

**ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT**

STATE OF TEXAS                    §  
COUNTY OF WICHITA            §

This Contract is made and entered into as of the 22nd day of December, 2015 by and between the Montague County, Texas (hereinafter called "Owner") and the firm of Biggs & Mathews, Inc., Wichita Falls, Texas (hereinafter called "Engineer").

**WITNESSETH**

WHEREAS, the Owner will require the construction of certain wastewater system improvements involving 2015-2016 TDA Funding Contract No. 7215341 for Montague County, Texas in connection with the 2015-2016 TDA Grant Program Contract No. 7215341 (this work shall be hereinafter referred to as the "Project" or "Proposed Street Improvements Project"), and

WHEREAS, Montague County, Texas has the authority to enter into/awarding the Professional Services Engineering contract based on the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2254, Subchapter A, "Professional Services" which permits and outlines state requirements for municipalities and counties regarding procurement of professional services, in the contract, and Montague County has designated the County Commissioner #3 as the Local Program Liaison, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Biggs & Mathews, Inc. is acceptable to the Owner and is willing to enter into a contract to perform engineering services for the Project as required by the Owner;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

**I.**

The Owner hereby retains the Engineer for certain engineering services required in connection with the Project. The services to be performed by the Engineer in connection with Proposed Improvements shall be as follows:

- A. Prepare plans and specifications.
- B. Prepare contract documents.
- C. Conduct general supervision of project (not full-time on-site inspection).
- D. Prepare monthly progress reports and pay estimates and submit same to the Owner for payment after an on-site review of progress, and assist Owner in the final Project acceptance process.

E. Prepare "As-Built" plans.

II.

A. Preparation of plans and specifications shall include:

1. Surveys, preliminary design and layout of the improvements;
2. Preparation of detailed plans;
3. Preparation of project quantities and opinion of probable cost. Since the Engineer has no control over the cost of labor, materials or equipment or over a contractor's methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, his opinions of probably Project Cost or Construction Cost provided for herein are to be made on the basis of his experience and qualifications and represent his best judgment as a design professional familiar with the construction industry but the Engineer cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids or the construction cost will not vary from opinions of probable cost prepared by him; and
4. Furnish to the Owner all necessary copies of approved plans, specifications, notices to bidders and proposal forms.

B. Preparation of Contract Documents shall include:

1. Preparation of the contracts and specifications;
2. Assistance in the advertisement of the Project for bids;
3. Assistance in the opening, tabulation and analysis of the bids received and recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken;
4. Assistance in the preparation of formal contract documents for construction contracts; and
5. Furnishing Owner with two (2) sets of construction drawings.

C. Conduct general supervision of Project shall include:

1. Making intermittent visits to the job site (as distinguished from the continuous services of a resident Project Representative) to observe the executed work and to determine in general if the work is proceeding in accordance with the contract documents. In carrying out this function, it is understood that the Engineer does not guarantee the contractor's performance, nor is he responsible for supervision of the contractor's operation and employees;
2. Consulting and advising with the Owner and preparing routine change orders as required; and
3. Reviewing shop and working drawings and design mixes furnished by contractors for compliance with the design concept and with the information given in contract documents.

D. Preparation of monthly progress reports and pay estimates shall include:

1. Preparation of monthly and final estimates for payments to contractors, and furnishing any necessary certifications as to payments to contractors and suppliers; and
2. Performing, in company with the representative of the Owner, a final inspection of the Project.

E. Preparation of "As-Built" plans shall include:

1. Revising construction drawings, with the assistance of the Owner's inspector and contractor, to reflect any revisions included in construction records; and
2. Furnishing the Owner with two (2) sets of "As-Built" prints and one (1) set of reproducible tracings.

### III.

For the basic services performed under Section II of this agreement, the compensation to the Engineer shall be a lump sum fee of \$ 37,550.00 for which preparation of plans and specifications are authorized.

The charge provided herein shall not include cost of the services of a resident Project Representative for continuous on-site observance of the work.

Upon completion of the services as set out in Section II A. and II B. of this agreement and Award of the contract for Construction, seventy (70%) percent of the total basic charge shall be due and payable. The remaining thirty (30%) percent shall be paid during construction in proportion to the contractor's earnings.

For special services such as court litigation and other miscellaneous services not outlined in Section II, the Engineer shall be compensated on the basis of the Schedule shown in Section IV. Statements for services in this category shall be rendered monthly and payment shall be due not less than thirty (30) days after submission of a statement.

### IV.

If the Owner elects to have the Engineer furnish services of a resident Project Representative for continuous on-site observance of the work, the Engineer will furnish this service at the listed hourly rate scale.

If during preparation of the plans and specifications, or thereafter, the Engineer shall be required to render additional services because of changes or delays, or other causes beyond his control, then the Engineer shall be compensated for such additional services on the basis of the hourly rates set out below:

SURVEY PERSONNEL

Three-Man Survey Party	\$ <u>150.00</u>
Two-Man Survey Party	\$ <u>110.00</u>
Licensed Surveyor	\$ <u>150.00</u>

ENGINEERING PERSONNEL

Project Engineer	\$ <u>150.00</u>
Project Inspector (not an engineer)	\$ <u>85.00</u>
Draftsman	\$ <u>75.00</u>
Clerical	\$ <u>60.00</u>

V.

