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**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR  
NON-HOUSING PROJECTS  
UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
CONTRACT NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

THE **\*\*\*insert subrecipient name\*\*\*** (the “Subrecipient”) and **\*\*\*insert vendor name\*\*\***, Tax Identification Number **\*\*\*** (“Provider”), each a “Party” and collectively, “the Parties,” enter into the following contract for professional engineering services (the “Contract”) pursuant to the Professional Services Procurement Act, TEX. GOVT. CODE 2254 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

WHEREAS, the Subrecipient has received U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funds, administered by the Texas General Land Office (“GLO”) for damage sustained from **\_\_\_\_\_**; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG-DR program is funded under the **Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-113**.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

**I. DEFINITIONS / INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS / PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**1.01 DEFINITIONS**

“**Activity**” means a defined class of works or services authorized to be accomplished using CDBG-DR grant funds. Activities are specified in Subrecipient Budgets as ‘Category,’ and the terms are interchangeable under this Contract.

“**Administrative and Audit Regulations**” means the regulations included in Title 2, CFR, Part 200. Chapter 321 of the Texas Government Code; Subchapter F of Chapter 2155 of the Texas Government Code; and the requirements of Article VII herein. With regard to any federal funding, agencies with the necessary legal authority include: the relevant federal agency, the Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, the Office of Inspector General, and any of their authorized representatives. In addition, state agencies and/or designee’s with the authority to audit and inspect include, the Subrecipient, the GLO, the GLO’s contracted examiners, the State Auditor’s Office, the Texas Attorney General’s Office and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. “**Attachment**” means documents, terms, conditions, or additional information physically added to this Contract following the execution page, or incorporated by reference, as if physically.

“**Benchmark**” or “**Billing Milestone**” means a clearly defined set of incremental services that must be performed; or an interim level of accomplishment that must be met by Provider in order to receive periodic incremental and final reimbursement for services under this Contract.

“**CDBG—DR**” means the Community Development Block Grant—Disaster Recovery Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in cooperation with the GLO.

“Certificate of Construction Completion” means a document submitted by an engineer or, if none, a construction contractor, to a Subrecipient which, when executed by the Subrecipient, indicates acceptance of the non-housing project, as built.

“Contract” means this entire document, along with any Attachments, both physical and incorporated by reference; and any Amendments, Revisions, or Technical Guidance Letters that may be issued by the GLO, to be incorporated by the GLO, to be incorporated by reference herein for all purposes as they are issued, if any.

“Contract Period” means the period of time between the effective date of a contract and its expiration or termination date.

“Deliverable” means a unit or increment of work to include, any item, report, data, document, photograph, or other submission required to be delivered under the terms of this Contract, in whatever form.

“Federal Assurances” means Standard Form 424B (Rev. 7-97) (non-construction projects); or Standard Form 424D (Rev. 7-97) (construction projects), in **Attachment A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

“Federal Certifications” means U.S. Department of Commerce Form CD-512 (12-04), “Certifications Regarding Lobbying – Lower Tier Covered Transactions,” also in **Attachment A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

“Fiscal Year” means the period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the State of Texas.

“GAAP” means “Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.”

“GASB” means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

“General Affirmations” means the statements in **Attachment B**, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes, which Provider affirms by executing this Contract.

“GLO” means the Texas General Land Office, its officers, employees, and designees.

“HSP” means HUB Subcontracting Plan, as outlined by Chapter 2161 of the Texas Government Code.

“HUB” means Historically Underutilized Business, as defined by Chapter 2161 of the Texas Government Code.

“HUD” means the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“Mentor Protégé” means the Comptroller of Public Accounts’ leadership program found at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/mentorprotege/>

“Non-housing” refers to a project involving the restoration and/or repair of infrastructure facilities and the economic revitalization activities approved under a CDBG-DR program grant.

“Performance Statement” means Provider’s detailed scope of work hereby incorporated for all purposes as **Attachment C**.

“Project” means the professional engineering services described in **SECTION 1.03** of this Contract and in any applicable Attachments.

“[Project Completion Report](#)” means a report containing an “as built” accounting of all projects completed under a CDBG-DR non-housing grant and containing all information required to completely close out a grant file.

“[Project Implementation Manual](#)” means a set of guidelines for the CDBG-DR Program, incorporated herein by reference for all purposes in its entirety.

