

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
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 COUNTY OF FORT BEND       §

**AGREEMENT FOR PROCUREMENT SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
 PURSUANT TO RFP 19-041 – CONTINGENCY ALL HAZARDS CONSULTING SERVICES**

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

**WITNESSETH**

WHEREAS, County desires that Consultant provide procurement support and technical assistance pursuant to RFP 19-041, and

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

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

**AGREEMENT**

**Section 1. Scope of Services**

Consultant shall render the procurement support and technical assistance to County as described in Consultant's proposal dated October 4, 2021, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein for all purposes.

**Section 2. Personnel**

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

### **Section 3. Compensation and Payment**

- A. Consultant's fees shall be calculated at the rates set forth in the attached Exhibit A. The Compensation for the performance of Services within the Scope of Services described in Exhibit A is two hundred ten thousand three hundred ten dollars and no/100 (\$210,310.00) as set forth in Exhibit A. In no case shall the amount paid by County under this Agreement exceed the Maximum Compensation without an agreement executed by the parties. Travel expenses submitted for reimbursement (if any), must be incurred in accordance with County's current Travel Policy, and are subject to approval by the County Auditor prior to reimbursement.
- B. All performance of the Scope of Services by Consultant including any changes in the Scope of Services and revision of work satisfactorily performed will be performed only when approved in advance and authorized by the County.
- C. County will pay Consultant based on the following procedures: Upon completion of the tasks identified in the Scope of Services, Consultant shall submit to County one (1) electronic (pdf) copy of the invoice showing the amounts due for services performed 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.

### **Section 4. Limit of Appropriation**

- A. Consultant clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that County shall have available the total maximum sum of two hundred ten thousand three hundred ten dollars and no/100 (\$210,310.00) specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur.
- B. Consultant does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total maximum compensation that Consultant may become entitled to and the total maximum sum that County may become liable to pay to Consultant shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed two hundred ten thousand three hundred ten dollars and no/100 (\$210,310.00) specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur.

### **Section 5. Term of Agreement**

Time for performance of the Scope of Services under this Agreement shall begin with receipt of the Notice to Proceed and end no later than September 30, 2022. Consultant shall complete the tasks described in the Scope of Services, within this time or within such additional time as may be extended by the County.

## **Section 6. Modifications and Waivers**

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

## **Section 7. Termination**

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

## **Section 8. Ownership and Reuse of Documents**

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

## **Section 9. Inspection of Books and Records**

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

## **Section 10. Insurance**

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

- B. County and the members of Commissioners Court shall be named as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability (if required). All Liability policies written on behalf of Consultant shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County and members of Commissioners Court.
- C. If required coverage is written on a claims-made basis, Consultant warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of the Contract and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of 2 years beginning from the time the work under this Contract is completed.
- D. Consultant shall not commence any portion of the work under this Contract until it has obtained the insurance required herein and certificates of such insurance have been filed with and approved by Fort Bend County.
- E. No cancellation of or changes to the certificates, or the policies, may be made without sixty (60) days prior, written notification to Fort Bend County.
- F. Approval of the insurance by Fort Bend County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Consultant.

#### **Section 11. Indemnity**

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

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

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

## **Section 12. Confidential and Proprietary Information**

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

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

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

### **Section 13. Independent Consultant**

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

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

- A. Each party giving any notice or making any request, demand, or other communication (each, a "Notice") pursuant to this Agreement shall do so in writing and shall use one of the following methods of delivery, each of which, for purposes of this Agreement, is a writing: personal delivery, registered or certified mail (in each case, return receipt requested and postage prepaid), or nationally recognized overnight courier (with all fees prepaid).
- B. Each party giving a Notice shall address the Notice to the receiving party at the address listed below or to another address designated by a party in a Notice pursuant to this Section:

County: Fort Bend County  
Attn: County Judge  
401 Jackson Street  
Richmond, Texas 77469

Consultant: Tetra Tech, Inc.  
ATTN: Betty Kamara  
2301 Lucien Way, Suite 120  
Maitland, Florida 32751

- C. Notice is effective only if the party giving or making the Notice has complied with subsections 14. A. and B. and if the addressee has received the Notice. A Notice is deemed received as follows:
  - 1. If the Notice is delivered in person, or sent by registered or certified mail or a nationally recognized overnight courier, upon receipt as indicated by the date on the signed receipt.
  - 2. If the addressee rejects or otherwise refuses to accept the Notice, or if the Notice cannot be delivered because of a change in address for which no Notice was given, then upon the rejection, refusal, or inability to deliver.

#### **Section 15. Compliance with Laws**

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



**Section 16. Performance Warranty**

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

**Section 17. Assignment**

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

**Section 18. Applicable Law**

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

**Section 19. Successors and Assigns**

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

**Section 20. Third Party Beneficiaries**

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

**Section 21. Severability**

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

## **Section 22. Publicity**

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

## **Section 23. Federal Clauses**

Consultant understands and acknowledges that this Agreement may be totally or partially funded with federal and or state funds. As a condition of receiving these funds, Consultant represents that it is and will remain in compliance with all federal and or state terms as stated in Exhibit B.

## **Section 24. Certain State Law Requirements for Contracts**

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

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

## Section 25. Captions

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


## Section 26. Conflict

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

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

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

FORT BEND COUNTY

  
County Judge KP George  
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KP George, County Judge

TETRA TECH, INC

  
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Authorized Agent – Signature


January 4, 2022

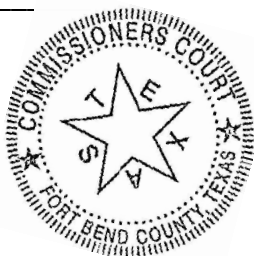
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Authorized Agent – Printed Name

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Richard, County Clerk



Business Unit President

Title

December 27, 2021

Date

## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$ 210,310.00 to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County under this contract.

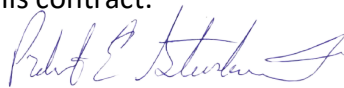
  
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Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

Exhibit A: Scope of Service

Exhibit B: Federal Clauses

# EXHIBIT A

## Proposal to Fort Bend County, TX for Procurement Support and Technical Assistance

***Submitted to:***

**Ms. Jaime Kovar**  
Purchasing Agent  
Fort Bend County  
Jaime.Kovar@fortbendcountytexas.gov

***Submitted by:***

**Technical representative:**

**Mr. John Buri**  
1500 Citywest Blvd  
Suite 1000 Houston, TX  
Phone: (713) 737-5763  
E-Mail: John.Buri@tetratech.com

**Contractual representative:**

**Ms. Betty Kamara**  
2301 Lucien Way, Suite 120  
Maitland, FL 32751  
Phone: (321) 441-8518  
E-mail: betty.kamara@tetratech.com

## A. INTRODUCTION

Applicants for Federal grants, including those awarded under the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program; the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act; and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), are required to comply with Federal procurement regulations and any additional policy guidance issued by the administering agency. Non-compliance can result in the denial of an application for funding or, often years later, the de-obligation of funds already disbursed. Indeed, in recent years, the federal Office of Inspectors General (OIGs) have taken a progressively stricter position than they had historically with respect to procurement compliance.

Compliance with applicable procurement requirements is critical. FEMA had previously released copious guidance and policy documents regarding the regulations for state and local governments (44 C.F.R. Part 13) and non-profits (2 C.F.R. Part 215). Since these regulations were consolidated and replaced by 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (sometimes referred to as the “Super Circular”), FEMA has updated its guidance documents and archived most of its previous publications. FEMA’s ‘old’ and new guidance, however, is not always clear on how to properly interpret the applicable regulatory requirements, generating ambiguity about what each regulation means and how an Applicant can ensure its compliance. The ability to apply legal reasoning and past experience with FEMA and the OIG to the regulations and guidance documents is critical.

Since the passage of the CARES Act and more recently the ARPA, our team members – already deeply experienced in federal grant programs administered by FEMA, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the procurement standards and cost principles at 2 C.F.R. Part 200 – have studied the CARES Act and ARPA and the Treasury’s related State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF), Emergency Rental and Homeowners Assistance Fund Compliance and Reporting guidance. Tetra Tech and our special partner for this project, Baker Donelson, works with multiple clients to review proposed distribution plans, advise regarding compliance, and provide procurement training to staff charged with administering these programs. Our experience ranges from review of individual solicitations and contracts for relatively small federally funded projects to serving as the lead resource to review billion-dollar procurements for large-scale recovery efforts. We regularly provide training on the federal procurement standards, develop client procurement policies and written standards of conduct, draft RFPs, RFQs, and Invitations to Bid, and guide clients through individual procurements from solicitation to award.

## B. PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK

### Task 1: Procurement Support

The proposed **Procurement Support** would include review of the County’s procurement documents to ensure they are in compliance, including past purchases to adjust as needed to support greater compliance. We would also assist with tasks including writing specifications, soliciting (formally and informally) projects that are related to COVID-19, confirming SAM status on vendors, creating/reviewing of Independent Cost Estimates (ICE) and Price/Cost Analysis. Our services would also include the below additional general support services/compliance aids:

- (1) Review of the County’s current procurement policy and procedures, including review of any standard solicitation/RFP/contract documents typically used to identify risks points. Deliverable would be a **Compliance Memorandum** summarizing any concerns with recommendations to mitigate any noted risks. This Memorandum will also include a **summary and explanation of Federal requirements** that govern procurements and a discussion of how each is incorporated into the process. This explanation will briefly touch on the history of the regulations and the utility of various current and archived policy and guidance.
- (2) Preparation of **Templates** and generic documents that can be tailored for the County’s use in conducting eligible procurements. We recommend these documents include:
  - a. Written **procurement procedures** as required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(a);
  - b. Written **standards of conduct** covering conflicts of interest as required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c)(1) and covering organizational conflicts of interest as required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c)(2);
  - c. Template **Request for Proposal(s)** to procure contracts for emergency work (debris removal / emergency restoration) and permanent work; as well as any necessary supporting services.

- d. Template **contract(s)** and **work authorization(s)** for necessary work, which will include all contract provisions required under Federal regulations and guidance;
- (3) Provision of a variety of compliance aids to help the County document and track compliance, including:
  - a. **Quick Reference Guide for procurement compliance**;
  - b. A **Project Documentation Checklist** for completion for each grant;
  - c. Checklist/template justification for use of **time and materials contracts**;
  - d. **Cost or Price Analysis Worksheet** to aid in compliance with this necessary but often missed requirement;
  - e. **Procurement File Checklist** to help keep documentation organized and ensure the County's procurement file includes all necessary components.
- (4) A list of **DOS and DON'TS** for Federal procurements based on the plain language of the regulations, guidance and policy, but also informed by our unique experience.

## Task 2: Project Management and Technical Assistance

Tetra Tech will provide active assistance regarding current and future reimbursement or funding opportunities including those listed above as long as the required work can be performed within the constraints of this agreement's Not to Exceed amount. Tetra Tech will also perform Project Management tasks required to carry out the contract and scope of work listed above.

## C. PROJECT PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The proposed project scope and project cost are based on a project term of six (6) months.

## D. PROJECT COST

The proposed not-to-exceed of **\$210,310** is based on Tetra Tech's current understanding of the project requirements and best estimates of level of effort required to perform the basic services and may be subject to change upon agreement between the County and Tetra Tech. The fee for the services will be based on the actual hours of services furnished multiplied by Tetra Tech's hourly rates as set forth in Agreement between the County and Tetra Tech, Contract #RFP-19-041. Table 1 shows the estimated cost breakdown by project task. Table 2 outlines the anticipated staff positions and level of effort for these services.

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

Task	Estimated Total
Task 1: Procurement Support	\$197,700
Task 2: Project Management and Technical Assistance	\$12,610
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>\$210,310</b>

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

Labor Category	Hourly Rate	Estimated Hours	Estimated Total
Senior Planner/Analyst	\$130	39	\$5,070
Program Manager	\$145	52	\$7,540
FEMA Appeals Legal Specialist	\$300	659	\$197,700
Senior FEMA Appeals Legal Specialist	\$375	0	\$0
Subject Matter Expert	\$220	0	\$0
<b>Estimated Total</b>		<b>750</b>	<b>\$210,310</b>

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

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

## E. PROJECT ASSUMPTIONS

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

- **Project Sponsor.** The County will assign a primary point of contact to serve as project sponsor to address administrative and functional issues.
- **Access to Key Personnel.** Availability of County key personnel is critical to obtaining the information required for the success of this project. Information presented by key personnel will be accepted as factual and no confirmation will be made.
- **Other Assistance Needed.** Should the County Project Sponsor request additional services that are not able to be completed within the scope or budget of this proposal, a proposal for additional services can be submitted as needed.
- **Work Location.** Due to the nature of the pandemic, work will be performed in compliance with the most up-to-date guidance provided to the community. Tetra Tech and its staff will work with the county regarding on-site assistance as needed and mutually agreed upon.
- **Invoicing/Payment.** The County will be invoiced monthly. Payment terms are net 45 day.
- **Proposal.** This proposal is based on our current understanding of the project, and revisions will be subject to mutual agreement on the final work scope/schedule and other technical/management requirements desired by the County. The final approved proposal will be part of the awarded Task Order/Purchase Order by reference or incorporated as an exhibit.



# EXHIBIT B

## Code of Federal Regulations

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### Title 2 - Grants and Agreements

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Reserved. PART 200 - UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS.

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#### Pt. 200, App. II

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

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

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in



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

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).

(I) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR Part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR Part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." The Excluded Parties List System in SAM contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(J) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

(K) See § 200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

# CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

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

## OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING

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

Tetra Tech, Inc.  
Houston, TX United States

**Certificate Number:**  
2021-835236

**Date Filed:**  
12/27/2021

**Date Acknowledged:**  
01/04/2022

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

Fort Bend County, Texas

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

RFP 19-041  
CONTINGENCY ALL HAZARDS CONSULTING SERVICES PURSUANT

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

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



**6 UNSWORN DECLARATION**

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

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

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

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

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