

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

STATE OF TEXAS           §

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA   §

This Agreement for professional services (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between **BRAZORIA COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the “County” and Baker & Lawson, Inc. a Texas Corporation, hereinafter referred to as “Consultant”.

### **RECITALS**

The County intends to enter into a professional service agreement for design and engineering services for the Buffalo Camp Extension in Lake Jackson, Texas, hereinafter called the “Project”

The County desires that Consultant perform certain professional engineering and related services in connection with the Project; and

Consultant represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such services.

In consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements and benefits to the Parties hereto, it is agreed as follows:

### **TERMS**

#### *Article 1 Scope of Agreement*

1.01 The Consultant agrees to perform professional engineering services as set forth in the Exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein.

#### *Article 2 Character and Extent of Services*

2.01 The Consultant shall perform its obligations under this Contract in accordance with the Scope of Work within the Consultant’s proposal attached hereto as **Exhibit “A.”** County and Consultant may agree to amend this contract. All amendments to this contract will be added as **“Exhibit F-”** (F-1, F-2, etc.).

2.02 The Consultant and County agree and acknowledge that the County is entering into this Contract in reliance on the Consultant’s competence and qualifications, as those were presented to County by Consultant with respect to professional services. The Consultant, in consideration for the compensation set forth expressly herein, shall at all times utilize its skill and attention to fully,

timely, and properly render professional services for the development of the Project to final completion as set out in, or reasonably inferred from, the Scope of Work. This shall be done in a manner utilizing the degree of care ordinarily used by Consultants performing similar services on projects of a similar nature and scope within the State of Texas.

2.03 The Consultant shall be represented by a professional engineer, who has been assigned by Consultant to manage the Project, licensed to practice in the State of Texas, at meetings of any official nature concerning the Project, including, but not limited to, scope meetings, status meetings, pre-bid meetings, pre-construction meetings and construction meetings with County and staff and/or its contractors, unless otherwise set forth in the Scope of Work or approved in writing by the County.

2.04 Work, labor, services, and materials to be furnished by Consultant shall fully comply with applicable Federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, statutes, ordinances and directives related to the Consultant and/or the Work. In the event of any change in the applicable Federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, statutes, ordinances and directives related to the Consultant and/or the Work for the Project, which occur after the Effective Date of the Contract, and which Consultant was not and should not reasonably have been aware of, which require changes to the Work that has already been completed by the Consultant, or require work outside the Scope of Work, then the Consultant and the County shall attempt to agree in writing on the required modifications to the Scope of Work and an equitable fee and time adjustment resulting from such additional Scope of Work. Conflicts between any applicable Federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, statutes, ordinances and directives related to the Consultant and/or the Work shall be brought to the attention of the County by Consultant.

2.05 Consultant shall comply with all Federal laws, including but not limited to, the specific laws identified and attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"** and incorporated herein and made part of this contract. The Consultant shall require and ensure that its contractors and subcontractors comply with all applicable laws.

2.06 All work provided under this Agreement shall conform to and be in the format required by Federal and state funding agencies. Guidelines and requirements of the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highways Administration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the Texas Department of Transportation as applicable to the project. Other Federal and local funding sources may impose additional and/or differing requirements. The project may utilize funding from the following: grants, ad valorem taxes; general obligation bonds, which all requirements for this contract must adhere to the requirements.

2.07 Effective January 1, 2020, the requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, may apply to this contract and the Consultant agrees that the contract can be terminated if the Consultant knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

*Article 3*  
*Time for Performance*

3.01 The Consultant shall complete the services called for in this Agreement as set forth in schedule specified in **Exhibit “A”** or as further modified in **Exhibit “F-\*. ”** Consultant understands that time is of the essence to complete the services by the scheduled deadlines.

*Article 4*  
*Consultant Compensation*

4.01 For and in consideration of the services rendered by the Consultant under Article 2, the County shall pay to the Consultant in accordance with its Fee Schedule in **Exhibit “A”** or as further modified in **Exhibit “F-\*. ”**

*Article 5*  
*Time of Payment*

5.01 Monthly payments shall be made based upon that portion of the work which has been completed. Consultant shall provide, no later than the last day of each calendar month a sworn statement to the County Engineer, setting forth the percentage of the services provided which were completed during such calendar month, the compensation due, Consultant’s hourly rates, if applicable, subcontractor invoices and the respective backup documentation, and any other documentation required to support compensation due. Said statement shall be accompanied by an affidavit signed by an officer or principal of the Consultant certifying that the work was performed, it was authorized by the County Engineer and that all information contained in the invoice being submitted is true and correct.

5.02 Consultant agrees to maintain, for a period of five (5) years, detailed time records identifying each person performing the services, the date or dates that the services were performed, the applicable hourly rates, the total amount billed for each person and the total amount billed for all persons, and shall provide such other details as may be requested by the County Auditor for verification purposes. The Consultant shall retain its records and shall keep same available for inspection during regular business hours by County officials.

5.03 The Consultant’s statement becomes due and payable within thirty (30) days after receipt and approval by County. The approval or payment shall not be considered to be evidence of performance by the Consultant to the point indicated by such statement or of receipt or acceptance by the County of the work covered by such statement.

*Article 6*  
*Compliance Standards*

6.01 The Consultant agrees to perform the work hereunder in accordance with County’s road and bridge specifications or Texas Department of Transportation road and bridge specifications, Brazoria County Drainage Criteria Manual and other generally accepted standards applicable

thereto, and shall use that degree of care and skill commensurate with the Consultants profession to comply with all applicable state, Federal and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations relating to the work to be performed hereunder and Consultant's performance.

*Article 7*  
*Procurement, Suspension and Debarment*

7.01 The Consultant certifies by execution of this Agreement or Contract that it is not ineligible for such participation in Federal or state assistance programs. The Consultant further agrees to include this certification in all Agreements or Contracts between itself and any subcontractor in connection with the services performed under this Agreement or Contract. The Consultant also certifies that it will notify the County in writing if it is not in compliance with Federal or State assistance programs at any time during the term of this Agreement or Contract. The Consultant agrees to refund Brazoria County for any payments made to the Consultant that would have been properly payable or reimbursable from Federal or state funds but for the fact that such payment failed to comply with Federal or state assistance programs.

*Article 8*  
*Ownership of Documents, Copyright*

8.01 The County shall be the absolute and unqualified owner of all drawings, preliminary layouts, electronic documents and drawings, record drawings, sketches, reports, and other documents completed or partially completed, mylar reproducibles, preliminary layouts, created, produced, developed, or prepared, pursuant to this Agreement, by the Consultant or its approved outside advisory or support consultants (collectively the "Documents") with the same force and effect as if the County prepared same.

8.02 Consultant shall deliver all Documents to County within thirty (30) days of the termination or upon completion of this Agreement, whichever occurs first.

8.03 The Consultant may retain one (1) set of reproducible copies of such documents and such copies shall be for the Consultant's sole use in preparation of studies or reports for Brazoria County only. The Consultant is expressly prohibited from selling, licensing or otherwise marketing or donating such documents, or using such documents in the preparation of other work for any other client, without the prior express written permission of the County.

8.04 County shall be the owner of all intellectual property rights of the services rendered hereunder including all rights of copyright therein.

*Article 9*  
*Public Contact*

9.01 Contact with the news media, citizens of Brazoria County, the State of Texas or other governmental agencies shall be the responsibility of the County. Under no circumstances shall the Consultant release any material or information developed in the performance of its services hereunder without the express prior written permission of the County.

*Article 10*  
*Consultant's Insurance Requirements*

10.01 Prior to commencement of the Services, Consultant shall furnish County with properly executed certificates of insurance which shall evidence all insurance required and provide that such insurance shall not be canceled, except on 30 days' prior written notice to County. Consultant shall provide certified copies of insurance endorsements and/or policies if requested by County. Consultant shall maintain such insurance coverage from the time Services commence until Services are completed and provide replacement certificates, policies and/or endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of Services. Consultant shall obtain such insurance written on an Occurrence form (except Professional Liability which is on a Claims Made policy) from such companies having Best rating of V/VII or better, licensed or approved to transact business in the State of Texas, and shall obtain such insurance of the following types and minimum limits set forth on **Exhibit "B."**

10.02 County shall be named as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability. All liability policies including Workers' Compensation written on behalf of Consultant shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County and members of Commissioners Court.

10.03 If required coverage is written on a claims-made basis, Consultant represents that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of the contract; and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of 2 years beginning from the time that work under the Agreement is completed.

*Article 11*  
*Indemnification*

11.01 THE CONSULTANT SHALL INDEMNIFY THE COUNTY FROM AND AGAINST CLAIMS AND LIABILITY, PERFORMED UNDER THIS CONTRACT WHICH RESULT FROM NEGLIGENT ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION OF THE CONSULTANT OR OF ANY PERSON EMPLOYED BY THE CONSULTANT. THE CONSULTANT SHALL IN PROPORTION OF CONSULTANT'S LIABILITY BE RESPONSIBLE TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES, TO THE EXTENT ARISING OUT OF THE NEGLIGENT ACTS, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OF THE CONSULTANT, ITS AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES.