“[Project Period](#)” means the stated time for completion of a Project assigned by Work Order, if any.

“[Prompt Pay Act](#)” means Chapter 2251, Subtitle F of Title 10 of the Texas Government Code.

“[Provider](#)” means **\*\*\*\*insert vendor name\*\*\*\***, selected to provide the services under this Contract, if any.

“[Public Information Act](#)” means Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

“[Quarterly Report](#)” means a document submitted by Provider to a Subrecipient for approval and submission to the GLO as a condition of reimbursement, as discussed in **SECTION 1.05** and **ARTICLE III**, below.

“[RFQ](#)”/“[RFP](#)” means the Subrecipient’s Request for **Qualifications/Proposals** No. \_\_\_\_\_, or the Solicitation, as defined below.

“[Scope of Work](#)” means Provider’s detailed scope of work hereby incorporated for all purposes as **Attachment C**.

“[Solicitation](#)” means Subrecipient’s Request for **Qualifications/Proposals** No. \_\_\_\_\_, including any Addenda.

“[Solicitation Response](#)” means Provider’s full and complete response to the Solicitation, including any Addenda.

“[State of Texas TexTravel](#)” means Texas Administrative Code, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.22, relative to travel reimbursements under this Contract, if any.

“[Subcontractor](#)” means an individual or business that signs a contract to perform part or all of the obligations of Provider under this Contract.

“[Subrecipient](#)” means **\*\*\*\*insert subrecipient name\*\*\*\***, a local governmental body or political subdivision that receives funds under HUD’s CDBG—DR Program for non-housing projects.

“[Subrecipient Agreement](#)” means the contractual agreement for a CDBG-DR non-housing grant between the GLO and the Subrecipient for which Provider performs services assigned by the Subrecipient, if any.

“[Technical Guidance Letter or ‘TGL’](#)” means an instruction, clarification, or interpretation of the requirements of the CDBG-DR Program, issued by the GLO to specified recipients, applicable to specific subject matter, to which the addressed Program participants shall be subject.

## 1.02 INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

- (a) The meanings of defined terms are equally applicable to the singular and plural forms of the defined terms;
- (b) The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereunder,” and similar words refer to this Contract as a whole and not to any particular provision, section, attachment, work order, or schedule of this Contract unless otherwise specified;
- (c) The term “including” is not limiting and means “including without limitation” and, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Contract, (i) references to contracts (including this Contract) and other contractual instruments shall be deemed to include all subsequent amendments and other modifications thereto, but only to the extent that such amendments and other modifications are not prohibited by the terms of this Contract, and (ii) references to any statute or regulation are to be construed as including all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, or interpreting the statute or regulation;
- (d) The captions and headings of this Contract are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Contract;
- (e) All attachments within this Contract, including those incorporated by reference, and any amendments are considered part of the terms of this Contract;
- (f) This Contract may use several different limitations, regulations, or policies to regulate the same or similar matters. All such limitations, regulations, and policies are cumulative and each shall be performed in accordance with its terms;
- (g) Unless otherwise expressly provided, reference to any action of the Subrecipient or by the Subrecipient by way of consent, approval, or waiver shall be deemed modified by the phrase “in its/their sole discretion.” Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any approval, consent, or waiver required by, or requested of, the Subrecipient shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed;
- (h) Time is of the essence in this Contract.
- (i) In the event of conflicts or inconsistencies between this contract and its attachments, such conflicts or inconsistencies shall be resolved by reference to the documents in the following order of priority: Signed Contract; Attachments to the Contract: Attachment X, Attachment Y, Attachment Z (Attachment order will be specific to each Contract, Provider’s Response will be the last item in the overall list.); Solicitation Documents; and Provider’s Response to Solicitation.

**General Rule: Contract, General Affirmations, Insurance, other docs created by us like the solicitation, then docs created by them. Ask an Atty if you have out of the ordinary documents**

### 1.03 PROJECT

Provider shall perform, or cause to be performed, professional engineering services as required for disaster recovery projects in the City of \*\*\*, \*\*\* County, Texas, as authorized under GLO Contract No. \*\*\_\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\* (“Subrecipient’s Contract”), as may be amended from time to time, and as outlined in detail in the Performance Statement, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as Attachment C (“the Project”).

