RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-52

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH TRC ENGINEERS, INC. TO A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) FOR THE RIVERWOOD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT – PHASE I; AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A REPALING CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas appointed the City Manager as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is responsible for the proper administration of all affairs of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas has the steadfastness to ensure the quality of our City water supply; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop will continue to invest on its assets for future generations.

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

<u>Section 1:</u> That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Professional Services Contract attached as Exhibit A, to a not-to-exceed amount of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00).

<u>Section 2:</u> All orders, ordinances, and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extend of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and it is so resolved.

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas this 24^{th} day of May, 2022.

APPROVED:

Cønnie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney

CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

PART I - AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, by the authority of the Texas Government Code Chapter 2254, Subchapter A, Professional Services, entered into this <u>25th</u> day of <u>February</u>, <u>2022</u>, by and between the <u>City of Bastrop</u>, hereinafter called the "City", acting herein by <u>Paul A. Hofmann</u>, <u>City Manager</u> hereunto duly authorized, and <u>TRC Engineers</u>, <u>Inc.</u> hereinafter called "Firm", acting herein by <u>Jeff</u> Dahm, P.E., Austin Office Practice Leader - DMS.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop desires to:

- Scope 1: develop and submit a water line improvements TxCDBG Community Development (CD) Fund grant application; and with funding,
- Scope 2: Implement/construct the Riverwood Water Main Replacement project identified in the application under the general direction of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter called "TxCDBG") Program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop desires to engage TRC Engineers, Inc. to render certain engineering services in connection with this 2021 TxCDBG water improvements application and with funding the subsequent engineering of the project.

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 the date of the City's contract execution with the Texas Community Department Block Grant Program. In any event, all of the services required and performed hereunder shall be completed no later than the completion date in the City's contract with the Texas Community Department Block Grant Program.

3. <u>Local Program Liaison</u>

For purposes of this Agreement, the Mayor 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, 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 closeout the City's TxCDBG contract with TDA.

5. Retention of Records

The Firm shall retain all required records for three years after the City 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 \$55,000.00. 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 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 Bastrop 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 and incorporated into this Agreement.

9. Extent of Agreement

This Agreement, which includes Parts I-IV and Attachment A represents the entire and integrated agreement between the City 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 the City and the Firm.

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

CITY OF BASTROP

TRC ENGINEERS, INC.

Paul A. Hofinann City Manager K. Beau Perry, P.E.

Regional Vice President - DMS

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PART II

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Scope of Services #1: The Firm shall provide develop and complete engineering documents necessary for a 2021 TxCDBG Program Community Development (CD) Fund application for the Riverwood Water Main Replacement project.

Scope of Services #2: With funding, the Firm shall render the following professional services necessary for the development of the project:

- 1. Attend and lead preliminary conferences with the City regarding the requirements of the project and provide meeting minutes within 2 days.
- 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:
 - a. Name and address of property owners;
 - b. Legal description of parcels to be acquired, and sketches/graphic exhibits for ROW/easements instruments; and
- 3. Make any necessary surveys of existing rights-of-way, topography, utilities, or other field data required for proper design of the project. The Firm will review any tests required and act as the City's representative in connection with any such services.
- 4. TRC will be responsible for discussions on conflicts with Franchise Utilities as determined and marked when calling 811.
- 5. Make one (1) monthly visit for a duration of six (6) months, 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. TRC will attend and lead construction meeting with the City and contractor regarding the progress of the project and provide meeting minutes within 2 days. TRC will review quantities installed with the contractor during these meetings for progress Pay Requests.
- 6. Submit detailed drawings and plans/specifications to appropriate regulatory agency(ies) and obtain clearance.
- 7. Submit to the City for review and comments 60%, 90% and 100% complete design submittal, including plans and profiles, specifications, contract documents, project manual and OPCC. The Firm will submit the review documents to the City through Bluebeam. The Firm will compile all comments and Firm's responses on an excel spreadsheet. And incorporate comments on the next submittal design package.
- 8. Apply and submit permits on behalf of the City to any permits required.
- 9. Prepare bid packet/contract documents/advertisement for bids. TRC will advertise the project on CivCast and address all questions through CivCast or Addendum as necessary. TRC will attend the bid opening and provide a bid tab and recommendation of award. The recommendation will include reference checks of a minimum of the three (3) low bidders. TRC will attend one (1) City Council meeting for questions if requested.
- 10. Incorporate any and all wage rate modifications or supersedes via bid addendum (if applicable).
- 11. Tabulate, analyze, and review bids for completeness and accuracy.

- 12. Conduct pre-construction conference, providing Agenda and Meeting Minutes within 2 days.
- 13. Issue Notice to Proceed to construction contractor.
- 14. Subsequent to construction award, the Firm should provide conformed construct contract documents to include plans and specifications as follows:
 - i. Four (4) plan sets (two (2) 24"x36", two (2) 12"x18") and one (2) project manual to the CITY.
 - ii. One (1) plan set (24"x36") and one (1) project manual to the contractor.
 - iii. Electronic files to the CITY and contractor
- 15. 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.
- 16. Design for access by persons with disabilities for those facilities to be used by the public in accordance with Public Law 504.
- 17. Use TDA-approved forms for instructions to bidders, general conditions, contract, bid bond, performance bond, and payment bond.
- 18. Consult with and advise the City during construction; issue to contractors all instructions requested by the City; and prepare routine change orders if required, at no charge for engineering services to the City when the change order is required to correct errors or omissions by the Firm; provide price analysis for change orders and recommend approval or denial; process change orders approved by the City and the Firm and submit to TDA for approval prior to execution with the construction contractor.
- 19. 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). Approve and/or provide comments/recommendations on all shop drawings, change orders, and request for information (RFIs) for the Project. Review and determine acceptability of deviations from specifications, substitute materials and equipment in consultation with City's Project Manager and make recommendation regarding such deviations or substitutions. Review laboratory testing reports, field change requests and change orders and provide comments to City. Provide written responses to requests for information or clarification to City or contractor. Provide and maintain an accurate Change Order Log, Submittal Log and Requests for Information Log throughout the duration of the Project and make such logs available to the City.
- 20. The Firm will perform a review of contractor's construction schedule in accordance with the specifications. An initial schedule will be reviewed for schedule health and for consistency with project phasing and contract time limits. Comments will be provided to the Contractor and the CITY. Monthly progress schedule updates will be reviewed, and comments of observations provided for discussion with the contractor.
- 21. Resolve all payment requests within 14 days of receipt of signed pay request from the construction contractor.
- 22. 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, 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.

- 23. Recommend that a 10% retainage is withheld from all payments on construction contracts until final acceptance by the City and approval by TDA, unless State or local law provides otherwise.
- 24. Attend and lead a substantial and final completion walkthrough and provide punch list items within 2 days.
- 25. 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).
- 26. Conduct interim/final inspections.
- 27. Revise contract drawings to show the work as actually constructed, and furnish the City with a set of "record drawings" plans in pdf and AutoCAD.
- 28. 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 <u>not</u> 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. 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.
- 2. The Firm shall, prior to proceeding with the work, notify the City 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. The Firm is responsible for their subcontractor's work.
- 4. The Firm is responsible for managing their own subcontractors.
- 5. If any time during progress of the work, the City determines that any subcontractor is incompetent or undesirable, the City 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.
- 6. 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).

- 7. 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.
- 8. 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 including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.
- 9. 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
- 10. 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.
- 11. The Firm will include in all negotiated contracts and subcontracts a provision to the effect that the City, TDA, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Comptroller General of the United States, 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.
- 12. 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 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 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 the City and at the Firm's expense if the deficiency is due to Firm's negligence. The City 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 under applicable state or federal law.
- 4. The Firm agrees to and shall hold harmless the City, 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 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Scope of Work #1: Firm shall prepare/develop a 2021 TxCDBG Community Development (CD) Fund application with completion and submission of application to TDA.

Scope of Work #2: With funding of project, the City shall reimburse the Firm for professional services provided upon completion of the following project milestones per the following percentages of the maximum contract amount:

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Basic Engineering Service Milestone

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| 1. | Completion of preliminary Engineering plans and specifications. | 20% |
| 2. | Completion of final plans and specifications, and completion of bid advertisements and contract award. | 30% |
| 3. | Start of Construction | 35% |
| 4. | Completion of all Interim and Final Inspections | 5% |
| 5. | Completion of Record Drawing | 5% |
| 6. | TXCDBG Closeout Requirements | 5% |
| | TOTAL | 100% |

\$50,000,00

SPECIAL SERVICES:

The fee for all Special Services (topographical surveying) shall not exceed a total of <u>Five Thousand and 00/100</u> dollars (\$5,000.00) upon completion of surveying and necessary field data. The payment for these Special Services shall be paid as a lump sum.

PART IV TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT, ENGINEERING SERVICES

1. <u>Termination of Agreement for Cause</u>. 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 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, be turned over to the City and become the property of the City. 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 for damages sustained by the City by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by the Firm, and the City 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. <u>Termination for Convenience of the City</u>. The City may at any time and for any reason terminate Firm's services and work at the City's convenience upon providing written notice to the Firm specifying the extent of termination and the effective date. Upon receipt of such notice, Firm 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.

Upon such termination, Firm shall be entitled to payment only as follows: (1) the actual cost of the work completed in conformity with this Agreement; plus, (2) such other costs actually incurred by Firm as are permitted by the prime contract and approved by the City; (3) plus ten percent (10%) of the cost of the work referred to in subparagraph 1. above for overhead and profit. There shall be deducted from such sums as provided in this subparagraph the amount of any payments made to Firm prior to the date of the termination of this Agreement. Firm shall not be entitled to any claim or claim of lien against the City for any additional compensation or damages in the event of such termination and payment.

- 3. <u>Changes</u>. The City 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. 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.
- 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. 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. <u>Assignability</u>. 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 thereto; Provided, however, that claims for money by the Firm from the City 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.
- 7. <u>Reports and Information</u>. The Firm, at such times and in such forms as the City may require, shall furnish the City 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 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 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. <u>Findings Confidential</u>. 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.
- 10. <u>Copyright</u>. 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. <u>Compliance with Local Laws</u>. The Firm shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and codes of the State and local governments, and the Firm shall save the City 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 and no other officer, employee, or agent of the City, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with administration, construction, engineering, or implementation of TxCDBG award between TDA and the City, 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, 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.
- c. 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 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 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. <u>Equal Opportunity Clause</u> (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. <u>Civil Rights Act of 1964</u>. 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. <u>Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.</u> 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. <u>Age Discrimination Act of 1975</u>. 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. <u>Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment</u> (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 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).