11.02 CONSULTANTS DUTY TO INDEMNIFY COUNTY SHALL AS DESCRIBED ABOVE BE ABSOLUTE. IT SHALL NOT ABATE OR END BY REASON OF THE EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED BY COUNTY IN WRITING. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO ALL SUCH MATTERS NO MATTER WHEN THEY ARISE.

*Article 12*  
*Dispute Resolution*

12.01 In the event of a dispute related to the breach of this Agreement that cannot be settled through negotiation, County and Consultant agree to submit the dispute to mediation.

12.02 All expenses associated with mediation shall be shared fifty (50) percent by each party.

12.03 The requirement to seek mediation shall be a condition required before filing an action at law or in equity, unless to do so would prevent either party from seeking relief in a court of law in equity under any applicable statutes of limitation.

*Article 13*  
*Termination*

13.01 The County may terminate this Agreement at any time by notice in writing to the Consultant. Upon receipt of such notice, the Consultant shall discontinue all services in connection with the performance of this Agreement and shall proceed to promptly cancel all existing orders and contracts insofar as such orders or contracts are chargeable to this Agreement. As soon as practicable after receipt of notice of termination, the Consultant shall submit a statement, showing in detail the services performed under this Agreement to the date of termination. The County shall then pay the Consultant that proportion of the prescribed charges which the services actually performed under this Agreement bear to the total services called for under this Agreement, less such payments on account of the charges as have been previously made. Copies of all completed or partially completed designs, electronic data files, drawings and specifications of any kind prepared under this Agreement shall be delivered to the County when and if this Agreement is terminated.

*Article 14*  
*Notice*

14.01 Any notice permitted or required to be given to the County hereunder may be given by hand-delivery or certified United States mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested addressed to:

**County:**

Brazoria County Parks Department  
313 W. Mulberry Street  
Angleton, Texas 77515  
ATTN: Bryan Frazier  
Email: [bryanf@brazoriacountytexas.gov](mailto:bryanf@brazoriacountytexas.gov)  
Email: [lydia@brazoriacountytexas.gov](mailto:lydia@brazoriacountytexas.gov)  
Phone: 979-864-1411

**Consultant:**

Baker & Lawson, Inc.  
4005 Technology Drive, Suite 1530  
Angleton, TX 77515  
ATTN: Robin Crouch, VP  
Email: [rcrouch@bakerlawson.com](mailto:rcrouch@bakerlawson.com)  
Phone: 979-849-6681

14.02 Such notice shall be deemed given upon receipt of hand-delivery or, if mailed, three days after the date of deposit of the notice in the United States mail as aforesaid.

*Article 15*  
*Successors and Assigns*

15.01 Neither the County nor the Consultant shall assign, sublet, or transfer its or his interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of any public body which may be a party hereto.

*Article 16*  
*Applicable Law*

16.01 The laws of the State of Texas govern all disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge that venue is proper in Brazoria County, Texas for all legal actions or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement and waive the right to sue or be sued elsewhere. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive the County's sovereign immunity.

*Article 17*  
*Modifications*

17.01 This instrument contains the entire Agreement between the parties related to the rights herein granted and obligations herein assumed. Any oral or written representations or modifications concerning this instrument shall be of no force and effect excepting a subsequent modification in writing signed by both parties.

*Article 18*  
*Authority of County Engineer*

18.01 The County Engineer shall decide any and all questions which may arise as to the interpretation of this Agreement and all questions as to the acceptable fulfillment of this Agreement by the Consultant. His decision shall be final. It is mutually agreed by both parties that the County Engineer shall act as referee in all questions arising under the terms of this Agreement between the parties hereto and that the decisions of the County Engineer in such shall be final and binding alike on both parties hereto. But, nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to authorize the County Engineer to alter, vary or amend any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement.

*Article 19*  
*Severability*

19.01 If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full force, if the essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each party remain valid, binding, and enforceable.

*Article 20*  
*Merger*

20.01 The Parties agree that this Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions of the understanding of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. All prior negotiations, discussions, correspondence and preliminary understandings between the parties and others relating hereto are superseded by this Agreement.

*Article 21*  
*Boycott Verification*

21.01 This verification is required pursuant to Sections 808, 809, 2271, and 2274 (87(R) Senate Bill 13 and 19 versions) of the Texas Government Code:

Definitions:

1. Per Government Code Chapter 808, "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purpose
2. Per Government Code Chapter 809, "Boycott energy company" means, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company:
  - (A) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or
  - (B) does business with a company described by Paragraph (A).
3. Per Government Code Chapter 2274 (87(R) Senate Bill 19), "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association":
  - (A) means, with respect to the entity or association, to:
    - (i) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association;
    - (ii) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association;
    - or
    - (iii) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association;
4. "Company" has the meaning assigned by Texas Government Code Sections 808.001(2), 809.001(2), and 2274.001(2) (87(R) Senate Bill 19).



This verification is only required for a contract that is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity. If your contract value or number of employees does not reach that threshold, please provide a written certification of the contract amount and number of employees.

By signing this contract consultant agrees to the following:

- (A) does not boycott Israel currently;
- (B) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract the named Company, business or individual with Brazoria County Texas, Texas;
- (C) does not boycott energy companies currently;
- (D) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract the named Company, business or individual with Brazoria County, Texas;
- (E) does not discriminate against a firearm entity of firearm trade association currently; and
- (F) will not discriminate against a firearm entity of firearm trade association during the term of the contract the named Company, business or individual with Brazoria County, Texas

21.02 All requirements of Subtitle A, Title 8 Government Code Chapter 808, apply to this contract and the Consultant, by signing below, hereby verifies its understanding of the exemptions contained therein.

21.03 Consultant agrees that the contract can be terminated if the Consultant knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of this subchapter.

*Article 22*  
*Attachments*

22.01 The following attachments are a part of this Agreement:

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| Exhibit A | Scope of Work, Fee Schedule and Project Schedule |
| Exhibit B | County's minimum insurance requirements          |
| Exhibit C | Compliance with Laws                             |
| Exhibit D | Certificate of Interested Parties                |
| Exhibit E | Conflict of Interest Disclosure                  |
| Exhibit F | Contract Amendments (As Needed)                  |

*Article 23*  
*Execution*

23.01 The County executes this Agreement by and through the County Judge acting pursuant to Order of the Commissioners Court of Brazoria County, Texas, so authorizing. This Agreement shall not become effective until executed by all Parties hereto.

**Brazoria County, Texas**

**Baker & Lawson, Inc.**  
**a Texas company**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**L.M. (Matt) Sebesta, Jr**

**County Judge**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** **Robin Crouch**

**Title:** **Vice President**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT “A”**  
**SCOPE OF WORK, FEE SCHEDULE AND PROJECT SCHEDULE**

***INSERT PROPOSAL AND SCHEDULE***



July 16, 2024

Ms. Lydia Ortiz  
Parks Planning & Grants Specialist  
313 West Mulberry St.  
Angleton, TX 77515  
Email: LydiaO@brazoriacountytx.gov

RE: Buffalo Camp Expansion – Lake Jackson, Texas  
**Baker & Lawson Proposal No. 16114**

Dear Ms. Ortiz,

Baker & Lawson, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to quote the professional services needed for the development of the referenced site.

Surveying	\$3,300.00
Final Design & Details – Grading Plan & Pond Cross Sections, Foot Bridge and Pier Design	\$12,000.00
Windstorm Inspection – (Cedna Engineering - Includes 2 windstorm inspections per structure only)	\$7,500.00
Geotechnical Report – (Terracon – Includes field program, laboratory testing and report)	\$11,050.00
Bid Phase	\$1,400.00
Construction Phase & Inspection	\$6,100.00
As-Built Drawings	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,350.00</b>

Grading Plan is inclusive of walking trail design, pond design, parking lot design, and ADA access plans to picnic tables  
Existing walking trail will be reconstructed to a length of 0.25 miles.

Existing walking trail will have two bid Options

Trail Option 1: Decomposed Granite Surface on Base Material

Trail Option 2: Repavement of Asphalt Trail

Parking will be expanded to a capacity of 30 spaces

Additional requested services not listed in this task/fee table will be under separate proposal and agreement.

Baker & Lawson, Inc. will proceed with the work upon receipt of authorization/purchase order.

DOUGLAS B. ROESLER, P.E. - Principal Engineer  
4005 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE, SUITE 1530, ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515  
(979) 849-6681 • Fax (979) 849-4689

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our services and look forward to working with you on this project.  
Please call with any questions you may have, or if we can be of additional service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robin Crouch", with a stylized, cursive script.

Robin Crouch  
Vice President

**EXHIBIT “B”**  
**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Workers Compensation in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Substitutes to genuine Workers’ Compensation Insurance will not be allowed.
2. Employers’ Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per injury by accident, \$1,000,000 per injury by disease, and \$1,000,000 per bodily injury by disease.
3. Commercial general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate. Policy shall cover liability for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage and products/completed operations arising out of the business operations of the policyholder.
4. Business Automobile Liability coverage applying to owned, non-owned and hired automobiles with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage combined.
5. Professional Liability insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each claim/annual aggregate.

**EXHIBIT “C”**  
**COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

The Consultant agrees to abide by any and all applicable Federal and state laws. The following list of Federal laws is illustrative of the type of requirements generally applicable to transportation projects. It is not intended to be exhaustive. The Consultant shall require that its contractors and subcontractors comply with applicable laws:

- i. The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 and implementing regulations (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.; 28 C.F.R. § 35; 29 C.F.R. § 1630);
- ii. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.) and United States Department of Transportation regulation, 49 C.F.R. Part 21;
- iii. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 4601 et seq.), with the understanding that the requirements of said Act are not applicable with respect to utility relocations except with respect to acquisitions by the Borrower of easements or other real property rights for the relocated facilities;
- iv. Equal employment opportunity requirements under Executive Order 11246 dated September 24, 1965 (30 F.R. 12319), any Executive Order amending such order, and implementing regulations (29 C.F.R. §§ 1625-27, 1630; 28 C.F.R. § 35; 41 C.F.R. § 60; and 49 C.F.R. § 27);
- v. Restrictions governing the use of Federal appropriated funds for lobbying (31 U.S.C. § 1352; 49 C.F.R. § 20);
- vi. The Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 1857 et seq., as amended by Pub. L. 91-604);
- vii. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq.);
- viii. The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq., as amended by Pub. L. 92-500);
- ix. The Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1531, et seq.
- x. 23 U.S.C. § 138 [49 U.S.C. § 303]
- xi. The health and safety requirements set forth in 23 C.F.R. § 635.108;
- xii. The prevailing wage requirements set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 276a, 23 U.S.C. § 113, as supplemented by 29 C.F.R. Part 5, 23 C.F.R. §§ 635.117(f), 635.118 and FHWA Form 1273 §§ IV and V for those contracts that involve construction of highway improvements;
- xiii. The Buy America requirements set forth in Section 165 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 and implementing regulations (23 C.F.R. § 635.410);
- xiv. The requirements of 23 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq. and 23 C.F.R.; and

- xv. The applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 relating to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program.

**AGREED TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED THIS** *[date]* \_\_\_\_\_

**Baker & Lawson, Inc.**

**a Texas company**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** **Robin Crouch**

**Title:** **Vice President**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



**EXHIBIT “D”**  
**CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES**

Effective January 1, 2016, all contracts and contract amendments, extensions, or renewals executed by the Commissioners Court will require the completion of Form 1295 “Certificate of Interested Parties” pursuant to Government Code § 2252.908. Form 1295 must be completed by the Consultant and submitted with the partially executed Professional Services Agreement prior to final execution by Brazoria County. The Consultant shall update this document and resubmit it as needed for the duration of this contract.

The Texas Ethics Commission has posted a video which explains the process on how to submit Form 1295. The video link is available on the Brazoria County Purchasing website at <http://brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/purchasing/doing-business>.

**EXHIBIT “E”**  
**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 requires that any vendor or person who enters or seeks to enter into a contract with a local governmental entity (including any agent of such person or vendor) disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ the vendor or person’s employment, affiliation, business relationship, family relationship or provision of gifts that might cause a conflict of interest with a local governmental entity. By law, this questionnaire must be completed and filed with the records administrator of Brazoria County no later than the seventh business day after the date the person engages or communicates with Brazoria County or becomes aware of facts that require the completion of the questionnaire pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 176.006.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Texas Local Government Code section 176.006. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

A copy of House Bill 23 which amended the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is available at: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlodocs/84R/billtext/html/HB00023F.HTM>.

Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 can be found here:  
<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>.

By submitting a response to this request, the Consultant represents compliance with the requirements of Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. If required, send completed forms to:

Brazoria County Courthouse  
County Clerk’s Office  
111 E. Locust Street, Suite 200  
Angleton, TX 77515

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

**This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.**

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

**1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.**

**2** ☐ **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.** (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Officer

**4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.**

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.**

**6** ☐ Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

**7**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

**Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a):** "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

**Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):**

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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- (2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;  
or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

**Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)**

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

- (1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

- (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

**EXHIBIT “F”**  
**CONTRACT AMENDMENTS**

***INSERT ALL AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONTRACT AS EXHIBIT F-1, F-2, ETC.***