**Provider is responsible for obtaining Subrecipient’s most current performance statement and Implementation Schedule, Budget (“Subrecipient’s Documents”), and any other documentation which may be required to accomplish the Project that is the subject of this Work Order. Such documents are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety for all purposes.**

**No work may begin and no charges may be incurred prior to the effective date of Subrecipient’s Contract and/or Amendment, to which this Work Order is related, with the exception of assistance to Subrecipient in completing the grant application as necessary, and other pre-execution services authorized by prior, written approval of the GLO, if any. Subrecipient Documents may be obtained from the Subrecipient or the Subrecipient's Grant Administrator, and their effective date and status as executed documents must be confirmed by Provider prior to commencement of any services. Document status may be confirmed through the GLO. Provider may obtain GLO contact information from the Subrecipient.**

### 1.04 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Provider shall assist the Subrecipient to timely submit all reports and documentation that are required under this Contract and any Subrecipient Agreement.

#### **QUARTERLY REPORTS – APPLICABLE TO NON-HOUSING AND HOUSING PROJECTS:**

**QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF REIMBURSEMENT TO ALL SUBRECIPIENTS.** It is incumbent upon Provider to facilitate the submission of each Quarterly Report in a timely manner. Each Quarterly Report shall include progress made since the prior reporting period, current Benchmarks achieved, projected quantities, problems encountered and detailed plans to correct them, goals to be accomplished in the subsequent reporting period, and any other information as may be required by the GLO.

The GLO may review the Quarterly Report(s) and may request revisions to be made. Provider shall make itself aware of such revision requests and shall assist the Subrecipient in making appropriate revisions. Upon acceptance of the Quarterly Report and submission of a properly prepared invoice, appropriate payment may be made to Subrecipient and to Provider.

In the sole discretion of the GLO, reports may be requested more often than quarterly, and Provider shall facilitate the timely submission to the GLO of such additional information by the Grant Recipient.

**Reimbursement may be withheld if a Quarterly Report is delinquent or deficient, in the sole discretion of the GLO.**

Provider shall submit to the Subrecipient all reports, drawings, surveys, designs, and such other work products as required by the Scope of Services in **Attachment A** of this Work Order and Subrecipient's Contract, and in accordance with the Project Implementation Manual, and any Technical Guidance Letters or Revisions issued by the GLO, if any.

**FINAL DOCUMENTATION:** By the close of business no later than thirty (30) days after completion of a construction project, Provider shall submit to the Subrecipient and to Subrecipient's Grant Administration firm, if any, a copy of the executed Certificate of Construction Completion ("COCC") for the project which must include a final, as built report of quantities, drawings, and specifications used during the course of the project, with justification as to why any variances from original plans, approved pursuant to **SECTION 1.04(c)** of Provider's Contract, were required. **Notwithstanding the preceding** the GLO, in its sole discretion, may approve extensions to this Deliverable due date. Such approvals must be in writing, and may be delivered by regular mail, electronic mail, or facsimile transmission.

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## **II. TERM**

### **2.01 DURATION**

This Contract shall be effective as of the date signed by the last party, and shall terminate on [REDACTED]. The Subrecipient, at its own discretion, may extend any contract awarded pursuant to the Solicitation for up to [REDACTED] ( ) additional [REDACTED] ( ) year terms or until the time the grant funding expires, whichever comes first. Any extension will be subject to terms and conditions mutually agreeable to both parties.

### **2.02 EARLY TERMINATION**

The Subrecipient may terminate this Contract by giving written notice specifying a termination date at least thirty (30) days subsequent to the date of the notice. Upon receipt of any such notice, Provider shall cease work, undertake to terminate any relevant subcontracts, and incur no further expense related to this Contract. Such early termination shall be subject to the equitable settlement of the respective interests of the parties, accrued up to the date of termination.

### **2.03 ABANDONMENT OR DEFAULT**

If the Provider defaults on the Contract, the Subrecipient reserves the right to cancel the Contract without notice and either re-solicit or re-award the Contract to the next best responsive and responsible vendor qualified under the Solicitation. The defaulting provider will not be considered in the re-solicitation and may not be considered in future solicitations for the same type of work, unless the specification or scope of work significantly changed. The period of suspension will be determined by the Subrecipient based on the seriousness of the default.

