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# AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR DISPARITY STUDY DATA GATHERING PURSUANT TO RFP 19-041 – CONTINGENCY ALL HAZARDS CONSULTING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between Fort Bend County, (hereinafter "County"), a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, and Tetra Tech, Inc. (hereinafter "Consultant"), a company authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas.

# WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County desires that Consultant provide Consultant Services for Disparity Study data gathering pursuant to RFP 19-041, and

WHEREAS, Consultant represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such services in accordance with the advertised specifications of RFP 19-041.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth below, the parties agree as follows:

# **AGREEMENT**

# Section 1. Scope of Services

Consultant shall render the Consultant services for Disparity Study data gathering services to County as described in Consultant's proposal dated attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein for all purposes.

# Section 2. Personnel

- A. Consultant represents that it presently has, or is able to obtain, adequate qualified personnel in its employment for the timely performance of the Scope of Services required under this Agreement and that Consultant shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, adequate and sufficient personnel, in the opinion of County, to perform the Scope of Services when and as required and without delays.
- B. All employees of Consultant shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of Consultant who, in the opinion of County, is incompetent or by his conduct becomes detrimental to the project shall, upon request of County, immediately be removed from association with the project.

# Section 3. Compensation and Payment

- A. The Compensation for the performance of Services within the Scope of Services described in Exhibit A is one hundred ten thousand three hundred eighty-eight dollars and 00/100 (\$110,388.00), as set forth in Exhibit A. In no case shall the amount paid by County under this Agreement exceed the Maximum Compensation without an agreement executed by the parties. Travel expenses (if any) are subject to approval by the County Auditor prior to reimbursement and will be reimbursed only to the extent that those costs that do not exceed Fort Bend County travel reimbursement allowances. A copy of the County's Travel Policy with those reimbursement limits is attached and incorporated as Exhibit B to this Agreement.
- B. All performance of the Scope of Services by Consultant including any changes in the Scope of Services and revision of work satisfactorily performed will be performed only when approved in advance and authorized by the County.
- C. County will pay Consultant based on the following procedures: Consultant shall invoice County monthly. Payment terms are net 45 days. All invoices will be supported by timesheets with detailed notable activities in support of the project to account for hours worked. County shall review such invoices and approve them within forty-five (45) calendar days with such modifications as are consistent with this Agreement and forward same to the Auditor for processing. County shall pay each such approved invoice within forty-five (45) calendar days. County reserves the right to withhold payment pending verification of satisfactory work performed.

# Section 4. <u>Limit of Appropriation</u>

- A. Consultant clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that County shall have available the total maximum sum of one hundred ten thousand three hundred eighty-eight dollars and 00/100 (\$110,388.00), specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur.
- B. Consultant does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total maximum compensation that Consultant may become entitled to and the total maximum sum that County may become liable to pay to Consultant shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed one hundred ten thousand three hundred eighty-eight dollars and 00/100 (\$110,388.00), specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur.

# **Section 5.** Term of Agreement

Time for performance of the Scope of Services under this Agreement shall begin with receipt of the Notice to Proceed and end no later than 90 days after the Notice to Proceed is issued by County. Consultant shall complete the tasks described in the Scope of Services, within this time or within such additional time as may be extended by the County.

# Section 6. Modifications and Waivers

- A. The parties may not amend or waive this Agreement, except by a written agreement executed by both parties.
- B. No failure or delay in exercising any right or remedy or requiring the satisfaction of any condition under this Agreement, and no course of dealing between the parties, operates as a waiver or estoppel of any right, remedy, or condition.
- C. The rights and remedies of the parties set forth in this Agreement are not exclusive of, but are cumulative to, any rights or remedies now or subsequently existing at law, in equity, or by statute.

#### **Section 7. Termination**

- A. Termination for Convenience: County may terminate this Agreement at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice.
- B. Termination for Default
  - 1. County may terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement for cause in the following circumstances:
    - a. If Consultant fails to perform services within the time specified in the Scope of Services or any extension thereof granted by the County in writing;
    - b. If Consultant materially breaches any of the covenants or terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement or fails to perform any of the other provisions of this Agreement or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and in any of these circumstances does not cure such breach or failure to County's reasonable satisfaction within a period of ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice from County specifying such breach or failure.
  - 2. If, after termination, it is determined for any reason whatsoever that Consultant was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the County in accordance with Section 7(A) above.
- C. Upon termination of this Agreement, County shall compensate Consultant in accordance with Section 3, above, for those services which were provided under this Agreement prior to its termination and which have not been previously invoiced to County. Consultant's final invoice for said services will be presented to and paid by County in the same manner set forth in Section 3 above.
- D. If County terminates this Agreement as provided in this Section, no fees of any type, other than fees due and payable at the Termination Date, shall thereafter be paid to Consultant.

