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AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES

(FBC EMS Medic 1 Expansion - RFQ 23-068)

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Fort Bend County, Texas ("County"), a political subdivision of the state of Texas, and Bass Construction Co., Inc. ("Contractor"), a Texas corporation. County and Contractor may be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, Contractor is a commercial contracting firm that offers design-build services that includes architectural and engineering services in addition to construction contractor services; and

WHEREAS, County desires for Contractor to provide design-build services for the expansion of the existing Fort Bend County EMS Medic 1 Administration building located in Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, Texas pursuant to RFQ 23-068; and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such services for County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2269.303 of the Texas Government Code, County is authorized to enter into a single contract for design-build services for the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of a building or associated structure; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Chapters 2254 and 2269 of the Texas Government Code, County has determined that Contractor is the most highly qualified provider of such design-build services and the Parties have negotiated a fair and reasonable price for the same; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is further subject to the applicable laws under Chapters 2252 through 2258, and 2269 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 406 of the Texas Labor Code, and the mandatory contract provisions of 2 C.F.R. § 200, Appendix II.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Agreement is to outline the obligations related to design-build services provided by Contractor for the expansion of the existing EMS Administration Building and additional pull-through ambulance bays, storage areas, associated drives, and drainage modifications located at 4332 Highway 36, Rosenberg, Texas 77471 (the “Project”).
2. **Recitals.** The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement.
3. **Incorporated Documents.** The Exhibits listed below are a part of this Agreement and are incorporated by reference as if fully reproduced herein and constitute promised performances by Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. References to the terms “Agreement” in this Agreement shall include references to all exhibits attached hereto.
 - (a) Contractors’ October 13, 2023 Design Proposal (the “Contractor’s Proposal”) attached hereto as “Exhibit A.”
 - (b) RFQ 23-068 attached hereto as “Exhibit B.”
 - (c) Contractor’s Understanding of the Scope of Services as provided in Contractor’s Statement of Qualifications in response to RFQ 23-068 attached hereto as “Exhibit C.”
 - (d) Prevailing Wage Rates attached hereto as “Exhibit D.”
 - (e) Contract Provisions for Contracts Utilizing Federal Awards from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the “ARPA Contract Provisions”), attached hereto as “Exhibit E.”
4. **Scope of Services.**
 - (a) Contractor shall provide Design-Build services for the Project in accordance with the services and work described in Exhibits A through C attached hereto (the “Services”). The Services shall include all design, architectural, engineering, procurement, construction, and other services and items that are necessary or appropriate to design, construct, execute, and complete the Project, or any phase thereof, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
 - (b) Contractor shall have the overall responsibility for the Project and shall provide complete design and construction services and furnish all personnel, materials, equipment, tools, labor, supervision, utilities, transportation, and other materials

or equipment necessary or reasonably inferable to complete the Project, or any phase of thereof, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

- (c) County shall designate an architect or engineer independent of Contractor's firm to act as the governmental entity's representative for the duration of the Project (the "County's Representative"). Contractor shall coordinate with County's Representative and endeavor to further the interest of County and the Project. Contractor shall furnish a Master Schedule to the County's Representative as provided in Exhibit C attached hereto. The Master Schedule shall outline the schedule for the Design Phase and Construction Phase of this Project. This Master Schedule shall, upon approval by County, be considered incorporated and made a part of this Agreement as "Exhibit F."
- (d) Upon receipt of County's Notice to Proceed (as hereinafter defined), Contractor shall render services for the Design Phase of the Project (the "Design Services") as provided in Contractor's Proposal and Contractor's Understanding of the Scope of Services attached hereto as Exhibits A and C. Contractor shall submit all design plans and elements to County for review and approval. Contractor shall further submit all design elements for review and determination of scope of compliance to County's Representative prior to the Construction Phase of the Project (the "Construction Services").
- (e) Upon County's approval of the Design Plans, Contractor shall provide a proposal with estimate for the Construction Services. Upon approval of said proposal by County, the Parties shall amend the Agreement to reflect the additional funds appropriated by County for the Construction Services and the commencement of the Construction Services.
- (f) Any revisions made to the Scope of Services for the Project, including any requests for additional work to be performed, shall not proceed without the express written consent of County. Such revisions or additional work shall be provided in a written amendment to this Agreement and executed by both Parties before commencement.

5. Time for Performance; Substantial and Final Completion.

- (a) Time for performance for the Scope of Services for the Project shall begin with Contractor's receipt of Notice to Proceed from County (the "Commencement Date").
- (b) The Design Services shall be completed on or before three (3) months from the Commencement Date.

- (c) Substantial Completion for the Construction Services shall be achieved on or before ten (10) months from the commencement of the Construction Services pursuant to Section 4(e) above, or within such time as may be extended in writing by County. "Substantial Completion" includes all phases of design and construction up to and including the Final Inspection of the Project by County as provided in Contractor's "Master Schedule" that will be provided at the outset of the Project pursuant to Contractor's Understanding of the Scope of Services attached hereto as Exhibit C.
 - (d) Final Completion of the Project shall be achieved within thirty (30) calendar days from the date Substantial Completion is achieved, or within such time as may be extended in writing by County. Final Completion shall include the completion of the Final Clean and all Closeout items included on Contractor's Master Schedule. County, in its sole discretion and satisfaction, shall determine if the Project has achieved Final Completion. Upon written request by County, Contractor shall promptly correct any work County reasonably deems defective at Contractor's sole cost and expense, unless County specifically agrees in writing to accept such work.
 - (e) Final Acceptance of the Project shall occur upon County's determination that Final Completion has been achieved and all documents and affidavits required for Contractor's Application for Final Payment have been reviewed and approved by County.
 - (f) Upon Final Acceptance of the Project, Contractor shall supply a set of construction documents for the completed Project to the County. Such documents must note any changes made during construction of the Project.
6. **Liquidated Damages.** Contractor understands and agrees that the timeframes set forth in this Agreement are an essential element of this Agreement. For each consecutive calendar day that the Project has not achieved Substantial Completion within the time frame provided in this Agreement, County may deduct the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per day from any money due or that becomes due to Contractor, not as a penalty but as liquidated damages representing the Parties' estimate of the damages that County will incur for late Substantial Completion. The Parties agree that such sum is a reasonable and proper measure of damages that County will sustain.
7. **Compensation and Payment Terms.**
- (a) Contractor's fees for the Design Services shall be calculated at the rate(s) set forth in Contractor's Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference for all intents and purposes. The maximum compensation paid to Contractor for the Design Services provided under this Agreement is One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty and 00/100 Dollars (\$139,940.00). In

no event shall the amount paid by County to Contractor under this Agreement exceed said maximum compensation without an approved change order.

- (b) Contractor understands and agrees that the maximum compensation for the Design Services is an all-inclusive amount and no additional fee, cost or reimbursed expense shall be added whatsoever to the fees stated in Contractor's Proposal.
- (c) All performance of the Scope of Services by Contractor, including any changes in the Scope of Services, revision of work satisfactorily performed, and changes to the maximum compensation provided to Contractor will be performed only when approved in advance and authorized by County as evidenced by written amendment to the Agreement and an approved Change Order.
- (d) For the Design Services, County shall pay Contractor based upon the following procedures: Upon completion of the Design Services, Contractor shall submit to County staff designated by Facilities Management & Planning Director, one (1) electronic (pdf) and/or one (1) original copy of invoice showing the amounts due for the Design Services in a form acceptable to County. County shall review such invoices and approve them within thirty (30) 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 thirty (30) calendar days. County reserves the right to withhold payment pending verification of satisfactory work performed.
- (e) For the Construction Services, Contractor shall submit all "Applications for Payment" for installments of the maximum compensation appropriated by County for approval and processing to County staff designated by the Facilities Management & Planning Director, one (1) electronic (pdf) or one (1) original on a monthly basis showing the amounts due for services performed on or before the tenth (10th) day of each calendar month during the progress of the Project. Each Application for Payment shall be in a form acceptable to the County and shall reflect any amount representing the proportionate part of the Services performed during the previous month. As support of each Application for Payment, Contractor shall submit the following in a form acceptable to the County Auditor:
 - (1) A statement in the form of the current Application and Certificate for Payment, as published by the American Institute of Architects ("Application for Payment") executed by Contractor certifying the following:
 - a. The proportionate part of the Services described in such Application for Payment has been performed;

- b. Contractor's amount included in the Application for Payment attributable to the Services provided is due and owing;
 - c. There are no known mechanics' or materialmen's liens outstanding as of the date of the Application for Payment or if such liens are known, such have been adequately bonded;
 - d. All due and payable bills with respect to the Project have been paid to date or are included in the amount requested in the current Application for Payment, and
 - e. Except for such bills not paid but so included, there is no known basis for the filing of any mechanics' or materialmen's liens on the Services.
- (2) A partial lien waiver and release in a form acceptable to the County Auditor effective through the date of Contractor's preceding Application for Payment, executed by Contractor with a statement certifying those matters set forth in Sections 7(e)(1)a through 7(e)(1)e above certifying that waivers from all subcontractors and materialmen have been obtained in such form so as to constitute an effective waiver of liens under the laws of the State of Texas.
- (3) An affidavit executed by Contractor that payrolls, bills for materials and equipment, and other indebtedness connected with the Project for which County or Contractor might be responsible or encumbered (less amounts withheld by Contractor) have been paid or otherwise satisfied, including unconditional waivers and releases upon final payment from all trade contractors, suppliers, material men, or other third parties that provided labor, services, equipment or material to the Project, satisfying the requirements for such releases set forth in Section 53.085 of the Texas Property Code Section.
- (4) Within thirty (30) days after receipt of each uncontested Application for Payment together with the supporting materials required under this Agreement, County shall advance to Contractor the uncontested amount requested in such uncontested Application for Payment, except five percent (5%) of the amount requested (hereinafter "Retainage") in each Application for Payment by County. The Retainage withheld shall be released upon Final Acceptance of the Project and verification of satisfactory work performed, unless grounds exist for withholding payment on account of other defaults by Contractor, including any work or Services provided by its sub-contractors.

- (5) Payment, constituting the entire unpaid balance of the Maximum Compensation, less fifty percent (50%) of the Retainage then held by County and such amount as the Facilities Management & Planning Director determines is reasonably necessary for all incomplete Services (including, without limitation, punchlist items) and for all unsettled claims, as provided in this Agreement, shall be advanced by County to Contractor upon the date of Substantial Completion.
- (6) At any time following Final Completion of the Project, Contractor shall submit an Application for Final Payment, including all sums held as Retainage, to County for review and approval. Contractor's Application for Final Payment shall also include final copies of all close out documents, including maintenance and operating instructions, guarantees and warranties, certificates (including a Final Certificate of Occupancy), and all other items required by this Agreement. Contractor shall further include in such Application a Consent of Surety to Final Payment, a Lien Waiver or Affidavit to the effect that it and all its subcontractors and suppliers of labor and materials have been paid in full. Said Lien Waiver or Affidavit must be in a form and substance sufficient as a matter of law to dissolve all liens or claims of liens for materials supplied or labor or service performed in connection with the Project.
- (7) Upon approval of Contractor's Final Application, County shall pay all outstanding and withheld portions of the Maximum Compensation to Contractor upon the later to occur of (i) thirty (30) days after Final Acceptance of the Project by County or, (ii) the date the Contractor causes all mechanics' and materialmen's liens filed against the Project to be removed. Contractor understands and agrees that County is entitled to rely on such Affidavit(s) submitted by Contractor hereunder and may not submit a claim on behalf of a subcontractor or vendor if that claim has not been noted as an exception in such Affidavit(s).
- (8) Notwithstanding the foregoing, County may deduct from the Final Payment all sums for Liquidated Damages as provided in this Agreement.
- (f) Upon Final Payment of the entire balance of the maximum compensation to Contractor and all other amounts withheld by County pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Contractor shall execute and deliver to County a release discharging County from all liabilities, obligations and claims to pay the maximum compensation to Contractor under this Agreement.

