RFP-24-190-WAP-Assistance Program

Request for Proposal Weatherization Assistance Program



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ACRONYMS

Abbreviation	Definition	Abbreviation	Definition
RFP	Request for Proposal ANS		American National Standards
			Institute
AACOG	Alamo Area Council of	ASTM	American Society for Testing and
	Governments		Materials International
AYBR	Amy Young Barrier Removal	IEEE	Institute of Electrical and
	, ,		Electronics Engineers
H4TH	Homes for Texas Heroes	NFPA	National Fire Protection
			Association
WEA	Weatherization	SRCC	Solar Rating and Certification Corporation
HUB	Historically Underutilized	UL	UL (formerly Underwriters
ПОВ	Businesses	UL	Laboratories)
DSE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	TVC	Texas Veteran's Commission
VET	Veteran	ASHRAE	American Society of Heating,
V L 1		ASIINAL	Refrigeration, & AC Engineers
DOE	Department of Energy	CAZ	Combustion Appliance Zone
TDHCA	Texas Department of Housing and community Affairs	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
LIHEAP	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	OAG	Office of Attorney General
WAP	Weatherization Assistance Program	LBP	Lead Based Paint
ECM	Energy Conservation Measure	RRP	Remodeling and Painting Rule
SOW	Scope of Work	DOW	Description of Work
HVAC	Heating, Venting, and Air Conditioning	GPM	Gallons Per Minute
CO	Carbon Monoxide	GPF	Gallons Per Flush
NTP	Notice to Proceed	LPF	Liters Per Flush
IDIQ	Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity Contract	BTU	British Thermal Unit
AHAM	Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers	iation of Home Appliance	
UPC	Universal Product Code	К	thousand
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	IPC	International Plumbing Code

1.1 PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Introduction

The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors to provide energy conservation and accessibility renovation services within the applicable service area for the Amy Young, Homes for Texas Heroes, and Weatherization programs administered by the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG). Work will be performed in single-family and multi-family units for the AACOG Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 contingent upon AACOG approval, and funding availability. AACOG accepts applications for qualifications from firms to provide the following services:

- Provide low-income, eligible clients with energy-efficiency retrofit services
- Provide home accessibility modifications for people with disabilities.
- Provide home modifications and/or home repairs for Veterans.

1.2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.2.1 Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG)

AACOG is a voluntary association of municipal and county governments, and special districts located in Bexar County and the surrounding thirteen counties. Established in 1967 under Chapter 391 of the Local Government Code of Texas, AACOG operates as a political subdivision of the state. It serves its members by facilitating planning, information dissemination, and coordination activities. AACOG covers the Alamo Area/State Planning Region 18, encompassing 13 counties and spanning 12,582 square miles. The counties within the planning region are Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, McMullen, and Wilson. Veteran Directed Care program covers a total of 21 counties that are covered by the South Texas Veterans Healthcare System (Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital and Kerrville VA Hospital), including those listed above and Bee, Blanco, Kinney, Hays, Real, Travis, Uvalde, and Val Verde counties.

It is AACOG's policy to treat all persons, potential members, vendors, contractors, subcontractors, providers, suppliers, and others fairly, equitable, and non-discriminatorily. AACOG employees, as public servants, will execute their duties in a fair and legal manner, avoiding actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

1.2.2 Funding Sources

Funding for this RFP is from the United States Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Amy Young Barrier Removal (AYBR) Program, Texas Veteran's Commission (TVC), and Texas Department of Health and Human Services (HHSC). AACOG expects to award multiple contracts for services in the AACOG region.

1.3 SCOPE OF WORK

1.3.1 Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Work Description WAP work includes, but is not limited to the installation of attic, wall, and floor insulation; replacement and/or repair Heating, Venting, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems, including central systems and duct work; central and vented wall furnaces, removal of unvented space heaters; venting items to code; removal and replacement of window A/C unites; replacement of refrigerators; gas stoves and water heaters; replacement and/or repair of windows, doors or storm windows; installation of solar screens; weather-stripping, caulking, and other air infiltration reduction measures. Other items may include tub surround work, door adjustments, jamb-ups, minor roof repairs, sheetrock work, installation of gas and electrical lines, digital thermostats, smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detector installation etc.

The Amy Young Barrier Removal (AYBR) program allows for home modifications that increase accessibility, eliminate life-threatening hazards and correct unsafe conditions for eligible homes. Modifications include, but are not limited to ramps, grab bars, door widening, and bathroom modifications.

1.3.2 Amy Young Barrier Removal (AYBR) and Homes for Texas Heroes (H4TH) Bid Process

AACOG qualifies family and home eligibility. A third-party vendor and/or AACOG conducts energy audits. AACOG issues a Scope of Work (SOW) to the contractor and a Prebid meeting is held at the project site. Contractors are required to attend the Prebid meeting. The Contractor utilizes the SOW and Prebid meeting to create the bid proposal and submit to AACOG. AACOG selects and awards the winning bid to the contractor. The AYBR and H4TH Programs General Work Specifications (Appendix A), are attached to this RFP. The AYBR and H4TH Material Installation Standards web link is in Section 1.13.13 of this RFP.

1.3.3 WAP Bid Process

AACOG qualifies family and home eligibility. A third-party vendor and/or AACOG conducts energy audits. AACOG defines, creates, and assigns the work order to a contractor. Costs are determined by AACOG.

1.3.4 Work Assessment

AACOG will perform the majority of work associated with assessing homes to determine eligibility for WAP programs. See Exhibit D Assessment Pricing List. Occasionally, AACOG will use third-party contractors to assess home eligibility to expedite the process. Assessment includes blower door testing, duct testing, refrigerator metering, combustion appliance zone testing, plus mandatory camera photographs of walls and anomalies recommended measures in conformity with LIHEAP Priority list, client questionnaire, floor plan with windows and door sizes, attic inspection, wall inspection, Combustion Appliance Zone (CAZ) zone test, appliance specifications sheet, blower door datasheet, American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) 62.2 2016 calculator, duct blower data sheet, refrigerator calculator, refrigerator replacement form, acknowledgement of burglar bar removal, window unit replacement calculator, acknowledgment of refusal of weatherization work measures (if applicable), notes to the auditor, Energy Conservation Education, Unified Weatherization Elements Notification, Mold-Like Substance Notification and Release Form, and Systematic Alien form.

- **1.3.5** All work must comply with all applicable policies, procedures, and regulations of federal, state, and AACOG documents attached and/or referenced in this RFP for the Amy Young, Homes for Texas Heroes, and Weatherization programs managed by AACOG. Contractor understands and agrees that any work performed under this RFP is done pursuant to either a State or Federally funded program with detailed specifications and requirements that MUST be strictly adhered to and faithfully followed in all respects. Contractor must use only materials which meet or exceed the standards prescribed by referenced or attached documents to this RFP.
- **1.3.6** A "Notice to Proceed" shall be generated to the Contractor that has been awarded the project. The notice to proceed will contain a start date and an anticipated completion date (As dictated by the Program Manager and/or assigned representative in writing). The Notice to Proceed is the official written authorization indicating that a Contractor has been awarded the project. Contractor shall not begin any work until receiving AACOG's written Notice to Proceed.

1.1 PROJECT BUDGET

Maximum estimated funds per AACOG approval, available per project:

- \$12,000.00 budget per project for **WAP** funded customers
- \$20,000.00 budget per project for **AYBR** funded customers
- \$20,000.00 budget per project for **H4TXH** funded customers

1.4 General Work Requirements:

The contractor must recognize the special needs and concerns of lowincome, elderly and handicapped clients and must ensure that clients are at all times treated respectfully and professionally. The contractor's staff must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.