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### III. CONSIDERATION

#### **3.01 CONTRACT LIMIT, FEES, AND EXPENSES**

Provider will be compensated on a negotiated fee basis, for a not to exceed amount of \*\*\*\* DOLLARS (\$\*\*\*.\*\*), reimbursable in increments as shown in the Benchmarks in Attachment C for the type of work to be performed. The Professional Engineering Services Fee shall not exceed the maximum amount available for such services as prescribed by the Subrecipient Agreement, the GLO, HUD or any governing law, for the term of this Contract. The Subrecipient agrees to pay Provider in accordance with The Prompt Pay Act, Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2251.

**The form of invoice will be prescribed by the Subrecipient and made available to Provider in a separate submission from the Subrecipient.**

**Grant funds must not be commingled between or among HUD funding rounds; nor between or among Non-Housing and Housing assignments.**

Reimbursement for services may be requested based on the Benchmarks, according to the type of services authorized, contingent upon Provider's facilitation of the timely submission of each Quarterly Report required, as discussed in SECTION 1.04, above.

**At a minimum, invoices must clearly reflect:**

- (a) Provider's Contract Number;
- (b) the name and GLO Contract Number (12 digits) of the Subrecipient Agreement to which services have been provided;
- (c) the current amount being billed;
- (d) the cumulative amount billed previously;
- (e) the balance remaining to be billed; and
- (f) an itemized statement of services performed, including documentation as required under the Contract, such as invoices, receipts, statements, stubs, tickets, time sheets, and any other which, in the judgment of the Subrecipient, provides full substantiation of reimbursable costs incurred.

Subject to the maximum Contract amount authorized herein, upon specific, prior, written approval by the Subrecipient, lodging, travel, and other incidental direct expenses may be reimbursed under this Contract for professional or technical personnel who are (a) away from the cities in which they are permanently assigned; (b) conducting business specifically authorized by the Subrecipient; and (c) performing services not originally contemplated in the Scope of Services.

The limit for such reimbursements shall be the rates established by the Comptroller of the State of Texas, as outlined in the State of Texas travel guidelines, *TexTravel*. If a rate within

the limits set forth in *TexTravel* is not available, Provider shall use its best efforts to obtain the lowest available room rate. Provider shall obtain prior approval from the Subrecipient.

**NOTICE TO PROVIDER:**

Failure to include all of the information required in **SECTION 3.01** with each invoice may result in a significant delay in processing payment for the invoice.

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## **IV. PROVIDER'S WARRANTY, AFFIRMATIONS, AND ASSURANCES**

### **4.01 PERFORMANCE WARRANTY**

Provider represents that all services performed under this Contract will be performed in a manner consistent with a degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing under similar circumstances. Provider represents that all work product, including Deliverables if any, under this Contract shall be completed in a manner consistent with standards in the applicable trade, profession, or industry; shall conform to or exceed the specifications set forth in the incorporated Attachments (if any); and shall be fit for ordinary use, of good quality, and with no material defects. If Provider fails to submit Deliverables timely or to perform satisfactorily under conditions required by this Contract, the Subrecipient may require Provider, at its sole expense, to the extent such defect or damage is caused by the negligence of Provider, to (a) repair or replace all defective or damaged Deliverables; (b) refund any payment received for all defective or damaged Deliverables and, in conjunction therewith, require Provider to accept the return of such Deliverables; and/or (c) take necessary action so that future performance and Deliverables conform to the Contract requirements.

### **4.02 GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS**

To the extent that they are applicable, Provider further certifies that the General Affirmations in **Attachment B** have been reviewed, and that Provider is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein.

### **4.03 FEDERAL ASSURANCES**

To the extent that they are applicable, Provider further certifies that the Federal Assurances in **Attachment A** have been reviewed and that Provider is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein. The Federal Assurance form must be executed by Provider's authorized signatory.

### **4.04 FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS**

To the extent that they are applicable, Provider further certifies that the Federal Certifications also in **Attachment A** have been reviewed, and that Provider is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein. The Federal Certifications form must be executed by Provider's authorized signatory.