8. **Limit of Appropriation.** In no event shall the amount paid for Contractor's Services by County under this Agreement exceed the maximum compensation stated in Section 7 of

this Agreement without a County approved change order. Contractor 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 Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty and 00/100 Dollars (\$139,940.00) specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur under this Agreement. Contractor does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total Maximum Compensation that Contractor may become entitled to and the total maximum sum that County may become liable to pay to Contractor for the Design Services under this Agreement shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty and 00/100 Dollars (\$139,940.00) without a County approved change order.

9. **Non-appropriation.** Contractor understands and agrees that in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated by the County under this Agreement, County shall immediately notify Contractor in writing of such occurrence and the Agreement shall thereafter terminate and be null and void on the last day of the fiscal period for which appropriations were received or made without penalty, liability or expense to the County. In no event shall said termination of this Agreement or County's failure to appropriate said funds be deemed a breach or default of this Agreement or create a debt by County in any amount(s) in excess of those previously funded.
10. **Taxes.** County is a body corporate and politic under the laws of the state of Texas and as such, is exempt from sales and use taxes. County shall furnish evidence of its tax-exempt status upon written request by Contractor.
11. **Bonds.** Pursuant to Section 2253.021 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor shall provide a Performance Bond and Payment Bond to County. The Performance Bond shall be in an amount equaling one hundred percent (100%) of the total cost of the Project under this Agreement. The Payment bond shall also be in an amount equaling one hundred percent (100%) of the total cost of the Project under this Agreement.
12. **Insurance.**
 - (a) Prior to commencement of any work for the Project, Contractor 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. Contractor shall provide certified copies of insurance endorsements and/or policies if requested by County. Contractor shall maintain such insurance coverage from the time the Project commences until Final Acceptance of the Project by County and shall provide replacement certificates, policies and/or endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of Services. Contractor 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 to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability (if required). All Liability policies written on behalf of Contractor 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, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of the Agreement and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of two (2) years beginning from the time the work under this Agreement is completed.
- (d) Contractor shall not commence any portion of the work under this Agreement until it has obtained the insurance required herein and certificates of such insurance have been filed with and approved by County.
- (e) No cancellation of or changes to the certificates, or the policies, may be made without thirty (30) days prior, written notification to County.

- (f) Approval of the insurance by County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Contractor.
- (g) Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage: In the event Contractor employs any individual to perform any portion of work for the Project, Contractor shall certify in writing to County that Contractor provides Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage for each employee of Contractor employed on the Project pursuant to Section 406.096 of the Texas Labor Code. Contractor shall also ensure that each subcontractor on the Project shall provide such certification relating to coverage of the subcontractor's employees to Contractor, who shall provide the subcontractor's written certification to County.
- (h) Builders Risk Insurance (all risks): At all times until Final Acceptance of the Project by County, Contractor shall procure and maintain in full force and effect a policy of Builder's Risk Insurance specified as follows:
 - (1) The policy shall provide coverage for "all risks" in amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the total cost of the Project.
 - (2) The policy shall provide coverage for "all risks" of direct physical loss or damage to all property, materials, equipment, and supplies for the Project, or any portions thereof, whether owned by Contractor or subcontractors of every tier, in which one or more of same has an insurable interest.
 - (3) The Policy shall cover the insurable value of all property, materials, equipment, and supplies at risk and shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of Contractor, Architect, subcontractors of any tier, and County for any loss or damage sustained during the term of this Agreement.
 - (4) Coverage shall include transit and storage in an amount sufficient to protect the property, materials, equipment, and supplies being transported or stored for the Project.
 - (5) The policy shall be issued in the name of Contractor and shall name County as an additional insured.
 - (6) All Builder's Risk Insurance proceeds shall be paid directly to Contractor.

- (i) 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 any insurance deductibles shall be the sole responsibility of Contractor and/or subcontractor providing such insurance.

13. Indemnity.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT HOWEVER CAUSED, AND NO PAYMENT, PARTIAL PAYMENT, OR ISSUANCE OF EITHER A CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OR FINAL ACCEPTANCE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, SHALL WAIVE OR RELEASE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS (COLLECTIVELY, "INDEMNIFIED PARTIES") FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, LIABILITY, AND COSTS, INCLUDING COURT COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES, CAUSED BY OR RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF CONTRACTOR, ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, CONSULTANT UNDER CONTRACT, OR ANOTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH CONTRACTOR EXERCISES CONTROL, PERFORMED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND WHICH RESULT FROM ANY NEGLIGENT ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION; INTENTIONAL TORT; INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT; OR FAILURE TO PAY A SUBCONTRACTOR OR SUPPLIER; COMMITTED BY CONTRACTOR OR BY ANY PERSON EMPLOYED BY CONTRACTOR, OR CONTRACTOR'S AGENT, SUBCONTRACTOR, CONSULTANT UNDER CONTRACT, OR ANOTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH CONTRACTOR EXERCISES CONTROL.

CONTRACTOR SHALL FURTHER INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, LIABILITY, COSTS, INCLUDING COURT COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES, AND CLAIMS OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE, WHICH THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES MAY SUFFER DIRECTLY AS A RESULT OF CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE OR NON-PERFORMANCE OF THE AGREEMENT.

CONTRACTOR SHALL FURTHER INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS COUNTY IF COUNTY IS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN NEGLIGENT FOR HAVING SELECTED CONTRACTOR TO PERFORM THE WORK FOR THE PROJECT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

CONTRACTOR SHALL FURTHER CAUSE ALL TRADE CONTRACTORS OR ANY OTHER CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR WHO MAY HAVE A CONTRACT TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION OR INSTALLATION WORK FOR THE PROJECT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT TO AGREE TO INDEMNIFY COUNTY AND TO HOLD IT HARMLESS FROM ALL CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT MAY ARISE FROM SUCH

CONTRACTORS' OR SUBCONTRACTORS' ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROJECT. SUCH PROVISIONS SHALL BE IN A FORM SATISFACTORY TO COUNTY.

CONTRACTOR SHALL FURTHER PROCURE AND MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH COVERAGE FOR THE PROJECT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12 OF THIS AGREEMENT AND SHALL FURNISH A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE FOR THE SAME SHOWING FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS AND MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AS ADDITIONAL INSURED. ADDITIONALLY, SUCH PROCUREMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF INSURANCE BY CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF CONTRACTOR UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

14. **Duty to Report and Defend.** Contractor shall timely report to County all such matters arising under Section 13 of this Agreement. Upon the receipt of any claim, demand, suit, action proceeding, lien, or judgment, and no later than the fifteenth day of each month, Contractor shall provide County with a written report on each 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 Contractor in the defense of each matter. 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 the acts or omissions of Contractor, Contractor shall, nevertheless, 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 said acts and/or omissions of Contractor are not at issue in the matter.
15. **Iron or Steel Products.** Pursuant to Section 2252.202 of the Texas Government Code, any iron or steel products produced through a manufacturing process and used for the Project must be produced in the United States unless County determines that such iron or steel products produced in the United States are not produced in sufficient quantities, reasonably available, or of satisfactory quality, or will increase the total cost of the Project by more than 20%, or is inconsistent with the public interest.
16. **Prevailing Wages.** Pursuant to Chapter 2258 of the Texas Government Code, all workers employed by Contractor or its subcontractors for the Project shall be compensated at not less than the rates provided in "Exhibit D" attached hereto and fully incorporated herein. Contractor shall keep records showing: (1) the name and occupation of worker employed for the Project, and (2) actual per diem wages paid to each worker employed for the Project. Contractor shall require all subcontractors to keep the same records. Such records by Contractor and subcontractors shall be made available for inspection upon request by County subject to reasonable hours. Contractor shall further pay County sixty (\$60.00) for each worker employed by Contractor for the Project for each calendar day, or any portion of the day, that such worker is paid less than the prevailing wages provided on Exhibit D.

17. **Public Information Act.** Contractor expressly acknowledges and agrees that County is a public entity and as such, is subject to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. In no event shall County be liable to Contractor for release of information pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code or any other provision of law. Except to the extent required by law or as directed by the Texas Attorney General, County agrees to maintain the confidentiality of information provided by Contractor expressly marked as proprietary or confidential. County shall not be liable to Contractor for any disclosure of any proprietary or confidential information if such information is disclosed under Texas law or at the direction of the Texas Attorney General. Contractor further acknowledges and agrees that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are not proprietary or confidential information.
18. **Compliance with Laws.** Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and the 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. Contractor in providing all services hereunder, further agrees to abide by the provisions of any applicable Federal or State Data Privacy Act. Contractor shall be responsible for and acquire all permits for the Project required by law.
19. **Federal Award.** Contractor acknowledges and understands that this Agreement is may be totally or partially funded with federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). As a condition of receiving funds under this Agreement, Contractor represents that it is and shall remain in compliance with all federal and or state terms as provided in this Agreement and the terms of the ARPA Contract Provisions attached hereto as Exhibit E.
20. **Construction Contract(s).** All Construction Contract(s) entered into between Contractor and its contractors and/or subcontractors must include the ARPA Contract Provisions attached hereto as Exhibit E. Such Construction Contract(s) must also include a provision requiring each contractor and subcontractor to include the ARPA Contract Provisions in their contracts for the Project as provided in this Agreement. In the event Contractor constructs the Project in multiple contracts, the ARPA Contract Provisions must apply to each Construction Contract.
21. **Independent Contractor.** In the performance of work or services hereunder, Contractor shall be deemed an independent Contractor, and any of its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers performing work required hereunder shall be deemed solely as employees of Contractor. Contractor 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.

22. **Use of Customer Name.** Contractor may use County's name without County's prior written consent only in Contractor's customer lists. Any other use of County's name by Contractor must have the prior written consent of County.
23. **County/County Data.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive the requirements of Section 205.009 of the Texas Local Government Code.
24. **Personnel.** Contractor represents that it presently has, or is able to obtain adequate qualified personnel in its employment for the timely performance of the Services required under this Agreement and that Contractor shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, adequate and sufficient personnel, in the opinion of County, to perform the Services when and as required and without delays.

All employees of Contractor shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of Contractor or agent of Contractor who, in County's opinion, is incompetent or by his conduct become detrimental to providing work or services for the Project pursuant to this Agreement, shall, upon request of County, immediately be removed from association with the Project.

When performing any work or services on-site at County's facilities, Contractor shall comply with, and will require that all Contractor's Personnel comply with, all applicable rules, regulations and known policies of County that are communicated to Contractor in writing, including security procedures concerning systems and data and remote access thereto, building security procedures, including the restriction of access by County to certain areas of its premises or systems for security reasons, and general health and safety practices and procedures.

25. **Confidential and Proprietary Information.** Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor) publicly known or is contained in a publicly available document; (b) is rightfully in Contractor'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 Contractor who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.

Contractor agrees to hold Confidential Information in strict confidence, using at least the same degree of care that Contractor 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. Contractor 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, Contractor shall advise County immediately in the event Contractor 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 Contractor will at its expense cooperate with County in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of County or Contractor against any such person. Contractor agrees that, except as directed by County, Contractor 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, Contractor will promptly turn over to County all documents, papers, and other matter in Contractor's possession which embody Confidential Information.

Contractor 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. Contractor 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.

Contractor in providing all services hereunder agrees to abide by the provisions of any applicable Federal or State Data Privacy Act.