# Section 8. Ownership and Reuse of Documents

All documents, data, reports, research, graphic presentation materials, etc., developed by Consultant as a part of its work under this Agreement, shall become the property of County upon completion of this Agreement, or in the event of termination or cancellation thereof, at the time of payment under Section 3 for work performed. Consultant shall promptly furnish all such data and material to County on request.

# Section 9. Inspection of Books and Records

Consultant will permit County, or any duly authorized agent of County, to inspect and examine the books and records of Consultant for the purpose of verifying the amount of work performed under the Scope of Services. County's right to inspect survives the termination of this Agreement for a period of four years.

# Section 10. Insurance

- A. Prior to commencement of the Services, Consultant shall furnish County with properly executed certificates of insurance which shall evidence all insurance required and provide that such insurance shall not be canceled, except on 30 days' prior written notice to County. Consultant shall provide certified copies of insurance endorsements and/or policies if requested by County. Consultant shall maintain such insurance coverage from the time Services commence until Services are completed and provide replacement certificates, policies and/or endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of Services. Consultant shall obtain such insurance written on an Occurrence form from such companies having Best's rating of A/VII or better, licensed or approved to transact business in the State of Texas, and shall obtain such insurance of the following types and minimum limits:
  - 1. Workers Compensation in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Substitutes to genuine Workers' Compensation Insurance will not be allowed.
  - 2. Employers' Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per injury by accident, \$1,000,000 per injury by disease, and \$1,000,000 per bodily injury by disease.
  - 3. Commercial general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate. Policy shall cover liability for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage and products/completed operations arising out of the business operations of the policyholder.
  - 4. Business Automobile Liability coverage applying to owned, non-owned and hired automobiles with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage combined.
  - 5. Professional Liability insurance may be made on a Claims Made form with limits not less than \$1,000,000.
- B. County and the members of Commissioners Court shall be named as additional insured on a Primary & Non-Contributory basis to all required coverage except for Workers'

Compensation and Professional Liability (if required). All Liability policies written on behalf of Consultant shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County and members of Commissioners Court.

- C. If required coverage is written on a claims-made basis, Consultant warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of the Contract and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of 2 years beginning from the time the work under this Contract is completed.
- D. Consultant shall not commence any portion of the work under this Contract until it has obtained the insurance required herein and certificates of such insurance have been filed with and approved by Fort Bend County.
- E. No cancellation of or changes to the certificates, or the policies, may be made without sixty (60) days prior, written notification to Fort Bend County.
- F. Approval of the insurance by Fort Bend County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Consultant.

# Section 11. Indemnity

CONSULTANT SHALL INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND COUNTY AGAINST ALL LOSSES, LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, AND OTHER EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES, ARISING FROM ACTIVITIES OF CONSULTANT, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES, PERFORMED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT THAT RESULT FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION OF CONSULTANT OR ANY OF CONSULTANT'S AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES.

- A. Consultant shall timely report all such matters to County and shall, upon the receipt of any such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment, not later than the fifteenth day of each month; provide County with a written report on each such matter, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of County required by Consultant in the defense of each matter.
- B. Consultant's duty to defend, indemnify and hold County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of the Agreement unless otherwise agreed by County in writing. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the Agreement and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.
- C. In the event of any dispute between the parties as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of Consultant, Consultant shall neverthe-less fully defend such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of Consultant are not at issue in the matter.

- D. Consultant's indemnification shall cover, and Consultant agrees to indemnify County, in the event County is found to have been negligent for having selected Consultant to perform the work described in this request.
- E. The provision by Consultant of insurance shall not limit the liability of Consultant under an agreement.
- F. Consultant shall cause all trade contractors and any other contractor who may have a contract to perform construction or installation work in the area where work will be performed under this request, to agree to indemnify County and to hold it harmless from all claims for bodily injury and property damage that arise may from said Consultant's operations. Such provisions shall be in form satisfactory to County.
- G. Loss Deduction Clause County shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of deductibles shall be the sole responsibility of Consultant and/or trade contractor providing such insurance.