**In addition, Provider certifies that it is in compliance with any other applicable federal laws, rules, or regulations, as they may pertain to this Contract including, but not limited to, those listed in Attachment D.**

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## **V. FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING, RECAPTURE OF FUNDS, AND OVERPAYMENT**

### **5.01 FEDERAL FUNDING**

- (a) Funding for this Contract is appropriated under the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-113 enacted on December 18, 2015, to facilitate disaster recovery, restoration, economic revitalization, and to affirmatively further fair housing in accordance with Executive Order 12892, in areas affected by Hurricanes Dolly and Ike, which are Presidentially-declared major disaster areas under Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). The fulfillment of this Contract is based on those funds being made available to the GLO as the lead administrative state agency. All expenditures under this Contract must be made in accordance with this Contract, the rules and regulations promulgated under the CDBG-DR Program, and any other applicable laws. Further, Provider acknowledges that all funds are subject to recapture and repayment for non-compliance.
- (b) **All participants in the CDBG-DR grant program must have a data universal numbering system (DUNS) number, as well as a Commercial And Government Entity (CAGE) Code.**
- (c) **The DUNS number and CAGE Code must be reported to the GLO for use in various grant reporting documents, and may be obtained by visiting the Central Contractor Registration web site at:**

<https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/>

Assistance with this web site may be obtained by calling **866-606-8220**.

### **5.02 STATE FUNDING**

- (a) This Contract shall not be construed as creating any debt on behalf of the State of Texas and/or the GLO in violation of Article III, Section 49, of the Texas Constitution. In compliance with Article VIII, Section 6 of the Texas Constitution, it is understood that all obligations of the GLO hereunder are subject to the availability of state funds. If such funds are not appropriated or become unavailable, the Subrecipient, in its sole discretion, may terminate this Contract. In that event, the parties shall be discharged from further obligations, subject to the equitable settlement of their respective interests, accrued up to the date of termination.
- (b) Furthermore, any claim by Provider for damages under this Contract may not exceed the amount of funds appropriated for payment, but not yet paid to Provider, under the annual budget in effect at the time of the breach. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity.

### **5.03 RECAPTURE OF FUNDS**

Provider shall conduct, in a satisfactory manner as determined by the Subrecipient, the Project as set forth in the Contract. The discretionary right of the Subrecipient to terminate for convenience under **SECTION 2.02** notwithstanding, it is expressly understood and

agreed by Provider that the Subrecipient shall have the right to terminate the Contract and to recapture, and be reimbursed for any payments made by the Subrecipient (i) that exceed the maximum allowable HUD rate; (ii) that are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, and regulations; or (iii) that are otherwise inconsistent with this Contract, including any unapproved expenditures.

#### **5.04 OVERPAYMENT**

Provider understands and agrees that it shall be liable to the Subrecipient or the GLO for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and/or compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Contract. Provider further understands and agrees that reimbursement of such disallowed costs shall be paid by Provider from funds which were not provided or otherwise made available to Provider under this Contract.

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## VI. OWNERSHIP

### **6.01 OWNERSHIP AND THIRD PARTY RELIANCE**

- (a) The Subrecipient shall own, and Provider hereby assigns to the GLO, all right, title, and interest in all services to be performed; all goods to be delivered; and/or all other related work product prepared, or in the course of preparation, by Provider (or its subcontractors) pursuant to this Contract, together with all related worldwide intellectual property rights of any kind or character (collectively, the “Work Product”). Under no circumstance will any license fee, royalty, or other consideration not specified in this Contract be due to Provider for the assignment of the Work Product to the GLO or for the GLO’s use and quiet enjoyment of the Work Product in perpetuity. Provider shall promptly submit all Work Product to the GLO upon request or upon completion, termination, or cancellation of this Contract for any reason, including all copies in any form or medium.
  
- (b) Provider and the Subrecipient shall not use, willingly allow, or cause such Work Product to be used for any purpose other than performance of Provider’s obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of either party and the GLO. Work Product is for the exclusive use and benefit of, and may be relied upon only by the Parties. Prior to distributing any Work Product to any third party, other than the GLO, the parties shall advise such third parties that if it relies upon or uses such Work Product, it does so entirely at its own risk without liability to the GLO, Provider, or the Subrecipient.

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## VII. RECORDS, AUDIT, RETENTION, CONFIDENTIALITY, PUBLIC RECORDS

### 7.01 BOOKS AND RECORDS

Provider shall keep and maintain under GAAP or GASB, as applicable, full, true, and complete records necessary to fully disclose to the Subrecipient, the GLO, the State of Texas Auditor's Office, the United States Government, and/or their authorized representatives sufficient information to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and all state and federal rules, regulations, and statutes.