26. **Ownership and Reuse of Documents.** All documents, data, reports, research, graphic presentation materials, etc., developed by Contractor as a part of its work under this Agreement, shall become the property of County upon completion or termination of this Agreement. Contractor shall promptly furnish all such data and material to County on written request.
27. **Inspection of Books and Records.** Contractor shall permit County, or any duly authorized agent of County, to inspect and examine the books and records of Contractor for the purpose of verifying the amount of work performed under the Scope of Services and for verifying compliance with Sections 16, 19, and 20 of this Agreement. County's right to inspect such books and records shall survive the termination of this Agreement for a period of five (5) years. **CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT DESTROY OR DISCARD ANY DATA,**

BOOKS, RECORDS, OR DOCUMENTS REASONABLY RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE PROJECT, UNLESS THE TIME PERIOD FOR MAINTAINING THE SAME HAS EXPIRED.

28. Termination.

- (a) Without Cause. County, in its sole discretion, and without prejudice to any other remedy to which it may be entitled to at law or in equity, may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, without cause, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to Contractor.
- (b) With Cause. County, in its sole discretion, and without prejudice to any other remedy to which it may be entitled to at law or in equity, may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, with cause, for the following reasons:
 - (1) Contractor becomes debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal programs or activities.
 - (2) If Contractor fails to perform any portion of the Scope of Services under Section 4 above within the timeframe(s) provided under this Agreement.
 - (3) Contractor fails to perform any obligation under this Agreement or as required by law, ordinance, or regulation and such failure creates an imminent threat to the public health and/or safety.
 - (4) If Contractor 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.
 - (5) Contractor fails to comply with County's documentation and reporting requirements, program objectives, terms and requirements of this Agreement, or applicable federal, state, or local laws and regulations.
 - (6) Non-performance and suspension of the Agreement that exceeds ten (10) calendar days due to a Force Majeure Event.
 - (7) If, after termination, it is determined for any reason whatsoever that Contractor 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 this Agreement.

- (c) Upon termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall cease all work and activity for the Project by the date specified by County and shall not incur any new obligations or perform any additional services for the Project beyond the specified date. County shall compensate Contractor in accordance with Section 5, above, for such work provided by Contractor under this Agreement prior to its termination and which has not been previously presented for payment by Contractor to County.
- (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 Contractor.

29. **Force Majeure.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, neither Party shall liable to the other for any delay or inability to carry out its obligations under this Agreement if such delay or inability is the result of a Force Majeure Event. Within a reasonable time after the occurrence of such event but no later than ten (10) calendar days, the Party whose obligations are affected (the “Affected Party”) thereby shall notify the other in writing stating the nature of the event and the anticipated duration. The Affected Party’s obligations under this Agreement shall be suspended during the continuance of any delay or inability caused by the event, but for no longer period. The Affected Party shall further endeavor to remove or overcome such delay or inability as soon as is reasonably possible.

For purposes of this Agreement, a Force Majeure Event includes, but is not limited to: strikes or other labor disputes, severe weather disruptions, natural disasters, fire or other acts of God; riots, war, or other emergencies; failure of any governmental agency to act in a timely manner; the discovery of any hazardous substance or differing and unforeseeable site conditions; and any other incapacities of any Party, similar to those enumerated, which are not within the control of the Party claiming such inability, which such Party could not have avoided by the reasonable exercise of due diligence and care.

30. **Assignment.** Contractor may not assign this Agreement to another party without the prior written consent of County.
31. **Successors and Assigns Bound.** County and Contractor each bind themselves and their successors and assigns to the other Party and to the successors and assigns of such other Party, with respect to all covenants of this Agreement.
32. **Publicity.** Contact with citizens of Fort Bend County, media outlets, or other governmental agencies shall be the sole responsibility of County. Under no circumstances, whatsoever, shall Contractor release any material or information developed or received during the performance of Services hereunder unless Contractor obtains the express written approval of County or is required to do so by law.

33. Notice.

- (a) Any and all notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, or personally delivered to the following addresses:

If to County: Fort Bend County
Facilities Management and Planning
Attn: Facilities Director
301 Jackson Street,
Richmond, Texas 77469

And

Fort Bend County, Texas
Attention: County Judge
401 Jackson Street, 1st Floor
Richmond, Texas 77469

If to Contractor: Bass Construction Co., Inc.
1124 Damon St
Rosenberg, Texas 77471

- (b) Within ten (10) calendar days of the Effective Date of this Agreement, Contractor shall designate in writing a representative to be County's primary contact during the term of this Agreement and such representative shall be available as required for the benefit of the Project and County.

34. Performance Representation.

- (a) Contractor represents to County that Contractor has the skill and knowledge ordinarily possessed by well-informed members of its trade or profession ("Professionals") practicing in the greater Houston metropolitan area. Contractor shall provide the Services to County with the same professional skill and care ordinarily provided by such Professionals under the same or similar circumstances and professional license and as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent Professional.
- (b) Contractor warrants to County that materials and equipment provided for the Project will be of good quality and new unless otherwise required or permitted by in writing by County. Contractor further warrants that the construction for the Project will be free from material faults and defects and, will materially conform to all requirements and specifications contained in the attached Exhibits A, B, and C and the terms of this Agreement.

35. **Entire Agreement and Modification.** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties and supersedes all previous agreements, written or oral, pertaining to the subject matter of this Agreement. Unless specifically provided in this Agreement, any change to the terms of this Agreement, Scope of Services for the Project, or any attached Exhibits shall be in writing and signed by each Party. **IT IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONTRACTOR THAT NO OFFICER, AGENT EMPLOYEE, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF COUNTY HAS ANY AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY ATTACHED EXHIBITS THERETO UNLESS EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.**
36. **Understanding Fair Construction.** By execution of this Agreement, the Parties acknowledge that they have read and understood each provision, term, and obligation contained herein. This Agreement, although drawn by one party, shall be construed fairly and reasonably and not more strictly against the drafting Party than the non-drafting Party.
37. **Severability.** In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
38. **No Waiver of Immunity.** Neither the execution of this Agreement nor any other conduct of either party relating to this Agreement shall be considered a waiver or surrender by County of its governmental powers or immunity under the Texas Constitution or the laws of the state of Texas.
39. **Applicable Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be construed according to the laws of the state of Texas. Venue for any claim arising out of or relating to the subject matter of this Agreement shall lie in a court of competent jurisdiction of Fort Bend County, Texas.
40. **Effective Date.** The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be the date this Agreement is signed by the last Party hereto.
41. **Certain State Law Requirements for Contracts** The contents of this Section are required by Texas law and are included by County regardless of content For purposes of Sections 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 § 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 § 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 § 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code. "Firearm entity" and "firearm trade association" have the meanings provided in § 2274.001(6) and (7) of the Texas Government Code.
42. **Human Trafficking.** BY ACCEPTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT FORT BEND 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.
43. **Captions.** The section captions used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation or construction of the Agreement.
44. **Electronic and Digital Signatures.** The Parties to this Agreement agree that any electronic and/or digital signatures of the Parties included in this Agreement are intended to authenticate this writing and shall have the same force and effect as the use of manual signatures.
45. **Certification.** By his or her signature below, each signatory individual certifies that he or she is the properly authorized person or officer of the applicable Party hereto and has the requisite authority necessary to execute this Agreement on behalf of such Party, and each Party hereby certifies to the other that it has obtained the appropriate approvals or authorizations from its governing body as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound, County and Contractor hereto have executed this Agreement to be effective on the date signed by the last Party hereto.

FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

KP George, County Judge

Date

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk

BASS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.



Authorized Agent – Signature



Authorized Agent- Printed Name



Title



Date

APPROVED:



James Knight, Director
Facilities Management and Planning

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$_____ are available to pay the obligation of Fort Bend County, Texas within the foregoing Agreement.

Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

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EXHIBIT A

(Contractor's October 13, 2023 Design Proposal Follows Behind)

October 13, 2023

Fort Bend County
Mr. James Knight
301 Jackson St, Suite 301
Richmond, TX 77469

RE: Design-Proposal for Fort Bend County EMS Logistics Warehouse and Bay Expansion (Design / Build)
FBC EMS MEDIC 1, 4332 Hwy 36 S, Rosenberg, TX 77471
RFQ 23-068

Please find below our Design Proposal for the new addition of Warehouse (2,410 SF), additional Ambulance Bays / Storage (4,460 SF), associated drives and drainage modifications at FBC EMS MEDIC 1 in Rosenberg, Texas.

DESIGN FEE FOR THE FOLLOWING PHASE SERVICES SD, DD, CD & CA (limited CA only):

- Architectural
- Structural Engineering
- Mechanical & Electrical Engineering
- Civil (Coordination with Kaluza who has separate contract with FBC covering Civil scope)
- Geotechnical Investigation

PRELIMINARY DESIGN FEE:	\$139,940.00
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SCHEDULE

- Approximately 3 months on design and 10 months on construction once permit received.

EXCLUSIONS (IF REQUIRED)

- *Detention Pond design, calculations, and layout.*
- *Design work plans and profiles for any public road improvements, offsite and/or drainage improvements, and/or any public streets requiring plan and profiles and separate bid process that may be required.*
- *Design work plans and profiles for landscaping, onsite irrigation system or meters.*

We look forward to working with you on this project. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you,

Buck Bass

Buck Bass, V.P.
Bass Construction

EXHIBIT B

(RFQ 23-068 Follows Behind)

*Fort Bend County, Texas
Request for Qualifications*



*Design/Build for EMS Logistics Warehouse and Bay Expansion
for Fort Bend County
RFQ 23-068*

SUBMIT RFQS TO:

Fort Bend County
Purchasing Department
Travis Annex
301 Jackson, Suite 201
Richmond, TX 77469

Note: All correspondence must include the term
"Purchasing Department" in address to assist in
proper delivery

SUBMIT NO LATER THAN:

Tuesday, August 22, 2023
2:00 PM (Central)

MARK ENVELOPE:

RFQ 23-068
EMS Warehouse and Bay Expansion

***ALL SEALED SUBMITTALS MUST BE RECEIVED AND TIME/DATE STAMPED BY THE PURCHASING
OFFICE OF FORT BEND COUNTY ON OR BEFORE THE SPECIFIED TIME/DATE STATED ABOVE.***

SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AS REQUIRED WILL THEN BE OPENED AND THE NAMES PUBLICLY READ.

SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIME WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.

Results will not be given by phone.
Results will be provided to bidder in writing
after Commissioners Court award.

Requests for information must be in
writing and directed to:
Jaime Kovar
County Purchasing Agent
Jaime.kovar@fortbendcountytexas.gov

Vendor Responsibilities:

- Download and complete any addendums. (Addendums will be posted on the Fort Bend County website no
Later than 48 hours prior to bid opening)
- Submit response in accordance with requirements stated on the cover of this document.
- DO NOT submit responses via email or fax.



COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT

Fort Bend County, Texas

Vendor Information

Jaime Kovar
Purchasing Agent

Office (281-341-8640)

Legal Company Name (top line of W9)														
Business Name (if different from legal name)														
Federal ID # or S.S. #			DUNS #											
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Publicly Traded Business	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Ticker Symbol _____													
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Physical Address														
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E-mail														
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Signature of Authorized Representative														
Printed Name														
Title														
Date														

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE SOLICITATION RESPONSE

1.0 OBJECTIVE:

Fort Bend County, herein requests Request for Qualifications from qualified firms for design/build services for expansion of the existing EMS Administration Building and (3) pull-through ambulance bays and storage area, located at 4332 Highway 36, Rosenberg, TX 77471. The Design/Build firm, herein referred to as “Respondent”, shall serve in the capacity of an Architect/Engineer and General Contractor.