# Section 12. Confidential and Proprietary Information

- A. Consultant acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, in the course of performing their responsibilities under this Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to County. Any and all information of any form obtained by Consultant or its employees or agents from County in the performance of this Agreement shall be deemed to be confidential information of County ("Confidential Information"). Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the Confidential Information by Consultant shall be treated with respect to confidentiality in the same manner as the Confidential Information. Confidential Information shall be deemed not to include information that (a) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by Consultant) publicly known or is contained in a publicly available document; (b) is rightfully in Consultant's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Agreement; or (c) is independently developed by employees or agents of Consultant who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.
- B. Consultant agrees to hold Confidential Information in strict confidence, using at least the same degree of care that Consultant uses in maintaining the confidentiality of its own confidential information, and not to copy, reproduce, sell, assign, license, market, transfer or otherwise dispose of, give, or disclose Confidential Information to third parties or use Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than the provision of Services to County hereunder, and to advise each of its employees and agents of their obligations to keep Confidential Information confidential. Consultant shall use its best efforts to assist County in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information. Without limitation of the foregoing, Consultant shall advise County immediately in the event Consultant learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Agreement and Consultant will at its expense cooperate with County in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of County or Consultant

against any such person. Consultant agrees that, except as directed by County, Consultant will not at any time during or after the term of this Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, and that upon termination of this Agreement or at County's request, Consultant will promptly turn over to County all documents, papers, and other matter in Consultant's possession which embody Confidential Information.

- C. Consultant acknowledges that a breach of this Section, including disclosure of any Confidential Information, or disclosure of other information that, at law or in equity, ought to remain confidential, will give rise to irreparable injury to County that is inadequately compensable in damages. Accordingly, County may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interest of County and are reasonable in scope and content.
- D. Consultant in providing all services hereunder agrees to abide by the provisions of any applicable Federal or State Data Privacy Act.
- E. Consultant expressly acknowledges that County is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 552.001 et seq., as amended, and notwithstanding any provision in the Agreement to the contrary, County will make any information related to the Agreement, or otherwise, available to third parties in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act. Any proprietary or confidential information marked as such provided to County by Consultant shall not be disclosed to any third party, except as directed by the Texas Attorney General in response to a request for such under the Texas Public Information Act, which provides for notice to the owner of such marked information and the opportunity for the owner of such information to notify the Attorney General of the reasons why such information should not be disclosed. The terms and conditions of the Agreement are not proprietary or confidential information.

#### Section 13. Independent Consultant

- A. In the performance of work or services hereunder, Consultant shall be deemed an independent contractor, and any of its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers performing work required hereundershall be deemed solely as employees of contractor or, where permitted, of its subcontractors.
- B. Consultant and its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers shall not, by performing work pursuant to this Agreement, be deemed to be employees, agents, or servants of County and shall not be entitled to any of the privileges or benefits of County employment.

#### **Section 14. Notices**

A. Each party giving any notice or making any request, demand, or other communication (each, a "Notice") pursuant to this Agreement shall do so in writing and shall use one of

the following methods of delivery, each of which, for purposes of this Agreement, is a writing: personal delivery, registered or certified mail (in each case, return receipt requested and postage prepaid), or nationally recognized overnight courier (with all fees prepaid).

B. Each party giving a Notice shall address the Notice to the receiving party at the address listed below or to another address designated by a party in a Notice pursuant to this Section:

County: Fort Bend County

Attn: County Judge 401 Jackson Street Richmond, Texas 77469

Consultant: Tetra Tech, Inc.

ATTN: Betty Kamara

2301 Lucien Way, Suite 120 Maitland, Florida 32751

C. Notice is effective only if the party giving or making the Notice has complied with subsections 14. A. and B. and if the addressee has received the Notice. A Notice is deemed received as follows:

- 1. If the Notice is delivered in person, or sent by registered or certified mail or a nationally recognized overnight courier, upon receipt as indicated by the date on the signed receipt.
- 2. If the addressee rejects or otherwise refuses to accept the Notice, or if the Notice cannot be delivered because of a change in address for which no Notice was given, then upon the rejection, refusal, or inability to deliver.