### 7.02 INSPECTION AND AUDIT

- (a) Provider agrees that all relevant records related to this Contract and any Work Product produced in relation to this Contract, including the records and Work Product of its Subcontractors, shall be subject to the Administrative and Audit Regulations. Accordingly, such records and Work Product shall be subject, at any time, to inspection, examination, audit, and copying at any location where such records and Work Product may be found, with or without notice from the Subrecipient, the GLO, HUD, or other government entity with necessary legal authority. Provider agrees to cooperate fully with any federal or state entity in the conduct of inspection, examination, audit, and copying, including providing all information requested. Provider will ensure that this clause concerning federal and state entities' authority to inspect, examine, audit, and copy records and Work Product, and the requirement to fully cooperate with the federal and state entities, is included in any subcontract it awards.
- (b) Provider understands that acceptance of state funds under this Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Provider further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Provider will ensure that this clause concerning the State Auditor's Office's authority to audit state funds and the requirement to fully cooperate with the State Auditor's Office is included in any subcontracts it awards. Additionally, the State Auditor's Office shall at any time have access to and the rights to examine, audit, excerpt, and transcribe any pertinent books, documents, working papers, and records of Provider relating to the Contract for any purpose. HUD, the Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, the Office of Inspector General, or any authorized representative of the U.S. Government shall also have this right of inspection. **PROVIDER SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL SUBCONTRACTS AWARDED REFLECT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION 7.02, AND THE REQUIREMENT TO COOPERATE.**
- (c) Provider will be deemed to have read and have knowledge of all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and rules including, but not limited to those identified in **Attachment D**, governing audit requirements pertaining to the Project.

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### **7.03 PERIOD OF RETENTION**

All records relevant to this Contract shall be retained for a period subsequent to the final closeout of the State of Texas CDBG-DR grant program, in accordance with federal regulations. **The Subrecipient will notify all Program participants of the date upon which local records may be destroyed.**

### **7.04 CONFIDENTIALITY**

To the extent permitted by law, Provider and the Subrecipient agree to keep all information confidential, in whatever form produced, prepared, observed, or received by Provider or the Subrecipient to the extent that such information is: (a) confidential by law; (b) marked or designated “confidential” (or words to that effect) by Provider or the Subrecipient; or (c) information that Provider or the Subrecipient is otherwise required to keep confidential by this Contract. Furthermore, Provider will not advertise that it is doing business with the Subrecipient, use this Contract as a marketing or sales tool, or make any press releases concerning work under this Contract without the prior written consent of the Subrecipient.

### **7.05 PUBLIC RECORDS**

Information related to the performance of this Contract may be subject to the Public Information Act (“PIA”) and will be withheld from public disclosure or released only in accordance therewith. Provider shall make any information required under the PIA available to the Subrecipient in portable document file (“.pdf”) format or any other format agreed between the Parties. Failure of Provider to mark as “confidential” or a “trade secret” any information that it believes to be excepted from disclosure waives any and all claims Provider may make against the Subrecipient for releasing such information without prior notice to Provider. Provider shall notify the Subrecipient within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of any third party written requests for information, and forward a copy of said written requests to the Subrecipient. If the request was not written, Provider shall forward the third party's contact information to the Subrecipient.

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## VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

### 8.01 INSURANCE

Provider shall acquire for the duration of this Contract insurance with financially sound and reputable insurers licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance, in the type and amount and in the form required by Attachment E of this Contract, **REQUIRED INSURANCE AND FORM**. Furthermore, Provider shall submit a certificate of liability insurance as required under this Contract, including (if requested) a schedule of coverage (or “underwriter’s schedules”) establishing to the satisfaction of the Subrecipient the nature and extent of coverage granted by each policy.

Provider shall submit certificates of insurance and endorsements electronically, in the manner requested by the Subrecipient. In the event that any policy is determined to be deficient to comply with the terms of this Contract, Provider shall secure such additional policies or coverage as the Subrecipient may reasonably request or that are required by law or regulation.

Provider will be responsible for submitting renewed certificates of insurance and endorsements, as evidence of insurance coverage throughout the term of this Contract. Provider may not be actively working on behalf of the Subrecipient if the insurance coverage does not adhere to insurance requirements. Failure to submit required insurance documents may result in the cancellation of this Contract.