It is the County’s intent that the resulting contract will be funded in whole or in part with funding provided under the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”). As such, respondent is responsible for complying with any and all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements. In addition to any standard County terms and conditions and other provisions included by the County in the resulting contract, the resulting contract must include the provisions laid out in Exhibit C to this solicitation.

2.0 GENERAL:

- 2.1 The selected party will be requested to submit a proposal for a Design/Build contract under the provisions of the §2269.301 of the Texas Government Code.
- 2.2 Respondents should carefully read the information contained herein and submit a complete response to all requirements and questions as directed.
- 2.3 Submittals and any other Respondent information in response to this RFQ shall become the property of Fort Bend County.
- 2.4 Fort Bend County will not provide compensation to Respondents for any expenses incurred by the Respondent(s) for submittal preparation or for any demonstrations that may be made, unless otherwise expressly stated or required by law. Respondents submit qualifications at their own risk.
- 2.5 Each submittal should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of your firm’s ability to meet the requirements, and an understanding of the County’s needs.
- 2.6 Fort Bend County makes no guarantee that an award will be made as a result of this RFQ. Fort Bend County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submittals, with or without cause, waive any formalities or minor technical inconsistencies, or delete any item/requirement from this RFQ or contract when deemed to be in the County’s best interest. Representations made within the qualifications submittal and any subsequent proposal will be binding on responding firms. Fort Bend County will not be bound to act by any previous communication or submittal by the firms other than those responding to this RFQ.

3.0 TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION FORM 1295:

- 3.1 Effective January 1, 2016 all contracts executed by Commissioners Court, regardless of the dollar amount, will require completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties", per the new Government Code Statute §2252.908. All vendors submitting a response to a formal Bid, RFP, RFQ or any contracts, contract amendments, renewals or change orders are required to complete the Form 1295 online through the State of Texas Ethics Commission website. Please visit: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm.
- 3.2 On-line instructions:
 - 3.2.1 Name of governmental entity is to read Fort Bend County.
 - 3.2.2 Identification number used by the governmental entity is: Q23-068.
- 3.3 Description is the title of the solicitation: Design/Build for EMS Logistics Warehouse and Bay Expansion.
- 3.4 Highest evaluated Respondent (s) will be required to provide the Form 1295 within three (3) calendar days from notification; however, if your company is publicly traded you are not required to complete this form.

4.0 INSURANCE:

- 4.1 Respondent(s) shall submit, with response, a current certificate of insurance indicating coverage in the amounts stated below. In lieu of submitting a certificate of insurance, respondents may submit, with RFQ, a notarized statement from an Insurance company, authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas, and acceptable to Fort Bend County, guaranteeing the issuance of an insurance policy, with the coverage stated below, to the firm named therein, if successful, upon award of this Contract.
- 4.2 At contract execution, contractor shall furnish County with property 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. Contractor shall provide certified copies of insurance endorsements and/or policies if requested by County. Contractor 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. Contractor shall obtain such insurance written on an Occurrence form (or a Claims Made form for Professional Liability insurance) 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:
 - 4.2.1 Workers' Compensation insurance. Substitutes to genuine Workers'

Compensation Insurance will not be allowed.

- 4.2.2 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.
- 4.2.3 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.
- 4.2.4 Business Automobile Liability coverage with a combined Bodily Injury/Property Damage limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. The policy shall cover liability arising from the operation of licensed vehicles by policyholder.
- 4.2.5 Professional Liability insurance may be made on a Claims Made form with limits not less than \$1,000,000.
- 4.3 County and the members of Commissioners Court shall be named as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability (if required). All Liability policies including Workers' Compensation written on behalf of contractor, excluding Professional Liability, shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County and members of Commissioners Court.
- 4.4 If required coverage is written on a claims-made basis, contractor 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 two (2) years beginning from the time that work under the agreement is completed.
- 4.5 Builder's Risk Insurance: Contractor is required to provide proof before a Purchase Order is issued for this project and keep in full force and effect until the Transfer Date, Builders Risk Insurance, subject to policy terms and conditions, of direct physical loss or damage to property, materials, equipment and supplies which are to become an integral part of the Project, whether owned by Contractor, or subcontractors of every tier, and in which one or more of same has an insurable interest, while in transit, while at the Construction Site awaiting construction, during construction, and until the Transfer Date. Such insurance shall be maintained to cover, as nearly as practicable, the insurable value of such property, materials, equipment and supplies at risk, and shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of Contractor, Architect, subcontractors of any tier and Owner for loss or damage occurring during the Work and shall name Contractor

as the named insured and Owner as additional insureds. All Builder's Risk Insurance proceeds shall be paid directly to the Contractor.

5.0 INDEMNIFICATION:

Respondent shall save harmless County from and against all claims, liability, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising from activities of respondent, its agents, servants or employees, performed under this agreement that result from the negligent act, error, or omission of respondent or any of respondent's agents, servants or employees.

- 5.1 Respondent shall timely report all such matters to Fort Bend 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 Fort Bend 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 Fort Bend County required by Respondent in the defense of each matter.
- 5.2 Respondent's duty to defend, indemnify and hold Fort Bend County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of any contract unless otherwise agreed by Fort Bend County in writing. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the contract and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.
- 5.3 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 Respondent, Respondent shall never-the-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 Respondent are not at issue in the matter.
- 5.4 Respondent's indemnification shall cover, and Respondent agrees to indemnify Fort Bend County, in the event Fort Bend County is found to have been negligent for having selected Respondent to perform the work described in this request.
- 5.5 The provision by Respondent of insurance shall not limit the liability of Respondent under an agreement.
- 5.6 Respondent 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 Fort Bend County and to hold it harmless from all claims for bodily injury and property damage that arise may from said Respondent's operations. Such provisions shall be in form satisfactory to Fort Bend County.

- 5.7 Loss Deduction Clause - Fort Bend 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 Respondent and/or trade contractor providing such insurance.

6.0 PREVAILING WAGES:

This project is subject to the prevailing wage rate requirements of Chapter 2258 of the Government Code. The Contractor shall pay Fort Bend County sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each worker employed by the Contractor for the provision of services described herein for each calendar day or part of the day that the worker is paid less than the below stated rates. Contractors may also visit www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx.

General Decision Number: TX20230247 05/05/2023

Superseded General Decision Number: TX20220247

State: Texas

Construction Type: Building

County: Fort Bend County in Texas.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (does not include single family homes or apartments up to and including 4 stories).

Note: Contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act are generally required to pay at least the applicable minimum wage rate required under Executive Order 14026 or Executive Order 13658. Please note that these Executive Orders apply to covered contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but do not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(2)-(60).

If the contract is entered into on or after January 30, 2022, or the contract is renewed or extended (e.g., an option is exercised) on or after January 30, 2022, Executive Order 14026 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$16.20 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on that contract in 2022.

If the contract was awarded on or between January 1, 2015 and January 29, 2022, and the contract is not renewed or extended on or after January 30, 2022, Executive Order 13658 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$12.15 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on that contract in 2023.

The applicable Executive Order minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. If this contract is covered by one of the Executive Orders and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must still submit a conformance request.

Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the Executive Orders is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

Modification Number	Publication Date
0	01/06/2023
1	01/13/2023
2	05/05/2023

ASBE0022-009 06/01/2022	Rates	Fringes
ASBESTOS WORKER/HEAT & FROST INSULATOR (Duct, Pipe and Mechanical System Insulation)	\$ 26.88	15.41
BOIL0074-003 01/01/2021 BOILERMAKER	\$ 29.47	24.10
CARP0551-008 04/01/2021 CARPENTER (Excludes Acoustical Ceiling Installation, Drywall Hanging, Form Work and Metal Stud Installation)	\$ 25.86	9.08
ELEC0716-005 08/30/2021 ELECTRICIAN (Excludes Low Voltage Wiring and Installation of Alarms)	\$ 33.20	10.37
ELEV0031-003 01/01/2023 ELEVATOR MECHANIC	\$ 47.0	37.335+a+b

FOOTNOTES:

A. 6% under 5 years based on regular hourly rate for all hours worked. 8% over 5 years based on regular hourly rate for all hours worked.

B. Holidays: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; Friday after Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day; and Veterans Day.

ENGI0450-002 04/01/2014 POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR Cranes	\$ 34.85	9.85
IRON0084-002 06/01/2022 IRONWORKER (ORNAMENTAL AND STRUCTURAL)	\$ 26.76	7.88
PLAS0783-001 04/01/2021 PLASTERER	\$ 26.04	9.02
PLUM0068-002 10/01/2022		

PLUMBER PLUM0211-010 10/01/2022	\$ 37.83	11.71
PIPEFITTER (Including HVAC Pipe Installation) SHEE0054-003 04/01/2020	\$ 38.03	12.66
SHEET METAL WORKER (Excludes HVAC Duct and Unit Installation) SUTX2014-023 07/21/2014	\$ 29.70	13.85
ACOUSTICAL CEILING MECHANIC	\$ 16.41	3.98
BRICKLAYER	\$ 19.86	0.00
CAULKER	\$ 15.36	0.00
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 13.82**	0.00
DRYWALL FINISHER/TAPER	\$ 16.30	3.71
DRYWALL HANGER AND METAL STUD INSTALLER	\$ 17.45	3.96
ELECTRICIAN (Alarm Installation Only)	\$ 17.97	3.37
ELECTRICIAN (Low Voltage Wiring Only)	\$ 18.00	1.68
FLOOR LAYER: Carpet	\$ 20.00	0.00
FORM WORKER	\$ 11.87**	0.00
GLAZIER	\$ 19.12	4.41
INSULATOR – BATT	\$ 14.87**	0.73
IRONWORKER, REINFORCING	\$ 12.10**	0.00
LABORER: Common or General	\$ 10.79**	0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender – Brick	\$ 13.37**	0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender - Cement/Concrete	\$ 10.50**	0.00
LABORER: Pipelayer	\$ 12.94**	0.00
LABORER: Roof Tearoff	\$ 11.28**	0.00

LABORER: Landscape and Irrigation	\$ 9.49**	0.00
LATHER	\$ 19.73	0.00
OPERATOR: Backhoe/Excavator/Trackhoe	\$ 14.10**	0.00
OPERATOR: Bobcat/Skid Steer/Skid Loader	\$ 13.93**	0.00
OPERATOR: Bulldozer	\$ 20.77	0.00
OPERATOR: Drill	\$ 16.22	0.34
OPERATOR: Forklift	\$ 15.64	0.00
OPERATOR: Grader/Blade	\$ 13.37**	0.00
OPERATOR: Loader	\$ 13.55**	0.94
OPERATOR: Mechanic	\$ 17.52	3.33
OPERATOR: Paver (Asphalt, Aggregate, and Concrete)	\$ 16.03	0.00
OPERATOR: Roller	\$ 16.00	0.00
PAINTER (Brush, Roller and Spray), Excludes Drywall Finishing/Taping	\$ 16.77	4.51
ROOFER	\$ 15.40	0.00
SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Duct Installation Only)	\$ 17.81	2.64
SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Unit Installation Only)	\$ 16.00	1.61
SPRINKLER FITTER (Fire Sprinklers)	\$ 22.17	9.70
TILE FINISHER	\$ 12.00**	0.00
TILE SETTER	\$ 16.17	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: 1/Single Axle Truck	\$ 14.95**	5.23
TRUCK DRIVER: Dump Truck	\$ 12.39**	1.18
TRUCK DRIVER: Flatbed Truck	\$ 19.65	8.57

TRUCK DRIVER: Semi-Trailer Truck	\$ 12.50**	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Water Truck	\$ 12.00**	4.11
WATERPROOFER	\$ 14.39**	0.00

WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

** Workers in this classification may be entitled to a higher minimum wage under Executive Order 14026 (\$16.20) or 13658 (\$12.15). Please see the Note at the top of the wage determination for more information.

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2017. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must provide employees with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours they work, up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year. Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their own illness, injury or other health-related needs, including preventive care; to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is ill, injured, or has other health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons resulting from, or to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is a victim of, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

The body of each wage determination lists the classification and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of "identifiers" that indicate whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local), a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate (weighted union average rate).

Union Rate Identifiers

A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than "SU" or "UAVG" denotes that the union classification and rate were prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of the union which prevailed in the survey for this classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1, 2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing this classification and rate.

Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the "SU" identifier indicate that no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a new survey is conducted.

Union Average Rate Identifiers

Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate that no single majority rate prevailed for those classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is based.

WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

- * an existing published wage determination
- * a survey underlying a wage determination
- * a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
- * a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour Regional Office for the area in which the survey was conducted because those Regional Offices have responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations
Wage and Hour Division
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

7.0 PRE-RFQ CONFERENCE:

A Pre-RFQ conference will be conducted on **Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM** (central). The pre-RFQ conference will be held at the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department located in the Travis Annex at 301 Jackson, Suite 201, Richmond, Texas 77469. All vendors are encouraged to attend. A site visit will be conducted after the conference, if necessary.

8.0 SCOPE OF WORK:

Design-build contractor to design, permit, and construct for expansion of the existing EMS Administration Building of approximately 2,410 square feet to include an air conditioned, general storage space for logistical supplies distribution, as well as approximately 4,460 square feet for three (3) pull-through ambulance bays and storage area. In addition, concrete paving for the associated drives is approximately 6,550 square feet. Modifications to the existing drainage will be required to accommodate the additional impervious area created.

9.0 ESTIMATED BUDGET:

Estimated budget to complete this project is \$1,800,000.

10.0 ESTIMATED SCHEDULE:

Advertisement begins:	July 30, 2023
Pre-RFQ conference (with site visit if necessary):	August 8, 2023 9:00am
Deadline for questions:	August 14, 2023
Responses due:	August 22, 2023
Evaluation of Submissions:	Week of August 28th
Commissioners Court for permission to Negotiate:	September 12, 2023
Final Contract Approval Commissioners Court:	October 24, 2023

11.0 FORMAT OF RESPONSE, QUALIFICATIONS, AND EVALUATIONFACTORS:

- 11.1 To facilitate evaluation of submittals, one (1) original, five (5) paper copies and one (1) electronic response on a flash drive is required. Flash drive must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match written response identically. Failure to provide proper flash drive will result in disqualification.
- 11.2 Request for Qualifications must take the form of a bound 8-1/2-inch by 11-inch report with a Table of Contents and all pages numbered in sequence (**maximum 25 pages**). Binding must allow reports to lay flat when open and may be either wire or GBC. Format of the report may be either “portrait” or “landscape” format with binding on either long or short side.
- 11.3 Respondents are required to follow the outline below when preparing their submission:
- | | |
|-----|---|
| Tab | Title |
| | Title Page |
| | Letter of Transmittal |
| | Table of Contents |
| | Executive Summary |
| 1 | Understand Scope of Work |
| 2 | Firm’s Experience |
| 3 | Staff Experience |
| 4 | Financial Stability |
| 5 | Firm’s Management Plan |
| 6 | Required forms (insurance, vendor forms, W9, debt form, and Stormwater Management Program form) |
- 11.4 Executive Summary - This part of the response to the RFQ should be limited to a brief narrative highlighting the Respondent’s submission. Note that the executive summary should identify the primary contacts for the Respondent.

11.5 Respondents will be evaluated utilizing the factors, as weighted below:

Understanding Scope of Work (weight factor = 20%)

Tab 1

- Understanding of Scope of Work: Parties demonstrate their ability to meet the required qualifications listed. In addition, describe how the services requested in this instrument will be provided and how they will be supported. Describe the approach your firm will take to the required collaboration, scheduling and coordination required for this project.

Firm's Experience (weight factor = 35%)

Tab 2

- Firm Experience with Projects of Similar Size and Complexity: Such experience must be in the form of providing general contracting services similar in size of the referenced project for municipal/county government facilities. List a minimum of three (3) similar projects completed within the last ten (10) years; provide the name, location, and description of each project, completion date, final cost, the client, and a contact person and phone number. Provide organization chart.

Staff Experience (weight factor = 25%)

Tab 3

- Staff Experience with Projects of Similar Size and Complexity: Such experience must be in the form of providing project management and construction services for similar projects as referenced project. List a minimum of three (3) similar projects completed within the last ten (10) years; provide the name and location of each project, the client, and a contact person and phone number and completion date. In addition, provide resumes for project superintendent and project manager who will be assigned to this project.

Financial Stability (weight factor = 5%)

Tab 4

- Complete and accurate responses to the following questions:
 - a. Has your Company ever failed to complete any work awarded to it in the last ten (10) years?

- b. Are there any judgments, claims, arbitration proceedings or suits pending or outstanding against your Company or its officers in the last ten (10) years?
- c. Has your Company filed any lawsuits or requested arbitration with regard to construction contracts within the last five (5) years? If yes, please provide details.
- d. Does your company have the ability to obtain payment and performance bonds required for this project?

Firm's Management Plan (weight factor = 10%)

Tab 5

- Firm's Management System, Software and Cost Control. Describe how the construction management services will be provided and how they will be supported.

Overall Completeness of Proposal (weight factor = 5%)

Tab 6

- Proof of Insurance
- Completed Respondent forms
- Completed W9 form
- Completed debt form
- Completed Contractor Acknowledgement of Stormwater Management Program form

12.0 SELECTION PROCESS:

Request for Qualifications will be evaluated by a committee comprised of County staff. The committee will review Request for Qualifications submitted and may develop a short list of not more than three (3) firms. These firms will be requested to submit additional information and may be invited to interview with the Committee. Based on further review after the interviews, (if needed), the committee will forward their recommendations to the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court.

13.0 PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS:

The successful firm, upon execution of agreement, will be required to provide to the Office of the County Purchasing Agent, a performance bond and a payment bond, each in the amount of 100% of the total contract sum within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notification of bid

award. Such bonds shall be executed by a corporate surety duly authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and licensed in the State of Texas to issue surety bonds with a Best Rating of "A" or better. Fort Bend County reserves the right to accept or reject any surety company proposed by the Contractor. In the event Fort Bend County rejects the proposed surety company, the Contractor will be afforded five (5) additional days to submit the required bonds issued by a surety company acceptable to Fort Bend County.

14.0 RETAINAGE:

Within thirty (30) days after receipt of each uncontested Application for Payment together with the supporting materials required, County shall advance to Contractor the uncontested amount requested in such uncontested Application for Payment, except *five* percent (5%) of the amount requested (~~hereinafter~~ "Retainage") in each Application for Payment by County. The Retainage withheld shall be released upon final completion of the entire Project and verification of satisfactory work performed, unless grounds exist for withholding payment on account of other defaults by Contractor, including services provided by its sub-contractors.

15.0 QUESTIONS:

Questions about this Statement of Qualification Package should be directed in writing to Jaime Kovar, County Purchasing Agent at Jaime.Kovar@fortbendcountytexas.gov. **Questions will be accepted until 10:00 AM CST, Monday, August 14, 2023.**

16.0 STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS:

The contents of this section are required by Texas Law and are included by County regardless of content.

- 16.1 Agreement to Not Boycott Israel Chapter 2271 Texas Government Code: Contractor verifies that if Contractor employs ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000 or more, Contractor does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract.
- 16.2 Texas Government Code Section 2251.152 Acknowledgment: By signature on vendor form, Contractor represents pursuant to Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, that Contractor is not listed on the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that are identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051 or Section 2253.153.

17.0 ADDITIONAL REQUIRED FORMS:

All respondents submitting shall complete the attached and return with submission:

- 17.1 Current Proof of Insurance

17.2 Vendor Information Form

17.3 W9 Form

17.4 Tax Form/Debt/Residence Certification

17.5 Contractor Acknowledgement of Stormwater Management Program

18.0 ATTACHMENTS:

18.1 Exhibit A – Site Plan

18.2 Exhibit B – Expansion Floor Plan

18.3 Exhibit C – Federal Clauses

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
				-				-	
or									
Employer identification number									
				-					

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at www.irs.gov/fw9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
- Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

What is FATCA reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note. ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note. You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on this page), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ⁴
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 2.

***Note.** Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

Job No.: _____

TAX FORM/DEBT/ RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION
(for Advertised Projects)

Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.): _____

Company Name submitting Bid/Proposal: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Are you registered to do business in the State of Texas? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are an individual, list the names and addresses of any partnership of which you are a general partner or any assumed name(s) under which you operate your business

I. **Property:** List all taxable property in Fort Bend County owned by you or above partnerships as well as any d/b/a names. Include real and personal property as well as mineral interest accounts. (Use a second sheet of paper if necessary.)

Fort Bend County Tax Acct. No.*

Property address or location**

* *This is the property account identification number assigned by the Fort Bend County Appraisal District.*

** *For real property, specify the property address or legal description. For business personal property, specify the address where the property is located. For example, office equipment will normally be at your office, but inventory may be stored at a warehouse or other location.*

II. **Fort Bend County Debt** - Do you owe any debts to Fort Bend County (taxes on properties listed in I above, tickets, fines, tolls, court judgments, etc.)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, attach a separate page explaining the debt.

III. **Residence Certification** - Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.001 *et seq.*, as amended, Fort Bend County requests Residence Certification. §2252.001 *et seq.* of the Government Code provides some restrictions on the awarding of governmental contracts; pertinent provisions of §2252.001 are stated below:

(3) "Nonresident bidder" refers to a person who is not a resident.

(4) "Resident bidder" refers to a person whose principal place of business is in this state, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

☐ I certify that _____ is a Resident Bidder of Texas as defined in Government Code §2252.001.
[Company Name]

☐ I certify that _____ is a Nonresident Bidder as defined in Government Code §2252.001 and our principal place of business is _____.

[City and State]

Mandatory Form



Contractor Acknowledgement of Storm Water Management Program

I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the stormwater management program and standard operating procedures developed by Fort Bend County in compliance with the TPDES General Permit No. TXR040000. I agree to comply with all applicable best management practices and standard operating procedures while conducting my services for Fort Bend County. I agree to conduct all services in a manner that does not introduce illicit discharges of pollutants to streets, stormwater inlets, drainage ditches or any portion of the drainage system. The following materials and/or pollutant sources must not be discharged to the drainage system as a result of any services provided:

1. Grass clippings, leaves, mulch, rocks, sand, dirt or other waste materials resulting from landscaping activities, (except those materials resulting from ditch mowing or maintenance activities)
2. Herbicides, pesticides and/or fertilizers, (except those intended for aquatic use)
3. Detergents, fuels, solvents, oils and/or lubricants, other equipment and/or vehicle fluids,
4. Other hazardous materials including paints, thinners, chemicals or related waste materials,
5. Uncontrolled dewatering discharges, equipment and/or vehicle wash waters,
6. Sanitary waste, trash, debris, or other waste products
7. Wastewater from wet saw machinery,
8. Other pollutants that degrade water quality or pose a threat to human health or the environment.

Furthermore, I agree to notify Fort Bend County immediately of any issue caused by or identified by:

(Company/Contractor)

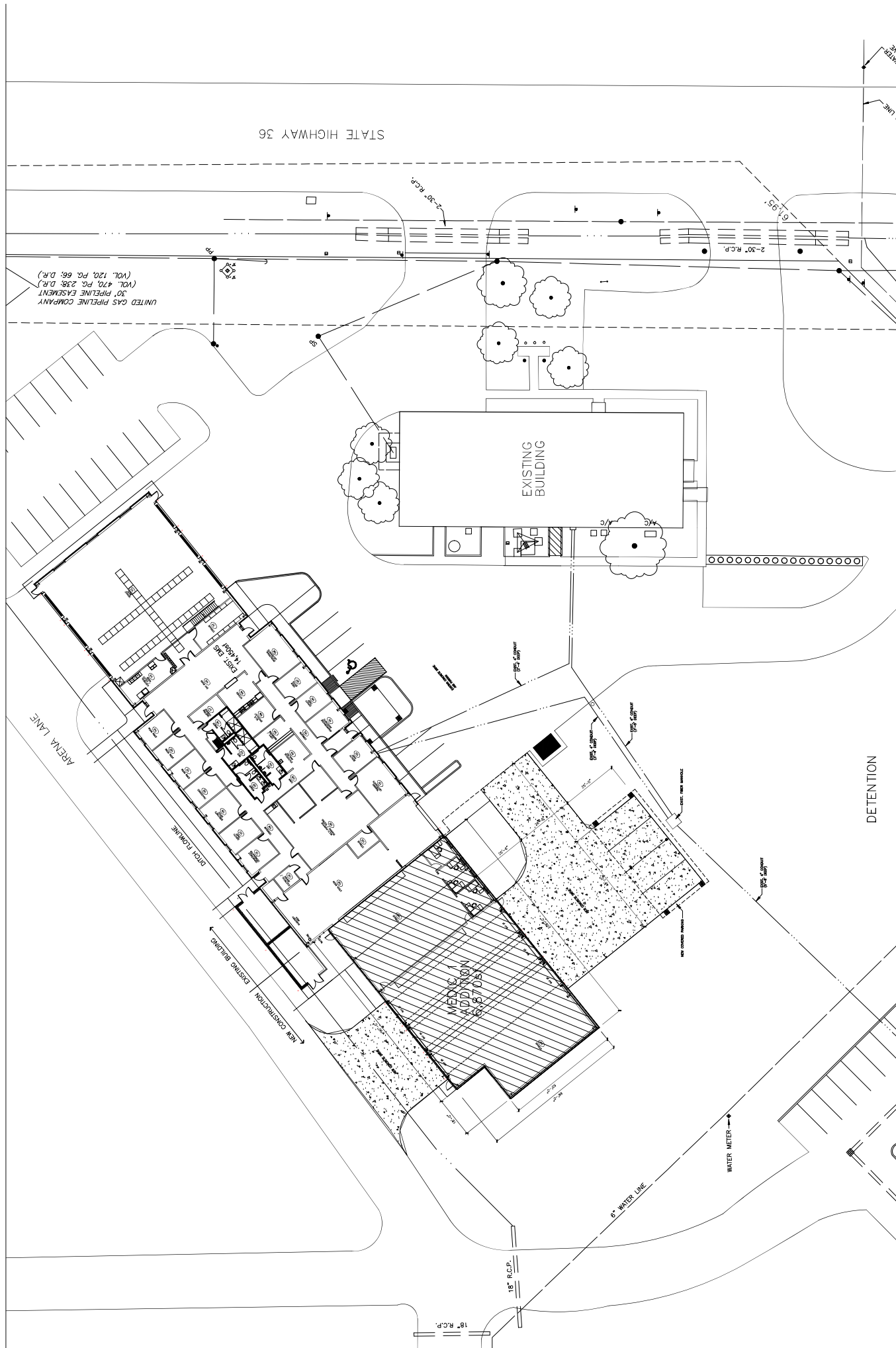
that is believed to be an immediate threat to human health or the environment.

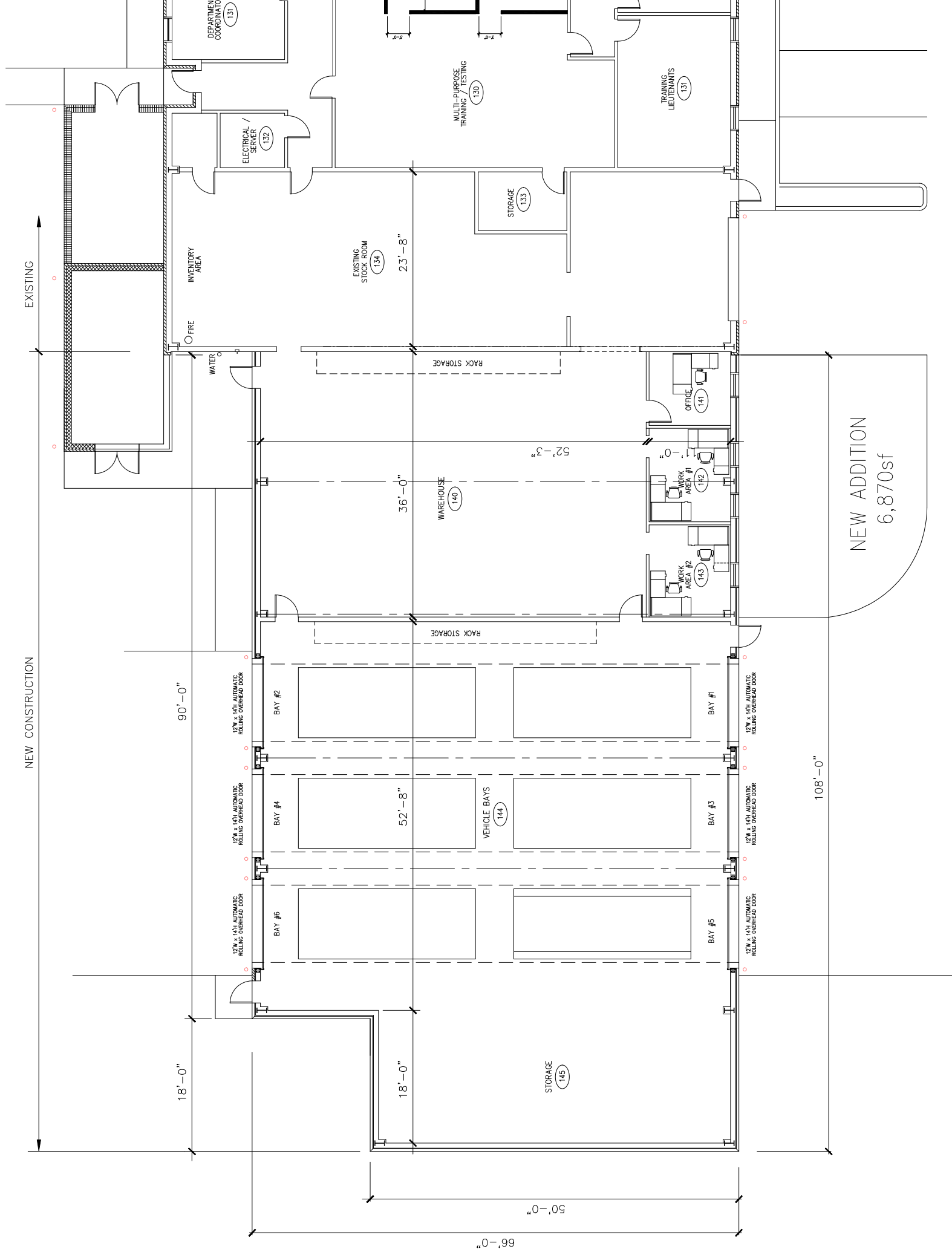
Contractor Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title





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CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS UTILIZING FEDERAL AWARDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (APRA)

Contractor understands and acknowledges that this Agreement may be totally or partially funded with federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). As a condition of receiving these funds, Contractor represents that it is and will remain in compliance with all federal terms as stated below. These terms flow down to all third party contractors and their subcontracts at every tier that exceed the small purchase threshold as set by the County, unless a particular award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. The Contractor shall require that these clauses shall be included in each covered transaction at any tier.

1. Remedies and Breach.

Contracts for more than the small purchase threshold currently set by the County at \$50,000 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.

2. Termination.

All contracts of \$10,000 or more must address termination for cause and for convenience by the Contractor including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

3. Equal Employment Opportunity for Non-construction Contracts.

The following clause applies for all non-construction contracts.

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

- (1) 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 by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) 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 consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual

orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

- (3) The contractor will not discharge 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.
- (4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (7) In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such 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 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.
- (8) The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) 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 may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a

means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

4. Equal Employment Opportunity for all “federally assisted” Construction Contracts.

The following clause applies for all federally assisted construction contracts where “federally assisted construction contracts” is defined as in 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1.3, or any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at [41 CFR Chapter 60](#), which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee:

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

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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 consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- (3) The contractor will not discharge 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.

- (4) 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.
- (5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) 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, 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.

5. Davis-Bacon Act.

The Davis-Bacon Act requirements do not apply to projects where the expected total cost is under \$10 million dollars and where funding is provided solely with State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), except for certain SLFRF-funded construction projects undertaken

by the District of Columbia. For all projects funded solely with State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), where the expected total cost is *more than \$10 million dollars* the following clause will apply:

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 sub-recipient 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.

6. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708).

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$100,000 or more that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers.

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.

Contractor shall include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5) in all subcontracts of \$100,000 or more that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers.

7. Rights to Inventions under a Contract or Agreement.

The following clause only applies to contracts where the work is related to the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work funded by federal funds or where the work performed is subject to copyright.

Contractor acknowledges that the federal government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use (in whole or in part, including in connection with derivative works), for state (or Federal) purposes, all reports, drafts of reports, or other material, data, drawings, computer programs, and codes associated with this Contract, and/or any copyright or other intellectual property rights, and any material or information developed and/or required to be delivered under this Contract. Contractor will 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".

8. Clean Air.

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$150,000 or more.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the appropriate EPA Regional Office. The Contractor agrees it will not use any violating facilities. It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA "List of Violating Facilities". It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

9. Clean Water.

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$150,000 or more.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the

appropriate EPA Regional Office. The Contractor agrees it will not use any violating facilities. It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA "List of Violating Facilities". It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

10. Government-wide Debarment and Suspension.

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$25,000 or more.

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180. A contract award in any tier must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. § 180 that implement Executive Orders Nos. 12549 (3 C F R part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions 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 No. 12549. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 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 County. If it is later determined that the Contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C 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.

11. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$100,000 or more.

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 C.F.R. Part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Contractor certifies that it and all its subcontractors at every tier will not and have 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, award, including any extension, continuation, renewal,

amendment, or modification covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352.

12. Procurement of Recovered Materials.

The Contractor agrees to comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

13. Prohibited Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services and Equipment.

Contractor understands and acknowledges that under 2 CFR 200.216, the County is prohibited from using federal funds to procure, obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services, including telecom equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corp. (or subsidiaries or affiliates of such entities).

Contractor, therefore, certifies that they are in compliance with the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019 NDAA), Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018), and that in the performance of this agreement, it will not provide equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

- (i.) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- (ii.) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or
- (iii.) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the

Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the People's Republic of China.

14. Domestic Preferences for Procurements.

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, Contractor shall to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products procured with federal funds. For purposes of this clause, (1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. (2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

15. Records and Financial Documents

Contractor shall maintain records and financial documents sufficient to evidence compliance with section 603(c) of the Social Security Act, Treasury's regulations implementing that section, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing. Records shall be maintained by Grantee/Contractor for a period of five years after all funds have been expended or returned to Treasury, whichever is later.

16. Compliance with Section 603 Regulations and Guidance.

Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of section 603 of the Social Security Act "(the Act)", regulations adopted by Treasury pursuant to section 603(f) of the Act, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing. Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders, and Contractor shall provide for such compliance by other parties in any agreements it enters into with other parties relating to this award. Federal regulations applicable to this award include, without limitation, (1) statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination applicable to this award, (2) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, other than such provisions as Treasury may determine are inapplicable to this Award and subject to such exceptions as may be otherwise provided by Treasury; (3) Subpart F - Audit Requirements of the Uniform Guidance, implementing the Single Audit Act; (4) Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM), 2 C.F.R. Part 25 and Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 25; and (6) Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information, 2 C.F.R. Part 170, and Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 170 is hereby incorporated by reference.

EXHIBIT C

(Contractor's Understanding of the Scope of Services Follows Behind)

Executive Summary



August 22, 2023

Ms. Jaime Kovar
County Purchasing Agent
Fort Bend County Travis Annex
301 Jackson St., Suite 201
Richmond, Texas 77469

Re: RFQ – 23-068

In response to your request for Design-Build Services for **Fort Bend County EMS Logistics Warehouse and Bay Expansion in Rosenberg, Texas**, please see the following proposal from **Bass Construction Co., Inc.**

Since the 1970's, Bass Construction has completed over **72 projects** for Fort Bend County. These include but not limited to Design-Build projects like the **Fort Bend County Tax Assessor's Office, Precinct One, Gus George Facility, EMS Squad 2 in Orchard, FBC EMS (Highway 36)**, and most recently **EMS 602 in Rosenberg**.

The Bass Team will be led by **Bob W. Bass** (Senior Project Manager), **Buck Bass** (Project Manager), and **Keith House** (Superintendent). Together, we have over 90 years of total construction experience.

Bass Construction and the design team that we plan on working with have also been involved in federally funded (ARPA) projects in the past. So, we are familiar with what is required to meet those expectations.

Bass Construction is a local Fort Bend County company with a long history of 66 years of **proudly serving the construction needs of the greater Fort Bend County area.**

Our **commitment** and **integrity** to each project is the cornerstone of our business. Every **Bass** employee is committed to serving the client as a team member dedicated to the **successful** completion of the project.

Bass Construction brings a unique blend of **construction experience, commitment, and loyalty** to each project. Our excellent working relationship with local City of Rosenberg departments allows for a streamlined design and construction process.

We look forward to having the opportunity to serve **Fort Bend County** on this project.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bob W. Bass'.

Bob W. Bass
President



1. Understand Scope of Work

Bass Construction has developed a working relationship with Fort Bend County on numerous Design-Build Projects including the original facility as a Design-Build project for Fort Bend County. This experience and our background in pre-engineered buildings will help complement and ensure the success of this project and afford us a better understanding of the scope of work and how it relates to each project partner. Please see the outline of our Understanding of the Scope of Work and Plan to Manage the Project, as follows;

<u>Project Scope:</u>	Includes the new addition of General Storage Space (2,410 s.f.), additional Ambulance Bays/ Storage (4,500 s.f.), associated drives (6,550 s.f.) and Drainage modifications. s.f., as follows;
General	Bass to provide a temp office, temp perimeter fencing, temp electricity & water, temporary entrance, SWPPP, building permits, and all general requirements.
Earthwork	Building Pad - Over-excavate per soils report the foundation areas and install engineered select fill pad. Paving Area - Prepare and lime-stabilize subgrade for paving. Drainage - Design/construct engineered detention and provide site drainage as required.
Site Utilities	Storm Drainage - Includes underground collection of roof runoff to tie in to surface draining outfall. Utilities - Tie in to existing water, sanitary, and fire, as required.
Site	Landscaping - Provide grass in disturbed areas. Plants – as required. Concrete Paving & Sidewalks - Construct 6,550 s.f. of reinforced concrete paving with sidewalks as required. Includes mechanical pads and yard if required. Miscellaneous - bollards, striping including Fire Lanes, ADA signage and ramps, as required.
Concrete	Engineered Foundation to include drilled piers, grade beams and slab on grade poured monolithically. Foundations will be tied into existing as required.
Structure	Pre-engineered steel building additions that tie into the existing building.
Exterior	Roof – 24 ga. Standing Seam vertical leg 16" wide panel with high clip / thermal spacer blocks. Masonry – match existing face brick with accent. Soffit - Metal panels. Gutter / Downspouts – match existing.



1. Understand Scope of Work

Thermal	<p>Roof insulation to be R38 including R11 3.5" unfaced fiberglass over tops of purlins with 8" R25 w/ VRR vapor barrier over banding for support between purlins.</p> <p>Exterior Wall insulation to be full thick thermal fiberglass between studs and 2" rigid on exterior sheathing.</p> <p>Sound attenuation batts in walls as shown.</p>
Damp-proofing	Fluid applied membrane at exterior face of wall sheathing with flashing.
Carpentry	To include all wood blocking required.
Doors/Wdws	Includes exterior hollow metal doors, overhead doors w/ automatic openers, and storefront windows, as required.
Finishes	<p>Walls - Metal studs with sheet rock. Bay walls with metal panels to match existing.</p> <p>Floors - Polished concrete or epoxy paint to match existing.</p> <p>Painting - as required.</p>
Equipment	Includes overhead fans for bays.
Special Const.	Metal Building System - Furnish / construct a pre-engineered steel building with manufacturer's roof panel system by code requirements and with warranties required.
Fire Suppression	To furnish/ install a complete fire protection system as per City of Rosenberg and Fire Department including tie-in to existing wet fire sprinkler system.
Mechanical	<p>Plumbing – Includes all water and sanitary piping, equipment and fixtures, as required.</p> <p>HVAC - Including split system heating and air conditioning for Storage Space. Testing & balancing and DDC controls included.</p>
Electrical	Provide electrical per plans and specifications including tie-in to existing service panels, all raceways for electrical and subsystems, lighting controls, electrical distribution equipment, and general lighting.
Fire Alarm	Includes tie-in to existing fire alarm system designed and installed, as required.
Systems	Security Cameras, card readers, and wireless access points and related cabling.



1. Understand Scope of Work



Plan to Manage the Project

Collaboration	To ensure the success of this project, Bass will collaborate as described below;
Meetings	Bass intends to conduct regular bi-weekly meetings and will keep meeting minutes to control the construction process and allow Owner and A/E team input. All issues will be addressed thru the RFI process.
Pre-Construction	<p>Bass will manage the submittal and approval process before construction begins ensuring that the products and methods are in compliance with the project documents and requirements. We will identify the critical path elements of the process to insure the schedule is met.</p> <p>A pre-construction meeting will be held to go over all site conditions, coordinate construction with on-going EMS operations, safety concerns, and protocol for handling the construction process.</p>
Construction	<p>Bass will maintain a full-time superintendent on site and an offsite project manager to oversee and ensure quality control of construction activities and management of the construction process. The supervisor on site will coordinate all inspections and schedule as they are required.</p> <p>Our project manager will manage the construction process. Specifically, this includes project meetings/minutes, RFI's, Change Proposals, and Change Requests.</p>
Safety	Bass will follow all applicable safety requirements. Bass retains a safety consultant to inspect our job site on a bi-weekly basis.
Close-outs	Bass provides a full-time close-out specialist in charge of close-out documents and warranty information, as-built drawings, and subsequent warranty requests.
Scheduling	<p>A master schedule will be provided at the outset of the project which will outline the critical elements. This will be updated at each meeting to monitor progress and discuss any delays.</p> <p>Critical and long lead items will be identified and discussed to create a submittal and approval schedule which will allow the project to stay on target.</p>



1. Understand Scope of Work

Coordination	Bob W. Bass (Sr. Project Manager), Buck Bass (project manager), Keith House (full time superintendent), Bob W. Bass (estimating), Hillary Gay (submittals, Pre-Construction Administration support) and Terri Chavez (Post Construction Administration Support) coordinating this project with the County, Architect/Engineering Groups, and Bass Construction and its subcontractors, as follows;
Bob W. Bass	Senior Project Manager - Bob will be responsible for oversight & quality control and coordination of the site, concrete, and Pre-engineered building project activities.
Buck Bass	As Project Manager, Buck will coordinate all the pre-construction, construction, and completion process including managing all project meetings, job coordination, and construction processes for the duration of the project.
Keith House	As Superintendent, Keith will manage all day to day activities such as day to day quality control, scheduling, & coordination of subcontractors and inspections.
Bob W. Bass	Chief Estimator - Provide internal coordination between estimating and construction and to price all change orders as required.
Hillary Gay	Submittal Coordinator - Provide all support required to expedite the submittal process and closeouts.
Hillary Gay	Project Assistant in charge of all temporary facilities, as-built documents, submittals and document control.
Terri Chavez	Project Assistant in charge of all close-out documents and warranty program.

Summary

Bass Construction is uniquely positioned to provide Fort Bend County with the best value, construction experience, and shortest schedule for three reasons:

Value	Bass has a team of proven designers and subcontractors ready to provide the most cost-effective solutions to your project needs.
Experience	Bass has extensive design-build experience working with Fort Bend County and specifically with the existing EMS Facility. Additionally, project experience working on existing facilities and maintaining operation during construction.
Schedule	Bass can expedite the design/permit process because of our knowledge of the process and on-going working relationships with all the entities involved.

In summary, Bass Construction has over 66 years of experience working in Fort Bend County area including over 10 design-build projects for Fort Bend County. We welcome the opportunity to serve our EMS with its expansion needs.



5. Firm's Management Plan

Firms Management System, Software, and Cost Control

Describe how the construction management services will be provided and how they will be supported.

The key to a successful project is in prior planning. When creating a schedule, input is compiled from all involved parties to help create a baseline schedule. Updates are generated regularly to keep the project team fully aware of the progress and any potential delays.

Bass utilizes Sage CRE (formerly Timberline Office) for our computerized construction software. We have been using some form of this software for over 25 years and are thoroughly familiar with the ins and outs of the software. In most cases, we can manipulate it to generate any forms requested by the County. In addition to this in-house software, Bass is also familiar with numerous other online project management programs for access by the project team. If requested, Bass can make a recommendation for this type of software and assist the team with the utilization of such software.

Our Sage accounting software allows us to rack all costs associated with a project and generate reports based on the collected information.

Quality Control is achieved by checks and balances on all levels of the project. Subcontractor submittals are verified for strict compliance with the contract documents prior to submission to the design team for their review and approval. Once approved, pre-installation meetings are held prior to each new subcontractor beginning their scope of work and the approved submittals are once again reviewed, as well as the specifications. When the subcontractor begins to perform his work and throughout his installation, the on-site superintendent and project manager verify that the work in place is being installed per the contract documents and approved submittals. Inspection are called in throughout the process to allow the design team, County and City to perform their own inspections of the installation prior to cover up.

Safety is no accident with Bass Construction and is priority number one on all of our jobsites. All on-site superintendents have passed the 30-hour OSHA safety course and are classified as competent personnel. Platinum Safety Services are under contract to regularly make random site visits to assess the conditions of the project along with the project superintendent. A report is sent to our office immediately and we forward a copy to each subcontractor's safety officer, who is not in compliance, so they can review and remedy the situation. Our current Workmen's Comp Experience Modifier Rating (EMR) is .95. Bass has received zero citations from OSHA over the last 3 years on all company projects.



EXHIBIT D

(Prevailing Wage Rates Follow Behind)

"General Decision Number: TX20230247 05/05/2023

Superseded General Decision Number: TX20220247

State: Texas

Construction Type: Building

County: Fort Bend County in Texas.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (does not include single family homes or apartments up to and including 4 stories).

Note: Contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act are generally required to pay at least the applicable minimum wage rate required under Executive Order 14026 or Executive Order 13658. Please note that these Executive Orders apply to covered contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but do not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(2)-(60).