## Section 15. Compliance with Laws

Consultant shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations. When required by County, Consultant shall furnish County with certification of compliance with said laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees above specified.

# Section 16. <u>Performance Warranty</u>

Consultant warrants to County that Consultant has the skill and knowledge ordinarily possessed by well-informed members of its trade or profession practicing in the greater Houston metropolitan area and Consultant will apply that skill and knowledge with care and diligence to ensure that the Services provided hereunder will be performed and delivered in accordance with the highest professional standards.

# Section 17. Assignment and Delegation

- A. Neither party may assign any of its rights under this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of the other party. That party shall not unreasonably withhold its consent. All assignments of rights are prohibited under this subsection, whether they are voluntarily or involuntarily, by merger, consolidation, dissolution, operation of law, or any other manner.
- B. Neither party may delegate any performance under this Agreement.
- C. Any purported assignment of rights or delegation of performance in violation of this Section is void.

# Section 18. Applicable Law

The laws of the State of Texas govern all disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge that venue is proper in Fort Bend County, Texas, for all legal actions or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement and waive the right to sue or be sued elsewhere. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed to waive the County's sovereign immunity.

# **Section 19. Successors and Assigns**

County and Consultant bind themselves and their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of the other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement.

#### **Section 20. Third Party Beneficiaries**

This Agreement does not confer any enforceable rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties.

# Section 21. Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full force, if the essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each party remain valid, binding, and enforceable.

# Section 22. Publicity

Contact with citizens of Fort Bend County, media outlets, or governmental agencies shall be the sole responsibility of County. Under no circumstances whatsoever, shall Consultant release any material or information developed or received in the performance of the Services hereunder without the express written permission of County, except where required to do so by law.

# **Section 23. Federal Clauses**

Consultant understands and acknowledges that this Agreement may be totally or partially funded with federal and or state funds. As a condition of receiving these funds, Consultant

represents that it is and will remain in compliance with all federal and or state terms as stated in Exhibit C.

# Section 24. Certain State Law Requirements for Contracts

For purposes of section 2252.152, 2271.002, and 2274.002, Texas Government Code, as amended, Contractor hereby verifies that Contractor and any parent company, wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, and affiliate:

- A. Unless affirmatively declared by the United States government to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization, is not identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code.
- B. If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor does not boycott Israel and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to boycott Israel during the term of such contracts. "Boycott Israel" has the meaning provided in section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code.
- C. If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor does not boycott energy companies and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to boycott energy companies during the term of such contracts. "Boycott energy company" has the meaning provided in section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code.
- D. If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of such contracts. "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" has the meaning provided in section 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code. "Firearm entity" and "firearm trade association" have the meanings provided in section 2274.001(6) and (7) of the Texas Government Code.

# Section 25. Captions

The section captions used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

# Section 26. Conflict

In the event there is a conflict between this Agreement and the attached exhibit(s), this Agreement controls.

BY ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT, CONSULTANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COUNTY IS OPPOSED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THAT NO COUNTY FUNDS WILL BE USED IN SUPPORT OF SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES THAT VIOLATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed or have caused their respective names to be signed to multiple counterparts to be effective on the date signed by the last party hereto.

FORT BEND COUNT	Υ	TETRA TECH, INC		
KP George, County Judge		Authorized Agent – Signature		
		Jonathan Burgiel		
Date		Authorized Agent – Printed Name		
ATTEST:		Business Unit President Title		
		04/05/2022		
Laura Richard, County Clerk		Date		
	AUDIT	OR'S CERTIFICATE		
	tify that funds are availa of Fort Bend County und	able in the amount of \$ to accomplish and der this contract.		
		Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor		
Exhibit B: Trav	oe of Service el Policy eral Clauses			

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# **EXHIBIT A**



# Proposal to Ft. Bend County, TX for Program Management Support for County Disparity Study

Submitted to:

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**Contractual representative:** 

Ms. Betty Kamara 2301 Lucien Way, Suite 120 Maitland, FL 32751 Phone: (321) 441-8518

E-mail: betty.kamara@tetratech.com



#### A. INTRODUCTION

The County has requested support from Tetra Tech with the implementation of a Disparity study. The purpose of the study is to serve as a tool that will allow the County to assess the economic impacts of the pandemic by documenting the utilization of the available MWBE businesses during and before the pandemic. Tetra Tech can provide support to the County through the scope of work detailed below.