### 8.02 TAXES/WORKERS’ COMPENSATION/UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

PROVIDER AGREES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CONTRACT, PROVIDER SHALL BE ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIABILITY AND PAYMENT OF PROVIDER’S AND PROVIDER’S EMPLOYEES’ TAXES OF WHATEVER KIND, ARISING OUT OF THE PERFORMANCES IN THIS CONTRACT. PROVIDER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS APPLICABLE TO ANY SUCH PERSONS, INCLUDING LAWS REGARDING WAGES, TAXES, INSURANCE, AND WORKERS’ COMPENSATION. THE SUBRECIPIENT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO THE PROVIDER, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR OTHERS FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OR THE PROVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/ OR WORKERS’ COMPENSATION OR ANY BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO A STATE EMPLOYEE OR EMPLOYEE OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY CUSTOMER. 2) PROVIDER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE SUBRECIPIENT, THE GLO, THE STATE OF TEXAS AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR ASSIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEYS’ FEES, AND EXPENSES, RELATING TO TAX LIABILITY, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR WORKERS’ COMPENSATION IN ITS PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS CONTRACT. PROVIDER SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEYS’ FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY PROVIDER WITH THE SUBRECIPIENT NAMED AS A DEFENDANT IN ANY LAWSUIT AND PROVIDER

MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE SUBRECIPIENT. PROVIDER AND THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

### **8.03 LEGAL OBLIGATIONS**

Provider shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Contract any state, county, city, or federal license, authorization, insurance, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by Provider to provide the goods or services required by this Contract. Provider will be responsible for payment of all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Provider agrees to be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its subcontractors during performance of this Contract.

### **8.04 INDEMNITY**

**EXCEPT FOR DAMAGES DIRECTLY OR PROXIMATELY CAUSED BY THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF THE SUBRECIPIENT OR THE GLO, PROVIDER SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE SUBRECIPIENT, THE STATE OF TEXAS, THE GLO, AND THE OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE SUBRECIPIENT, THE STATE OF TEXAS, AND THE GLO FROM ANY LOSSES, CLAIMS, SUITS, ACTIONS, DAMAGES, OR LIABILITY (INCLUDING ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES OF DEFENDING AGAINST ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED) ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH:**

- **THIS CONTRACT;**
- **ANY NEGLIGENCE, ACT, OMISSION, OR MISCONDUCT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES REFERENCED HEREIN; OR**
- **ANY CLAIMS OR AMOUNTS ARISING OR RECOVERABLE UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS, THE TEXAS TORT CLAIMS ACT, OR ANY OTHER SUCH LAWS.**

**PROVIDER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF ITS EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS, AND INVITEES. THESE REQUIREMENTS SHALL SURVIVE THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT UNTIL ALL CLAIMS HAVE BEEN SETTLED OR RESOLVED AND SUITABLE EVIDENCE TO THAT EFFECT HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO THE SUBRECIPIENT. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION 8.03 SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT.**

### **8.05 ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS**

Provider shall not assign, transfer, or delegate any rights, obligations, or duties under this Contract without the prior written consent of the Subrecipient. Notwithstanding this provision, it is mutually understood and agreed that Provider may subcontract with others for some or all of the services to be performed. In any approved subcontracts, Provider shall legally bind such subcontractor to perform and make such subcontractor subject to all the duties, requirements, and obligations of Provider as specified in this Contract. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to relieve Provider of the responsibility for ensuring that the goods

delivered and/or the services rendered by Provider and/or any of its subcontractors comply with all the terms and provisions of this Contract. Provider will provide written notification to the Subrecipient of any such subcontractor performing fifteen percent (15%) or more of the work under this Contract, including the name and taxpayer identification number of subcontractor, the task(s) being performed, and the number of subcontractor employees expected to work on the task.

#### **8.06 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**

Provider is associated with the Subrecipient only for the purposes and to the extent specified in this Contract, and, with respect to Provider's performance pursuant to this Contract, Provider is and shall be an independent contractor and, subject only to the terms of this Contract, shall have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct performance of the details incident to its duties under this Contract. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create for the Subrecipient or the GLO any liability whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of Provider or any other party. Provider shall be solely responsible for, and the Subrecipient shall have no obligation with respect to:

- (a) withholding of income taxes, FICA, or any other taxes or fees;
- (b) industrial or workers' compensation insurance coverage;
- (c) participation in any group insurance plans available to employees of the State of Texas;
- (d) participation or contributions by the State to the State Employees Retirement System;
- (e) accumulation of vacation leave or sick leave; or
- (f) unemployment compensation coverage provided by the State.

#### **8.07 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS**

In the performance of this Contract, Provider shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations. Provider shall make itself familiar with and at all times shall observe and comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations that in any manner affect performance under this Contract including, but not limited to, those attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment D**. Provider will be deemed to have knowledge of all applicable laws and regulations and be deemed to understand them.

#### **8.08 NOTICES**

Any notices required under this Contract shall be deemed delivered when deposited either in the United States mail, postage paid, certified, return receipt requested; or with a common carrier, overnight, signature required, to the appropriate address below:

**Subrecipient**

Name\*\*\*\*\*

Address\*\*\*\*\*

City, State ZIP\*\*

Attention: \*\*\*\*\*

**Provider**

Provider\*\*\*\*\*

Address\*\*\*\*\*

City, State ZIP\*\*

Attention: \*\*\*\*\*

Notice given in any other manner shall be deemed effective only if and when received by the party to be notified. Either party may change its address for notice by written notice to the other party as herein provided.

**8.10 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE**

This Contract and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the State of Texas, exclusive of conflicts of law provisions. Venue of any suit between Subrecipient and Provider under this Contract shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in [redacted] County, Texas. Provider irrevocably waives any objection, including any objection to personal jurisdiction or the laying of venue or based on the grounds of forum non conveniens, which it may now or hereafter have to the bringing of any action or proceeding in such jurisdiction in respect of this Contract or any document related hereto.

**8.11 SEVERABILITY**

If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract shall be construed as if such provision did not exist and the non-enforceability of such provision shall not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Contract unenforceable.

**8.12 FORCE MAJEURE**

Except with respect to the obligation of payments under this Contract, if either of the parties, after a good faith effort, is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this Contract by reason of war; terrorism; rebellion; riots; strikes; acts of God; any valid order, rule, or regulation of governmental authority; or similar events that are beyond the control of the affected party (collectively referred to as a "Force Majeure"), then, while so prevented, the affected party's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended, and the affected party shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenant. In any such event, the party claiming Force Majeure shall promptly notify the other party of the Force Majeure event in writing and, if possible, such notice shall set forth the extent and duration thereof. The party claiming Force Majeure shall exercise due diligence to prevent, eliminate, or overcome such Force Majeure event where it is possible to do so and shall resume performance at the earliest possible date. However, if non-performance continues for more than thirty (30) days, the GLO may terminate this Contract immediately upon written notification to Provider.

**8.13 DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

[Local Government Entity to Complete]

#### **8.14 ENTIRE CONTRACT AND MODIFICATION**

This Contract, its integrated Attachment(s), and any Technical Guidance issued in conjunction with this Contract, if any, constitute the entire agreement of the parties and are intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms in such Attachment(s), Technical Guidance Letter shall be harmonized with this Contract to the extent possible. Unless such integrated Attachment, Technical Guidance Letter, or Revision specifically displays a mutual intent to amend a particular part of this Contract, general conflicts in language shall be construed consistently with the terms of this Contract.

#### **8.15 COUNTERPARTS**

This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same Contract. If the Contract is not executed by the GLO within thirty (30) days of execution by the other party, this Contract shall be null and void. In the sole discretion of the GLO, Work Orders issued, if any, may be executed by the parties in counterparts exchanged by electronic mail.

#### **8.16 THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY**

The Parties agree that the GLO, as the administrator of the CDBG-DR program, is a third-party beneficiary to this Contract and that the GLO shall have the right to enforce any provision of this Contract. Provided, however, that GLO shall only enforce a provision Contract after notifying the Parties, in writing, of a potential breach or default of the Contract and allowing the Provider sixty (60) days to cure the breach or default. Venue of any suit under this Section 8.17 shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas. Provider irrevocably waives any objection, including any objection to personal jurisdiction or the laying of venue or based on the grounds of forum non conveniens, which it may now or hereafter have to the bringing of any action or proceeding in such jurisdiction in respect of this Contract or any document related hereto. **NOTHING IN THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE GLO.**

#### **8.17 PROPER AUTHORITY**

Each party hereto represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Contract. Provider acknowledges that this Contract is effective for the period of time specified in the Contract. Any services performed by Provider before this Contract is effective or after it ceases to be effective are performed at the sole risk of Provider.

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS**