



**CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS**

**GRANT ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**DATE: January 12, 2017**

**GRANT (ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATION/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES)  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Montgomery seeks to develop an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2017/2018 Disaster Relief for eligible activities associated to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Accordingly, the City is separately soliciting (A) proposals from Administrative Consultants for Application Preparation and Project Administration and (B) qualifications from Texas-Registered Engineers to provide engineering services associated with Application Preparation and Project Implementation.

Firms and/or individuals should have past experience with federally funded programs.

Please submit a proposal of services and/or a statement of qualifications to: Susan Hensley, City Secretary, P.O. Box 708, 101 Old Plantersville Road, Montgomery, Texas 77356. (936) 597-6434 or [shensley@ci.montgomery.tx.us](mailto:shensley@ci.montgomery.tx.us)

Submittals for these services shall be received by the City no later than 3:00 pm on February 2, 2017. Submittals received after the date and time shown will not be accepted. The same firm will not be awarded contracts to provide both services. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals. The City reserves the right to refuse any, or all, submittals. The City of Montgomery is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Susan Hensley, City Secretary

The City of Montgomery requests that the RFP proposal should include the following:

- Statement of Qualifications
- Proposed cost of services/fee structure;
- Related experience with federal programs;
- Capacity to perform the specific proposed task;
- Experience in developing and/or implementing civil rights/equal opportunity/fair housing activities; and
- References - list of past/current clients
- Sample Contract

## SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Contractor shall provide the following scope of services: *(choose contracted services)*

### **A. Project Management**

1. Develop a recordkeeping system consistent with program guidelines, including the establishment of a filing system.
2. Maintenance of filing system.
3. Provide general advice and technical assistance to the City/County personnel on implementation of project and regulatory matters.
4. Assist in the procurement of professional consulting engineering services through the request for proposal process, if applicable, and as required by the TxCDBG regulations.
5. Furnish City/County with necessary forms and procedures required for implementation of project.
6. Assist the City/County in meeting all special condition requirements that may be stipulated in the contract between the City/County and TOA.
7. Prepare and submit to TOA documentation necessary for amending the TxCDBG contract.
8. Conduct re-assessment of environmental clearance for any program amendments.
9. Prepare and submit quarterly reports (progress and minority hiring).
10. Prepare Financial Information Report or City/County.
11. Establish procedures to document expenditures associated with local administration of the project.
12. Provide guidance and assistance to City/County regarding acquisition of property:
  - Submit required reports concerning acquisition activities to TOA;
  - Establish a separate acquisition file for each parcel of real property acquired;
  - Determine necessary method(s) for acquiring real property;
  - Prepare correspondence to the property owners for the City/County's signature to acquire the property or to secure an easement; and
  - Assist the City/County in negotiation with property owner(s).
13. Maintain TxCDBG Property Management register for any property/equipment purchased or leased.
14. Serve as liaison for the City/County during any monitoring visit by staff representatives from either TOA or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### **B. Financial Management**

1. Assist the City/County in proving its ability to manage the grant funds to the state's audit division.
1. Assist the City/County in establishing and maintaining a bank account (Direct Deposit account) and/or separate local bank account, journals and ledgers.
2. Assist the City/County in submitting the required Accounting System Certification letter, Direct Deposit Authorization Form (if applicable), and/or Depository/Authorized Signatory form to TOA.

3. Prepare all fund drawdowns on behalf of the City/County in order to ensure orderly, timely payments to all contracting parties within the allotted time period.
4. Review invoices received for payment and file back-up documentation.
5. Provide general advice and technical assistance to City/County personnel on implementation of project and regulatory matters.
6. Assist the City/County in establishing procedures to handle the use of any TxCDBG program income.

**C. Environmental Review**

1. Prepare environmental assessment.
2. Coordinate environmental clearance procedures with other federal or state agencies and interested parties responsible for implementing applicable laws.
3. Document consideration of any public comments.
4. Prepare any required re-assessment of environmental assessment.
5. Prepare Request for Release of Funds and certifications to be sent to TOA.

**D. Acquisition**

1. Prepare required acquisition reports(s).
2. Obtain documentation of ownership for City/County-owned property and/or Right of Way (ROWs).
3. Maintain a separate file for each parcel of real property acquired.
4. Determine necessary method(s) for acquiring real property.
5. Prepare correspondence with property owners.
6. Assist City/County in negotiations with property owner(s).
7. Prepare required acquisition reports and submit to TOA.

**E. Construction Management**

1. Establish procedures to document expenditures associated with local construction of the project (if force account is applicable).
  - Assist City/County in determining whether and/or what TxCDBG contract activities will be carried out in whole or in part via force account labor.
  - Assist City/County in determining whether or not it will be necessary to hire temporary employees to specifically carry out TxCDBG contract activities.
  - Assist City/County in maintaining adequate documentation of personnel, equipment and materials expended/used and their costs.
2. Assist City/County in documenting compliance with all federal and state requirements related to equal employment opportunity.
3. Assist City/County in documenting compliance with all federal and state requirements related to minimum wage and overtime pay requirements.
4. Provide assistance to or act as local labor standards officer. Notify TOA in writing of name, address, and phone number of appointed labor standards compliance officer.
5. Request wage rates from TOA.

6. Provide sample TxCDBG contract documents to engineer.
7. Advertise for bids.
8. Make ten-day call to TDA.
8. Verify construction contractor eligibility with TOA.
9. Review construction contract.
10. Conduct pre-construction conference and prepare minutes.
11. Submit any reports of additional classification and rates to TDA.
12. Issue Notice of Start of Construction to TOA.
13. Review weekly payrolls, including compliance follow-ups. Conduct employee interviews.
14. Process change orders approved by City/County and the project engineer and submit to TOA prior to execution with the construction contractor.
15. Obtain Certificate of Construction Completion/Final Wage Compliance Report and submit to TOA.
16. Provide general advice and technical assistance to City/County personnel on implementation of project and regulatory matters.

**F. Fair Housing / Equal Opportunity**

1. Assist the City/County in developing, implementing and documenting new activities to affirmatively further fair housing during the contract period.
2. Maintain documentation of all project beneficiaries by ethnicity and gender.
3. Assist with the development and administration of the Citizen Participation Plan per 24 CFR Part 91, including grievance procedures.
4. Assist with Section 3 requirements per 24 CFR Part 135.
5. Prepare all Section 504 requirements per 24 CFR Part 8.
6. Provide all applicable equal opportunity provisions and certifications for inclusion in bid packet.
7. Ensure adoption of Excessive Force provision per 24 CFR Part 91.
8. Ensure the adequate publication of required notices.

**G. Relocation**

1. Prepare and submit local relocation guidelines to TOA for approval.
2. Assist City/County in identifying individuals to be relocated and prepare appropriate notices.
3. Interview relocatees and identify assistance needs.
4. Maintain a relocation record for each individual/family.
5. Provide education/assistance to relocatees.
6. Inventory local available housing resources and maintain a referral list.
8. Issue appropriate notices to relocatees.
9. Ensure that all payments are made in a timely manner.

**H. Rehabilitation of Private Property**

1. Prepare and submit local rehabilitation guidelines to TOA for approval.
2. Assist City/County in establishing escrow account and obtaining TDA approval.
3. Develop outreach and necessary application processing/verification forms.
4. Screen applicants.
5. Prepare work write-ups and cost estimates.
6. Issue Notice to Proceed to construction contractor(s).

7. Conduct interim/final inspections, process final contract documents, and maintain a record of beneficiaries.
8. Maintain client files following TOA requirements.

**I. Audit /Close-out Procedures**

1. Prepare the final Project Completion Report, including the General Report, Recipient Beneficiary Report, Final Financial Interest Report, and any required documentation regarding citizen participation/equal rights/fair housing and Certificate of Completion.
2. Assist City/County in resolving any monitoring and audit findings.
3. Assist City/County in resolving any third party claims.
4. Provide auditor with TxCDBG audit guidelines.

Administration/Professional Services Rating Sheet

Grant Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

TxCDBG Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Date of Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Experience.** Rate the Respondent of the Request For Proposal (RFP) by awarding points up to the maximum listed for each factor. Information necessary to assess the Respondent on these criteria may be gathered either from past experience with the Respondent and/or by contacting past/current clients of the Respondent.

**Experience**

Factors	Max.Pts.	
1. Related Experience / Background with federally funded projects	10	_____
2. Related Experience / Background with specific project type (housing rehabilitation, acquisition of property, coordination with regulatory agency, etc.)	5	_____
4. Certified Administrator of TxCDBG Program by TDA	5	_____
5. References from current/past clients	10	_____
Subtotal, Experience	30	=====

**Work Performance**

Factors	Max.Pts.	
1. Submits requests to client/TOA in a timely manner	5	_____
2. Responds to client/TOA requests in a timely manner	5	_____
3. Past client/TOA projects completed on schedule	5	_____
4. Work product is consistently of high quality with low level of errors	5	_____
5. Past client/TOA projects have low level of monitoring findings/concerns	5	_____
6. Manages projects within budgetary constraints	5	_____
Subtotal, Performance	30	_____

**Capacity to Perform**

Factors	Max.Pts.	
1. Qualifications of Professional Administrators / Experience of Staff	5	_____
2. Present and Projected Workloads	5	_____
3. Quality of Proposal/Work Plan	5	_____
4. Demonstrated understanding of scope of the TxCDBG Project	5	_____
Subtotal, Capacity to Perform	20	_____

**Proposed Cost**

Factors	Max.Pts.	
Lowest Proposal \$ _____		_____
Bidder's Proposal \$ _____		_____

**A + B X 20 equals Respondent's Score**      20

**TOTAL SCORE**

Factors	Max.Pts.	
Experience	30	_____
Work Performance	30	_____
Capacity to Perform	20	_____
Proposed Cost	20	_____

**Total Score**      100