#### **B. PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK**

#### **Task 1: Program Management Support**

Tetra Tech will support the County with the execution of the program through the following subtasks detailed below:

#### Task 1.1- Program Startup

Tetra Tech's project management and consultants will work with County leadership to assist with the development of:

- Program objectives, milestones, and timelines
- Program deliverables
- Program requirements
- Establishment of critical points of contact for all parties

#### Task 1.2- Program Management Oversight Support

- Attend and assist with the facilitation of regularly scheduled meetings between County leadership and contractors
  performing relevant disparity study scopes of work
- · Provide contract compliance feedback to County leadership related to program timelines and contracts
- Provide oversight support to the County related to the delivery and completion of deliverables defined during startup for relevant contractors performing the study
- Review Disparity Study contracts related to program for services to be performed by other vendors and provide feedback to the County on potential compliance issues
- Provide additional feedback requested by County leadership

# **Task 2: Contract Data Collection and Preparation**

Tetra Tech will provide qualified staff to assist the County with the collection, organization, and transmission of County records required to complete the study. Tetra Tech will work with County leadership to prepare a comprehensive dataset containing Purchase Orders and contracts executed by the County over the last 5 years. Additional pertinent documents required by the study to be collected may include:

- Contract P.O. Numbers
- Project Name
- Business Name
- Business Addresses
- Vendor ID
- Industry Codes
- Product or Services performed
- Contract award information including award dates and amounts
- Contract modification documentation including dates, amounts, and changes to scopes of work
- Payment amounts made

Tetra Tech will work with City leadership to transmit information collected under this task in an agreed upon data medium.

#### Task 3: Technical Assistance

Tetra Tech will communicate with County leadership and provide high level consulting assistance to the County regarding aspects of the program including:

- Planning assistance related to the program
- Identification of potential eligible funding/ reimbursement sources for executed contracts related to the program



- · Provide procurement support to the County for solicitations and procurements related to the program
- Work with County points of contact to develop and identify internal reporting metrics and deliverables to provide leadership with up-to-date information regarding the program

#### C. PROJECT PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The proposed project scope and project cost are based on a project term of approximately three (3) months.

#### D. PROJECT COST

The proposed not-to-exceed of \$110,388.00 is based on Tetra Tech's current understanding of the project requirements and best estimates of level of effort required to perform the basic services and may be subject to change upon agreement between the County and Tetra Tech. The fee for the services will be based on the actual hours of services furnished multiplied by Tetra Tech's hourly rates as set forth in Agreement between the County and Tetra Tech, Contract #RFP-19-041. Table 1 shows the estimated cost breakdown by project task. Table 2 outlines the anticipated staff positions and level of effort for these services.

Table 1: Estimated Cost Breakdown by Project Task [1][2]

Task	Estimated Total
Task 1: Program Management Support	\$20,740.00
Task 2: Contract Data Collection and Preparation	\$53,760.00
Task 3: Technical Assistance	\$35,888.00
Estimated Total	\$110,388.00

Table 2: Estimated Cost Breakdown by Labor Category [1][2]

Labor Category	Hourly Rate	Estimated Hours	Estimated Total
Project Manager II	\$112.00	504	\$56,448.00
Program Manager	\$145.00	132	\$19,140.00
Principal Consultant	\$200.00	8	\$1,600.00
Subject Matter Expert	\$220.00	20	\$4,400.00
FEMA Appeals Legal Specialist	\$300.00	96	\$28,800.00
Estimated Total		760	\$110,388.00

<sup>[1]</sup> The above estimated level of effort and associated costs are based on available information at the time the estimates were prepared and do not represent the actual cost of the project. The fee for services will be based on the actual hours of services furnished multiplied by Tetra Tech's hourly rates.

#### **E. PROJECT ASSUMPTIONS**

The scope of services and project costs shown above were developed with the following assumptions and exclusions:

- Project Sponsor. The County will assign a primary point of contact to serve as project sponsor to address administrative
  and functional issues.
- Access to Key Personnel. Availability of County key personnel is critical to obtaining the information required for the success of this project. Information presented by key personnel will be accepted as factual and no confirmation will be made.
- Other Assistance Needed. Should the County Project Sponsor request additional services that are not able to be completed within the scope or budget of this proposal, a proposal for additional services can be submitted as needed.

<sup>[2]</sup> Tetra Tech may take the following actions, in its discretion, so long as Tetra Tech does not exceed the estimated grand total: (i) Use fewer hours of one labor category and more hours of another labor category or categories and (ii) use fewer hours within one task and more hours within another task as necessary.



- Work Location. Due to the nature of the pandemic, work will be performed in compliance with the most up-to-date guidance provided to the community. Tetra Tech and its staff will work with the county regarding on-site assistance as needed and mutually agreed upon.
- Invoicing/Payment. The County will be invoiced monthly. Payment terms are net 45 day.
- **Proposal.** This proposal is based on our current understanding of the project, and revisions will be subject to mutual agreement on the final work scope/schedule and other technical/management requirements desired by the County. The final approved proposal will be part of the awarded Task Order/Purchase Order by reference or incorporated as an exhibit.

# **EXHIBIT B**

# **Annex B**

# **Fort Bend County Travel Policy**

Approved in Commissioners' Court on November 3, 2009
Effective November 4, 2009
Revised September 7, 2010
Revised June 2, 2015, Effective August 1, 2015
Revised July 28, 2015, Effective August 1, 2015
Revised July 26, 2016, Effective August 1, 2016
Revised December 12, 2017, Effective January 1, 2018

The Commissioners' Court allocates funds annually for the payment of travel expenditures for county employees and officials within the individual departmental budgets. Travel expenditures paid from these budgets must serve a public purpose for Fort Bend County. These expenditures may be paid directly to the vendor or provided as a reimbursement to the employee/official upon completion of their travel. Advance payments to vendors may be accommodated by issuance of a check or use of a County procurement card. Eligible expenditure categories under this policy include: Lodging, meals, transportation, registration fees, and other fees (with justification). Each category is further defined below.

#### **CONTRACT RATES:**

Fort Bend County is a 'Cooperative Purchasing Participating Entity' with the State of Texas. This program is also known as TPASS (Texas Procurement and Support Services) State Travel Management Program (STMP). This gives County employees and officials access to the contract rates negotiated by the State for hotels and rental cars. Procurement procedures for these contract services are explained within the categories below.

#### **OUT OF STATE TRAVEL:**

**Authorization:** The traveler must obtain Commissioners' Court approval for out-of-state travel before departure. The duration must include travel days along with the event scheduled days. To prevent delays in processing travel reimbursement, ensure that the travel duration is accurately defined when submitting the agenda request.

**Documentation:** The traveler must provide an excerpt from the Commissioners' Court minutes (<a href="http://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/index.aspx?page=55">http://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/index.aspx?page=55</a>) with the travel reimbursement form.

# **LODGING (In and Out of State):**

#### **Hotel:**

Hotel reimbursements are limited to the Federal Travel Regulations set forth by US General Services Administration (GSA) by location not including taxes. The rates are set annually and vary by month and location. The maximum rates for lodging per day can be found at:

http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877?utm\_source=OGP&utm\_medium=print-radio&utm\_term=perdiem&utm\_campaign=shortcuts based on travelers destination.

Fort Bend County is a 'Cooperative Purchasing Participating Entity' with the State of Texas. This gives County employees and officials access to the contract rates negotiated by the State for hotels. Participating hotels can be found at: <a href="https://portal.cpa.state.tx.us/hotel/hotel\_directory/index.cfm">https://portal.cpa.state.tx.us/hotel/hotel\_directory/index.cfm</a> (be sure to check the correct fiscal year).

Traveler must verify confirmed rate matches the negotiated contract rates found on the State's website listed above and does not exceed the GSA daily allowance.

If the organizer of a conference/seminar has negotiated discount rates with a hotel(s), the traveler may choose these lodging services without penalty but the traveler must reserve the room at the group rate and provide documentation of the group rate with reimbursement request.

The traveler will be responsible for the excess charge over the GSA per diem rate for the city/county even if using the State rate. The Auditor's Office will deduct from the travelers' reimbursement any excess charges over the GSA per diem rate. Travel websites including but not limited to Expedia and Travelocity should not be used to book lodging.

