

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
CONTRACT NUMBER 58180002804
FY 2018 COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CEAP)
(CFDA # 93.568)

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SECTION 1. PARTIES TO THE CONTRACT

This 2018 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) Contract Number **58180002804** ("Contract") is made by and between the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, a public and official agency of the State of Texas ("Department"), and **Webb County Community Action Agency**, a Texas nonprofit corporation ("Subrecipient"), hereinafter the "Parties".

SECTION 2. CONTRACT TERM

This Contract shall commence on **January 01, 2018**, and, unless earlier terminated, shall end on **December 31, 2018** ("Contract Term").

SECTION 3. SUBRECIPIENT PERFORMANCE

- A. Subrecipient shall, throughout its service area, operate a Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program, ("CEAP") in accordance with the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-452), the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 as amended (42 U.S.C. §8621 et seq.) (Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Public Law 97-35, as amended) ("LIHEAP Act"), Chapter 2306 of the Texas Government Code ("State Act"), Chapter 2105 of the Texas Government Code, the implementing State regulations under Title 10, Part 1, Chapter 1, Chapter 2 and Subchapters A and C of Chapter 6 of the Texas Administrative Code, as amended or supplemented from time to time ("State Rules"), any applicable Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") Circulars as may be amended or superseded, the LIHEAP State Plan, Subrecipient's "Service Delivery Plan" in accordance with Section 6.306 of Chapter 6 of the State Rules, the Department's guidance related to CEAP, all applicable state and federal regulations, and the terms of this Contract. Subrecipient shall further implement the CEAP in accordance with the certifications attached hereto as Addendums A, B, C and D and incorporated herein for all relevant purposes; the Budget attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein for all relevant purposes; the assurances, certifications, and all other statements made by Subrecipient in its application funding under this Contract; and with all other terms, provisions, and requirements herein set forth.
- B. Subrecipient shall assist "Households" that are "Low-Income" with priority being given in no particular order to (1) "Elderly Persons", (2) "Persons with Disabilities", (3) Households with a young child 5 years of age or under, (4) Households with "High Energy Burden", and (5) Households with "High Energy Consumption" as said terms are defined in Section 6.2 of Chapter 6 of the State Rules.
- C. Subrecipient shall refund to the Department any sum of money which has been paid to Subrecipient by the Department, which Department determines has not been spent in accordance with the terms of this Contract. Subrecipient shall make such refund within fifteen (15) calendar days after the Department's request.

SECTION 4. DEPARTMENT OBLIGATIONS

- A. In consideration of Subrecipient's satisfactory performance of this Contract, Department shall reimburse Subrecipient for the actual allowable costs incurred by Subrecipient during the Contract Term for administrative expenditures, program services costs and direct services expenditures in accordance with Section 6.308 of the State Rules, in the amount(s) specified in the Budget attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- B. Any decision to obligate additional funds or deobligate funds shall be made in writing by Department in its sole but reasonable discretion based upon factors including, but not limited to, the status of funding under grants to Department, the rate of Subrecipient's utilization of funds under this or previous contracts, the existence of questioned or disallowed costs under this or other contracts between the Parties, and Subrecipient's overall compliance with the terms of this Contract.

- C. Department's obligations under this Contract are contingent upon the actual receipt and availability by the Department of 2018 funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. If sufficient funds are not available to make payments under this Contract, Department shall notify Subrecipient in writing within a reasonable time after such fact is determined. Department shall then terminate this Contract and will not be liable for the failure to make any payment to Subrecipient under this Contract. Department acknowledges that it has received obligations from those sources which, if paid, will be sufficient to pay the allowable costs incurred by Subrecipient under this Contract.
- D. Department is not liable for any cost incurred by Subrecipient which:
1. is subject to reimbursement by a source other than Department;
 2. is for performance of services or activities not authorized by the LIHEAP Act, or which is not in accordance with the terms of this Contract;
 3. is not incurred during the Contract Term;
 4. is not reported to Department on a monthly expenditure or performance report within forty- five (45) calendar days following the end of the Contract Term; or
 5. is incurred for the purchase or permanent improvement of real property.
- E. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, Department shall only be liable to Subrecipient for costs incurred or performances rendered for activities specified in the LIHEAP Act.
- F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the total of all payments and other obligations incurred by Department under this Contract shall not exceed the sum of **\$1,144,925.00**.

