



**ORANGE COUNTY TEXAS**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP-21004)**

**TITLE WORK, LAND SURVEY, & CLOSING  
SERVICES**

**GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) DISASTER RECOVERY  
BUYOUT PROGRAM**

**DR-4332 (HURRICANE HARVEY)**

**CONTRACT NUMBER: 20-066-048-c526**

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:**

**3:00pm Tuesday, June 15, 2021**

## NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Orange County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed competitive proposals at the Orange County Purchasing Agent's Office located at 714 Polk Street, Orange, Texas until 3:00 p.m., CST, Tuesday, June 15, 2021 on the following requirements:

PROPOSAL NAME:	TITLE WORK, LAND SURVEYING, AND CLOSING SERVICES under the General Land Office (GLO) Disaster Recovery Buyout Program resulting from the Federal Disaster Declaration 4332 (Hurricane Harvey)
CONTRACT NO:	20-066-048-C526
PROPOSAL NO:	RFP-21004
DUE DATE/TIME:	3:00 p.m., CST, June 15, 2021
MAIL OR DELIVER TO:	Orange County Purchasing Department 714 Polk Street Orange, TX 77630

Scope of Work will involve title work, land surveying and closing services for approximately 17 properties.

Proposal instructions and specifications are available at [www.co.orange.tx.us](http://www.co.orange.tx.us) or the office of the Orange County Purchasing Agent located at 714 Polk Street, Orange, Texas, 77630. Phone 409-882-7902.

Sealed Proposals will be publicly opened and only the firm name will be read aloud at the location, time and date above. Proposals shall be opened in a manner that avoids disclosure of the contents to competing offerors and maintains the confidentiality of the proposals during negotiations. Proposals will be open for the public after the award of the contract, except for trade secrets and confidential information. Proposals received after the advertised proposal time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

Orange County reserves the right to award this proposal by unit or lump sum to the most qualified responsible offeror and to increase or decrease quantities as it deems necessary. Orange County also reserves the right to waive any or all formalities and/or technicalities or to reject any and all proposals if in the best interest of the County.

Copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) may be requested at the Orange County Purchasing Office by emailing [tfunchess@co.orange.tx.us](mailto:tfunchess@co.orange.tx.us) or by calling 409-882-7902.

Orange County is an equal opportunity employer and encourages small businesses, minority owned businesses, women's business enterprises, and historically underutilized business enterprises to apply.

All interested firms are invited to submit a proposal in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in this proposal.

Tim Funchess  
Purchasing Agent  
County of Orange Texas

**Request for Proposal  
GLO CDBG-DR Buyout Program  
Title Work, Land Surveying, and Closing Services**

May 28, 2021

Re: Proposed Contract Funding through the General Land Office ("GLO") **Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Buyout Program**

Dear Service Providers:

Attached is a copy of the County's Request for Proposals for title work, land surveying and closing services of properties to be acquired through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Disaster Recovery (DR) Buyout Program funded through the Texas General Land Office (GLO), RFP-21004. Contract Number: 20-066-048-C526.

Orange County has been awarded funding for the buyout of approximately 17 flood damaged or repetitive loss properties.

Firms may submit proposals for any or all activities. Multiple contracts may be awarded as a result of this solicitation. The County will, in its sole discretion, determine the number of contracts awarded, and may decide not to award any contracts.

The submission requirements for this proposal are included on the attached Request for Proposal (RFP-21004) form. Proposals must be received no later than **Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. CST**. It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting firm. **Please submit five (5) copies and one (1) original** in a sealed envelope, clearly marked on the outside RFP-21004 Title Company Services to the following address: Orange County Texas, Purchasing Department, 714 Polk, Orange, TX, 77630.

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

Sincerely,

Tim Funchess  
Purchasing Agent  
Orange County Texas

# **RFP GLO CDBG-DR Buyout Program**

## **Title Work, Land Surveying, and Closing Services**

Orange County is seeking proposals from competent service providers to assist with title work, land surveying, and closing services for approximately 17 properties located in Orange County to be acquired using funds provided by the CDBG-DR Buyout Program administered by the Texas General Land Office.