**Travel Days:** If the traveler must leave before 7:00AM to arrive at the start of the event and/or return to the County after 6:00PM after the event concludes, an additional night's lodging is allowable before and/or after the event.

Additional fees allowable: Self-parking

**Additional fees allowable with justification:** Valet parking is allowable if an extreme hardship exists due to physical disability of the traveler or if no self-parking is available.

Fees not allowable: Internet, phone charges, laundry, safe fees

**Gratuities:** Gratuities are not reimbursable for any lodging services.

**Overpayments by County:** Any lodging overpayment by the County must be reimbursed by the hotel before processing a reimbursement to the traveler for any of the categories addressed in this policy. Prepaid lodging services should be accurately calculated or underestimated by excluding the taxes to prevent delays in processing travel reimbursements.

**Procurement Card:** The traveler may use the procurement card to make lodging reservations. Contact Purchasing to arrange or use the procurement card assigned to the department or traveler.

Documentation: A final settled hotel bill with a zero balance from the front desk is required even if lodging is paid by the procurement card. The hotel bill left under the door is not acceptable. The hotel bill should be scrutinized before traveler departs to make sure all charges are valid and notify hotel of any invalid charges and resolve issues before departing. Make sure all parking has been added to your bill and all personal incidentals have been paid by traveler. Any invalid charges will be the responsibility of the traveler. A copy of the itemized hotel statement must be submitted with the travel reimbursement claim if the traveler used a County procurement card to purchase lodging services or prepaid by County check. Event agenda/documentation or a letter from the traveler describing the event/meeting is required. If utilizing conference negotiated hotel rates, documentation of rates is required.

Changes/Modifications to Reservation – Any modifications including cancellation of reservation, the traveler must obtain a confirmation number and note the name of the person they spoke with in case the hotel charges the traveler. If the traveler does not obtain a confirmation number then any expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the traveler. Expenses resulting from changes or modifications to travel reservations will be paid by the County if the traveler produces documentation that a family emergency exists.

**County Exemption Status** – Fort Bend County Employees traveling on County Business are not exempt from State and local hotel taxes, state taxes, etc. with the exception of District Judges and the District Attorney.

#### **MEALS:**

**Texas:** Meals including gratuities will be reimbursed to the traveler at a flat rate of \$36/day. The travelers per diem on the departure day and final day of travel will be at 75% of the per diem which is \$27/day.

**Out-of-state:** Meals including gratuities will be reimbursed to the traveler at a flat rate of \$48/day. The travelers per diem on the departure day and final day of travel will be at 75% of the per diem which is \$36/day.

Late Night Arrival – If a traveler arrives in Fort Bend County between midnight and 6am the traveler will receive a full day per diem for the previous day.

Day trips: Meals will not be reimbursed for trips that do not require an overnight stay.

**Procurement Card:** No meal purchases are allowed on any County procurement card.

**Documentation:** No meal receipts are required for reimbursement. Event agenda/documentation or a letter from the traveler describing the event/meeting is required.

#### TRANSPORTATION:

Personal Vehicle: Use of personal vehicle will be reimbursed at the current rate/mile set by Commissioners' Court. Mileage should be calculated using the County office location of the traveler and the event location. Mileage may not be calculated using the traveler's home. Mileage should be calculated using an employees vehicle odometer reading or by a readily available online mapping service for travel out of Fort Bend County. If using the mileage of an online mapping service, state which mapping service was used or provide a printout of your route detailing the mileage. For local travel, odometer readings or mapping service details are not required. Departments should develop a mileage guide for employees for local travel points, if a department does not have a mileage guide, the Auditor's Office will determine if the mileage listed is reasonable.

Allowable expenses: Parking and tolls with documentation.

**County Vehicle:** Fuel purchases when using a County vehicle should be made with the County Procurement card if available. Original receipts will accompany the Procurement Card statement but a copy must be provided with the travel reimbursement request.

Allowable expenses: Parking and tolls with documentation required.

**Airfare:** Airfare is reimbursable at the lowest available rate based on 14 day advance purchase of a discounted coach/economy full-service seat based on the required arrival time for the event. The payment confirmation and itinerary must be presented with the travel reimbursement form. The traveler will be responsible for the excess charges of an airline ticket purchase other than a coach/economy seat. When using Southwest Airlines a traveler should choose the "wanna get away" flight category.