- 1.4.1 The contractor must be licensed, certified and prepared to adhere to Lead Safety Practices when performing work on older housing stock. Contractors should expect unannounced monitoring of records and work sites by AACOG staff as well as various agencies from the U.S. Government and the State of Texas. All work will be inspected by an AACOG Inspection Professional prior to invoicing.
- **1.4.2** Upon completion of a project, the contractor must remove all debris from the job site and dispose of it in a proper and responsible manner.
- **1.4.3** The contractor will take all precautions necessary to protect all existing trees, shrubbery, plants, sidewalks, buildings, vehicles, etc., in the work area.
- **1.4.4** The contractor is responsible for adhering to the Lead Safe Weatherization

Practices as outlined in the <u>Lead Safe Weatherization Jobsite Handbook</u> by Montana State University Extension Service.

- **1.4.5** The work must be completed in a timely and expeditious manner. The contractor is expected to provide monthly progress reports to AACOG indicating work schedule and work status. AACOG will provide the contractor with an energy audit or listing of all the work measures authorized to be performed by the contractor on the particular dwelling unit. The contractor (work crew supervisor) is responsible for advising AACOG of any recommended changes; however, no changes will be authorized or paid for by AACOG without AACOG's prior written approval. Failure of the contractor to perform the work in accordance with the energy audit or instructions provided by AACOG will be grounds for termination of the weatherization contract.
- **1.4.6** The contractor and its subcontractors are considered independent contractors and shall indemnify and hold harmless AACOG, AACOG Weatherization staff and weatherization clients from all claims arising out of work performed.
- **1.4.7** The contractor must furnish all labor and on-site supervision pursuant to completion of weatherization activities within the identified AACOG service area.
- **1.4.8** Contractor must rebuild, repair, restore and make good at his/her own expense all injury and damage to same which may result from work being performed

under this contract.

- **1.4.9** The contractor's field staff or assigned work crew must be proficient and trained in the proper installation of comprehensive weatherization measures and use and application of weatherization diagnostic equipment and tools. Contractor must complete **Tools and Equipment List Form (Exhibit B)**.
- 1.4.10 The weatherization work measures may include work requiring the professional expertise or skills of a licensed HVAC company, plumber or electrician. The contractor is responsible for ensuring that this be provided. If the contractor chooses to subcontract this type of work, prior written approval from AACOG is required. Subcontractors are subject to the same standards as the general contractor. Therefore, financial capacity, compliance applicable laws, rules and regulations, installation standards, etc., will be required of subcontractors as well. Contractor is responsible for the payment and management of any subcontractors they employ. AACOG will not be charged separately for any type of subcontractors cost or required equipment necessary to perform construction or tests.
- **1.4.11** Contractor is responsible for any job-related illness or injury to workers in their employment and/or weatherization clients and shall indemnify and hold harmless AACOG personnel and weatherization clients in the event an on-the-job illness or injury occurs.

1.4.12 CFR 41 Part 60-3/4/20/50 – Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors

These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Moreover, these regulations require that covered prime contractors and subcontractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified protected veterans, qualified individuals with disabilities and all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

1.4.15 MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

AACOG will not be billed for materials transportation or delivery costs. Materials must be new and in good condition. AACOG will not be charged for items, which are damaged prior to or during installation, or wasted or unused (excess/leftover) materials.

All materials furnished by contractor must meet applicable U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) standards and must comply with the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) materials standards set forth in the (SWS) Standard Work Specifications, and **(Appendix A).** Materials must be new and in good condition. AACOG will pay only for those materials which meet applicable standards and which are acceptably and properly installed on

eligible dwelling units.

Contractors are responsible for documenting standards for the installation of materials pursuant to the federal Weatherization Assistance Program. Documentation must be complete and legible and will include photographs of all ECM's installed, documenting serial numbers, model numbers, efficiency ratings and other specifications.

1.4.16 REQUIRED TESTING

The contractor is required to conduct blower door tests prior to, during, and after the work (air sealing) has been completed. The air exchange rate must satisfy the desired range as prescribed by AACOG. The contractor must also conduct a carbon monoxide test on all combustion appliances in each dwelling.

When ambient CO levels exceeding 9 ppm (parts per million) are detected the contractor will disregard all air-sealing requirements and notify AACOG prior to initiating weatherization activities. Should active knob-and-tube wiring be discovered during the pre-installation assessment, the contractor must immediately contact AACOG prior to the installation of any weatherization measures.

1.4.17 QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

The contractor must rebuild, repair, restore and make good at his/her own expense all injury and damage to same which may result from work being performed under this contract.

The contractor must own an acceptable refrigerant recovery unit and must dispose of any recaptured refrigerant as required by local code and/or state law.

1.4.18 INSPECTION and REPORT REQUIREMENTS

The contractor is responsible for correcting any work deficiencies identified by the AACOG Inspection Professional. Deficiencies may include quality of workmanship, size of HVAC systems, incomplete work, etc. Failure to take required corrective action within a reasonable time period (5-7 working days) may result in termination of the contract. The contractor is also responsible to guarantee his/her work. Therefore, any calls from clients regarding problems with installed materials, equipment or appliances are required to be under a one-year warranty by the contractor. Any problems of this nature will require the contractor to return to the dwelling unit for corrective action at no cost to AACOG or the client. Uncorrected penalties will be deducted from monthly pay applications.

Building Weatherization Report

The contractor will submit a Building Weatherization Report (BWR) only for those units fully completed and ready for AACOG's Final Inspection. Following passing the Final Inspection, the contractor will be contacted and directed to submit the invoice(s) to AACOG in a regular and timely manner for payment. The contractor must designate a financial/administrative point of contact for accounting purposes.

Amy Young and Homes for Texas Hero Program Penalties

The undersigned Contractor understands and agrees that time is of the essence in the performance of the work the Contractor has been engaged to perform. The contractor further agrees that a penalty of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per day shall be held for each and every day the contracted work remains unfinished beyond the agreed-upon completion date for said work. Delays caused by rain or other inclement weather that prevent the performance of the contract, delays caused by circumstances beyond the control of the Contractor, such as shipping delays and material shortages, and/or instances of Force Majeure shall not be penalized. It is the Contractor's responsibility to document these delays and submit this documentation to the appointed Program representative. The contractor agrees to guarantee all work for a minimum period of one year from the original completion date. The contractor shall, within (5) business days of notification, correct any valid discrepancies or exceptions identified either by AACOG or any of its funding sources or monitoring agencies, i.e., the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), State Energy Conservation Office (SECO), TDHCA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), etc. Uncorrected penalties will be deducted from monthly pay applications.

Weatherization Program Penalties

The contractor is responsible for correcting any work deficiencies identified by the AACOG Quality Control Inspector. Deficiencies may include quality of workmanship, size of HVAC systems, incomplete work, etc. Failure to take required corrective action within five (5) working days may result in termination of the contract. The contractor is also responsible for guaranteeing all work performed. Therefore, any calls from clients regarding problems with installed materials, equipment, or appliances are required to be under a one-year warranty by the Contractor. Any problems of this nature will require the contractor to return to the dwelling unit for corrective action at no cost to AACOG or the client. A one hundred dollar (\$100.00) first instance inspection fee shall be paid by the Contractor to AACOG to conduct an inspection of the corrective action. A two hundred fifty (\$250.00) re-inspection fee will be assessed should AACOG need to conduct a second Inspection of the dwelling unit as a result of contractor deficiencies. Thereafter, a two hundred fifty (\$250.00) fee will be assessed to the contractor for each subsequent re-inspection that AACOG is required to conduct in order to obtain a passing Final Inspection. Uncorrected penalties will be deducted from monthly pay applications.

1.4.19 Build America Buy American (BABA)

For work performed under the WAP program, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58), also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

(BIL), provides funding for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). BIL established a domestic content procurement preference for all federal financial assistance obligated for infrastructure projects after May 14, 2022, known as Build America, Buy America (BABA). *BABA applies to BIL-DOE AND regular DOE formula grant contracts (EX: PY23).*

Only weatherization on public housing, or on privately owned buildings that serve a public function are required to comply with the BABA requirements.

- Public housing" means currently owned by a public entity (government—county, city, state, etc.; PHA; HOME; USDA; etc.); it does NOT mean publicly supported (EX: tax credit). Tax records and single audit information can be used to confirm ownership.
- Additional guidance received regarding "privately owned buildings that serve a public function":
- Common multifamily complex situations: privately owned; duplex or four-plex, or two or three story buildings with 5- 30 units per building; rent is covered per individual unit by the individual households; no common space to be weatherized BABA does NOT apply.

1.4.20 Davis-Bacon Act (DBA)

APPLICATION OF WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS TO WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For work performed under the weatherization assistance program established under part A of title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6861 et seq.) on a project assisted in whole or in part by funding made available under subsection (a), the requirements of section 41101 shall apply only to work performed on multifamily buildings with not fewer than 5 units.

Accordingly, per part (b) above any BIL-funded weatherization work on multifamily buildings with not fewer than 5 units will be required to pay wages to all laborers and mechanics engaged in the construction, alteration, or repair of those multifamily buildings (whether employed by a contractor or subcontractor) wages "at rates not less than those prevailing on similar projects in the locality, as determined by the Secretary of Labor." Current Wage Determinations are accessible at <u>SAM.GOV</u>

1.4.21 SERVICE AREA

The Service Area, by funding, for this RFP:

- Kerr, Gillespie, Comal, Bandera, Medina, Bexar, Wilson, Atascosa, Karnes, Wilson, Frio, McMullen, and Guadalupe county.
- Weatherization not to include McMullen county

• Amy Young – to include McMullen County

1.4.22 AUTHORITY

- 10 CFR Part 440 DOE Weatherization Asst. for Low-Income Persons
- 10 CFR Part 440 Appendix A Standards for Weatherization Materials <u>https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/10/appendix-A_to_part_440</u>
- 10 CFR Part 600 DOE Financial Assistance Rules <u>https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/10/part-600</u>
- 10 TGC Chapter 2306 State and Local Economic Develop. Programs https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.2306.htm
- 18 USC 874 Kickbacks from Public Works Employees <u>https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/874</u>
- 29 CFR Part 3 USDL Contractors & Subcontractors US Grants
 - <u>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2013-title29-vol1/xml/CFR-2013-title29-vol1-part3.xml</u>
- 33 USC 1368 Section 508 Clean Water Act https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-clean-water-act
- 40 CFR Part 15- Environmental Protection Agency https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/40/chapter-I
- 41 CFR Part 60 Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors <u>https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/41/part-60</u>
- 42 USC 6861 Part A Weatherization Asst. for Low-Income Persons https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/42/6861
- 42 USC 8621 Home Energy Grants https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/42/8621
- 42 USC 7401-7671 Section 306 Clean Air Act https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2010title42/html/USCODE-2010-title42-chap85.htm
- 45 CFR Part 96 Block Grant <u>https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/45/part-96</u>
- Amy Young Material Installation Standards <u>https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/community-affairs/wap/docs/WAP-MISM.pdf</u>
- Approved Weatherization Materials Not Listed in CFR Part 440
- Code Compliance Ord. to Jurisdiction of Contractor Perform WAP Work
- Contract Work Hours & Safety Act Sections 103 & 107 <u>https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/29/1926.11</u>
- DOE National Renewable Energy Laboratory Standard Work Spec. <u>https://sws.nrel.gov</u>
- DOE Energy Code Climate Zones https://basc.pnnl.gov/images/iecc-climate-zone-map
- Executive Order 11738 Clean Air Act & Fed Wt. Pollution Control. Act <u>https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/11738.html</u>
- Federal System for Award Management Federal Disbarment List <u>https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1</u>
- LIHEAP Priority List Texas Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs
- TAC Title 10 Part 1, Chapters 2/5, Subchapters A/E/G Comm. Develop.
- TAC Title 40 Part 1 Chapters 80-85 Dept. of Aging & Disability Serv.

- TDHCA Texas Weatherization Field Guide <u>https:https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/weatherizat</u> <u>ion-assistance-program-wap-program-</u> guidance
- TGC Chapter 2254 Professional and Consulting Services https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.2254.htm
- TGC Chapter 2161 Historically Underutilized Businesses https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.2161.htm
- TGC Title 5 chapter 573 Nepotism Prohibitions <u>https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.573.htm</u>
- TLGC Chapter 252 Purchasing & Contracting Authority <u>https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/SOTWDocs/LG/htm/LG.252.htm</u>
- Texas LIHEAP State Plan
 - <u>https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/community-affairs/ceap/docs/18-LIHEAP-State-Plan.pdf</u>
- Texas Residential Building Guide to Energy Code Compliance <u>https://eepartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Texas-2015-IECC_5-17-16.pdf</u>
- Texas Residential Building Envelope Requirements
- Texas WAP State Plan
- UGMS Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards <u>https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/ugms.pdf</u>
- WAPTAC Refrigerator Guide
 - <u>https://nascsp.org/wap/wap-resources/best-practices/field-standards-and-guides/refrigerator-guide/</u>
- WAPTAC Water Heater Guide
 - <u>https://nascsp.org/wap/wap-resources/best-practices/field-standards-and-guides/water-heater-guide/</u>
- Lead Safe Weatherization Jobsite Handbook <u>http://weatherization.org/p_links.html</u>
- Texas Veteran's Commission https://www.tvc.texas.gov/
- Texas Office of Attorney General <u>https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/</u>
- Texas Accessibility Standards <u>http://www.tdlr.state.tx.us/ab/abtas.htm</u>
- ADA Standards for Accessible Design (http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADAStandards/2010ADAStandards.pdf)
- SWS Standard Work Specifications <u>https://sws.nrel.gov/</u>



1.5 CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor will be required to complete an AACOG Vendor.

The Contractor must ensure that clients are at all times treated respectfully and professionally. The Contractor's staff must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.

Contractors must be licensed, certified and prepared to adhere to agency rules when performing work.

The work must be completed in a timely and expeditious manner. The Contractor is expected to provide bi-weekly progress reports to AACOG indicating work schedule and work status.

The Contractor and its subcontractors are considered independent Contractors and shall indemnify and hold harmless AACOG, AACOG staff and program clients from all claims arising out of work performed.

The Federal Privacy Act of 1974 and related State law and regulation regulate the proper disclosure of individually identifiable information and/orrecords. Contractors must take special precautions to protect confidential information from loss, authorized use, access, disclosure, modification and destruction.

The performance of this RFP and all work or obligations covered by and arising out of this RFP shall be at the risk of Contractor exclusively. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall, with respect to all work or obligations covered by or arising out of the this RFP, or the performance thereof, indemnify, hold harmless and defend AACOG and each of its officers, partners, joint venture partners, representatives and/or employees from and against any and all allegations, losses, claims, actions, demands, damages, liabilities, or expenses (including costs, expenses and attorney's fees), arising directly or indirectly from this RFP, or the performance thereof.

1.6 PROCUREMENT STANDARD

It is the policy of AACOG to conduct procurement in a manner that provides for full and open competition. An award will be made only to an organization possessing the qualifications and demonstrated ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a contract. The services solicited under this RFP are procured under the Competitive Proposal Method through Informal (phone, email, fax) and formal (RFP) methods.

PART 2.0 - SUBMISSION INFORMATION



2.1 RESPONSE DEADLINE

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be posted on November 26, 2024. Proposal deadline **December 17, 2024 by 4:00 pm CST**. Official receipt of Proposals submitted will be by entry on a proposal receipt log. A receipt form will be issued upon request. Respondents who mail a proposal will be sent a copy of the receipt form upon request. Proposals may be hand-delivered prior to the stated deadline between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or mailed to the following address:

AACOG Procurement Department 2700 NE Interstate 410 Loop, Suite 101 San Antonio, TX 78217 Attn: **RFP-24-190-WAP-Assistance Program**

Proposals submitted by mail, courier or overnight mail services will be received (Monday through Friday) at the above address. Faxed or e-mailed Proposals <u>will</u> <u>not</u> be accepted. Modifications or amendments to a Proposal must comply with the requirements ardesponse deadline. A respondent may withdraw a Proposal at any time during the procurement process by submitting a written request to the AACOG Procurement Department at the above address.

2.2 PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

All time noted on the Procurement Schedule (Page 1) is Central Standard Time. Dates posted are subject to change.

2.3 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

AACOG will accept questions submitted via electronic mail.

An Addendum to the RFP, to include all questions received, will be delivered to all interested parties and included in archived document at the Electronic State Business Daily website.

No other representative of AACOG is allowed to accept or respond to questions related to this solicitation other than:

Debbie Ugarte Contracts and Procurement Director Alamo Area Council of Governments Procurement Department 2700 NE Interstate 410 Loop, Suite 101 San Antonio, TX 78217 <u>dugarte@aacog.gov</u>



AACOG RFP Secondary Point of Contact:

Isaac Jones III Senior Procurement Analyst Procurement Department 2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101 San Antonio, TX 78217O: 210-362-5302 Email: <u>ijones@aacog.gov</u>

During the period between the date AACOG issues this RFP and the date of the selection of the Contractors by AACOG, if any, Respondents shall restrict all contact with AACOG and direct all questions regarding this RFP, including questions regarding terms and conditions, only to the individual identified above in Section "Inquiries and/or Discrepancies" in the specified manner. Do not contact members of the Board of Directors, other employees of AACOG or any of AACOG's agents or administrators. Contact with any of these prohibited individuals after issuance of this RFP and before selection is made, may result in disqualification of the Respondent. The communications prohibition shall terminate when the contract is executed by the Contractor and AACOG.

Prohibited communications includes direct contact, discussion, or promotion of any Respondent's Proposal with any member of AACOG's Board of Directors or employees except for communications with AACOG's designated representative as set forth in this RFP and only in the course of inquiries, briefings, interviews, or presentations. This prohibition is intended to create a level playing field for all potential Respondents, assure that decisions are made in public, and to protect the integrity of the RFP process. Except as provided in the above stated exceptions, the following communications regarding a particular invitation for bids, Requests for Proposal, requests for qualifications, or other solicitation are prohibited:

Communications between a potential Contractor, service provider, bidder, respondent, lobbyist or consultant and any member of AACOG's Board of Directors.

Communications between any director and any member of a selection or evaluation committee.

Communications between any director and administrator or employee.

2.3.1 The communications prohibition shall not apply to the following:



Communications with AACOG's purchasing agent specifically named and authorized to conduct and receive such communications under this RFP or upon the request of AACOG, with AACOG's general counsel.

Presentations made to the Board of Directors during any duly noticed public meeting.

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit any person or entity from publicly addressing AACOG's Board of Directors during any duly noticed public meeting, in accordance with applicable Board policies, on a matter other than this RFP or in connection with a presentation requested by AACOG's representatives.

2.4 AVAILABILITY OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The RFP will be posted as noted on Page 1, RFP Links, or at the request of the proposer, by contacting procurement staff at the above fax or e-mail beginning **November 26th**, **2024**. The RFP is also available at the above address from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except for holidays). Any interested party receives this RFP by means other than directly from AACOG is responsible for notifying AACOG that it has received an RFP package so that when an addendum to this RFP is issued the information can be provided to all interested parties.

2.5 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

- **2.5.1** Because contracts are awarded by a governmental entity, all responses submitted are subject to release as public information after contracts are executed. If a Respondent believes that its response, or parts of its response, may be exempted from disclosure, the Respondent must specify page-by-page and line-by-line the parts of the response, which it believes, are exempt. In addition, the Respondent must specify which exception(s) are applicable and provide detailed reasons to substantiate the exception(s). Any information that is unmarked will be considered public information and released, if requested under the Public Information Act.
- **2.5.2** The determination of whether information is confidential and not subject to disclosure is the duty of the Texas Office of Attorney General (OAG). AACOG must provide the OAG sufficient information to render an opinion and therefore, vague and general claims to confidentiality by the Respondent are not acceptable. AACOG must comply with the opinions of the OAG. AACOG assumes no responsibility for asserting legal arguments on behalf of any Respondent. Respondents are advised to consult with their legal counsel concerning disclosure issues resulting from this procurement process and to take precautions to safeguard trade secrets and other proprietary information. After completion of the award, these documents will



be available for public inspection.

PART 3.0-GENERAL INFORMATION & ANDMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS

AACOG expects to receive proposal statements from established and knowledgeable entities with demonstrable expertise in the tasks required.The proposer(s) selected for contract will become an approved AACOG vendor and responsible for tasks outlined in the SOW.

It is the policy of AACOG to encourage participation by small and historically underutilized businesses (HUBs), as defined in Government Code, Chapter 2161, as Contractors to AACOG. It is the goal of AACOG to include HUBs in at least ten percent (10%) of the total value of contracts awarded annually.

To be eligible for consideration:

Licensed to do business in the State of Texas

Document three years of experience in energy conservation measures (ECM's)

Lead Safety Certification of applicant and staff assigned

Own/maintain tools identified in **Tools and Equipment List** (Exhibit B) attached to this RFP.

Contractor shall carry adequate Pollution Occurrence Liability Insurance, comprehensive general liability insurance coverage, and motor vehicle coverage for personal injury and for property damage for purposes of protection against the hazards arising out of or in connection with carrying out any activities under this contract.

3.1.1 AACOG is prohibited from contracting with any entity debarred, suspended,

or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation. Accordingly, a contract requires Contractors to certify that they are in compliance with the Federal regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 29 CFR Part 98, Section 98-510, Participant's Responsibilities. The Contractor must certify that to the best of its knowledge and belief that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by a federal department or agency.

3.1.2 Respondents must possess the knowledge, experience and



expertise, professional judgment and capacity within their organization to perform theservices and activities requested under this RFP and meet high standardsfor public service and fiduciary responsibility.

3.2 CONTRACT INFORMATION

TYPE OF CONTRACT: This Request for Proposal may result, assuming a Contractor is selected, and an award made. There will be no guarantee of work assigned or awarded.

CONTRACT PERIOD: It is anticipated that the initial contract period will be for three (3) years, with an option for two (2) one (1) year extensions, mutually approved annually by the vendor and AACOG Board of Directors. The maximum number of consecutive years that an auditor may provide services will be five (5) years. AACOG reserves the right to terminate a contract at any time based on Contractor performance or noncompliance.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING: AACOG reserves the right to expand the contract to include additional tasks in the Proposal response that AACOG deems beneficial to the area.

REASSIGNMENT: In the event a Contractor fails to perform as required, AACOG reserves the right to terminate the contract early and assign the contract in whole or in part to a comparably ranked proposer/Proposal obtained through this procurement, subject to successful contract negotiations.

Within 30 days written notice by either party if Contractor shall be required to satisfactorily complete all projects in progress at the time notice given.

In the event of a breach of this RFP by either party hereto that is not remedied within five (5) working days after delivery of written notice of such breach, the non-breaching party may terminate this RFP by providing ten (10) days written notice to the other party of their intent to terminate this RFP.

3.3 GOVERNING PROVISIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Violation of any of the following provisions may cause a Proposal to be disqualified and rejected from consideration:

The Proposal, if accepted, will become the basis for the contract scope of work.

Respondents must submit a comprehensive Proposal for all services solicited. Any Proposal that is not comprehensive will be deemed non-responsive.



The only purpose of this RFP is to ensure uniform information in the solicitation of Proposals for the procurement of identified services. ThisRFP is not to be construed as a purchase agreement, contract or as a commitment of any kind; nor does it commit AACOG to pay for costs incurred prior to the execution of a formal contract unless such costs are specifically authorized in writing by AACOG.

AACOG reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposalsreceived, to cancel or reissue this RFP in part, or its entirety.

AACOG reserves the right to award a contract(s) for any services solicited in this RFP in any quantity AACOG determines is in its best interests.

AACOG reserves the right to extend, shorten, increase, or decrease any contract awarded as a result of this RFP.

AACOG reserves the right to request additional information, clarification of or explanation for any aspect of a response to this RFP.

AACOG reserves the right to waive any minor defect in the procurement process or to correct any error(s) and/or make changes to this solicitation itdeems necessary. AACOG will provide notifications of any changes in thisRFP to all interested parties having requested or received a copy of this RFP.

AACOG reserves the right to negotiate the final terms of all contracts or agreements with selected proposers and any such terms negotiated as a result of this RFP may be renegotiated and/or amended inorder to successfully meet the needs of the regional area.

AACOG reserves the right to contact any individual, agency, employer, or granting agencies listed in a Proposal, contact others who may have experience and/or knowledge of the respondent's relevant performance and/or qualifications; and to request additional information from allrespondents.

AACOG reserves the right to conduct on-site reviews of records, systems, procedures, including credit and criminal background checks of any entity selected for funding under this RFP. This may occur either before or after the award of a contract or agreement. Any misrepresentation of the proposer's ability to perform as stated in the RFP response may result in thecancellation of any contract or agreement awarded.



AACOG reserves the right to withdraw or reduce the amount of an award or to cancel any contract or agreement resulting from this RFP if adequate funding is not received by AACOG from funding sources or due to legislativechanges.

- **3.3.1** Respondents shall not, under penalty of law, offer or provide any gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value to any officer, board member, employee, Proposal evaluator, or agent of AACOG or elected official for purposes of having an influencing effect on this procurement.
 - **3.3.2** Respondents shall not attempt in any manner to advocate for, lobby or otherwise attempt to influence ay officer, board member, employee, Proposal evaluator, or agent of AACOG or elected official for purposes ofhaving an influencing effect on this procurement.
 - **3.3.3** No officer, board member, employee, Proposal evaluator, or agent ofAACOG shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract if a conflict of interest, or potential conflict, is involved.
 - **3.3.4** Respondents shall not engage in any activity that will restrict or eliminate competition. Violation of this provision will cause a respondent's Proposal bbe disqualified and rejected. This does not preclude joint ventures or subcontracts.
 - **3.3.5** The contents of a successful Proposal will become a contractual obligation if selected for the award of a contract. Failure of a respondent to accept this obligation may result in cancellation of an award. No plea of error or mistake shall be available to the successful proposer as a basis for release from proposed services at the stated price/cost. Any damages assessed by AACOG as a result of a successful proposer's failure to contract with AACOG may be recovered from the proposer.
 - **3.3.6** A contract with a selected proposer may be withheld, at the sole discretion of AACOG, if issues of contract or questions of non-compliance, questioned/disallowed costs, audit/monitoring findings or legal issues exist, until such issues are satisfactorily resolved.
 - **3.3.7** AACOG is exempt by law from paying State Sales Tax and Federal ExciseTax.
- 3.3.8 The contractor shall retain all records for a minimum period of seven (7) years after AACOG makes final payment and all other pending matters are closed. This requirement is to assure fair settlement of disputes or complaints that may arise, as well as to fulfill federal audit requirements.
 3.3.9 NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:



Contractor provides its assurance that it will comply with all requirements of applicable Federal and State laws that no person providing or receiving services under this contract will be excluded from participation, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination because of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or political affiliation or belief.

3.4 ANDMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT AND LIMITATIONS

- **3.4.1** Contractor will be required to procure all insurance required by this RFP and to list AACOG as an additional insured on each policy prior to the commencement of any work pursuant to a contract executed as a result of this RFP when applicable (or if funding becomes available). Liability coverage and deductibles must be acceptable to AACOG.
 - **3.4.2 INSURACE REQUIREMENTS** CONTRACTOR will be required to provide proof of general liability and casualty insurance coverage prior tocontract execution:
 - Performance bonding: \$10,000
 - General Liability: \$100,000
 - Personal Injury: \$100,000
 - Property damage: \$100,000
 - Automobile Liability: \$500,000 per occurrence
- **3.4.3** Respondents must be able to demonstrate the necessary administrative and fiscal capability necessary to successfully provide required services and to meet the financial accountability requirements of federal grants when applicable (or if funding becomes available).

Contractors must provide reports upon demand as may be requested or required by AACOG.

Private for-profit corporations submitting a Proposal must include astatement signed by an authorized representative of the corporation authorizing submission of a Proposal.

AACOG shall require the Contractor to remove any employee or staff member from the contract who is alleged (accused, arrested, or charged) to have committed a disqualifying offense after the background check performed. The contractor is required to immediately notify AACOG when it becomes aware of the alleged offense to determine if it disqualifies the



employee or staff member from continuing to work under the contract.

Respondents must possess the knowledge, experience and expertise, professional judgment and capacity within their organization to perform theservices and activities requested under this RFP.

PART 4.0 – PROPOSAL REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

4.1 EVALUATION PROCESS: The evaluation process will consist of:

An initial review of responsiveness and eligibility with the criteria specified in the RFP by AACOG personnel.

All eligible Proposals will be evaluated and scored by an independent team of reviewers. The proposer's qualifications will be evaluated on specificcriteria outlined in Section 4.2 by reviewers using a standardized scoringmatrix.

Applicants will be determined:

Acceptable for contract Deficient Not eligible.

Proposals determined to be deficient will be notified of deficiency and allow to reapply upon correction of deficiency.

4.2 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Organizational Capacity- 25 points

<u>Business Organization:</u> State full name and address of your organization and identify parent company if you are a subsidiary. Specify the branch office or other subordinate element which will perform, or assist in performing, work herein. Indicate whether you operate as a partnership, corporation, or individual. Include the State in which incorporated or licensed to operate, and your current Lead Safety Certification.

<u>Personnel:</u> Include names and qualifications of all professional personnel who will be assigned to this project. State the primary work task assigned to each person and the percentage of time each person will devote to this work. Identify key persons by name and title and Lead Safety Certification. Provide all resumes.

Demonstrated Performance - 30 points

<u>Prior Experience:</u> Describe only relevant corporate experience and individual experience for personnel who will be actively engaged in the project. Provide at least three references. Do



not include corporate experience unless personnel assigned to this project actively participated. Do not include experience prior to 2014. Supply the project title, year, and reference name, title, present address, and phone number of principal person for whom prior projects were accomplished

4.1.1 Equipment / Tools - 30 points

Referencing the Tools & Equipment List identified in (Exhibit B), respond to the following:

- A description of your knowledge and experience in the use of the equipment / tools in previous work assignments.
- Your ability to obtain or maintain the equipment / tools identified.

4.1.2 Financial Stability - 15 points

AACOG will provide payment for timely and acceptable completion of work assigned on a monthly basis. Payment will be made within 30-days of submission of an accurate invoice. Please respond to the following:

- No bankruptcies in past seven (7) years.
- The corporate budget will allow for a payment frequency of not more than 90-days
- Corporate management are capable of preparing accurate and timely billing to AACOG
- There are currently no issues related to corporate cash-flow that would require AACOG to prepare multiple payments within a 30-day period.
- Respondent agrees to be compensated in accordance with the **Standard Price List** identified in **(Exhibit A)**.

Total 100%

4.3 PROPOSER'S ACCEPTACE OF EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

By submitting a Proposal, Proposer acknowledges:

- Proposer's acceptance of the Proposal evaluation process
- The criteria for selection
- Proposer's recognition that certain subjective judgments may be generated during evaluation.

4.4 PROCUREMENT DISPUTE RESOLUTION Appeal and Debriefing Process



Appeal Process

Proposers not selected for funding may appeal only with respect to any fault or violation of law or regulation regarding the procurement process. Appeals must be filed within <u>ten calendar days</u> of receipt of AACOG notification of final action. Appeals shall be directed to:

> Contract and Procurement Director Alamo Area Council of Governments Procurement Department 2700 NE Interstate 410 Loop, Suite 101 San Antonio, TX 78217

- **4.4.1.1** The appeal must indicate the AACOG action appealed and the violation, which forms the basis for the appeal, and shall be signed by the Proposers organization's authorized representative. Fax and e-mail transmittals will not be accepted. The filing of the appeal must be within the time frame identified. There is no relief accorded appellate for not filing within the published deadlines. Hearings are at the discretion of AACOG and shall be conducted in accordance with existing AACOG procedures.
- **4.4.1.2** Proposers must provide a detailed statement of legal and factual grounds including copies of relevant documents and the form of relief requested.
- **4.4.1.3** Proposers may NOT appeal the scoring and ranking of Proposals, unless substantiated by material or relevant facts.
- **4.4.1.4** Proposers may NOT appeal solely on the belief that their Proposal is superior to the one selected for award.
- **4.4.1.5** Proposers understand that review and action shall be considered final, with no further formalities considered.

4.4.2 Debriefing Process

Proposers not selected by this procurement process, and have elected not to file an appeal, may submit within 10 days of the receipt of AACOG notification of the procurement decision, a Request for Debriefing to obtain information on the procurement process and how their Proposal or offer was received and ranked. AACOG shall acknowledge receipt of the Request for Debriefing in writing within 10 days of receipt, along with the date and time of the scheduled debriefing. The debriefing shall be scheduled as soon as possible and no later than 10 days from the receipt of the Request for Debriefing. A debriefing is offered as a courtesy to any bidder who is not selected for funding. The purpose of the debriefing is to promote the exchange of information, explain the Proposal evaluation



system, and help unsuccessful bidders understand why they were not selected.

PART 5.0 – PROPOSAL RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

5.1 PROPOSAL FORMAT AND NUMBER OF PROPOSALS

5.1.1 NUMBER OF COPIES

Respondents must submit one (1) unbound complete original, to include all executed certifications and authorized signatures plus three (3) exact copies of the Proposals. Finally, one (1) electronic copy sent to the procurement@aacog.gov and ijones@aacog.gov with the email subject line to include RFP Submission: RFP-24-190-WAP-Assistance. Copies may be submitted in a 9 x 12 paper folder or envelope, clipped or stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Any submission lacking the required number of Proposals maybe ruled non-responsive and may not be considered under this procurement. Any differences between the original and the copies are the liability of the respondent.

5.2 PROPOSAL FORMAT

- **5.2.1** Proposals must be typed, single-spaced, and submitted on 8 ½ x 11-inch plain white paper.
- **5.2.2** Please do not use less than a 10-point font.
- **5.2.3** Each page of the Proposal, except for the coversheet, must be equentially numbered, including attachments.
- **5.2.4** Proposals must contain all required elements in the order prescribed.
- **5.2.5** Proposals that do not conform to this requirement may be considered non-responsive and excluded from consideration under this procurement.

5.3 PROPOSAL VALIDITY PERIOD

Each Proposal will remain valid for AACOG's acceptance for a minimum of thirty (30) days after the submittal deadline, to allow for evaluation, selection and Board action.

5.4 PAGE LIMITATION

Proposers are asked to keep responses brief, concise and to the point, with maximum 3-page limit for the Executive Summary and Proposal Narrative.

5.5 ORDER OF PROPOSAL CONTENTS

Proposals must follow the format below. All items must be clearly labeled and in the exact order shown below. Compile the Proposal in the following order:



5.5.1 Proposal Title Page- This must be the very first page of the application.

- 5.5.2 Table of Contents
- **5.5.3** Executive Summary (maximum 1-page limit)
- **5.5.4** Proposal Narrative (please refer to criteria in section 6.4 for order of narrative; maximum 5-page limit not including attachments)
- 5.5.5 Certification Sheet
- **5.5.6** Acknowledgement Form
- 5.5.7 Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
- **5.5.8** Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion
- 5.5.9 Non-Discrimination Certification
- 5.5.10 Certification Regarding Lobbying

5.5.11 Request to be added to AACOG Bidder's/Contractor List

PART 6.0 – PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORMS

6.1 **PROGRAM SELCTION (Attachment Ab)**

In response of the RFP proposers must identify each program applying for.

6.2 PROPOSAL TITLE PAGE (Attachment A)

Each Proposal must be accompanied by a complete Proposal title page. Respondents must designate a contact person responsible for all communications concerning the Proposal and notification of award. Respondents must also designate a person with documented signatory authority and for contract negotiations.

6.3 TABLE OF CONTENTS (Attachment B)

Each Proposal must have a Table of Contents that lists each item of the Proposal, including attachments, with corresponding page numbers. Clearly identify the material by section and page number.

6.4 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (Attachment C)

Provide a summary highlighting your organization's history, qualifications and experience; overall approach to delivering the services solicited in this RFP; and any unique or innovative aspects of your Proposal. Briefly state the proposer's understanding of the service to be provided and make a positive commitment to



perform the work in a timely manner.

6.5 **Profile of the Proposer (Attachment D)**

Business information, address, email, point of contact names, phone numbers, cell numbers, fax number, business history information, business experience information.

6.6 **References** (Attachment E)

Describe your firm's experience, including the number of years in business, and type of services provided. Must provide 3 business references. Please identify the contact person and phone number for each. Use additional sheets if necessary.

- 6.7 CERTIFICATION SHEET (Attachment F) (complete and sign form)
- 6.8 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM (Attachment G) (complete and sign form)
- 6.9 CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE (Attachment H) (complete and sign form)

If a conflict exists. You may review the Agency's current Board of Directors at <u>http://www.aacog.com/AboutAACOG/Board/default.asp</u>

- 6.10 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT (Attachment I) (complete and sign form)
- 6.11 NON-DISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION (Attachment J) (complete and signform)
- 6.12 CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING (Attachment K) (complete and signform)

6.13 REQUEST TO BE ADDED TO BIDDER'S/CONTRACTOR'S LIST



ATTACHMENT Ab Program Selection

In response of the RFP proposers must identify each program applying for below:

Please select for the following programs if applicable:

- ✤ Amy Young Barrier Removal (AYBR) Program
- Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program (DOE WAP) Assessments
- Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program (DOE WAP) Construction
- ✤ Housing for Texas Heros (H4TXH) □



ATTACHMENT A

PROPOSAL TITLE PAGE

Legal Name of Proposing Entity	
Name of Owner/Director of Entity	
Title	
Mailing Address	
Physical Address (If different than mailing)	
Telephone Number	
Fax Number	
E-mail Address	
Contract Signatory Authority & Title	
Federal Tax ID Number	
Historically Under-Utilized Business? If "yes", attach copy of current certification.	□ Yes □ No
	Corporation Sole Proprietor
Legal/Tax Status of Organization	□ Partnership □ Other (Specify)



ATTACHMENT F

CERTIFICATION SHEET

All specifications and terms and conditions of the RFP have been read.

Our Company accepts the specifications and conditions unless otherwise accepted in writing to the Executive Director, Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG).

Company				
Name:				
Mailing				
Address:				
City:		State		Zip Code
Phone:			Fax:	
Web Site:				
Email:				
Name of Representative authorized to sign for bidder:				
(Print name)			(Signature)	

- (a) Does your "residence state" require bidders whose principal place of business is in Texas to underbid bidders whose residence state is the same as yours by a prescribed amount or percentage to receive a comparable contract? "Residence State" is defined as the state in which the principal place of business is located. YES NO
- (b) What is that amount or percentage?

I certify that the above information is correct:

Name:	
Position:	
Signature:	



Date:

ATTACHMENT G

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Having carefully examined the terms and conditions and specifications within this RFP document, the undersigned Proposer's Agent hereby proposes and agrees to furnish the proposed product(s)/service(s) in strict compliance with the specifications as quoted.

The Proposer affirms that, to the best of his knowledge, the response has been arrived at independently and is submitted without collusion with anyone to obtain information or gain any favoritism that would in any way limit competition or give them a unfair advantage over other bidders in the award of this RFP.

The Proposer affirms that he/she has not participated in an act of favoritism, gratuity, or inside dealings with any member of the staff of AACOG or its Board of Directors.

Company Name:	
President/Designee:	
Position:	
Signature:	
Date:	



ATTACHMENT H (page 1)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity	FOR	M CIQ
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80 th Leg., Reg. Session.	gular	OFFICE USE ONLY
		Date Received
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with chapter 176, Local Government Cod a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001 (1-a) with a governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).		
By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local govern entity not later than the 7 th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.		
A person commits a offense if the person violates Section 176.006, Local Government Co offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.	de.A	
1. Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity	•	

Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file a updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3.

Name of local government office with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has a employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001 (1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not from the local government entity?

Yes No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds a ownership of 10 percent or more? Yes No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government office named in this section.

4.



CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, AGEN ORGANIZATION	NCY, BUSINESS OR	Doing business as	(DBA), if applicable:
ADDRESS	Applicable Procurement or S	Solicitation #, ifay:	Federal Employer Tax Identification #:

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THIS CERTIFICATION. Federal regulations require contractors, bidders, and sub grantees to sign and abide by the terms of this certification, without modification, in order to participate in certain transactions directly or indirectly involving federal funds.

- 1. By signing and submitting this certification, the prospective vendor/grantee is attesting/acknowledging the representations set out below.
- 2. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) will rely on when this transaction is entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective vendor/grantee knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to Federal or State departments or funding agency(s), AACOG may pursue on its own available remedies, including contract termination, suspension and debarment.
- 3. The prospective vendor/grantee shall provide immediate written notice to AACOG, Executive Director, 2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101, San Antonio, Texas, 78217, if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms "covered contract", "debarred", "suspended", "ineligible", "participant", "person", "principal", "Proposal", and "voluntarily excluded", as used in this certification, have meanings based upon materials in the Definitions and Coverage sections of federal rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this Proposal or contract is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of this regulation.
- 5. The prospective vendor/grantee agrees, by submitting this certification, that should the proposed contract/grant be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower-tier-covered transaction or sub-contract with a person or entity that is proposed for debarment, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, unless pre-authorized by the appropriate federal or state department or agency, or by AACOG.

Do you have or do you anticipate having sub-vendors/sub-grantees under this proposed agreement? Yes 🗌 No

- 6. The prospective vendor/grantee further agrees by submitting this certification, that it will include this certification titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion for Contracts and Grants," without modification, in all lower-tier covered transactions and sub-contracts and in all solicitations for lower-tier covered transactions and sub-contracts.
- 7. A vendor/grantee may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant that it is not proposed for debarment, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. Each vendor/grantee is required to check the list of parties excluded from Federal and State Procurement and Non-procurement Programs. AACOG checks this list for all parties to which it provides funds that are derived directly or indirectly from the Federal Government.
- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require the establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this certification document. Participants are not required to have knowledge and information exceeding that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business activity.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a transaction knowingly enters into a lower-tier transaction or contract with a person who is proposed for debarment, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, AACOG or its applicable funding agency(s) may pursue available remedies, including contract termination, suspension and/or debarment.



ATTACHMENT I

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

Check the statement that applies to the potential vendor/grantee:

- 1. The prospective vendor/grantee certifies by submission of this certification, that neither it nor its principals:
 - (a) Is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by ay Federal or State department or agency; and
 - (b) Have, within a three-year period preceding this certification, been convicted of or hand a civil judgment rendered against them for fraud; committed a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract; violated Federal or State antitrust statutes; committed embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or inappropriate destruction of records; or received stolen property; and
 - (c) Is presently indicted for or otherwise charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with the commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the preceding paragraph.
 (b) of this certification; and
 - (d) Have, within a three-year period preceding this certification, hand one or more contracts or transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
 - 2. The potential vendor/grantee is unable to certify to one or more of the terms in this certification. In this instance, the potential vendor/grantee must attach a signed and dated explanation for each of the above terms, 1(a) through 1(d), to which it cannot certify.

NAME OF POTENTIAL VENDOR/GRANTEE:

Signature of Authorized	Printed/Typed Name & Title of Authorized
Representative	Representative

Date:

ATTACHMENT J

NON-DISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION

The Contractor has agreed to comply with:

- 1. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- 2. The Equal Pay Act of 1963 (EPA), which protects men and women who perform substantially equal work in the same establishment from sex-based wage discrimination.
- 3. The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ANDEA), which protects individuals who are 40 years of age or older.
- 4. Title I and Title V of the Americas with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA), which prohibit employment discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in the private sector, and in state and local governments.
- 5. Sections 501 and 505 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities who work in the federal government.
- 6. Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA), which prohibits employment discrimination based on genetic information about an applicant, employee, or former employee; and
- 7. The Civil Rights Act of 1991, which, among other things, provides monetary damages in cases of intentional employment discrimination.

NAME OF POTENTIAL VENDOR/GRANTEE:

Signature of Authorized	Printed/Typed Name & Title of Authorized
Representative	Representative

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT J

CERTIFICATION for CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOAS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of the fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each failure. \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the requiredstatement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Signature

Title

Organization _____



ATTACHMENT K

REQUEST TO BE ANDDED TO BIDDER/ VENDOR LIST

AACOG requires all vendors interested in conducting business with the agency to complete a "Request to be added to Bidder/Vendor List" packet prior to being eligible to receive opportunities to bid for agency projects.

AACOG is a equal opportunity agency within the meaning and spirt of the law and does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, national origin, or religion. All contractor's and vendors are required to comply with AACOG's EEO policies and/or provide adequate verification upon request that they comply with applicable EEO laws.

By submitting a completed vendor packet to AACOG, you agree to comply with the above terms and conditions and all other applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Alamo Area Council of Governments 2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101 San Antonio, TX 78217 ATTN: Procurement Department Phone: (210)362-5200 Email: procurement@aacog.gov

I,_____, hereby attest that I have read and understand the above terms for conducting business with the Alamo Area Council of Governments.

Company Name:
Mailing Address:
City/ State/ ZIP code:
Telephone Number:
Website Address:
Email Address:
Representative:



Please list the type of products/ services you provide and attach ay catalogs/ brochures/ samples.

Use this list below to describe your products/ services *required*:

	Office Supplies Office Furniture Copier Paper/ Specialty Paper Computers Computer Supplies Computer Software Copier Machines (and supplies) Audio/ Visual Duplication Audio/ Visual Equipment Data & Phone Cabling Other:		General Contractor Weatherization Contra Aging Contractor Psychological Services Outreach Items Printing Services Security Detail Criminal Justice Suppl Consultant (Vehicle Repair	ies
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2.	Ownership:			
	Sole Proprietorship	Partnership	Co	rporation
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4.	Have you done business with AACOG i	n the past?		
	Yes No			
5.	Is your business currently certified with https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing		Centralized Master Bidder's L	ist?
	Yes No **Please return confirmation of your CN	MBL certification y	vith this vendor Proposal**	
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	Yes No	N/A		
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8. If YES to either question 6 or 7, enter Historically Underutilized Business (HUB), ethnicity, and gender status, if applicable:

Asia Pacific American (AS)	Hispanic American (HI)	American Woman (WO)
Black American (BL)	Native American (AI)	Male (M)/ Female (F):

9. If applicable, please note if your Texas- based Small, Minority, and/or Women- Owned Business Enterprise (SMWBE) is certified with any of the organizations listed below.

City of Austin
City of Houston
Dallas/ Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council
El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
South Central Texas Regional Certification agency (SCTRCA)
Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council
Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)
Women's Business Council- Southwest
Women's Business Enterprise Alliance
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Please return confirmation of this certification with this vendor Proposal.

*If you hold certification with any of the entities noted above, you may qualify to automatically receive HUB Certification with the State of Texas. Please contact TPASS's Statewide HUB Program at (888)863-5881 for further information.

10. Is your principal place of business in the State of Texas?

No

Yes	🗌 No
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11. Is your organization delinquent on State of Texas Franchisee taxes?

Yes	🗌 No
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12. Are you or anyone in your organization related to an AACOG employee or a member of AACOG's governing board?

Yes	🗌 No
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If YES, list AACOG employee or Board member's name and relationship:

Name:

Relationship:

13. Are you or anyone in your organization a former Workforce Solutions- Alamo employee and/ or board member?

Yes



ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DIRECT DEPOSIT (ACH) FORM

Vendor Name: Address:	
Phone: E-Mail Address:	
Financial Institution:	
Bak Point of Contact Title and Phone Number	
Bak Account Number:	
Routing Number:	
	Please attach a voided check from this account.

Must provide all numbers required for ACH deposit.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

- Only one bank account may be used per Vendor
- Please contact the Accounting Department at (210) 362-5200 with any questions.
- Please allow 10 business days for vendor and banking verification.

I hereby authorize Alamo Area of Governments to initiate credit entries and, if necessary, debit entries, and adjustments for any credits entries in error to our account as shown above with the listed financial institution, and credit and/ or debit the same to the accounted indicated above. I certify that the depository information listed above is accurate.

Signature:
Print Name
And Date:



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DBE/MINORITY/SMALL BUSINESS CERTIFICATION DISCLOSURES

Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) is committed to the healthy and responsible growth of our Disadvantaged, Small & Minority Business Enterprises in and around the Alamo City. These service providers are a major driving force for the Alamo, South and Central Texas Region economy. We are unified in our requirement to identify and in utilizing these Agency approved organizations.

For more information regarding DBE certification, please visit DBE link provided: https://sctrcandotorg.wordpress.com/small-minority-woma-and-vetera-owned-business-enterprise/

We also would like to provide information regarding a partner Agency within the Alamo Area that can certify your organization in and around the South Central Texas Region (SCTRCA). Please visit their SCTRCA link provided regarding certification:

https://sctrcandotorg.wordpress.com/small-minority-woma-and-vetera-owned-business-enterprise/

For AACOG's certification disclosure within our federal guidelines, please identify any of the applicable certifications your organization falls under, and provide us with a copy of your certificate:

African American Business Enterprise (AABE) Certification- Complete Certification Proposal

A business structure owned, operated, managed, and controlled by an African American minority group member(s) who has at least 51% ownership.

Asian American Business Enterprise (ABE) Certification- Complete Certification Proposal

A business structure owned, operated, managed, and controlled by an Asian American minority group member(s) who has at least 51% ownership.

Disabled Individual Business Enterprise (DIBE) Certification- Complete Certification Proposal

A business structure that is at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by a disabled individual. Disabled individual means a person (a) with one or more disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and amendments thereto (for purposes of applicability under the certification statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations governing the State of Texas).

Emerging Small Business Enterprise (ESBE) Certification- Complete Certification Proposal

A SBE eligible business structure for the purpose of making a profit, which is independently owned and operated by individuals legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories, whose annual revenues and numbers of employees are no greater than 25% of the small business size standards for its industry as established by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Hispanic Business Enterprise (HABE) Certification- Complete Certification Proposal

A business structure owned, operated, managed and controlled by a Hispanic American minority group member(s) who has at least 51% ownership.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Certification- Complete Certification Proposal

A business structure that is owned, operated, managed and controlled by an ethnic minority group member(s) who has at least 51% ownership.

Native American Business Enterprise (NABE) Certification- Complete Certification Proposal

A business structure owned, operated, managed, and controlled by a Native American minority group member(s) who has at least 51 % ownership. The Native American group member(s) must have operational and managerial control, interest in capital, expertise and earning commensurate with the percentage of ownership and legally residing in or are citizens of the United States or its territories; or (2) A business structure owned, operated and controlled by a Native American minority group member(s) who has at least 51% ownership and satisfies the Native American member status.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Certification- Complete Certification Proposal

A business structure that is formed with the purpose of making a profit, which is independently owned and operated and which meets the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) size standard for a small business (See <u>http://sba.gov/size</u> click "table".)

Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (VBE) Certification- Complete Certification Proposal

A business structure owned, operated, managed and controlled by an individual who served in the United States Armed Forces, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. *Please note: This certification type should not be confused with the Service Disabled Veteran designation available through the Small Business Administration.*

Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) Certification- Complete Certification Proposal

A business structure that is owned, operated and controlled by one or more women who have a total of at least 51% ownership.