If the contract is entered into on or after January 30, 2022, or the contract is renewed or extended (e.g., an option is exercised) on or after January 30, 2022:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Executive Order 14026 generally applies to the contract.. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$16.20 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in 2023.
If the contract was awarded on or between January 1, 2015 and January 29, 2022, and the contract is not renewed or extended on or after January 30, 2022:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Executive Order 13658 generally applies to the contract.. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$12.15 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on that contract in 2023.

The applicable Executive Order minimum wage rate will be

adjusted annually. If this contract is covered by one of the Executive Orders and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must still submit a conformance request.

Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the Executive Orders is available at <http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts>.

Modification Number	Publication Date
0	01/06/2023
1	01/13/2023
2	05/05/2023

ASBE0022-009 06/01/2022

	Rates	Fringes
ASBESTOS WORKER/HEAT & FROST INSULATOR (Duct, Pipe and Mechanical System Insulation)....	\$ 26.88	15.41

BOIL0074-003 01/01/2021

	Rates	Fringes
BOILERMAKER.....	\$ 29.47	24.10

CARP0551-008 04/01/2021

	Rates	Fringes
CARPENTER (Excludes Acoustical Ceiling Installation,Drywall Hanging, Form Work and Metal Stud Installation).....	\$ 25.86	9.08

ELEC0716-005 08/30/2021

	Rates	Fringes
ELECTRICIAN (Excludes Low Voltage Wiring and Installation of Alarms).....	\$ 33.20	10.37

ELEV0031-003 01/01/2023

	Rates	Fringes
ELEVATOR MECHANIC.....	\$ 49.15	37.335+a+b

FOOTNOTES:

A. 6% under 5 years based on regular hourly rate for all hours worked. 8% over 5 years based on regular hourly rate for all hours worked.

B. Holidays: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; Friday after Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day; and Veterans Day.

 ENGI0450-002 04/01/2014

	Rates	Fringes
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR Cranes.....	\$ 34.85	9.85

 IRON0084-002 06/01/2022

	Rates	Fringes
IRONWORKER (ORNAMENTAL AND STRUCTURAL).....	\$ 26.76	7.88

 PLAS0783-001 04/01/2021

	Rates	Fringes
PLASTERER.....	\$ 26.04	9.02

 PLUM0068-002 10/01/2022

	Rates	Fringes
PLUMBER.....	\$ 37.83	11.71

 * PLUM0211-010 10/01/2022

	Rates	Fringes
PIPEFITTER (Including HVAC Pipe Installation).....	\$ 38.03	12.66

 SHEE0054-003 04/01/2020

	Rates	Fringes
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SHEET METAL WORKER (Excludes HVAC Duct and Unit Installation).....	\$ 29.70	13.85
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* SUTX2014-023 07/21/2014

	Rates	Fringes
ACOUSTICAL CEILING MECHANIC.....	\$ 16.41	3.98
BRICKLAYER.....	\$ 19.86	0.00
CAULKER.....	\$ 15.36 **	0.00
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER...	\$ 13.82 **	0.00
DRYWALL FINISHER/TAPER.....	\$ 16.30	3.71
DRYWALL HANGER AND METAL STUD INSTALLER.....	\$ 17.45	3.96
ELECTRICIAN (Alarm Installation Only).....	\$ 17.97	3.37
ELECTRICIAN (Low Voltage Wiring Only).....	\$ 18.00	1.68
FLOOR LAYER: Carpet.....	\$ 20.00	0.00
FORM WORKER.....	\$ 11.87 **	0.00
GLAZIER.....	\$ 19.12	4.41
INSULATOR - BATT.....	\$ 14.87 **	0.73
IRONWORKER, REINFORCING.....	\$ 12.10 **	0.00
LABORER: Common or General.....	\$ 10.79 **	0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender - Brick...	\$ 13.37 **	0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender - Cement/Concrete.....	\$ 10.50 **	0.00
LABORER: Pipelayer.....	\$ 12.94 **	0.00
LABORER: Roof Tearoff.....	\$ 11.28 **	0.00
LABORER: Landscape and		

Irrigation.....	\$ 9.49 **	0.00
LATHER.....	\$ 19.73	0.00
OPERATOR:		
Backhoe/Excavator/Trackhoe.....	\$ 14.10 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Bobcat/Skid		
Steer/Skid Loader.....	\$ 13.93 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Bulldozer.....	\$ 20.77	0.00
OPERATOR: Drill.....	\$ 16.22	0.34
OPERATOR: Forklift.....	\$ 15.64 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Grader/Blade.....	\$ 13.37 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Loader.....	\$ 13.55 **	0.94
OPERATOR: Mechanic.....	\$ 17.52	3.33
OPERATOR: Paver (Asphalt,		
Aggregate, and Concrete).....	\$ 16.03 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Roller.....	\$ 16.00 **	0.00
PAINTER (Brush, Roller and		
Spray), Excludes Drywall		
Finishing/Taping.....	\$ 16.77	4.51
ROOFER.....	\$ 15.40 **	0.00
SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Duct		
Installation Only).....	\$ 17.81	2.64
SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Unit		
Installation Only).....	\$ 16.00 **	1.61
SPRINKLER FITTER (Fire		
Sprinklers).....	\$ 22.17	9.70
TILE FINISHER.....	\$ 12.00 **	0.00
TILE SETTER.....	\$ 16.17 **	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: 1/Single Axle		
Truck.....	\$ 14.95 **	5.23
TRUCK DRIVER: Dump Truck.....	\$ 12.39 **	1.18

TRUCK DRIVER: Flatbed Truck.....	\$ 19.65	8.57
TRUCK DRIVER: Semi-Trailer Truck.....	\$ 12.50 **	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Water Truck.....	\$ 12.00 **	4.11
WATERPROOFER.....	\$ 14.39 **	0.00

WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

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** Workers in this classification may be entitled to a higher minimum wage under Executive Order 14026 (\$16.20) or 13658 (\$12.15). Please see the Note at the top of the wage determination for more information.

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2017. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must provide employees with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours they work, up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year. Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their own illness, injury or other health-related needs, including preventive care; to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is ill, injured, or has other health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons resulting from, or to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is a victim of, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts>.

Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

The body of each wage determination lists the classification

and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of ""identifiers"" that indicate whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local), a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate (weighted union average rate).

Union Rate Identifiers

A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than ""SU"" or ""UAVG"" denotes that the union classification and rate were prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of the union which prevailed in the survey for this classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1, 2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing this classification and rate.

Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the ""SU"" identifier indicate that no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a new survey is conducted.

Union Average Rate Identifiers

Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate that no single majority rate prevailed for those classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is based.

WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

- * an existing published wage determination
- * a survey underlying a wage determination
- * a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
- * a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour National Office because National Office has responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations
Wage and Hour Division
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator

(See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

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END OF GENERAL DECISION"

EXHIBIT E

(ARPA Contract Provisions Follow Behind)

CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS UTILIZING FEDERAL AWARDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (APRA)

Contractor understands and acknowledges that this Agreement may be totally or partially funded with federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). As a condition of receiving these funds, Contractor represents that it is and will remain in compliance with all federal terms as stated in Sections 1 through 16 below. These terms also flow down to all third party contractors and their subcontracts at every tier that exceed the small purchase threshold as set by the County, unless a particular award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. Contractor shall require that these clauses shall be included in each covered transaction at any tier.

1. Remedies and Breach.

Contracts for more than the small purchase threshold currently set by the County at \$50,000 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.

2. Termination.

All contracts of \$10,000 or more must address termination for cause and for convenience by the Contractor including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

3. Equal Employment Opportunity for Non-construction Contracts.

The following clause applies for all non-construction contracts.

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

- (1) 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 by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) 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

consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

- (3) The contractor will not discharge 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.
- (4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (7) In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such 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 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.
- (8) The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) 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 may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

4. Equal Employment Opportunity for all “federally assisted” Construction Contracts.

The following clause applies for all federally assisted construction contracts where “federally assisted construction contracts” is defined as in 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1.3, or any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at [41 CFR Chapter 60](#), which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee:

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

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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 consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- (3) The contractor will not discharge 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.

- (4) 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.
- (5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) 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, 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.

5. Davis-Bacon Act.

The Davis-Bacon Act requirements do not apply to projects where the expected total cost is under \$10 million dollars and where funding is provided solely with State and Local Fiscal

Recovery Funds (SLFRF), except for certain SLFRF-funded construction projects undertaken by the District of Columbia. For all projects funded solely with State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), where the expected total cost is *more than \$10 million dollars* the following clause will apply:

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 Sub-contractors 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 sub- recipient 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.

6. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708).

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$100,000 or more that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers.

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.

Contractor shall include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5) in all subcontracts of \$100,000 or more that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers.

7. Rights to Inventions under a Contract or Agreement.

The following clause only applies to contracts where the work is related to the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work funded by federal funds or where the work performed is subject to copyright.

Contractor acknowledges that the federal government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use (in whole or in part, including in connection with derivative works), for state (or Federal) purposes, all reports, drafts of reports, or other material, data, drawings, computer programs, and codes associated with this Contract, and/or any copyright or other intellectual property rights, and any material or information developed and/or required to be delivered under this Contract. Contractor will 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".

8. Clean Air.

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$150,000 or more.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the appropriate EPA Regional Office. The Contractor agrees it will not use any violating facilities. It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA "List of Violating Facilities". It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

9. Clean Water.

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$150,000 or more.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees

that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the appropriate EPA Regional Office. The Contractor agrees it will not use any violating facilities. It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA "List of Violating Facilities". It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

10. Government-wide Debarment and Suspension.

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$25,000 or more.

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180. A contract award in any tier must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. § 180 that implement Executive Orders Nos. 12549 (3 C F R part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions 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 No. 12549. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 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 County. If it is later determined that the Contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C 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.

11. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$100,000 or more.

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 C.F.R. Part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Contractor certifies that it and all its subcontractors at every tier will not and have 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, award, including any extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352.

12. Procurement of Recovered Materials.

The Contractor agrees to comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

13. Prohibited Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services and Equipment.

Contractor understands and acknowledges that under 2 CFR 200.216, the County is prohibited from using federal funds to procure, obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services, including telecom equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corp. (or subsidiaries or affiliates of such entities).

Contractor, therefore, certifies that they are in compliance with the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019 NDAA), Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018), and that in the performance of this agreement, it will not provide equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

- (i.) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- (ii.) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or
- (iii.) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or

provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the People's Republic of China.

14. Domestic Preferences for Procurements.

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, Contractor shall to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products procured with federal funds. For purposes of this clause, (1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. (2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

15. Records and Financial Documents

Contractor shall maintain records and financial documents sufficient to evidence compliance with section 603(c) of the Social Security Act, Treasury's regulations implementing that section, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing. Records shall be maintained by Grantee/Contractor for a period of five years after all funds have been expended or returned to Treasury, whichever is later.

16. Compliance with Section 603 Regulations and Guidance.

Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of section 603 of the Social Security Act "(the Act)", regulations adopted by Treasury pursuant to section 603(f) of the Act, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing. Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders, and Contractor shall provide for such compliance by other parties in any agreements it enters into with other parties relating to this award. Federal regulations applicable to this award include, without limitation, (1) statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination applicable to this award, (2) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, other than such provisions as Treasury may determine are inapplicable to this Award and subject to such exceptions as may be otherwise provided by Treasury; (3) Subpart F - Audit Requirements of the Uniform Guidance, implementing the Single Audit Act; (4) Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM), 2 C.F.R. Part 25 and Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 25; and (6) Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information, 2 C.F.R. Part 170, and Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 170 is hereby incorporated by reference.