



**ALVARADO CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
SPECIAL - MARCH 23, 2026 - 6:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 104 W COLLEGE AVE.
ALVARADO, TEXAS 76009**

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC INPUT

This is an opportunity for citizens to address the convened City Council of this meeting on any matter. The presiding officer may ask for the citizen to hold his or her comment on an agenda item until that agenda item is reached. Any response from a member of the convened City Council to comments related to items not on the agenda is limited to a statement of specific factual information, a recitation of existing policy, or direction to staff to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting. Citizens may obtain a form to speak by requesting it from the City Secretary or the City Marshal prior to the start of the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Pursuant to LGC Section 551.0415, City Council Members may make a report about items of community interest during a meeting of the governing body without having given notice of the report. Items of community interest include:

- Expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence;
- Information regarding holiday schedules;
- An honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of the person's public office of public employment is not an honorary or salutary recognition for purposes of this subdivision;
- A reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body;
- Information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; and
- Announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Second Reading of Resolution No. R2026-0004; A Resolution of the City of Alvarado, Texas, authorizing the Alvarado Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) to negotiate and execute an Economic Development Agreement with Empire Investments, LLC regarding Project Hearth for the development of a restaurant named Empire Steaks and Burgers to 209 E College Ave; providing an effective date; and establishing that this project is a business attraction and downtown revitalization effort. (Cromer)
2. Second Reading of Resolution No. R2026-0013; A Resolution of the City of Alvarado, Texas, authorizing the Alvarado Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) to negotiate and execute an Economic Development Agreement with Halfie's Rambles, LLC regarding Project Yellow Submarine for the development of a café called Den Chan Cafe to 110 W College

Ave; providing an effective date; and establishing that this project is a business attraction and downtown revitalization effort. (Cromer)

NEW BUSINESS

3. Consideration and action related to Resolution No. R2026-0017, A Resolution of the City of Alvarado, Texas, Authorizing Alvarado representatives in matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program. (Suber)
4. Consideration and action related to Resolution R2026-0018, a Resolution of the City of Alvarado, Texas, authorizing the Award of a Professional Service Provider Contract for the 2025–2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Fund Program. (Suber)
5. Consideration and action related to a Development Agreement between Alvarado 228 Development LLC, Avalon Development Group, LLC, and the City of Alvarado for the Chambers Creek Development. (DeBuff, French)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. § 551.071. Consultation with Attorney. The City Council may convene in executive session to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on any legally posted agenda item, when the City Council REGULAR City Council seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551, including the following items:
 - Any item on the agenda.
7. §551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations. To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).
 - Chambers Creek Development

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the City Hall of the City of Alvarado, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Agenda was posted on March 17, 2026, and remained so posted continuously for three (3) business days prior to the date of the meeting.



Bobbie Jo Taylor, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary

If, during the course of the meeting and discussion of any items covered by this notice, City Council determines that a Closed or Executive Session of the Council is required, then such closed meeting will be held as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 consultation with counsel on legal matters; Section 551.072 - deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; Section 551.073 - deliberation regarding a prospective gift; Section 551.074 - personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; Section 551.076 - implementation of security personnel or devices; Section 551.087 - deliberation regarding economic development negotiation; Section 551.089 - deliberation regarding security devices or security audits, and/or other matters as authorized under the Texas Government Code.

If a Closed or Executive Session is held in accordance with the Texas Government Code as set out above, the City Council will reconvene in Open Session in order to take action, if necessary, on the items addressed during Executive Session.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.127, on a regular, non-emergency basis, members may attend and participate in the meeting remotely by video conference. Should that occur, a quorum of the members will be physically present at the location noted above on this agenda.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

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NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT The City of Alvarado does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in the employment or the provision of services.



City Council Management Report

Meeting Date: 3/23/2026

Contact: Hillary Cromer, Director of Economic Development

AGENDA ITEM:

Second Reading of Resolution No. R2026-0004; A Resolution of the City of Alvarado, Texas, authorizing the Alvarado Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) to negotiate and execute an Economic Development Agreement with Empire Investments, LLC regarding Project Hearth for the development of a restaurant named Empire Steaks and Burgers to 209 E College Ave; providing an effective date; and establishing that this project is a business attraction and downtown revitalization effort. (Cromer)

BACKGROUND & FINDINGS:

The Alvarado Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Board of Directors has approved an incentive agreement with Empire Investments, LLC to redevelop the property located at 209 E College Avenue in Historic Downtown Alvarado.

The project includes the demolition of the existing building and construction of a new restaurant building that will house Empire Steaks and Burgers, a sit-down restaurant intended to support ongoing downtown revitalization efforts.

The AEDC Board determined that the project aligns with the City's goals of encouraging reinvestment in downtown properties, expanding dining options, and increasing economic activity in the downtown district.

Empire Investments, LLC proposes to:

- Demolish the existing structure at 209 E College Avenue
- Construct a new building designed to house a full-service restaurant
- Operate Empire Steaks and Burgers as a sit-down restaurant
- Estimated total project cost: \$1,337,500

Project Timeline Requirements:

- Demolition of existing structures must occur within 90 days of agreement execution.

- A building permit must be obtained within 120 days of agreement execution.
- The City Manager may grant one administrative extension, not to exceed 60 days, upon written request demonstrating good-faith progress.
- Construction must be completed within 18 months of agreement execution.

Operational Requirements:

- The restaurant must remain in continuous operation for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Early closure will trigger a prorated repayment provision as outlined in the agreement.
- The site must be developed and operated as a sit-down restaurant.
- The restaurant must be open to the public at least six (6) days per week.
- The business will make a good-faith effort to operate seven (7) days per week, subject to staffing availability.
- The business must retain a minimum of ten (10) employees by the end of one (1) year following issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.
- Property Exchange: Tract 3 shall be conveyed as part of the transaction, as specified in the agreement.
- Design, Site, and Development Standards: Architecture and storefront design will be subject to City staff approval and must reflect a Texas historic and/or farmhouse-chic aesthetic consistent with the character of downtown Alvarado.

The AEDC Board determined that the redevelopment of 209 E College Avenue will replace an aging structure with a new restaurant destination that will enhance downtown vitality, encourage additional private investment, and support ongoing revitalization efforts in Historic Downtown Alvarado.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Incentive Amount: AEDC incentive equal to 40% of eligible project costs, not to exceed \$500,000.

Incentive Disbursement:

The incentive will be paid in three (3) annual disbursements, each tied to performance milestones, as follows:

1. Upon issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy (CO)
2. One (1) year following issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy
3. Two (2) years following issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy

Each disbursement will be contingent upon verification of compliance with the agreement terms. The incentive will be funded using AEDC sales tax revenue. Because the incentive was

not included in the current fiscal year budget, City Council may be required to amend the AEDC budget to authorize the expenditure if the reimbursement becomes due this fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION:

The AEDC board of directors recommend that City Council approve the second Reading of Resolution No. R2026-0004; A Resolution of the City of Alvarado, Texas, authorizing the Alvarado Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) to negotiate and execute an Economic Development Agreement with Empire Investment, LLC d/b/a Empire Burger and Steak regarding the redevelopment of 209 E. College Street for the construction of a new restaurant; providing an effective date; and establishing that this project is a business retention and downtown revitalization effort.

MANAGEMENT REVIEW:

Paul DeBuff, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution R2026-0004
2. Empire Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. R2026-0004

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ALVARADO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH EMPIRE INVESTMENT, LLC D/B/A EMPIRE BURGER AND STEAK FOR A RESTAURANT AT 209 E. COLLEGE STREET; ESTABLISHING THAT THIS PROJECT IS A BUSINESS RETENTION AND DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION EFFORT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Alvarado, Texas (“City”) is a home-rule city acting under its charter adopted pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Alvarado Economic Development Corporation (“AEDC”), a Type B corporation established under the Texas Development Corporation Act, promotes and develops new and expanded business enterprises to create and retain jobs and strengthen the City’s economy; and

WHEREAS, Empire Investment, LLC d/b/a Empire Burger and Steak (“Empire Burger”), has proposed demolishing the current structure at 209 E. College Street and building a new structure for a restaurant at 209 E. College Street in Historic Downtown Alvarado (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the AEDC Board of Directors, at its meeting on January 5, 2026, determined that this Project constitutes both a business retention and downtown revitalization effort that will enhance the City’s historic core and contribute to local sales tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the AEDC Board approved an allocation of economic development funds to assist with eligible demolition and building costs, finding the Project to be consistent with the goals set forth under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 505; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 505, the City Council must authorize such projects by resolution prior to execution of any formal agreements or expenditure of Type B funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of the City Council.