**Allowable Expenses:** Bag fees. Fare changes are allowable if business related or due to family emergency.

**Unallowable Expenses/Fees:** Trip insurance, Early Bird Check In, Front of the line, Leg Room, Fare changes for personal reasons.

Rental cars are limited to the negotiated TPASS rates listed at: Rental Car: http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/stmp/stmp-rental-car-contract/vendorcomparison/. The contact information for Avis is listed here: http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/stmp/stmp-rental-car-contract/Avis/. information for Enterprise contact listed here: http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/stmp/stmp-rental-carcontract/Enterprise/. When making a reservation traveler should provide the County's The traveler will not be reimbursed for any amount over the negotiated contract rates if a non-contract company is used at a higher rate. The traveler should

select a vehicle size comparable to the number of County travelers. The traveler may use a non-contract vendor at an overall rate lower than the contract rates with no penalty. The original contract/receipt must be presented with the travel reimbursement form or a copy if a County procurement card is used. The traveler will be responsible for any excess charges not included in the TPASS rates or for choosing a vehicle size not comparable with the number of travelers on the trip. Insurance is included in the negotiated TPASS rates, if a traveler chooses to take out additional insurance the cost is on the traveler.



**Unallowable Fees/Charges:** GPS, prepaid fuel, premium radio, child safety seats, additional insurance, one way rentals.

**Allowable expenses:** Parking and tolls allowed with documentation.

**Other Transportation:** Other forms of transit (bus, taxi, train) are reimbursable with an original receipt.

**Gratuities:** Gratuities are permitted if original receipt includes gratuity (20% maximum allowed) for any transportation services.

**Procurement Card:** The traveler may use a County procurement card to make transportation reservations for air travel and rental car services. Contact Purchasing to arrange or use the procurement card assigned to the department or traveler.

**Documentation:** Original receipts are required for all transportation reimbursements paid by the traveler. Transportation services obtained with a County procurement card require a copy of the receipt. Additional requirements are noted within each category above. Event agenda/documentation or a letter from the traveler describing the event/meeting is required.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

**Registration fees:** Registration fees are reimbursable for events that serve a Fort Bend County purpose. Registration fees for golf tournaments, tours, guest fees and other recreational events are not reimbursable.

**Procurement Card**: The traveler may use a County procurement card to register for an event. Contact Purchasing to arrange or use the procurement card assigned to the department or traveler.

**Documentation:** An original receipt must be obtained upon registration and submitted with the reimbursement request if paid by the traveler. A copy of the receipt must be provided if registration is paid on a County procurement card. Event agenda/documentation or a letter from the traveler describing the event/meeting is required.

# **GRANTS:**

Travel expenditures from Federal and State grants must also conform to the granting agency's funding requirements.

#### TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FORM:

The traveler the travel reimbursement form must use current (http://econnect/index.aspx?page=55) for all travel related services addressed in this policy. No other expenditures may be submitted for reimbursement on the travel reimbursement form. After completing all required information, the travel form must be signed/dated by the traveler and the department head/elected official. Travel reimbursement request should be submitted within 30 days from when traveler returns from trip. Mileage reimbursement request should be submitted no less frequently than quarterly. Mileage reimbursement request for the fourth quarter should be submitted no later than October 30th for yearend processing.

#### **EXCLUSIONS:**

If the traveler has custody of a person pursuant to statue or court order or if the traveler is required by court or legal entity to appear at a particular time and place the traveler will not be penalized for accommodations that require a 14 day advance purchase ticket if travel is required with less than 14 days' notice.

If the traveler has custody of a person pursuant to statue to court order the traveler will not be held to the 75% per diem on the departure and final day of travel.

# **EXHIBIT C**

# **Code of Federal Regulations**

# Title 2 - Grants and Agreements

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Title: Appendix II to Part 200 - Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards Context: Title 2 - Grants and Agreements. Subtitle A - Office of Management and Budget Guidance for Grants and Agreements. CHAPTER II - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET GUIDANCE. - Reserved. PART 200 - UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS.

# Pt. 200, App. II

# Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

- (A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.
- (B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.
- (C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."
- (D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.
- (E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in

the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

- (F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
- (G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- (H) Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).
- (I) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR Part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR Part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." The Excluded Parties List System in SAM contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.
- (J) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.
- (K) See § 200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.