

PLANNING SERVICES CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ON 4/10/2023, THE DATE ON WHICH THE CLIENT, SABINE COUNTY, hereinafter referred to as the Client, AWARDED GRANTWORKS, INC., Austin, Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Consultant, to carry out planning and grant administration services, as procured in conformance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2254, Subchapter A, "Professional Services".

I. SCOPE OF BASIC SERVICES

Consultant agrees to render professional city planning and grant administration services for the Client's Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG), Program Year 2022, Rural Economic Development Planning Program, Grant Agreement Number CRP22-0117 (the "Contract"), as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs (the "Department"), as provided in the provisions titled, "Part III, Scope of Basic Services" and attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein (the "Services").

II. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

The time of services for the Consultant shall commence no earlier than the date of this agreement. In any event, Consultant shall use commercially reasonable efforts to perform all services required and performed hereunder shall be completed no later than the grant's administrative closure date, as defined by the Department.

III. COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

For and in consideration of the foregoing, Client agrees to pay Consultant a fee not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents, (\$50,000.00) in accordance with the following schedule. Client shall pay its matching funds to Consultant at the time **Client** approves the products produced herein and prior to submittal for final Department review, as required by Department. Consultant understands that Department must approve the products produced hereunder prior to release of Department funds for payment and that Consultant will not receive full payment until Department funds are received by Client. All payments are conditioned upon submission by Consultant of Invoices.

Activity	Payment
<i>Strategic Economic Development Plan</i>	\$50,000.00
Total Contract Amount	\$50,000.00

IV. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

The Client may, from time to time, request changes in the scope of services of the consultant to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Consultant's compensation, must be mutually agreed upon by and between the Client and the Consultant and shall be incorporated in written amendments to this Agreement. If a change is requested but the parties cannot agree on the specific terms of such change, the parties may mutually agree to terminate this Agreement. Absent such agreement to terminate, the Agreement will continue without the change.

V. ASSIGNABILITY

Neither party shall assign any interest in this Agreement or transfer any interest in the same, without the prior written consent of the other party, not to be unreasonably withheld, provided, however, that claims for money by the Consultant from the Client under this Agreement may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Written notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished reasonably promptly to the Client.

VI. RECORDS AND AUDITS

During the term of this Agreement, the Consultant shall assist the Client in maintaining fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures of funds made under the Contract. Such records must include data on racial, ethnic, and gender characteristics of persons who are applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries of the funds provided under the Contract. Client shall retain such records, and any supporting

documentation, for the greater of four years from closeout of the Contract or the period required by other applicable laws and regulations.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed under and accord with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in the county in which Client's primary office is located.
- B. Binding Effect; No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representative, successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement does not, and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies to any person other than the parties to this Agreement.
- C. Severability. In any case one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
- D. Attorneys' Fees. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and necessary disbursement in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.
- E. Provision of Information. It is agreed that all information, data, reports and records and maps as are existing, available and necessary for the carrying out of the work outlined in this Agreement shall be furnished to the Consultant by the Client and its agencies. No charge will be made to Consultant for such information and the Client and its agencies will cooperate with Consultant in every way possible to facilitate the performance of the work described in this Agreement.
- F. Local Program Liaison. For purposes of this Contract, the Mayor or equivalent authorized person will serve as the Local Program Liaison and primary point of contact for the Consultant. All required progress reports and communication regarding the project shall be directed to this liaison and other local personnel as appropriate.
- G. Waiver of Consequential Damages. Neither party will be liable to the other party or any other person or entity for any special, incidental, indirect, consequential, punitive or exemplary damages arising out of or relating to this Agreement, regardless of the form of action and whether or not such party has been informed of or otherwise might have anticipated the possibility of such damages.
- H. Limitation of Liability. Each party agrees that, regardless of the type, nature or number of causes of action or claims by the Client (including without limitation claims for indemnity under this Agreement) or any third party claiming by, through or under the Client, the maximum amount of damages, individually or in the aggregate, that either party will be liable for or can be required to pay to the other or any other claimant is the amount of fees to be paid to the Consultant by the Client under this Agreement. The parties agree that this limitation of damages is reasonable and acknowledge that but for this limitation, neither party would enter into this Agreement.
- I. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the sole and entire agreement of the parties with regard to contemporaneous understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the subject matter of this Agreement.
- J. Negotiated Terms. The parties agree that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are the result of negotiations between the parties and that this Agreement shall not be construed in favor of or against either party by reason of the extent to which such party or its professional advisors participated in the preparation of this Agreement.
- K. Ownership of Work and Copyright. The parties agree that the Consultant retains all ownership rights to forms, reports, and other documents produced in whole or in part under this Agreement until such

documents are completed as contemplated under this Agreement and placed in the official Contract record or submitted as final documents to the Client or the Department. Consultant shall retain all ownership rights to templates, internal tracking systems, and other documents produced by Consultant that have a common use applicable to multiple clients and are not produced specifically for the Client under this Agreement. No report, maps, or other documents produced in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Consultant.

- L. Remedies, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Program Non-Compliance. The parties hereto agree to resolve all disputes arising hereunder in accordance with this section. If a dispute arises out of or relates to this Agreement or any alleged breach hereof, including determination of responsibility for any costs disallowed as a result of non-compliance with federal, state or CDBG program requirements, the party desiring to resolve such dispute shall deliver a written notice of the dispute, including the specific claim in the dispute to the other party. Following the delivery of such notice, the parties involved in the dispute shall meet at least twice within the thirty (30) day period commencing with the date of the notice and in good faith shall attempt to resolve such dispute through negotiation. If any dispute is not resolved or settled by the parties as a result of such negotiation, the parties in good faith shall submit the dispute to non-binding mediation before a retired judge of a federal district court or Texas district court or a similarly qualified, mutually agreeable individual in Austin, Texas. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. If the dispute is not resolved through such mediation, either party may proceed to file suit.
- M. Force Majeure. A "Force Majeure Event" means any event or cause beyond a party's reasonable control (including without limitation, construction delays, fire, flood, rain, weather, casualty, explosions, damage by third parties whether negligently or intentionally caused, strikes, work stoppages, picketing, acts of God or other casualties, or the laws or actions of any governmental authority), as a result of which at any time a party is unable to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement. If a Force Majeure Event occurs during the term of this Agreement that prevents the Consultant from performing its obligations hereunder, the Consultant and the Client will in good faith mutually agree on one of the following alternatives: (1) extend the time for performance, or (2) terminate this Agreement and, as mutually agreed, cause the payment to Consultant of fees not yet paid for services performed prior to the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event or cause the refund to Client of fees previously paid for services that were not performed prior to the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event.

VIII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This Agreement is subject to the provisions titled "Part II Terms and Conditions" and "Part III Scope of Basic Services," which each are attached hereto and hereby are incorporated by reference.

IN WITNESSETH HEREOF, the Client and the Consultant have executed this Agreement as of the date indicated above.

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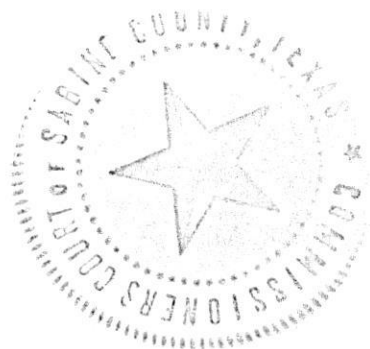
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County Clerk



**AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
PART II - TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. **PERSONNEL.** The Consultant represents it has or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the Client. The Consultant may subcontract any of the work or services covered by this Agreement, provided that (a) any subcontracted work or services must be the subject of a written approval written contract or agreement, (b) the Consultant shall be responsible to Client for the acts or omissions of any such subcontractor, and (c) such subcontractors shall be subject to the requirements of the program.
2. **REPORTS AND INFORMATION.** The Consultant, at such times and in such forms as the Client may reasonably require, shall furnish the Client periodic reports as it may request pertaining to the work or services undertaken pursuant to this Agreement, the costs and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection therewith, and any other matters covered by this Agreement.
3. **RECORD RETENTION.** In accordance with 2 CFR 200.333, Consultant shall provide to Client all records pertinent to the Contract. Client shall retain all required records for at least three (3) years after making final payments and all other pending matters are closed.
4. **ACCESS TO RECORDS.** In accordance with 2 CFR 200.336, during the Agreement's time of performance the grantee, the subgrantee, the Federal grantor agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives will have access to any books, documents, papers, and records maintained by the Consultant which are directly pertinent to the Contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
5. **FINDINGS CONFIDENTIAL.** All of the reports, information, data, etc., prepared or assembled by the Consultant under this Agreement are confidential and the Consultant agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the Client except where required by law or by court order.
6. **COPYRIGHT.** No report, maps, or other documents produced in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Consultant.
7. **COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL LAWS; INDEMNIFICATION.** Consultant shall comply with the requirements of all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and shall, indemnify, and hold harmless the Client from and against them, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Client from and against liability for payments of Federal, State and local taxes on contributions imposed or required under the Social Security, worker's compensation and income tax laws associated solely with Consultant's performance of the services required to be performed by Consultant under this Agreement.
8. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CAUSE.** In accordance with 2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (B), if the Consultant shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner his/her obligations under this Agreement, or if the Consultant shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the Client shall provide written notice to Consultant reasonably specifying the failure or violation. If Consultant fails to cure such failure or violation within five (5) business days of receiving such notice or, if the failure or violation is incapable of cure within such time frame, to begin to take actions to cure such failure or violation and to diligently pursue them to completion, Client thereupon shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately by giving written notice to the Consultant. Consultant shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any work satisfactorily completed hereunder. In such event, all finished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by the Consultant under this Agreement shall, at the option of the Client, become its property.

9. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CONVENIENCE.** Either the Client or the Consultant may terminate this Agreement at any time by providing at least ten (10) days' notice in writing to the other party to this Agreement. If the Agreement is terminated as provided herein, the Consultant will be paid for the time provided and expenses incurred up to the termination date. In such event, all finished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by the Consultant under this Agreement shall, at the option of the Client, become its property.
10. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
- A. **Governing Body:** Client agrees that no member of its governing body, no other public official of Client, and no other officer, employee, or agent of the Client who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of the program, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement, and Client shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance with this requirement.
 - B. **Other Local Public Officials.** No other public official who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of administration, construction, engineering or implementation of the CDBG award between the Department and the City/County shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Consultant or this Agreement; and the Consultant shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
 - C. **Consultant and Employees.** The Consultant warrants and represents that it has no conflict of interest associated with the CDBG award between the Department and the Client or this Agreement. The Consultant further warrants and represents that it shall not acquire an interest, direct or indirect, in any geographic area that may benefit from the CDBG award between the Department and the Client or in any business, entity, organization or person that may benefit from the award. The Consultant further agrees that it will not employ an individual with a conflict of interest as described herein.
11. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (EXECUTIVE ORDERS 12549 AND 12689).** The Consultant certifies, by entering into this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally-assisted programs under Executive Orders 12549 (1986) and 12689 (1989). The term "principal" for purposes of this Agreement is defined as an officer, director, owner, partner, key employee, or other person with primary management or supervisory responsibilities, or a person who has a critical influence on or substantive control over the operations of the Consultant. The Consultant understands that it must not make any award or permit any award (or contract) at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension."
12. **FEDERAL COMPLIANCE.** During the term of this Agreement, the parties shall comply with all Federal laws, regulations, and rules including the following:
- A. **CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.** Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
 - B. **Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.** The Consultant agrees that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, including discrimination in employment, under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
 - C. **AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975.** The Consultant shall comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 which provides that no person in the United States shall on the basis of age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
 - D. **SECTION A109 OF THE HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974.**
 - i. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of,

or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this Title.

E. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE. During the performance of this Agreement, the Consultant agrees as follows:

- i. The Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Consultant will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Consultant agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- ii. The Consultant will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Consultant, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- iii. The Consultant will not discourage or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Consultant's legal duty to furnish information.
- iv. The Consultant will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Consultant's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- v. The Consultant will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, "Equal Employment Opportunity," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- vi. The Consultant will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- vii. In the event of the Consultant's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Consultant may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- viii. The Consultant will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (i) and the provisions of paragraphs (i) through (vii) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions

will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Consultant will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a Consultant becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the Consultant may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

13. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECTION 3 RESIDENTS AND SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERNS.
- A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
 - B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 75 regulations.
 - C. The Contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 75, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 75. The Contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 75.
 - D. The Contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the Contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 75 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 75. Minimum expectations of effort to direct employment opportunities to such workers are identified in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.
14. CONTRACTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS.
- A. The Consultant must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.
 - B. Affirmative steps must include:
 - i. Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
 - ii. Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
 - iii. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
 - iv. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
 - v. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
 - vi. Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

15. PATENT RIGHTS AND INVENTIONS. The Consultant shall comply with the requirements and regulations pertaining to patent rights with respect to any discovery or invention which arises or is developed in the course of or under such contract. (2 CFR 200 Appendix II (f) and Rights to Inventions in 37 CFR Part 401).
16. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency. (2 CFR 200 Appendix II (B)).
17. ENERGY EFFICIENCY. The Consultant shall comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94A 163, 89 Stat. 871). (2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (H) and 42 U.S.C. 6201).
18. VERIFICATION NO BOYCOTT ISRAEL. As required by Chapter 2271, Government Code, the Consultant hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel through the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this verification, "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 purposes.
19. NO FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. Pursuant to Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code, the Consultant represents and certifies that, at the time of execution of this Agreement neither the Consultant, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same (i) engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization as described in Chapters 806 or 807 of the Texas Government Code, or Subchapter F of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, or (ii) is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code. The term "foreign terrorist organization" in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code.

**AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES
PART III - SCOPE OF BASIC SERVICES**

Note: Listed services may not be required for this Texas CDBG project. Consultant shall furnish only those services appropriate to the project.

A. Planning Services

1. Provide planning services to Client to fulfill requirements specifically stated in the Rural Economic Development Planning Fund Contract between the Client and the Texas Department of Agriculture – Office of Rural Affairs.