The following outlines the request for proposals. Note, “application” and “award” in this RFP refer to a subapplication submitted to the funding agency and a subaward granted by the funding agency. Any work done prior to the award of a Title Work, Land Surveying, and Closing Services Agreement is considered “at risk” and Orange County is under no obligation to fund or pay for such work.

- I. **Scope of Work** –The service provider(s) is to provide services including but not limited to the following areas:

Orange County is seeking proposals to conduct title and closing work under GLO’s CDBG-DR Acquisition Program resulting from Federal Disaster Declaration 4332 (Hurricane Harvey). Project involves title work, land surveying and closing services for approximately 17 properties which sustained flooding damage.

Scope of work and methodology details include:

- Title search and issuance of title insurance policy for properties eligible for buyout.
- Survey field work and final plat which includes: A) accurate flood zone identification (Floodway, Zone AE, Zone A, Shaded Zone X, or Zone X) as defined on FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps; B) longitude and latitude for property corners in decimal degrees to six (6) decimal places; C) clearly identified marking/flagging of property corners; D) photo of surveyed property from perspective of closest public road or right-of-way.
- Escrow, closing, settlement, and recording services.

- II. **Statement of Qualifications** - Orange County is seeking to contract with well-qualified service provider(s) experienced in performing title work, closings, and related services. Responses to the Request for Proposals should at a minimum demonstrate:
- 1) Necessary licensing and certification;
  - 2) Contractor must not be listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM) <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>;
  - 3) Relevant experience and project understanding;
  - 4) Adequate staff and technical knowledge;
  - 5) Readiness and ability to complete assigned tasks and functions within required timeframe;
  - 6) Cost proposal for typical work activities according to specifications outlined above;
  - 7) Process for handling escrow and types of acceptable payment and/or negotiable instruments.

- III. **Proposed Cost of Services** – Services under this RFP may include any or all of the eligible activities listed in Section II. In order to establish a basis for cost comparison, provide a firm fixed-price cost proposal for each of the currently proposed project(s) described below. Cost proposals must be submitted using the table below and will be evaluated against each other, relative to the initial project cost estimates. Cost proposals should include any additional services required to implement the currently proposed project(s) described below.

The proposal must include all costs that are necessary to successfully complete these activities. Orange County will consider dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises. Contract pricing for services under this RFP will be adjusted if final project cost estimates differ from the current estimate. Please note that the lowest/best bid will not be used as the sole basis for entering into this contract.

### Proposed Cost

To be completed by Orange County:		To be completed by Service Provider:	
<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Description (size, # of units, budget estimate, etc.)</b>	<b>Proposed Unit Cost</b> (Per Property)	<b>Proposed Total Cost</b> (17 Properties)
Title Search, Issuance of Title Policy, Closing, Preparation and Recording of Deed (No survey required)	17		
Title Search, Issuance of Title Policy, Closing, Preparation and Recording of Deed (Survey required)	17		
Property survey only	17		

- V. **Evaluation Criteria** - The proposal received will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria and using the rating sheet enclosed as Exhibit A:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
Applicable related experience	30
Readiness, performance schedule	30
Company structure and qualifications	20
Cost of services	10
Certified HUB/MWBE	10

VI. **Submission Requirements**

- Proposals must include services for all applicable programs.
- A statement of conflicts (if any) the proposing entity or key employees may have regarding these services.
- System for Award Management. Consultant/Firm maintains that it is not debarred or suspended from either the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) in the System for Award Management (SAM). Include verification that your company as well as the company's principal is not listed (is not debarred) through the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov). Enclose a print out of the search results that includes the record date.
- Form CIQ, enclosed. Texas Local Government Code chapter 176 requires that any vendor or person who enters or seeks to enter into a contract with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ the vendor or person's employment, affiliation, business relationship, family relationship or provision of gifts that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. Questionnaire form CIQ is included in the RFP and must be submitted with the response.
- Certification Regarding Lobbying, enclosed. Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements is included in the RFP and must be submitted with the response.
- Form 1295, enclosed. Effective January 1, 2016, all contracts and contract amendments, extensions, or renewals executed by the Commissioners Court will require the completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties" pursuant to Government Code § 2252.908. Form 1295 must be completed by awarded vendor at time of signed contract submission. Form 1295 is included in this RFP for your information.
- Required Contract Provisions. Applicable provisions enclosed must be included in all contracts executed as a result of this RFP.

