

or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount).

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the District. If it is later determined that the Consultant 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 (name of state agency serving as recipient and name of subrecipient), the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

Consultant agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

1.2 Political Activities.

Consultant is prohibited from using federal funds directly or indirectly for political purposes, including polling, lobbying or advocating for legislative programs or changes; campaigning for, endorsing, contributing to, or otherwise supporting political candidates or parties; and voter registration or get-out-the-vote campaigns. Generally, organizations or entities which receive federal funds by way of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements do not lose their rights as organizations to use their own, private, non-federal resources for "political" activities because of or as a consequence of receiving such federal funds. These recipient organizations must thus use private or other non-federal money, receipts, contributions, or dues for their political activities, and may not charge off to or be reimbursed from federal contracts or grants for the costs of such activities.

1.3 Procurement of Recovered Materials.

Consultant must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at 42 U.S.C. § 6962). (1) In the performance of this Agreement, the Consultant shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA designated items unless the product cannot be acquired: (i) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule; (ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or (iii) At a reasonable price. (2) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensiveprocurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

1.4 Access to Records.

- 1.4.1 The Consultant agrees to provide District, 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 Consultant which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

1.4.2 The Consultant agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

1.4.3 The Consultant 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.

1.5 DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags.

The Consultant shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA preapproval.

1.6 Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders.

The Consultant will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

1.7 No Obligation by Federal Government.

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

1.8 Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.

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

1.9 Civil Rights and Non-Discrimination

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

1.9.1 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin.

Consultant will comply with state and federal anti-discrimination laws including Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), FEMA's implementing regulations at 44 C.F.R. Part 7 (*Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs*), and the Department's implementing regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 21 (*Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Race, Color, or National Origin in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance*) which provides that no person in the United States will, on the grounds of race, color, 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.

1.9.2 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex.

Consultant will comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (codified as amended at 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), FEMA's implementing regulations at 44 C.F.R. Part 19 (*Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance*), and the Department's implementing regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 15 (*Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance*) prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

1.9.3 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability.

Consultant will comply with The Americans with Disability Act of 1990 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213) prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in programs, activities, and services, and imposes specific requirements on public and private public and private entities. Consultant must comply with the responsibilities under Titles I, II, III, IV, and V of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 in employment, public services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and other provisions, many of which are subject to regulations issued by other Federal agencies.

1.9.4 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap.

Consultant will comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (codified as amended at 29 U.S.C. § 794) and FEMA's implementing regulations at 44 C.F.R. Part 16 (*Enforcement of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency*) provide that no otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States will, solely by reason of handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

1.9.5 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age.

Consultant will comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), and Department of Health and Human Services implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 90 (*Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance*) prohibit discrimination against individuals on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

1.9.6 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Limited English Proficiency.

Consultant will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibition against discrimination on the basis of national origin which requires that recipients and subrecipients of FEMA assistance take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency.

Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, English proficiency, or disability. Consultant shall not, on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, English proficiency, or disability, exclude a person from participation in, deny him/her benefits, or subject him/her to discrimination. Consultant shall adhere to any Federal implementing regulations and other requirements that the Department and the FEMA have with respect to nondiscrimination.

1.10 False Statements Act.

Consultant agrees to comply with the False Statement Act sets forth liability for, among other things, any person who knowingly submits a false claim to the Federal government or causes another to submit a false claim to the government or knowingly makes a false record or statement to get a false claim paid by the government. 31 U.S.C. §§ 37293733.

1.11 Fraud Waste and Abuse.

Consultant understands that in the event District becomes aware of any allegation or a finding of fraud, waste, or misuse of funds received from FEMA or the Office of the Governor, the District is required to immediately notify OOG of said allegation or finding and to continue to inform OOG of the status of any such on-going investigations. The District must also promptly refer to OOG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, Consultant, subcontractor, or other person has -- (1) submitted a claim for award funds that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving award funds. District must also immediately notify OOG in writing of any misappropriation of funds, fraud, theft, embezzlement, forgery, or any other serious irregularities indicating noncompliance with grant requirements. District must notify the local prosecutor's office of any possible criminal violations.

1.12 Prompt Payment

The Consultant is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to the Underlying Agreement for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the Consultant's receipt of payment for that work from District. In addition, the Consultant is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed.

1.13 Retention of Records

The Consultant agrees to maintain fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures related to this Agreement pursuant to 2 CFR 200.333, UGMS, and state law. Consultant must retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, these records and any supporting documentation for a minimum period of not less than seven (7) years after the date of termination or expiration of the Agreement or any litigation, dispute, or audit arising from the performance of the Agreement. Records related to real property and equipment acquired with grant funds shall be retained for seven (7) years after final disposition.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the Agreement, including any addenda or amendments, not modified shall remain in full force and effect. If there is a conflict between this First Amendment and the Agreement, the provisions of this First Amendment shall prevail with regard to the conflict.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties put their hands to this Amendment on the dates indicated below.

FORT BEND COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC.

Robert E. Hebert, County Judge



Authorized Agent- Signature

Date



Authorized Agent- Printed Name

ATTEST:



Title

Laura Richard, County Clerk



Date

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$_____ to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County Drainage District under this contract.

Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor