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**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS &
REQUIREMENTS**

The undersigned [Bidder] certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge that _____, Bidder company or legal entity responding to this IFB, understands and is in compliance with the applicable federal standards and regulatory requirements, including but not limited to those specified in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. 200 Appendix II, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and those listed under *Required Contract Provisions*, and agrees to pass through these requirements to its subcontractors and third-party contractors who will perform work on or are relevant to this contract, as applicable. **Bidder must initial by each regulatory requirement and sign below.**

- _____ **A. ACCESS TO RECORDS & RECORD RETENTION** – Bidder agrees to comply with 2 CFR 200.336 and provide ACAM, Harris County, the State of Texas, the Texas General Land Office (GLO), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the FEMA Administrator, the Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their pass-through entities or authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the successful Bidder(s) which are directly pertinent to this contract/project for the purposes of making/responding to audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. Successful Bidder shall maintain all records pertaining to the project for seven (7) years after receiving final payment and after all other pending matters have been closed.
- _____ **B. ACCESSIBILITY** – Bidder agrees to comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations which prohibit recipients of federal funding from discriminating against individuals with disabilities. Applicable laws and regulations with which Bidder must comply shall include, but are not limited to, the following: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794) (24 CFR Parts 8-9); the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4151-4157); the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (Appendix A to 24 CFR Part 40 and Appendix A to 41 CFR Part 101-19, subpart 101-19.6); the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131; 47 U.S.C. 155, 201, 218, and 225); Texas Administrative Code, Title 10, Chapter 60, Subchapter (B) the Texas Architectural Barriers Act (TABAA); the Architectural Barriers (AB) Rules; and the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS).
- _____ **C. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AGREEMENT** – Bidder submitting bids exceeding \$100,000 agree to comply with CFR 200 APPENDIX II (J) and 24 CFR 570.303, and shall file the required certification (see Exhibit E, *Certification Regarding Lobbying*) under 31 U.S.C. 1352.
- _____ **D. CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 (TITLE VI 42 U.S.C. § 2000D)** – Bidder agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 109 of the Community Development Act of 1974, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794) (24 CFR Parts 8-9), and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131; 47 U.S.C. 155, 201, 218, and 225), which prohibits Contractors from excluding or denying individuals benefits or participation in this project on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability. The provisions require that no person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color, national origin 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 community development funds made available pursuant to these Acts.
- _____ **E. CLEAN AIR ACT & THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT** – If at any time during the contract term funding to contract exceeds \$150,000, Bidder agrees to comply with all provisions of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 85) and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended. Bidder agrees it shall not expend such funds by making use of subcontracting with facilities included on the Environmental Protection Agency List of Violating Facilities as per Section 306 of the Clean

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Air Act, Section 508 of The Clean Water Act, Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency Regulations 40 CFR.

For any subcontractors under this contract receiving contracts in excess of \$150,000 Bidder agrees to include a provision that requires compliance with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 85) and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations shall be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

- _____ **F. *CONTRACT WORK HOURS & SAFETY STANDARDS ACT*** – Bidder agrees to comply with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. For any contract awarded under this contract opportunity in excess of \$100,000, that contract shall be a covered transaction for purposes of compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5).
- _____ **G. *COPELAND “ANTI-KICKBACK” ACT*** – Bidder agrees to comply with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each vendor, contractor, subcontractor, or subrecipient shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.
- _____ **H. *COST PLUS CONTRACTING PROHIBITED*** – Bidder agrees to comply with the prohibition against cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost (CPPC) contracting. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.323(d), Bidder agrees to never use cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost methods of contracting, including in subcontracts and third-party contracts. A cost-plus contract is one that is structured to pay the contractor or subcontractor their actual costs incurred, plus a fixed percent for profit or overhead.
- _____ **I. *DAVIS BACON & RELATED ACTS*** – When applicable, Bidder agrees to comply with the Davis Bacon and Related Acts, and the requirements shall be applicable to any labor or mechanic work completed in connection with this contract which fall under the Davis Bacon Act. Any Contractor awarded under this contract is required to comply with the Davis Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3 and part 6). In accordance with the statute, Contractors are required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week.
- _____ **J. *DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION*** – Bidder affirms that it is not debarred nor suspended from receiving federally-funded awards. Non-federal entities and contractors are subject to the debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension (1986) and Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension (1989) at 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and the Department of Homeland Security’s regulations at 2 C.F.R. Part 3000 (Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension). These regulations restrict awards, sub-awards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs and activities.
- _____ **K. *ENERGY EFFICIENCY*** – Bidder agrees to comply with the standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).

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- _____ **L. *EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY*** – Bidder agrees to comply with the Equal Opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity (30 Fed. Reg. 12319, 12935, 3 C.F.R. Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity, and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 60 (Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor).

Bidder agrees it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Bidder agrees to 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.

- _____ **M. *EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES*** – Bidder agrees to comply with the requirements of the equal opportunity clause at 41 CFR 60-741.5(a). This clause prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability, and requires affirmative action by the Contractor to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

Bidder agrees to include the terms of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of \$15,000 unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

- _____ **N. *EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS*** – Bidder agrees to comply with required Equal Employment Opportunity for VEVRAA Protected Veterans provisions (41 CFR 60.300). Bidder agrees it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because he or she is a disabled veteran, recently separated veteran, active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran, or Armed Forces service medal veteran in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. Bidder agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified individuals without discrimination based on their status as a protected veteran in all employment practices.

Bidder shall include the Equal Employment Opportunity for VEVRAA Protected Veterans clause in each of its covered Government contracts or subcontracts (and modifications, renewals, or extensions thereof if not included in the original contract).

- _____ **O. *FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT*** – Bidder agrees to comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. Section 201 et seq.). Bidder warrants and represents that it will pay all its workers all monies earned by its workers including, but not limited to regular wages, any overtime compensation, or any additional payments pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 207 9a(1), as amended; the Texas Pay Day Act; the Equal Pay Act; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000, et al., as amended; or any provisions of the Texas Labor Code Ann., as amended.

- _____ **P. *FLOOD DISASTER PROTECTION ACT OF 1973*** – Bidder agrees to comply with the provisions in 24 CFR 570.605, Section 202(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4106), and the regulations in 44 CFR Parts 59-79.

- _____ **Q. *GREEN BUILDING*** – Bidder agrees to comply with local codes and national building codes for any work involving rehabilitation or construction, including design. When contract is funded, in whole or in part, by HUD funding, Bidder agrees to comply with applicable Green Building standards to the maximum extent feasible. Green Building standards may apply to single-family properties, multifamily properties, or both and may include, but are not limited to best practices defined under LEED, Enterprise Green Communities, or

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NAHB National Green Building Standards and may include specific measures for water conservation, energy efficiency, and indoor air quality. Bidder agrees to comply with the following standards, as applicable:

- 2009 ICC International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
- ASHRAE 90.1-2007, which sets minimum energy standards for buildings except low-rise residential buildings
- ASHRAE 62.1-2010 and 62.2-2010, which set minimum standards for ventilation for indoor air quality for common areas in mid- and high-rise buildings, and low-rise residential buildings, respectively.
- New or replacement residential housing, when funded by CDBG-DR grants, must adhere to Green Building standards, including Energy Star Certified Homes or Energy Star for Multifamily High Rise and other applicable green building requirements.
- Moderate residential housing rehabilitation, when funded by CDBG-DR grants, must comply with the Community Planning & Development (CPD) Retrofit Checklist and provide Energy Star appliances, Water Sense or FEMP products if replaced.

_____ **R. *HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT*** – Bidder agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless ACAM and Harris County

from all claims for personal injury, death and/or property damage resulting directly or indirectly from contractor's performance. The successful Bidder shall procure and maintain, with respect to the subject matter of this Invitation for Bids, appropriate insurance coverage including, at a minimum, public liability and property damage with adequate limits to cover contractor's liability as may arise directly or indirectly from work performed under terms of this Invitation for Bids. Certification of such coverage must be provided to the County upon request.

_____ **S. *LEAD BASED PAINT*** – Bidder agrees to comply with the provisions found in 24 CFR 570.608, the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4821-4846), the Residential Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (U.S.C. 4851-4856, and 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K, and R. This Article 2(f) is to be included in all subcontracts, for work in connection with this Agreement, which relate to residential structures.

_____ **T. *NON-COLLUSION*** – Bidder agrees to comply with The Sherman Act, which prohibits any agreement among competitors to fix prices, rig bids, or engage in other anticompetitive activity. Collusion, bid rigging, or other anticompetitive activity is considered a felony. Bidder agrees that it has not in any way directly or indirectly: Colluded, conspired, or agreed with any other person, firm, corporation, Bidder or potential Bidder to the amount of this Bid or the terms or conditions of this Bid; Paid or agreed to pay any other person, firm, corporation Bidder or potential Bidder any money or anything of value in return for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or in return for establishing the prices in the attached Bid or the Bid of any other Bidder; or Assembled in coordination with any other organization in an attempt to fix the price of the work.

_____ **U. *PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES*** – Bidder agrees to comply with the Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise participation requirements under 2 CFR 200.321. Contractors who are awarded contracts with the County are required to take all affirmative steps necessary to subcontract with Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBES).

_____ **V. *POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST*** – In accordance with 2 CFR 200.112, Bidder agrees to comply with disclosure requirements pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176. Bidder agrees not to use funds to directly or indirectly pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence any public employee or official in connection with the awarding of any contract or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any contract. By law, the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (provided by the Texas Ethics Commission at www.ethics.state.tx.us) must be filed with the records administrator of the local

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governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date Bidder becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed.

- _____ **W. PREVAILING WAGES** – Bidder agrees to comply with Texas Government Code (TGC) 2258, Prevailing Wage Rates. In accordance with the statute, Contractors shall be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the local prevailing wages, or Davis Bacon wages, as applicable. If both Texas prevailing wages and Davis Bacon provide rates for a particular class, Contractors must pay the greater wage rate.

- _____ **X. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS** – Bidder agrees to comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at 42 U.S.C. § 6962). As such, any contractors awarded under this contract opportunities are subject to the requirements of Section 6002.

- _____ **Y. PROGRAM FRAUD & FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT OR RELATED ACTS** – Bidder agrees to comply with 31 U.S.C. Chapter 38, *Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements*, which applies to the activities and actions of the Contractor and its subcontractors pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

- _____ **Z. RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS & PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS** – The Bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that it:
 - Is not a Contractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list.
 - Has not and will not enter into any subcontract with a subcontractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list.
 - Will not provide any product of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

- _____ **AA. SECTION 3 ACT OF 1968** – Bidder agrees to comply with the provisions of 12 U.S.C. 1701u and 24 CFR 75. For any HUD-funded contract with an anticipated value in excess of \$200,000, the contract shall be considered a covered transaction for purposes of compliance with the Section 3 Act of 1968. Contractor must include the Section 3 Clause (Attachment Q, *Section 3 Clause*) in its entirety, in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR 75. **DISCLAIMER: THIS SOLICITATION DOES NOT INVOLVE HUD FUNDING AND THEREFORE SECTION 3 DOES NOT APPLY.**

If requested by ACAM and/or Harris County, Bidder agrees to provide their policy and/or documentation verifying compliance with each of the above listed regulatory requirements.

Print Name and Title of Bidder’s Authorized Official

Signature of Bidder’s Authorized Official Date