It is understood and agreed that the Owner shall have complete control of the services to be rendered and that no work shall be done under this contract until the Engineer is instructed in writing to proceed with the work. At the time written instructions are given to the Engineer to proceed, evidence shall be furnished that funds are available to pay for the services rendered.

VI.

Any provision in this contract notwithstanding, it is specifically understood and agreed that the Engineer shall not authorize or undertake any work pursuant to this contract, which work would require the payment of any charge, expense or reimbursement in addition to the charge stipulated in Section III, without having first had and obtained specific written authority therefore.

VII.

This contract shall not be assignable in whole or in part without the consent of the Owner.

VIII.

All payments for services rendered by the Engineer that have not been paid within ninety (90) days after becoming due shall thereafter accrue interest at the rate of ten (10%) percent per annum.

IX.

In connection with all the work outlined or contemplated above, it is agreed that the Owner or the Engineer may cancel or terminate this contract. Upon thirty (30) days written notice of such cancellation from either party to the other by prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, all work and labor being performed under this contract shall immediately cease, pending final cancellation at the end of such thirty day period, and further provided that the Engineer shall be compensated in accordance with the terms of this agreement for all work accomplished by him prior to the receipt of such termination.

X.

The Owner and any of its duly authorized representatives shall have access during normal business hours to any books, documents, papers and records of the Engineer which are directly pertinent to this Project for the purpose of making accurate examination, excerpts and transcription.

XI.

The Owner and Engineer hereby agree that this agreement is subject to the applicable provisions hereof and the exhibits and schedules hereto, along with the applicable portions of attached Appendix E – Part II, Part III, & Part IV and all represent the entire agreement between the Owner and Engineer, and they may only be altered, amended or repealed by a duly executed written instrument.

XII.

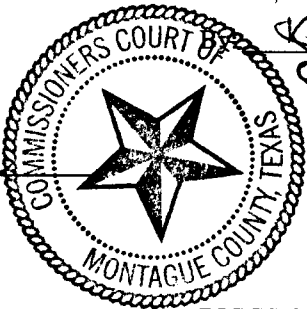
The Engineer shall have access to any existing records and drawings in the possession of the Owner that will be of benefit in the preparation of the Project documents.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Montague County, Texas, has caused this contract to be executed by its County Judge and properly attested, and Biggs & Mathews, Inc. has caused this contract to be executed by its President, with all such executions being in triplicate, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which has been done as of the date here above first written.

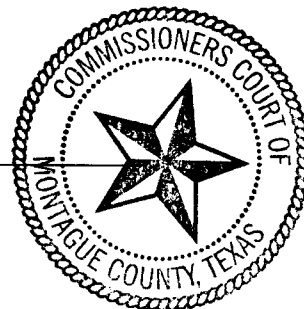
MONTAGUE COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

*Honda Jensen*



*[Signature]*  
County Judge



BIGGS & MATHEWS, INC.

By:

*[Signature]*  
Kerry D. Maroney, P. E. President

**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/right-of-ways (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. 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.
8. Submit detailed drawings and plans/specifications to appropriate regulatory agency(ies) and obtain clearance.
9. 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.
10. Make 10-day call to confirm prevailing wage decision.
11. Incorporate any and all wage rate modifications or supersedes via bid addendum (if applicable).
12. Conduct bid opening and prepare minutes.
13. Tabulate, analyze, and review bids for completeness and accuracy.
14. Accomplish construction contractor's eligibility verification through [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov).
15. Conduct pre-construction conference and prepare copy of report/minutes.
16. Issue Notice to Proceed to construction contractor.
17. 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.
18. Design for access by persons with disabilities for those facilities to be used by the public in accordance with Public Law 504.

19. Use TDA-approved forms for instructions to bidders, general conditions, contract, bid bond, performance bond, and payment bond.
20. Make periodic visits, no less than every 30 days during the construction period, to the site to observe the progress and quality of the work, and to determine, in general, if the work is proceeding in accordance with the Agreement.
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 effected 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 1969;
  - 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
  - g. For procurement of recovered materials 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, compliance with 2 CFR 200.322 and section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, which requires procuring only items designated in guidelines of the EPA at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable.
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 principals.
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 generally accepted professional practice. The Firm represents that it has the required skills and capacity to perform 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 Builts" to City/County.	10%
• Completion of final inspection and acceptance by the City/County.	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**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. The City/County may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving at least ten (10) days' notice in writing to the Firm. If this Agreement is terminated for convenience, the City/County will pay the Firm for actual services rendered up to the termination date, based on the charges for time, labor, expenses and other items specified in the Agreement.
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.
  - d. 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 (3 CFR Part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR Part 1989 Comp., p. 235). 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.**

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

14. Equal Opportunity Clause (applicable to contracts and subcontracts over \$10,000).
- 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 Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the City/County setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.
  - b. The Firm will, in all solicitation or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Firm, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin.
  - c. The Firm will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by this Agreement so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that

the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

- d. The Firm will include provisions (a). through (c). in every subcontract or purchase order, unless exempted.
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.

*[If this Contract is greater than \$100,000, include the following Section 3 language:]*

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 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 Agreement 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 Agreement certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.

- c. The Firm agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the Firm has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the Firm'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.
- d. The Firm 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 Firm will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the Firm has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.
- e. The Firm will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the Firm 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 Firm's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.
- f. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this Agreement for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.
- 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 Agreement. 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).