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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) the vendor:

- (A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
 - or
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;
- (B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

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

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

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

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

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

Engineer/Architect/Surveyor Rating Sheet

Name of Respondent _____

Date of Rating _____

Evaluator's Name _____

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

Comments

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

Work Performance

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

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

Capacity to Perform

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

TOTAL SCORE

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