VII. **Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.** Small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to participate in this RFP. If the awarded vendor is a prime contractor and may use subcontractors, the following affirmative steps are required of the prime contractor:

- 1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- 2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- 3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- 4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- 5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

VIII. **Deadline for Submission** – Proposals must be received no later than **Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. CST**. It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting firm. **Please submit five (5) copies and one (1) original** in a sealed envelope, clearly marked on the outside RFP-21004 Title Company Services to the following address: Orange County Texas, Purchasing Department, 714 Polk, Orange, TX, 77630. Phone:409-882-7902.

# Title/Escrow Services Rating Sheet

Sub-grantee \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Experience

### Factors

	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Related Experience / Background with federal and state funded projects	10	_____
2. Related Experience/ Background with specific project type (housing rehabilitation, buyout of property, coordination with regulatory agency, etc.)	10	_____
3. References from current/past clients	5	_____
4. Familiarity with Region and Demographics	5	_____
<b>Subtotal, Experience</b>	<b>30</b>	_____

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## Readiness, Performance Schedule

### Factors

	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Availability to begin immediately upon award	15	_____
2. Completion within grant contract requirements	15	_____
<b>Subtotal, Readiness, Performance</b>	<b>30</b>	_____

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## Company Structure and Qualifications

### Factors

	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Qualifications of Professional Administrators/Experience of Staff	5	_____
2. Present and Projected Workloads	5	_____
3. Quality of Proposal/Work Plan	5	_____
4. Demonstrated understanding of scope of Project	5	_____
<b>Subtotal, Capacity to Perform</b>	<b>20</b>	_____

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## Proposed Cost

### Factors

	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Proposed cost deemed reasonable and within independent cost estimate range	10	_____
<b>Subtotal, Proposed Cost</b>	<b>10</b>	_____

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## Certified HUB/MWBE

### Factors

	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Provided certification of HUB/MWBE designation	10	_____
<b>Subtotal, HUB/MWBE</b>	<b>10</b>	_____

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## TOTAL SCORE

### Factors

	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
Experience	30	_____
Performance	30	_____
Qualifications	20	_____
Proposed Cost	10	_____
HUB/MWBE	10	_____
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>100</b>	_____

**Insert System for Award Management (SAM) record search  
for company name and company principal**



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

**FORM CIQ**

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

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

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

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

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Officer

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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

**7**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

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

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

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

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

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

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(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.

Certification Regarding Lobbying  
(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

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

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

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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

## Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

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

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

**CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES****FORM 1295**

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

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

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

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

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

**5** Check only if there is NO Interested Party. ☐

**6 UNSWORN DECLARATION**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and my date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.

My address is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
(month) (year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity  
(Declarant)

**ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY**

*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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor, 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 Contractor 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. 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 Contractor under this contract are confidential and the Contractor 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 Contractor.

11. Compliance with Local Laws. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and codes of the State and local governments, and the Contractor 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.

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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 the TxCDBG award between TDA and the City / County shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Contractor or this Agreement; and the Contractor 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 Contractor or this Agreement; and the Contractor shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
- c. Contractor and Employees. The Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor. The Contractor 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 Contractor agrees as follows:

- a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The 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, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
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- b. The 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, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
  - c. The Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
  - e. The Contractor 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 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, 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 Contractor'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 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.
  - h. The Contractor 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 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 a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with,
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litigation with a subcontractor or vendor 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 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 Contractor 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 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Contractor 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 Contractor 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.

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

19. Economic Opportunities for Section 3 Residents and Section 3 Business Concerns.
    - a. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
    - b. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.
    - c. The Contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training
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positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

d. The Contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The 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 135.

e. 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 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.

f. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this Agreement for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

g. With respect to work performed in connection with section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this Agreement. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this Agreement that are subject to the provisions of section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).

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