SECTION 2.

The City Council hereby authorizes the Alvarado Economic Development Corporation to negotiate and execute an economic development agreement with Empire Burger consistent with the scope of assistance approved by the AEDC Board of Directors.

SECTION 3.

The Project is hereby designated as a Business Retention and Downtown Revitalization Initiative, intended to stimulate economic activity and build a new restaurant in the downtown area.

SECTION 4.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING THIS THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON SECOND READING THIS THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Jacob Wheat, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary



City Council Management Report

Meeting Date: 3/23/2026

Contact: Hillary Cromer, Director of Economic Development

AGENDA ITEM:

Second Reading of Resolution No. R2026-0013; A Resolution of the City of Alvarado, Texas, authorizing the Alvarado Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) to negotiate and execute an Economic Development Agreement with Halfie's Rambles, LLC regarding Project Yellow Submarine for the development of a café called Den Chan Cafe to 110 W College Ave; providing an effective date; and establishing that this project is a business attraction and downtown revitalization effort. (Cromer)

BACKGROUND & FINDINGS:

Halfie's Rambles, LLC, owned by Ann Katagiri, has proposed the development of Den Chan Cafe, a themed café and bakery concept to be located at 110 W College Avenue in Historic Downtown Alvarado. The proposed café is inspired by the character "Den Chan," an orange tabby cat featured in a series of bilingual children's books authored by Ms. Katagiri.

The concept combines a specialty coffee shop and bakery with a retail component featuring books and themed merchandise associated with the Den Chan brand. The business will also incorporate community programming such as book readings and partnerships with animal shelters and local organizations.

Den Chan Cafe will offer espresso-based beverages, fresh baked goods, light breakfast and lunch items, and evening offerings such as wine and charcuterie boards. The concept emphasizes scratch-made products, ethically sourced coffee, and partnerships with local suppliers and artists.

The proposed Economic Development Agreement would provide financial assistance for tenant improvements and build-out costs necessary to establish the café at the proposed downtown location. The project is intended to activate a currently underutilized property and contribute to the continued revitalization of Historic Downtown Alvarado.

The Alvarado Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Board of Directors reviewed the proposed project and approved the following terms for an Economic Development Agreement with Halfie's Rambles, LLC, subject to City Council authorization.

Incentive Amount:

- The Alvarado Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) will reimburse 100% of the kitchen installation costs, up to \$61,425, as identified in JK & JK Builders Quote #64, provided that AEDC retains ownership of all eligible kitchen equipment listed in the quote.
- AEDC ownership of the equipment will remain in place for five (5) years after the business opens to the public, after which ownership will transfer to the business.
- In addition, AEDC will reimburse 25% of other eligible project costs identified in JK & JK Builders Quote #63.

Project Timeline Requirements:

- A building permit must be obtained within sixty (60) days of agreement execution.
- The City Manager may grant one (1) administrative extension, not to exceed sixty (60) additional days, upon written request demonstrating good-faith progress.
- Construction must be completed within six (6) months of agreement execution.

Operational Requirements:

- The business must remain in continuous operation for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Closure prior to the five-year term will trigger a prorated repayment of the incentive.
- The site must be developed and operated as a café/wine bar concept.
- The restaurant must be open to the public a minimum of six (6) days per week.
- Storefront design must reflect a Texas historic and/or farmhouse-chic aesthetic, consistent with the character of Historic Downtown Alvarado.

Community and Economic Impact:

Den Chan Cafe is expected to activate a currently underutilized downtown space while introducing a unique café and bakery concept to Historic Downtown Alvarado. The project will create new full-time and part-time employment opportunities, generate local sales tax revenue, and provide an additional gathering space for residents and visitors.

The concept also emphasizes partnerships with local suppliers, artists, and community organizations and may include programming such as book readings, small events, and collaborations with animal rescue groups. These activities are expected to contribute positively to downtown vibrancy and community engagement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Estimated total project cost: \$175,308.50

Maximum AEDC reimbursement: \$89,895.88

The proposed incentive will be funded through the Alvarado Economic Development Corporation sales tax fund. If reimbursement becomes due during this fiscal year, the AEDC budget will need to be amended to account for the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

The AEDC Board of Directors recommends approval of Second Reading of Resolution No. R2026-0013; A Resolution of the City of Alvarado, Texas, authorizing the Alvarado Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) to negotiate and execute an Economic Development Agreement with Halfie’s Rambles, LLC regarding Project Yellow Submarine for the development of a café named Den Chan Café at 110 W. College Avenue; providing an effective date; and establishing that this project is a business attraction and downtown revitalization effort.

MANAGEMENT REVIEW:

Paul DeBuff, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution-Yellow Submarine

RESOLUTION NO. R2026-0013

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ALVARADO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH A HALFIE’S RAMBLES, LLC FOR A RESTAURANT AT 110 W. COLLEGE STREET; ESTABLISHING THAT THIS PROJECT IS A BUSINESS RETENTION AND DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION EFFORT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Alvarado, Texas (“City”) is a home-rule city acting under its charter adopted pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Alvarado Economic Development Corporation (“AEDC”), a Type B corporation established under the Texas Development Corporation Act, promotes and develops new and expanded business enterprises to create and retain jobs and strengthen the City’s economy; and

WHEREAS, Halfie’s Rambles, LLC (“Halfie’s”), has proposed opening Den Chan Café at 110 W. College Street in Historic Downtown Alvarado (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the AEDC Board of Directors, at its special meeting on March 2, 2026, determined that this Project constitutes both a business retention and downtown revitalization effort that will enhance the City’s historic core and contribute to local sales tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the AEDC Board approved an allocation of economic development funds to assist with eligible renovation and equipment costs, finding the Project to be consistent with the goals set forth under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 505; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 505, the City Council must authorize such projects by resolution prior to execution of any formal agreements or expenditure of Type B funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of the City Council.

SECTION 2.

The City Council hereby authorizes the Alvarado Economic Development Corporation to negotiate and execute an economic development agreement with Halfie's consistent with the scope of assistance approved by the AEDC Board of Directors.

SECTION 3.

The Project is hereby designated as a Business Retention and Downtown Revitalization Initiative, intended to stimulate economic activity and build a new restaurant in the downtown area.

SECTION 4.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING THIS THE ___ DAY OF _____, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON SECOND READING THIS THE ___ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Jacob Wheat, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary



City Council Management Report

Meeting Date: 3/23/2026

Contact: Donielle Suber, Director of Administrative Services

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration and action related to Resolution No. R2026-0017, A Resolution of the City of Alvarado, Texas, Authorizing Alvarado representatives in matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program. (Suber)

BACKGROUND & FINDINGS:

Participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program requires the City to adopt a resolution establishing its commitment to citizen participation and compliance with applicable federal and state regulations. Acknowledging the City's intent to engage residents in the planning and development of potential grant-funded projects and to comply with program requirements, including the Fair Housing Act and the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual. Additionally, this resolution will designate the Mayor and/or City Manager as the signatories on behalf of the City.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with the approval of this resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve Resolution No. R2026-0017, authorizing participation in the 2025-2026 TxCDBG Program.

MANAGEMENT REVIEW:

Paul DeBuff, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2025 CDBG Signatories

RESOLUTION NO. R2026-00XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALVARADO, TEXAS AUTHORIZING ALVARADO REPRESENTATIVES IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Alvarado desires to develop a viable community, including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low-to-moderate income; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of Alvarado to participate in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Alvarado is committed to compliance with federal, state, and program rules, including the current TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALVARADO, TEXAS:

That the City Council directs and designates the following to act in all matters in connection with any grant application and the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program:

- The Mayor and City Manager shall serve as the City's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to execute a grant application and any subsequent contractual documents, to certify environmental review documents between the Texas Department of Agriculture and the City, and to certify the Payment Request form and/or other forms required for requesting funds to reimburse project costs, and to be assigned the role of Authorized Official in the TDA-GO grant management system.
- In addition to the above designated officials, should any grant be funded the Chief Financial Director is authorized to certify the Payment Request form and/or other forms required for requesting funds to reimburse project costs, to prepare and submit other financial documentation, and to be assigned the role of Project Director or Payment Processor in the TDA-GO grant management system.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Jacob Wheat, Mayor
City of Alvarado, Texas

Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary
City of Alvarado, Texas



City Council Management Report

Meeting Date: 3/23/2026

Contact: Donielle Suber, Director of Administrative Services

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration and action related to Resolution R2026-0018, a Resolution of the City of Alvarado, Texas, authorizing the Award of a Professional Service Provider Contract for the 2025–2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Fund Program. (Suber)

BACKGROUND & FINDINGS:

In 2024, GrantWorks prepared and submitted the City’s application for the 2025–2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), requesting \$750,000 in Community Development funds primarily for street improvements. Although the City was not selected during the initial funding round, the application scored well during the evaluation process. Since funds remain available, TDA has indicated that a second round of applications will be accepted from high-scoring communities. In preparation for this opportunity, GrantWorks will assist the City in preparing and submitting a TxCDBG application for the second round of funding.

As part of program requirements, TxCDBG-funded projects must be implemented by qualified professionals with experience managing federally funded projects. To meet these requirements, the City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit professional engineering, architectural, and/or surveying services necessary for the preparation and implementation of the project, in compliance with federal and state procurement guidelines. The Selection Committee, consisting of the Mayor, City Engineer, Community Development Director, City Secretary, and Administrative Services Director, reviewed submissions and recommend that City Council award a contract for TxCDBG application preparation and related professional services for the 2025–2026 funding cycle.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Professional services associated with the TxCDBG application and project-related engineering, architectural, or design services are expected to be funded through the program if the City is awarded the grant. However, the required local match is \$75,000 or 10% of the grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve Resolution No. R2026-0018, authorizing the award of a Professional Service Provider Contract for engineering/architectural/ surveying services

MANAGEMENT REVIEW:

Paul DeBuff, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Alvarado_2025-2026 TxCDBG RFQ Packet_2_28_ (002)
2. Resolution for 2025-2026 TxCDBG RFQ Hiring

**Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering/Architecture/Surveying Services - Cover Letter
For Application Preparation and Grant Contract Implementation Services
Pre-Award and Post-Award Services**

2/28/2026

Re: Proposed Funding for the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program

Dear Engineering Service Providers:

Attached is a copy of the City of Alvarado's Request for Qualifications for Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Services. These services are being solicited to assist the City of Alvarado's in its application(s) for funding and project implementation of a contract, if awarded, from the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). The City of Alvarado will be applying for such funding to support eligible activities in the City of Alvarado's. More than one contract may be awarded as a result of this RFQ.

The submission requirements for this Statement of Qualifications are also included on the attached Request for Qualifications (RFQ) form. Firms and/or individuals should have past experience with federally funded programs. Please electronically submit your Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) in .pdf format via email to taylorb@cityofalvarado.org and grantworks@grantworks.net and submit a Thumb drive and (3) copies of your SOQ services to the following address: City of Alvarado, Attn: Bobbie Jo Taylor, 104 West College Street, Alvarado , Texas 76009

City of Alvarado

Bobbie Jo Taylor

taylorb@cityofalvarado.org

The deadline for submission of SOQs is **2pm Friday, March 13, 2026**. The City of Alvarado reserves the right to negotiate with any and all persons or firms submitting SOQs. Section 3 Residents, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit SOQs. The City of Alvarado reserves the right to negotiate with any and all persons or firms submitting proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

The City of Alvarado is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Jo Taylor

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Services

The City of Alvarado is seeking to enter into an Engineering/architectural/surveying services contract with a state-registered engineer/architect/surveyor. The following outlines this request for qualifications.

I. **Scope of Work** - The Engineering/architectural/surveying contract will encompass all project-related engineering/architectural/surveying services to the City of Alvarado, including but not limited to the following:

- Application preparation
- Preliminary and final design plans and specifications;
- Preparation of the bid packet;
- Conduct all field testing and inspections (interim and final); and
- Other special services.

Please specify actual tasks to be performed under each of these categories.

II. **Statement of Qualifications** - The City of Alvarado is seeking to contract with a competent engineering/architectural/surveying firm, registered to practice in the State of Texas, that has had experience in the following areas:

- Municipal construction including but not limited to waterworks, projects;
- Registered and in good standing as a professional engineer per the Texas Engineering Practice Act
- Federally-funded construction projects; and
- Projects located in this general region of the state.
- **Experience and Qualifications.** Set forth your experience and qualifications as they relate to the proposed project in terms of technical scope, tasks involved, deliverable products, and other elements of the work as they relate to the evaluation criteria and all requirements of this RFQ including the following:
 - Experience with public works construction including but not limited to mitigation projects;
 - Experience with federally funded construction projects;
 - A list of past local government clients, as well as resumes of all engineers/architects that will or may be assigned to this project if you receive the engineering/architectural services contract award.
- **SAM.gov Registration.** Firms **must have an active registration** with the System for Award Management <https://sam.gov/content/home> AND have been cleared (not suspended or debarred). Provide proof of SAM.gov registration along with your Statement of Qualifications. **See next page.**
- **References.** Each firm must furnish a minimum of five (5) references.

III. **Evaluation Criteria** - The SOQs received will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria:

TDA TxDBG Suggested Scoring

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
Experience	60
Work Performance	25
Capacity to Perform	15
Total	100

IV. For this RFQ, Respondent’s qualifications will be evaluated, and the most qualified Respondent will be selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation.

- **Upon the award of this contract, profit (either %/actual cost) must be identified and negotiated as a separate element of the price for any contract in excess of \$50,000.00.**

V. **Submission Requirements**- the following documents must be included in your SOQ:

- A copy of your current **certificate of insurance** for professional liability.

- **Statement of Conflicts of Interest** (if any) the service provider or key employees may have regarding these services, and a plan for mitigating the conflict(s). Note that the Entity may in its sole discretion determine whether or not a conflict disqualifies a firm, and/or whether or not a conflict mitigation plan is acceptable.
- **System for Award Management.** Service Providers **must have an active registration** in the System for Award Management (<https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>). Service provider and its Principals may not be debarred or suspended nor otherwise on the System for Award Management (SAM). Include verification that the service provider as well as its principals are not listed (are not debarred) through the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov). This clearance information should be included in the service provider’s Proposal.
- **The clearance in the Service Provider’s proposal must be re-verified prior to award.** Enclose a printout of the search results that includes the record date.
- **Form Conflict of Interest Questionnaire**, (enclosed). Texas Local Government Code chapter 176 requires that any vendor or person who enters or seeks to enter into a contract with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ the vendor or person’s employment, affiliation, business relationship, family relationship or provision of gifts that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. Questionnaire form CIQ is included in the RFQ and must be submitted with the response.
- **Certification Regarding Lobbying- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities** (enclosed). Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements is included in the RFQ and must be submitted with the response.
- **Form 1295**, (enclosed). Effective January 1,2018, all contracts and contract amendments, extensions, or renewals executed by the Commissioners Court will require the completion of Form 1295 “Certificate of Interested Parties” pursuant to Government Code § 2252.908. Form 1295 must be completed by the awarded vendor at the time of signed contract submission. Form 1295 is included in this RFQ for your information. Form 1295 requires the inclusion of an “unsworn declaration” which includes, among other things, the date of birth and address of the authorized representative signing the form.
- **Required Contract Provisions (enclosed)**. Applicable provisions (enclosed) must be included in all contracts executed as a result of this RFQ.

VI. Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses and labor surplus area firms. – Small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms **must be solicited** in this RFQ. If the awarded vendor is a prime contractor and may use subcontractors, the following affirmative steps are required of the prime contractor:

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

6. Contracting with HUB, small and minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms.

If the awarded vendor (prime) uses subcontractors, small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses and labor surplus area firms **must** be included in the solicitation. The following affirmative steps are required of the prime contractor:

1. Placing qualified small and minority businesses, women’s business enterprises and veteran-owned businesses on solicitation lists;
2. Assuring that small and minority businesses, women’s business enterprises and veteran-owned businesses are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
3. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, women’s business enterprises and veteran-owned businesses;
4. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, women’s business enterprises and veteran-owned businesses;
5. To ensure a wide distribution and potential participation to as many administrator firms as possible, refer to <https://lsadata.org/> when you develop your administrator email list.

VII. Deadline for Submission –It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the SOQ is received in a timely manner. SOQs received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting firm.

Please electronically submit your SOQ in .pdf format via email/website to taylor@cityofalvarado.org and grantworks@grantworks.net and submit a Thumb drive and (3) copies of your SOQ services to the following address: City of Alvarado, Attn: Bobbie Jo Taylor, 104 West College Street, Alvarado , Texas 76009. SOQ's must be received by the City of Alvarado no later than 2pm on March 13, 2026 to be considered.

Failure to comply with these instructions or the submission requirements may result in disqualification of the response.

**2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program (2025-2026 TxCDBG)
Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Services Program Description**

The goal of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program (TxCDBG) is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, as well as by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low-to-moderate income. In awarding funding pursuant to Government Code Section 487.351(c), the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) shall give priority to eligible activities in the areas of economic development, community development, rural health, and rural housing to support workforce development.

The objectives of the TxCDBG Program are:

1. To improve public facilities to meet basic human needs, principally for low-to-moderate income persons;
2. To improve housing conditions, principally for persons of low-to-moderate income;
3. To expand economic opportunities by creating or retaining jobs, principally for low-to-moderate income persons; and
4. To provide assistance and public facilities to eliminate conditions hazardous to the public health and of an emergency nature.

For the Community Development Fund, a community must meet the Low/Moderate Income NPO as per the Texas Administrative Code. The project must meet all requirements to document one of the following for each activity: LMI (Low to Moderate Income) Area Benefit, LMI Housing Benefit, or LMI Limited Clientele benefit (requires TDA approval prior to passage of the local resolution).

CD (Community Development) Fund applications may request funds for eligible project activities (maximum funding request to be determined), including engineering and administration costs. All CD Fund applications must request a minimum of \$200,000 in eligible project activities, including engineering and administration costs. Applications that do not support this minimum grant amount will not be considered for funding. Communities with projects that do not meet this minimum request amount may consider partnering with neighboring jurisdictions with similar projects.

Grant funds may be used for the following costs in support of eligible TxCDBG program activities up to the maximum amount below - if actual costs exceed this amount, matching funds will be assigned to these costs: General administration – up to 16% of funds requested for construction and acquisition activities, and Engineering services – up to 25% of funds requested for construction and acquisition activities. Caps for engineering and administrative fees subject to TDA announcement.

Recipient: <u>City of Alvarado</u>	
Anticipated Program	2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program (2025-2026 TxCDBG)

DISCLAIMER: This sample draft document was developed for TxCDBG grant projects and does not include all applicable provisions. This document has important legal consequences. Please consult with your legal counsel with respect to its completion or modification to ensure that it is in compliance with any appropriate local, state and federal laws applicable.

Sample Contract

ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL/SURVEYOR SERVICES

**PART I
AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this ____ day of _____, by and between the CITY/COUNTY OF _____, hereinafter called the "City"/"County", acting herein by _____ hereunto duly authorized, and _____ hereinafter called "Firm," acting herein by _____.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the City/County of _____ desires to [implement/construct/etc.] the following: _____ [describe project] under the general direction of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter called "TxCDBG") Program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA); and Whereas the City/County desires to engage _____ to render certain engineering/surveyor/architectural services in connection with the TxCDBG Project, Contract Number _____.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services

The Firm will perform the services set out in Part II, Scope of Services.

2. Time of Performance - The services of the Firm shall commence on _____. In any event, all of the services required and performed hereunder shall be completed no later than _____.

3. Local Program Liaison - For purposes of this Agreement, the [e.g., City Manager/County] or equivalent authorized person will serve as the Local Program Liaison and primary point of contact for the Firm. All required progress reports and communication regarding the project shall be directed to this liaison and other local personnel as appropriate.

4. Access to Records - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), and the City/County, or any of their authorized representatives, shall have access to any documents, papers, or other records of the Firm which are pertinent to the TxCDBG award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts, and to close out the City/County's TxCDBG contract with TDA.

5. Retention of Records - The Firm shall retain all required records for three years after the City/County makes its final payment and all pending matters are closed.

6. Compensation and Method of Payment - The maximum amount of compensation and reimbursement to be paid hereunder shall not exceed \$_____. Payment to the Firm shall be based on satisfactory completion of identified milestones in Part III - Payment Schedule of this Agreement.

7. Indemnification - The Firm shall comply with the requirements of all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and shall exonerate, indemnify, and hold harmless the City/County and its agency members from and against any and all claims, costs, suits, and

damages, including attorney's fees, arising out of the Firm's performance or nonperformance of the activities, services or subject matter called for in this Agreement, and shall assume full responsibility for payments of Federal, State and local taxes on contributions imposed or required under the Social Security, worker's compensation and income tax laws.

8. Miscellaneous Provisions

- a. This Agreement shall be construed under and accord with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in _____ County, Texas.
- b. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.
- c. In any case 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 thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
- d. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.
- e. This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties hereto and a writing to be attached to an incorporated into this Agreement.

9. Extent of Agreement

This Agreement, which includes Parts I-V, [and if applicable, including the following exhibits/attachments: _] represents the entire and integrated agreement between the City/County and the Firm and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by authorized representatives of both City/County and the Firm.

IN WITNESSETH WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by causing the same to be signed on the day and year first above written.

BY: _____

(Local City/County Official)

(Printed Name)

(Title)

BY: _____

(Firm/Contractor's Authorized Representative)

(Printed Name)

PART II
SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Firm shall render the following professional services necessary for the development of the project: (*Choose appropriate contracted services*)

SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Attend preliminary conferences with the City/County regarding the requirements of the project.
2. Determine necessity for acquisition of any additional real property/easements/rights-of-way (ROWs) for the TxCDBG project and, if applicable, furnish to the City/County:
 - a. Name and address of property owners;
 - b. Legal description of parcels to be acquired; and
 - c. Map showing entire tract with designation of part to be acquired.
3. Make any necessary surveys of existing rights-of-way, topography, utilities, or other field data required for proper design of the project. Provide consultation and advice as to the necessity of the City/County providing or obtaining other services such as auger borings, core borings, soil tests, or other subsurface explorations; laboratory testing and inspecting of samples or materials; other special consultations. The Firm will review any tests required and act as the City/County's representative in connection with any such services.
4. Prepare railroad/highway permits.
5. Prepare a preliminary engineering/architectural study and report on the project in sufficient detail to indicate clearly the problems involved and the alternate solutions available to the City/County, to include preliminary layouts, sketches and cost estimates for the project, and to set forth clearly the Firm's recommendations; to be completed within _____ days of execution of this Agreement.
6. Furnish the City/County copies of the preliminary report, if applicable (additional copies will be furnished to the City/County at direct cost of reproduction).
7. Make periodic visits, no less than every 30 days during the construction period, to the construction site to observe the progress and quality of the work, to ensure that the work conforms with the approved plans and specifications, and to determine if the work is proceeding in accordance with the Agreement.
8. Furnish the City/County a written monthly status report at least seven (7) days prior to the regularly scheduled council/commissioner's court meeting until the project is closed by TDA. The format for this report is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit 1.
9. Submit detailed drawings and plans/specifications to appropriate regulatory agency(ies) and obtain clearance.
10. Prepare bid packet/contract documents/advertisement for bids. At the time the bid packet is completed, the Firm shall also furnish to the City/County an updated written Estimate of Probable Costs for the Project.
11. Make a 10-day call to confirm the prevailing wage decision.
12. Incorporate any and all wage rate modifications or supersedes via bid addendum (if applicable).
13. Conduct bid opening and prepare minutes.
14. Tabulate, analyze, and review bids for completeness and accuracy.
15. Accomplish construction contractor's eligibility verification through <https://sam.gov/content/home>
16. Conduct pre-construction conference and prepare copy of report/minutes.
17. Issue Notice to Proceed to construction contractor.
18. Provide in all proposed construction contracts deductive alternatives where feasible, so that should the lowest responsive base bid for construction exceed the funds available, deductive alternatives can be taken to reduce the bid price.
19. Design for access by persons with disabilities for those facilities to be used by the public in accordance with Public Law 504.
20. Use TDA-approved forms for instructions to bidders, general conditions, contract, bid bond, performance bond, and payment bond.
21. Consult with and advise the City/County during construction; issue to contractors all instructions requested by the City/County; and prepare routine change orders if required, at no charge for engineering services to the City/County when the change order is required to correct errors or omissions by the Firm; provide price analysis for change orders; process

change orders approved by City/County and the Firm and submit to TDA for approval prior to execution with the construction contractor.

22. Review shop and working drawings furnished by contractors for compliance with design concept and with information given in contract documents (contractors will be responsible for dimensions to be confirmed and correlated at job site).
23. Resolve all payment requests within 14 days of receipt of signed pay request from the construction contractor.
24. Based on the Firm's on-site observations and review of the contractor's applications for payment, determine the amount owed to the contractor in such amounts; such approvals of payment to constitute a representation to the City/County, based on such observations and review, that the work has progressed to the point indicated and that the quality of work is in accordance with the plans, specifications and contract documents.
25. Recommend that a 10% retainage is withheld from all payments on construction contracts until final acceptance by the City/County and approval by TDA, unless State or local law provides otherwise.
26. Prepare Certificate of Construction Completion and Clean Lien Certificate. A Clean Lien Certificate may be prepared for each of the Prime Contractor(s) and each of the subcontractor(s).
27. Conduct interim/final inspections.
28. Revise contract drawings to show the work as actually constructed and furnish the City/County with a set of "record drawings" plans.
29. The Firm will provide a copy of the final project record drawing(s) engineering schematic(s), as constructed using funds under this contract. These maps shall be provided in digital format containing the source map data (original vector data) and the graphic data in files on machine readable media, such as compact disc (CD), which are compatible with computer systems owned or readily available to the owner. The digital copy provided shall not include a digital representation of the engineer's seal but the accompanying documentation from the Firm shall include a signed statement of when the map was authorized, that the digital map is a true representation of the original sealed document, and that a printed version with the seal has been provided to the City/County. In addition, complete documentation as to the content and layout of the data files and the name of the software package(s) used to generate the data and maps shall be provided to the owner in written form.

SUBCONTRACTS

1. No work under this Agreement shall be subcontracted by the Firm without prior approval, in writing, from the City/County.
2. The Firm shall, prior to proceeding with the work, notify the City/County in writing of the name of any subcontractors proposed for the work, including the extent and character of the work to be done by each.
3. If any time during progress of the work, the City/County determines that any subcontractor is incompetent or undesirable, the City/County will notify the Firm who shall take reasonable and immediate steps to satisfactorily cure the problem, substitute performance, or cancel such subcontract. Subletting by subcontractors shall be subject to the same regulations. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create any contractual relation between any subcontractor and the City/County.
4. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$150,000 a provision which requires compliance 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). The provisions shall require reporting of violations to TDA and to the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
5. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$150,000 provisions or conditions which will allow for administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms and provide for such sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate.
6. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$10,000 provisions addressing termination for cause and for convenience by the City/County including the manner by which it will be effectuated and the basis for settlement.
7. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts provisions requiring compliance with the following, if applicable:
 - a. Prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000, compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C.3141, 3144, 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5);
 - b. Prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000, compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3)
 - c. Contracts greater than \$10,000, the inclusion of the Equal Opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) (Executive Order 11246);
 - d. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968;
 - e. Contracts exceeding \$100,000, compliance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352);
 - f. For contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, compliance with the Contract

Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708), including work week requirements and safety conditions for workers, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5); and

8. The Firm will include in all negotiated contracts and subcontracts a provision which indicates that funds will not be awarded under this contract to any party which is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549 and 2 CFR Part 2424. A certification shall be provided and received from each proposed subcontractor under this contract and its principles.
9. The Firm will include in all negotiated contracts and subcontracts a provision to the effect that the City/County, TDA, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Comptroller General of the United States, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to that specific contract, for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
10. The Firm will include in all contracts and subcontracts a requirement that the contractor maintain all relevant project records for three (3) years after the City/County has made final payment to the contractor and all other pending matters are closed.

STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE AND DEFICIENCIES

1. All services of the Firm and its independent professional associates, consultants and subcontractors will be performed in a professional, reasonable, and prudent manner in accordance with accepted professional practice. The Firm represents that it has the required skills and capacity to perform the work and services to be provided under this Agreement.
2. The Firm represents that services provided under this Agreement shall be performed within the limits prescribed by the City/County in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other professional consultants under similar circumstances.
3. Any deficiency in Firm's work and services performed under this contract shall be subject to the provisions of applicable state and federal law. Any deficiency discovered shall be corrected upon notice from City/County and at the Firm's expense if the deficiency is due to Firm's negligence. The City/County shall notify the Firm in writing of any such deficiency and provide an opportunity for mutual investigation and resolution of the problem prior to pursuit of any judicial remedy. In any case, this provision shall in no way limit the judicial remedies available to the City/County under applicable state or federal law.
4. The Firm agrees to and shall hold harmless the City/County, its officers, employees, and agents from all claims and liability of whatsoever kind or character due to or arising solely out of the negligent acts or omissions of the Firm, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, and others acting for or under the direction of the Firm doing the work herein contracted for or by or in consequence of any negligence in the performance of this Agreement, or by or on account of any omission in the performance of this Agreement.

**PART III –
PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

City/County shall reimburse the Firm for professional services provided upon completion of the following project milestones per the following percentages of the maximum contract amount:

Milestone	% of Contract Fee
• Approval of Preliminary Engineering Plans and Specifications by City/County.	20%
• Approval of Plans and Specifications by Regulatory Agency(ies).	30%
• Completion of bid advertisement and contract award.	20%
• Completion of construction staking.	10%
• Completion of Final Closeout Assessment and submittal of “As Built” to City/County.	10%
• Completion of final inspection and acceptance by the City/County.	10%
Total	100%

NOTE: Percentages of payment listed here are general guidelines based on engineering services typically provided. These are negotiable, and should serve only as a guide. Payment schedule should be tied directly to the actual Scope of Work identified in Part II - Scope of Services.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special Services shall be reimbursed under the following hourly rate schedule: (List all applicable services to include overhead charge).

Registered Surveyor	\$ _____
Survey Crew (3 members)	\$ _____
Project Engineer	\$ _____
Engineering Technician	\$ _____
Project Representative	\$ _____
Draftsman	\$ _____

The fee for all other Special Services shall not exceed a total of _____ and No/100 Dollars (\$____). The payment for these Special Services shall be paid as a lump sum, per the following schedule:

1. The Firm shall be paid upon completion of surveying, necessary field data, and acquisition data, if applicable, the sum of _____ and No/100 Dollars (\$_____).
2. The Firm shall be reimbursed the actual costs of necessary testing based on itemized billing statements from the independent testing laboratory, plus a _____ percent (____%) overhead charge. All fees for testing shall not exceed a total of _____ and No/100 Dollars (\$_____).
3. The payment requests shall be prepared by the Firm and be accompanied by such supporting data to substantiate the amounts requested.
4. Any work performed by the Firm prior to the execution of this Agreement is at the Firm’s sole risk and expense.

PART IV
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Termination of Agreement for Cause. If the Firm fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Firm violates any of the covenants, conditions, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the City/County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Firm of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, which shall be at least five days before the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination for cause, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports prepared by the Firm pursuant to this Agreement shall, at the option of the City/County, be turned over to the City / County and become the property of the City / County. In the event of termination for cause, the Firm shall be entitled to receive reasonable compensation for any necessary services actually and satisfactorily performed prior to the date of termination.

Notwithstanding the above, the Firm shall not be relieved of liability to the City/County for damages sustained by the City/County by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by the Firm, and the City/County may set-off the damages it incurred as a result of the Firm's breach of the contract from any amounts it might otherwise owe the Firm.

2. Termination for Convenience of the City/County. City/County may at any time and for any reason terminate Contractor's services and work at City/County's convenience upon providing written notice to the Contractor specifying the extent of termination and the effective date. Upon receipt of such notice, Contractor shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue the work and placing of orders for materials, facilities, and supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

[Parties should include the manner by which such termination will be affected and the basis for settlement or any other terms and conditions concerning payment upon such termination.]

3. Changes. The City/County may, from time to time, request changes in the services the Firm will perform under this Agreement. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Firm's compensation, must be agreed to by all parties and finalized through a signed, written amendment to this Agreement.
4. Resolution of Program Non-Compliance and Disallowed Costs. In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, including determination of responsibility for any costs disallowed as a result of non-compliance with federal, state or TxCDBG program requirements, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question, or disagreement. To this effect, the parties shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith within 30 days of receipt of a written notice of the dispute or invitation to negotiate and attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties. If the matter is not resolved by negotiation within 30 days of receipt of written notice or invitation to negotiate, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the matter by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Mediation Procedures before resorting to arbitration, litigation, or some other dispute resolution procedure. The parties may enter into a written amendment to this Amendment and choose a mediator that is not affiliated with the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. *[This section may also provide for the qualifications of the mediator(s), the locale of meetings, time limits, or any other item of concern to the parties.]* If the matter is not resolved through such mediation within 60 days of the initiation of that procedure, either party may proceed to file suit.

5. Personnel.
 - a. The Firm represents that he/she/it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the City/County.
 - b. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by the Firm or under its supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under State and Local law to perform such services.

- c. None of the work or services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the City/County. Any work or services subcontracted hereunder shall be specified by written contract or agreement and shall be subject to each provision of this Agreement.
6. Assignability. The Firm shall not assign any interest on this Agreement, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without the prior written consent of the City/County thereto; Provided, however, that claims for money by the Firm from the City/County under this Agreement may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Written notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the City/County.
 7. Reports and Information. The Firm, at such times and in such forms as the City/County may require, shall furnish the City/County such periodic reports as it may request pertaining to the work or services undertaken pursuant to this Agreement, the costs and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection therewith, and any other matters covered by this Agreement.
 8. Records and Audits. The Firm shall insure that the City/County maintains fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures of funds made under this contract in a manner that conforms to 2 CFR 200.300-.309, 24 CFR 570.490, and this Agreement. Such records must include data on the racial, ethnic, and gender characteristics of persons who are applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries of the funds provided under this Agreement. The Firm and the City/County shall retain such records, and any supporting documentation, for the greater of three years from closeout of the Agreement or the period required by other applicable laws and regulations.
 9. Findings Confidential. All of the reports, information, data, etc., prepared or assembled by the Firm under this contract are confidential and the Firm agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the City/County.
 10. Copyright. No report, maps, or other documents produced in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Firm.
 11. Compliance with Local Laws. The Firm shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and codes of the State and local governments, and the Firm shall save the City/County harmless with respect to any damages arising from any tort done in performing any of the work embraced by this Agreement.
 12. Conflicts of interest.
 - a. Governing Body. No member of the governing body of the City/County and no other officer, employee, or agent of the City/County, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with administration, construction, engineering, or implementation of TxCDBG award between TDA and the City / County, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Firm or this Agreement; and the Firm shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
 - b. Other Local Public Officials. No other public official, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of administration, construction, engineering, or implementation of the TxCDBG award between TDA and the City/County, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Firm or this Agreement; and the Firm shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
 - a. The Firm and Employees. The Firm warrants and represents that it has no conflict of interest associated with the TxCDBG award between TDA and the City/County or this Agreement. The Firm further warrants and represents that it shall not acquire an interest, direct or indirect, in any geographic area that may benefit from the TxCDBG award between TDA and the City/County or in any business, entity, organization or person that may benefit from the award. The Firm further agrees that it will not employ an individual with a conflict of interest as described herein.
 13. Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)

The Firm certifies, by entering into this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally assisted programs under Executive Orders 12549 (1986) and 12689 (1989). The term "principal" for purposes of this Agreement is defined as an officer, director, owner, partner, key employee, or other person with primary management or supervisory responsibilities, or a person who has a critical influence on or substantive control over the operations of the Firm. The Firm understands that it must not make any award or permit any award (or contract) at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension."

Federal Civil Rights Compliance.

14. Equal Opportunity Clause (applicable to federally assisted construction contracts and subcontracts over \$10,000).

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

- a. The Firm will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Firm 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 Firm 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.
- b. The Firm will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Firm, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- c. The Firm will not discourage or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
- d. The Firm 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 Firm's commitments under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- e. The Firm will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, "Equal Employment Opportunity," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- f. The Firm will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- g. In the event of the Firm'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 Firm may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- h. The Firm will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (a) and the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Firm 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 Firm becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a

subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the Firm may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

15. Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
16. Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Firm shall comply with the provisions of Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. No person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.
17. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Firm agrees that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, including discrimination in employment, under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
18. Age Discrimination Act of 1975. The Firm shall comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 which provides that no person in the United States shall on the basis of age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
19. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) (if contract greater than or equal to \$100,000)
The Firm certifies 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 this contract. The Firm shall disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.
20. Economic Opportunities for Section 3 Residents and Section 3 Business Concerns.
 - (a) The work to be performed under this Contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
 - (b) The parties to this Contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this Contract, the parties to this Contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 75 regulations.
 - (c) The Contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 75, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 75. The Contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the Contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 75.
 - (d) The Contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the Contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 75 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the Contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 75. Minimum expectations of effort to direct employment opportunities to such workers are identified in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.
 - (e) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75 may result in sanctions, termination of this Contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

**PART V
PROJECT TIME SCHEDULE
ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL/SURVEYOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

INSERT YOUR OWN TIME SCHEDULE

Exhibit 1.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Grant Recipient: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Grant No.:

Reporting Period:

Project Status:

Date of Last Inspection:

Name of Inspector:

Inspection Description:

Projected Date of Construction Completion:

Amount of Last Pay Request:

Date of Last Pay Request:

Status of Last Pay Request:

List of Subcontractors Onsite

Name

Date Cleared by Grant Administrator

**This report may be e-mailed or faxed to the Grant Recipient
2.1.*

Engineer/Architect/Surveyor Rating Sheet

Grant Recipient _____

TxCDBG Contract No. _____

Name of Respondent _____

Date of Rating _____

Evaluator's Name _____

Experience -- Rate the respondent for experience in the following areas:

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Comments</u> <u>Score</u>
1. Has previously designed _____ type of projects	20	_____
2. Has worked on federally funded construction projects	10	_____
3. Has worked on projects that were located in this general region. Note: Location for A/E (Architect/Engineer) may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract. 2 CFR 200.319(b)	10	_____
4. Extent of experience in project construction management	15	_____
5. Current Certification of TxCDBG Project Implementation Training	5	_____
Subtotal, Experience	60	_____

Work Performance

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Past projects completed on schedule	10	_____
2. Manages projects within budgetary constraints	5	_____
3. Work product is of high quality	10	_____
Subtotal, Performance	25	_____

NOTE: Information necessary to assess the respondent on these criteria should be gathered by contacting past/current clients.

Capacity to Perform

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Staff Level / Experience of Staff	5	_____
2. Adequacy of Resources	5	_____
3. Professional liability insurance is in force	5	_____
Subtotal, Capacity to Perform	15	_____

TOTAL SCORE

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Experience	60	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Performance	25	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Capacity to Perform	15	_____
Total Score	100	_____

Insert Certificate of Insurance

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

OFFICE USE ONLY

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

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

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

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

Date Received

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

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

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

Name of Officer

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

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

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

7

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;

or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Printed Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

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

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

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

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

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

(To be completed by awarded vendor)

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

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

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

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

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

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____.

My address is _____ (street) _____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip code) _____ (country)

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

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.
(month) (year)

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS

2 CFR 200.327 Contract provisions. The non-Federal entity’s contracts should contain applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards. The non-Federal entity’s contracts must contain the provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards, as applicable. ***Language as of March 18, 2025.**

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
>\$50,000	<p><i>(A) Contracts for more than \$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.</i></p> <p><i>Use the following language for contracts > \$50,000:</i></p> <p><u>Resolution of Program Non-compliance and Disallowed Costs</u></p> <p>In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, including determination of responsibility for any costs disallowed as a result of non-compliance with federal, state or TxCDBG program requirements, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question or disagreement. To this effect, the parties shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith within 30 days of receipt of a written notice of the dispute or invitation to negotiate, and attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties. If the matter is not resolved by negotiation within 30 days of receipt of written notice or invitation to negotiate, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the matter by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Mediation Procedures before resorting to arbitration, litigation, or some other dispute resolution procedure. The parties may enter into a written amendment to this Agreement and choose a mediator that is not affiliated with the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. <i>[This section may also provide for the qualifications of the mediator(s), the locale of meetings, time limits, or any other item of concern to the parties.]</i> If the matter is not resolved through such mediation within 60 days of the initiation of that procedure, either party may proceed to file suit.</p>	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (A)
>\$10,000	<p><i>(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.</i></p> <p><i>Use the following language for contracts > \$ 10,000:</i></p> <p><u>Termination for Cause</u></p> <p>If the Contractor fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Contractor violates any of the covenants, conditions, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the City/County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, which shall be at least five days before the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination for cause, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall, at the option of the City/County, be turned over to the City / County and become the property of</p>	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (B)

	<p>the City / County. In the event of termination for cause, the Contractor shall be entitled to receive reasonable compensation for any necessary services actually and satisfactorily performed prior to the date of termination.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the City/County for damages sustained by the City/County by virtue of any breach of contract by the Contractor, and the City/County may set-off the damages it incurred as a result of the Contractor’s breach of contract from any amounts it might otherwise owe the Contractor.</p> <p><u>Termination for Convenience of the City/County</u></p> <p>City/County may at any time and for any reason terminate Contractor’s services and work at City/County's convenience upon providing written notice to the Contractor specifying the extent of termination and the effective date. Upon receipt of such notice, Contractor shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue the work and placing of orders for materials, facilities and supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement.</p> <p>[Parties should include the manner by which such termination will be effected and the basis for settlement or any other terms and conditions concerning payment upon such termination.]</p>	
<p>>\$10,000</p>	<p><i>2 CFR 200 Appendix II (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.”</i></p> <p><i>Therefore, include the following EO clause (not in italics) in construction contracts including construction associated administration and engineering contracts > \$10,000:</i></p> <p>(b) Federally assisted construction contracts. (1) Except as otherwise provided, each administering agency shall require the inclusion of the following language as a condition of any grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee involving federally assisted construction which is not exempt from the requirements of the equal opportunity clause:</p> <p>The [recipient] hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into 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, the following equal opportunity clause:</p> <p>During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:</p>	<p>2 CFR 200</p> <p>APPENDIX II C and 41 CFR §60-1.4(b)</p>

- (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.

The [recipient] further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, that if the [recipient] so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The [recipient] agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The [recipient] further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the [recipient] agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings,

	<p>the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the [recipient] under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such [recipient]; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.</p> <p>(c) Subcontracts. Each nonexempt prime contractor or subcontractor shall include the equal opportunity clause in each of its nonexempt subcontracts.</p> <p>(d) Incorporation by reference. The equal opportunity clause may be incorporated by reference in all Government contracts and subcontracts, including Government bills of lading, transportation requests, contracts for deposit of Government funds, and contracts for issuing and paying U.S. savings bonds and notes, and such other contracts and subcontracts as the Deputy Assistant Secretary may designate.</p> <p>(e) Incorporation by operation of the order. By operation of the order, the equal opportunity clause shall be considered to be a part of every contract and subcontract required by the order and the regulations in this part to include such a clause whether or not it is physically incorporated in such contracts and whether or not the contract between the agency and the contractor is written.</p> <p>(f) Adaptation of language. Such necessary changes in language may be made in the equal opportunity clause as shall be appropriate to identify properly the parties and their undertakings.</p> <p>[43 FR 49240, Oct. 20, 1978, as amended at 62 FR 66971, Dec. 22, 1997; 79 FR 72993, Dec. 9, 2014; 80 FR 54934, September 11, 2015]</p>	
<p>>\$2,000 for Davis Bacon and Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act;</p> <p>>\$100,000 for Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act</p>	<p>HUD 4010 Federal labor standards provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Davis Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.) as supplemented by DOL regulations (29 CFR part 5); 2. Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3); and 3. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) <p>See HUD 4010 contract language in Appendix F. Inclusion of this language into the construction contract satisfies contract requirements of the separate acts noted.</p>	
<p>>\$2,000</p> <p>(Satisfied with inclusion of HUD 4010)</p>	<p><i>Compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5) and with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. 874; 40 U.S.C. 3145) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3):</i></p> <p>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</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (D)</p>

	<p>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.</p>	
<p>>\$100,000 (Satisfied with inclusion of HUD 4010)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (E)</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (F)</p>
<p>>\$150,000</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (G)</p>

	be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).	
>\$25,000	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 exclusions 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." 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 12549.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (H)
>\$100,000	Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) - Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 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.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (I) and 24 CFR §570.303
	See 2 CFR §200.323.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (J)
	See 2 CFR §200.216.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (K)
	See 2 CFR §200.322.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (L)
>\$10,000	A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must 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 CFR 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.	2 CFR 200.323
>\$100,000	<i>§135.38 Section 3 clause</i> <i>All section 3 covered contracts shall include the following clause (referred to as the section 3 clause):</i> A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent	

	<p>feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.</p> <p>B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD’s regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.</p> <p>C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers’ representative of the contractor’s commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.</p> <p>D. The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.</p> <p>E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor’s obligations under 24 CFR part 135.</p> <p>F. Noncompliance with HUD’s regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.</p> <p>G. With respect to work performed in connection with section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).</p>	
None	Section 889(b)(1) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019 NDAA) and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216, as implemented by FEMA Policy 405-143-1, Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services (Interim), prohibit the	2 CFR 200.216

	<p>obligation or expending of federal award funds on certain telecommunication products or from certain entities for national security reasons. Effective August 13, 2020, FEMA recipients and subrecipients, as well as their contractors and subcontractors, may not obligate or expend any FEMA award funds to:</p> <p>Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Procure or obtain; (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain 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). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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 the 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 government of a covered foreign country. <p>(b) In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.</p> <p>(c) See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information.</p> <p>(d) See also § 200.471.</p>	
No Threshold	<p>§ 200.322 Domestic preferences for procurements.</p> <p>(a) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law and to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, 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</p>	2 CFR §200.322

	<p>included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.</p> <p>(b) For purposes of this section:</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(3) [Iron and steel products, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials] used in this project comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements mandated by Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA"), Pub. L. 177-58.</p>	
None	The Federal awarding agency must establish conflict of interest policies for Federal awards. The non-Federal entity must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with applicable Federal awarding agency policy.	2 CFR 200.112
None	The Federal awarding agency and the non-Federal entity should, whenever practicable, collect, transmit, and store Federal award-related information in open and machine-readable formats rather than in closed formats or on paper in accordance with applicable legislative requirements. A machine-readable format is a format in a standard computer language (not English text) that can be read automatically by a web browser or computer system. The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity must always provide or accept paper versions of Federal award-related information to and from the non-Federal entity upon request. If paper copies are submitted, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity must not require more than an original and two copies. When original records are electronic and cannot be altered, there is no need to create and retain paper copies. When original records are paper, electronic versions may be substituted through the use of duplication or other forms of electronic media provided that they are subject to periodic quality control reviews, provide reasonable safeguards against alteration, and remain readable.	2 CFR 200.336
None	<p>Contracting with HUB, small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.</p> <p>(a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.</p> <p>(b) Affirmative steps must include:</p> <p>(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;</p> <p>(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;</p>	2 CFR 200.321

	<p>(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;</p> <p>(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;</p> <p>(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and</p> <p>(6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (b)(1) through (5) of this section.</p>	
None	<p>Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other non-Federal entity records pertinent to a Federal award must be retained for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or, for Federal awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, from the date of the submission of the quarterly or annual financial report, respectively, as reported to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient. Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities must not impose any other record retention requirements upon non-Federal entities. The only exceptions are the following:</p> <p>(a) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.</p> <p>(b) When the non-Federal entity is notified in writing by the Federal awarding agency, cognizant agency for audit, oversight agency for audit, cognizant agency for indirect costs, or pass-through entity to extend the retention period.</p> <p>(c) Records for real property and equipment acquired with Federal funds must be retained for 3 years after final disposition.</p> <p>(d) When records are transferred to or maintained by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, the 3-year retention requirement is not applicable to the non-Federal entity.</p> <p>(e) Records for program income transactions after the period of performance. In some cases, recipients must report program income after the period of performance. Where there is such a requirement, the retention period for the records pertaining to the earning of the program income starts from the end of the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in which the program income is earned.</p> <p>(f) Indirect cost rate proposals and cost allocations plans. This paragraph applies to the following types of documents and their supporting records: Indirect cost rate computations or proposals, cost allocation plans, and any similar accounting computations of the rate at which a particular group of costs is chargeable (such as computer usage chargeback rates or composite fringe benefit rates).</p> <p>(1) <i>If submitted for negotiation.</i> If the proposal, plan, or other computation is required to be submitted to the Federal Government (or to the pass-through</p>	2 CFR 200.334

	<p>entity) to form the basis for negotiation of the rate, then the 3-year retention period for its supporting records starts from the date of such submission.</p> <p>(2) <i>If not submitted for negotiation.</i> If the proposal, plan, or other computation is not required to be submitted to the Federal Government (or to the pass-through entity) for negotiation purposes, then the 3-year retention period for the proposal, plan, or computation and its supporting records starts from the end of the fiscal year (or other accounting period) covered by the proposal, plan, or other computation.</p>	
None	<p>CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES ENGAGED IN BUSINESS WITH IRAN, SUDAN, OR FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION PROHIBITED. A governmental entity may not enter into a governmental contract with a company that is identified on a list prepared and maintained under Section 2270.0052, 2270.0102, or 2270.0152. In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 2252, Subchapter F, Respondent hereby represents and warrants that it is not a company identified on the lists prepared and maintained under Texas Government Code §§ 2270.0052 (companies with business operations in Sudan), 2270.0102 (companies with business operations in Iran), or 2270.0152 (companies known to have contracts with or provide supplies or services to a foreign terrorist organization). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a company that the United States government affirmatively declares to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan, Iran, or to a foreign terrorist organization, is not subject to contract prohibition under this clause. A company claiming such exemption must submit the official copy of the declaration.</p>	Texas Government Code 2252.152
>\$100,000	<p>PROVISION REQUIRED IN CONTRACT. (a) This section applies only to certain solicitations and contracts. Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code states the following:</p> <p>(a) This section applies only to a contract that:</p> <p>1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and</p> <p>(2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.</p> <p>(b) A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:</p> <p>(1) does not boycott Israel; and</p> <p>(2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. Section 2271.001(2) of the Government Code defines "company" to be the meaning assigned by Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code, except that the term does not include a sole proprietorship.</p>	Texas Government Code 2271.002
Optional Contract Language for Procurement before Grant Funds Awarded	<p>Payment of the fees [described in ____ section] shall be contingent on CDBG funding. In the event that grant funds are not awarded to the City / County by TDA through the TxCDBG program, this agreement shall be terminated by the City / County.</p>	
	<p>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.</p>	42 U.S.C. 6201
	<p>The Firm agrees that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected</p>	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

	to discrimination, including discrimination in employment, under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.	of 1973, as amended.
None	<p><i>§75.27 Section 3 contract provision</i></p> <p><i>Recipients must include language applying Section 3 requirements in any subrecipient agreement or contract for a Section 3 project.:</i></p> <p>Economic Opportunities for Section 3 Residents and Section 3 Business Concerns.</p> <p>(a) The work to be performed under this Contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.</p> <p>(b) The parties to this Contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this Contract, the parties to this Contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 75 regulations.</p> <p>(c) The Contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 75, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 75. The Contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the Contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 75.</p> <p>(d) The Contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the Contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 75 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the Contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 75. Minimum expectations of effort to direct employment opportunities to such workers are identified in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.</p> <p>(e) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75 may result in sanctions, termination of this Contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.</p>	24 CFR §75.27
None	The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), and the City/County, or any of their authorized representatives, shall have access to any documents, papers, or other records of the Contractor which are pertinent to the TxCDBG award, in	2 CFR 200.337

	order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts and to closeout the City's/County's TxCDBG contract with TDA.	
None	<p>Sec. 176.003. CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REQUIRED.</p> <p>(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:</p> <p>(1) the vendor enters into a contract with the local governmental entity or the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor; and</p> <p>(2) the vendor:</p> <p>(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that:</p> <p>(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or</p> <p>(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;</p> <p>(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:</p> <p>(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or</p> <p>(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor; or</p> <p>(C) has a family relationship with the local government officer.</p> <p>(a-1) A local government officer is not required to file a conflicts disclosure statement in relation to a gift accepted by the officer or a family member of the officer if the gift is:</p> <p>(1) a political contribution as defined by Title 15, Election Code; or</p> <p>(2) food accepted as a guest.</p> <p>(a-2) A local government officer is not required to file a conflicts disclosure statement under Subsection (a) if the local governmental entity or vendor described by that subsection is an administrative agency created under Section 791.013, Government Code.</p> <p>(b) A local government officer shall file the conflicts disclosure statement with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh business day after the date on which the officer becomes aware of the facts that require the filing of the statement under Subsection (a).</p>	Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code
	Pursuant to the <i>Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2022</i> , the Grant Recipient must certify that local policies do not interfere with the residents' Right to Report Crime and Emergencies from One's Home. The certification will confirm that no ordinances, local regulations, or policies adopted by the local government and currently in effect contain any financial or regulatory penalty	Pub. L. 117-103, 136 Stat. 49

	imposed on property owners or residents as a result of any use of emergency services, or that the Grant Recipient is actively addressing such local regulations.	
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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF _____, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR THE 2025-2026 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND PROGRAM.

WHEREAS the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program contract requires implementation by professionals experienced in completion of federally funded projects;

WHEREAS, in order to identify qualified and responsive providers for these services a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for engineering services has been completed in accordance with Texas CDBG requirements;

WHEREAS the proposals received by the due date have been reviewed to determine the most qualified and responsive providers for the professional service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1.	That _____ awarded a contract to provide TxCDBG application and project-related professional engineering/architectural/surveying services for the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program project.
Section 2.	That any and all contracts or commitments made with the above-named services providers are dependent on the successful negotiation of a contract with the service provider.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of March, 2026.

APPROVED:

Jacob Wheat, Mayor
City of Alvarado, Texas

ATTEST:

Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary
City of Alvarado, Texas



City Council Management Report

Meeting Date: 3/23/2026

Contact: Paul DeBuff, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration and action related to a Development Agreement between Alvarado 228 Development LLC, Avalon Development Group, LLC, and the City of Alvarado for the Chambers Creek Development. (DeBuff, French)

BACKGROUND & FINDINGS:

Alvarado 228 Development LLC and Avalon Development Group LLC are proposing a Development Agreement with the City of Alvarado for Chambers Creek, a ±228 acres master-planned community located adjacent to Alvarado High School, with access from I-35 frontage roads and Maple Avenue.

The proposed development is planned to include approximately 711 single-family homes, neighborhood amenities, a commercial corridor along I-35W, and a sports complex. A significant public benefit of this project is the dedication of approximately 27 acres to the City for the future development of regional sports complex. This land dedication supports long-term recreational opportunities and community growth.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Under the terms of the proposed Development Agreement, fifty percent (50%) of commercial and residential ad valorem tax revenue generated by the project will be deposited into the City's General Fund. The remaining 50% will be allocated to TIRZ #4 to support funding of the Sports Complex and other authorized improvements within the TIRZ.

RECOMMENDATION:

MANAGEMENT REVIEW:

Paul DeBuff, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

None