SECTION 5. METHOD OF PAYMENT/CASH BALANCES

- A. Subrecipient may request an advance payment of up to thirty (30) days cash needs or an advance of \$5,000, whichever is greater. Subrecipient's request for advances shall be limited to the minimum amount needed and be timed to be in accordance with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the Subrecipient in carrying out the purpose of this Contract.
- B. Subrecipient shall establish procedures to minimize the time between the disbursement of funds from Department to Subrecipient and the expenditure of such funds by Subrecipient.
- C. Subrecipient must request an advance payment by submitting a properly completed monthly expenditure report to the Department through the electronic reporting system no later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the month prior to the month for which advance payment is sought.
- D. Subsection 4(A) notwithstanding, Department reserves the right to utilize a modified cost reimbursement method of payment, whereby reimbursement of costs incurred by a Subrecipient is made only after the Department has reviewed and approved backup documentation provided by the Subrecipient to support such costs for all funds if (1) Subrecipient maintains excessive cash balances or requests advance payments in excess of thirty (30) days need; (2) Department identifies any deficiency in the internal controls or financial management system used by Subrecipient; (3) Subrecipient violates any of the terms of this Contract; (4) Department's funding sources require the use of a cost reimbursement method of payment or (5) Subrecipient owes the Department funds.
- E. Department may offset or withhold any amounts otherwise owed to Subrecipient under this Contract against any amount owed by Subrecipient to Department arising under this Contract.
- F. All funds paid to Subrecipient under this Contract are paid in trust for the exclusive benefit of the eligible clients of the CEAP and for allowable administrative expenditures and program services costs incurred during the Contract Term in accordance with Section 6.308 of the State Rules.

SECTION 6. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

- A. Except as expressly modified by law or the terms of this Contract, Subrecipient shall comply with the cost principles and uniform administrative requirements set forth in the state Uniform Grant Management Standards, 34 TAC §20.421 in effect on the effective date of this Contract ("UGMS").
- B. Subrecipient has a federally approved indirect cost rate of **0.00%**.

- C. Uniform administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements are set forth in UGMS.
- D. The Subrecipient shall include language in any subcontract that provides the Department the ability to directly review, monitor, and/or audit the operational and financial performance and/or records of work performed under this Contract.
- E. Department reserves the right to conduct additional audits of the funds received and performances rendered under this Contract. Subrecipient agrees to permit Department or its authorized representative to audit Subrecipient's records and to obtain any documents, materials, or information necessary to facilitate such audit.
- F. For any fiscal year ending within or immediately after the Contract Term, Subrecipient must submit an "Audit Certification Form" (available from the Department) within sixty (60) days after the Subrecipient's fiscal year end.
- G. In accordance with 10 TAC §1.403(e), Subrecipients that expend \$750,000 or more in federal and/or state awards or have an outstanding loan balance associated with a federal or state resource of \$750,000 or more with continuing compliance requirements, or a combination thereof must have a Single Audit. The expenditure threshold for audit is \$750,000 of Federal Funds.
- H. If the Subrecipient's Single Audit is required by 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, the report must be submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse ("FAC") the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report or nine (9) months after the end of its respective fiscal year. As noted in 10 TAC §1.403(f) Subrecipients are required to submit a notification to Department within five (5) business days of submission to the FAC. Along with the notice, indicate if the auditor issued a management letter. If there is a management letter, a copy of the letter must be sent to the Department. Both the notice and the copy of the management letter, if applicable, must be submitted to SAandACF@tdhca.state.tx.us.

SECTION 7. DEOBLIGATION, TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

- A. DEOBLIGATION. The Department may deobligate funds from Subrecipient in accordance with 10 TAC §6.304 or Chapter 2105 of the Texas Government Code.
- B. TERMINATION. Pursuant to Sections 2.202 and 2.203 of Chapter 2 of the State Rules, the Department may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time Department determines that there is cause for termination. Cause for termination includes, but is not limited to, Subrecipient's failure to comply with any term of this Contract or reasonable belief that Subrecipient cannot or will not comply with the requirements of the Contract.
- C. GENERAL. Subrecipient's failure to expend the funds provided under this Contract in a timely manner may result in either the termination of this Contract or Subrecipient's ineligibility to receive additional funding under CEAP, or a reduction in the original allocation of funds to Subrecipient.
- D. SUSPENSION. Nothing in this Section 7 shall be construed to limit Department's authority to withhold payment and immediately suspend this Contract if Department identifies possible instances of fraud, abuse, waste, fiscal mismanagement, or other deficiencies in Subrecipient's performance including but not limited to, Subrecipient's failure to correct any monitoring findings on this or any state contract or on a single audit review.
- E. WITHHOLDING OF PAYMENTS. Notwithstanding any exercise by Department of its right of deobligation, termination or suspension, Subrecipient shall not be relieved of any liability to Department for damages by virtue of any breach of this Contract by Subrecipient. Department may withhold any payment due to Subrecipient until such time as the exact amount of damages due to Department is agreed upon or is otherwise determined in writing between the Parties.
- F. LIABILITY. Department shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Subrecipient after termination or during suspension of this Contract.

SECTION 8. ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES

- A. The allowability of Subrecipient's costs incurred in the performance of this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of this Contract and the regulations set forth in the LIHEAP Act and the State Rules, subject to the limitations and exceptions set forth in this Section 8.
- B. CEAP funds allow up to 7.22% of the award amount to be utilized for administrative costs. Administrative costs incurred by Subrecipient in performing this Contract are to be based on actual programmatic expenditures and shall be allowed up to the amount outlined in the Budget attached hereto as Exhibit A. Eligible administrative costs include costs related to staff performance of management, accounting and reporting activities in accordance with the LIHEAP State Plan.

- C. Administrative and program services activities funds are earned through provision of direct services to clients in accordance with the State Rules. Subrecipient may choose to submit a final budget revision no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the end of the Contract Term to use its administrative and program services funds for direct service categories.

SECTION 9. RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

- A. GENERAL. Subrecipient shall comply with all the record keeping requirements set forth below and shall maintain fiscal and programmatic records and supporting documentation for all expenditures of funds made under this Contract in accordance with the state Uniform Grant Management Standards, Chapter III, "State Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements", Subpart C -Post Award Requirements, §_42, Subrecipient agrees to comply with any changes to the UGMS' record keeping requirements.
- B. OPEN RECORDS. Subrecipient acknowledges that all information collected, assembled, or maintained by Subrecipient pertaining to this Contract, except records made confidential by law, is subject to the Texas Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of Texas Government Code) and must provide citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties with reasonable access to all records pertaining to this Contract subject to and in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act.
- C. ACCESS TO RECORDS. Subrecipient shall give the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. General Accounting Office, the Texas Comptroller, the State Auditor's Office, and Department, or any of their duly authorized representatives, access to and the right to examine and copy, on or off the premises of Subrecipient, all records pertaining to this Contract. Such right to access shall continue as long as the records are retained by Subrecipient. Subrecipient agrees to cooperate with any examination conducted pursuant to this Subsection C.
- D. RECORD RETENTION. Subrecipient agrees to maintain such records in an accessible location for the greater of: (i) four (4) years; (ii), the date that the final audit is accepted with all audit issues resolved to the Department's satisfaction if the Department notifies the Subrecipient in writing; (iii) if any litigation claim, negotiation, inspection, or other action has started before the expiration of the required retention period records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise under it; or (iv) a date consistent with any other period required by federal or state law or regulation. Upon termination of this Contract, all records are property of the Department.
- E. CLIENT FILES. Subrecipient shall maintain a client file system to document direct services rendered. Subrecipient shall maintain complete client files at all times. Costs associated with incomplete files found at the time of program monitoring may be disallowed. Each client file shall contain the following:
1. Client application containing all Department requirements;
 2. Documentation/verification of client income for the thirty (30) days preceding their application for all Household members eighteen (18) years and older, or Declaration of Income Statement (DIS) (if applicable). In order to use the DIS form, each Subrecipient shall develop and implement a written policy and procedure on the use of the form;
 3. Copy of client's utility bill(s) or Department approved Alternative Billing Method;
 4. Energy consumption history for previous twelve (12) months (all fuel types);
 5. Documentation of payment (Documentation of payment may be maintained in a separate file, but must be accessible to the Department.);
 6. Documentation of benefits determination;
 7. Notice of Denial Form (if applicable);
 8. Right of appeal and procedures for denial or termination of services (if applicable);
 9. Any documentation required by directives provided by the Department;
 10. Priority rating form; and
 11. Case notes sufficient to document that program service activity has occurred.

SECTION 10. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. By the 15th of each month, Subrecipient shall electronically submit to Department, a Funding Report of all expenditures of funds and clients served under this Contract during the previous month. These reports are due even if Subrecipient has no new activity to report during the month.
- B. Subrecipient shall submit to Department, no later than forty-five (45) calendar days after the end of the Contract Term, an inventory of all vehicles, tools, and equipment with a unit acquisition cost of \$5,000.00 and/or a useful life of more than one year, if purchased in whole or in part with funds received under this Contract or previous CEAP contracts. The inventory shall include the vehicles, tools, equipment, and appliances purchased with Energy Crisis funds on hand as of the last day of the Contract Term. Subrecipient acknowledges that all equipment and supplies purchased with funds from the CEAP are the property of CEAP and as such, stay with the Subrecipient that provides CEAP services in the service area.
- C. Subrecipient shall electronically submit to Department, no later than forty-five (45) calendar days after the end of the Contract Term, a final report of all expenditures of funds and clients served under this Contract. Failure of Subrecipient to provide a full accounting of funds expended under this Contract may result in the termination of this Contract and ineligibility to receive additional funds. If Subrecipient fails to submit a final expenditure/performance report within forty-five (45) calendar days of the end of the Contract Term, Department will use the last report submitted by Subrecipient as the final report.
- D. By the 15th of each month, Subrecipient shall electronically upload data on Households served in the previous month into the LIHEAP Module located in the Community Affairs Contract System.
- E. If Subrecipient fails to submit, in a timely and satisfactory manner, any report or response required by this Contract, Department may withhold any or all payments otherwise due or requested by Subrecipient hereunder. Payments may be withheld until such time as the delinquent report or response is received by Department. If the delinquent report or response is not received within forty-five (45) calendar days of its due date, Department may suspend or terminate this Contract. If Subrecipient receives funds from Department over two or more Contract Terms, funds may be withheld or this Contract suspended or terminated for Subrecipient's failure to submit a past due report or response (including an audit report) from a prior contract or Contract Term.
- F. Subrecipient shall provide the Department with a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and a Central Contractor Registration (CCR) System number to be used as the Unique Entity Identifier Number on all contracts and agreements. The DUNS number must be provided in a document from Dun and Bradstreet and the current CCR number must be submitted from a document retrieved from the <https://www.sam.gov> website. These documents must be provided to the Department prior to the processing first payment to Subrecipient. Subrecipient shall maintain a current DUNS number and CCR number for the entire Contract Term.

SECTION 11. VENDOR AGREEMENTS

For each of Subrecipient's vendors, Subrecipient shall implement and maintain a vendor agreement that contains assurances relating to fair billing practices, delivery procedures, and pricing procedures for business transactions involving CEAP clients. All vendor agreements are subject to monitoring procedures performed by TDHCA. All vendor agreements must be renegotiated every two years.

SECTION 12. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

- A. Any change, addition or deletion to the terms of this Contract required by a change in federal or state law or regulation is automatically incorporated herein and is effective on the date designated by such law or regulation without the requirement of a written amendment hereto. Said changes, additions, or deletions referenced under this Subsection A of Section 12 may be further evidenced in a written amendment.
- B. Except as specifically provided otherwise in this Contract, any changes, additions, or deletions to the terms of this Contract shall be in writing and executed by both Parties to this Contract. If any Party returns an executed copy by facsimile machine or electronic transmission, the signing party intends the copy of its authorized signature printed by the receiving machine or the electronic transmission, to be its original signature.
- C. Written requests for a Contract amendment must be received by the Department no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the end of the Contract Term.

SECTION 13. PROGRAM INCOME

Subrecipient shall account for and expend program income derived from activities financed in whole or in part with funds provided under this Contract in accordance with the state Uniform Grant Management Standards, more specifically, Chapter III, "State Uniform Administrative Requirements For Grants and Cooperative Agreements", Subpart C - Post-Award Requirements--Financial Administration, §_25, Program Income.

SECTION 14. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND MONITORING

Department may issue technical guidance to explain the rules and provide directions on terms of this Contract. Department or its designee may conduct on and off-site monitoring and evaluation of Subrecipient's compliance with the terms of this Contract. Department's monitoring may include a review of the efficiency, economy, and efficacy of Subrecipient's performance. Department will notify Subrecipient in writing of any deficiencies noted during such monitoring. Department may provide training and technical assistance to Subrecipient in correcting the deficiencies noted. Department may require corrective action to remedy deficiencies noted in Subrecipient's accounting, personnel, procurement, and management procedures and systems in order to comply with State or Federal requirements. Department may conduct follow-up visits to review the previously noted deficiencies and to assess the Subrecipient's efforts made to correct them. Repeated deficiencies may result in disallowed costs. Department may terminate or suspend this Contract or invoke other remedies Department determines to be appropriate in the event monitoring reveals material deficiencies in Subrecipient's performance, or Subrecipient fails to correct any deficiency within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Department. Department or its designee may conduct an ongoing program evaluation throughout the Contract Term.

SECTION 15. INDEPENDENT SUBRECIPIENT

It is agreed that Department is contracting with Subrecipient as an independent contractor. Subrecipient agrees to indemnify Department against any disallowed costs or other claims which may be asserted by any third party in connection with the services to be performed by Subrecipient under this Contract.

SECTION 16. PROCUREMENT STANDARDS

- A. Subrecipient shall comply with UGMS and 10 TAC §1.404, this Contract, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances for making procurement transactions and purchases under this Contract.
- B. When the Subrecipient no longer needs equipment purchased with CSBG grant funds, regardless of purchase price, or upon the termination of this Contract, Department may take possession and transfer title to any such property or equipment to the Department or to a third party or may seek reimbursement from Subrecipient of the current unit price of the item of equipment, in Department's sole determination. Subrecipient must request permission from the Department to transfer title or dispose of equipment purchased with CSBG grant funds.

SECTION 17. SUBCONTRACTS

- A. Subrecipient may not subcontract the primary performance of this Contract, including but not limited to expenditure and performance reporting and drawing funds through the Community Affairs Contract System, and only may enter into properly procured contractual agreements for consulting and other professional services, if Subrecipient has received Department's prior written approval. Subrecipient may subcontract for the delivery of client assistance without obtaining Department's prior approval. Any subcontract for the delivery of client assistance will be subject to monitoring by the Department as per Section 14 of this Contract.
- B. In no event shall any provision of this Section 17, specifically the requirement that Subrecipient obtain Department's prior written approval of a subcontractor, be construed as relieving Subrecipient of the responsibility for ensuring that the performances rendered under all subcontracts are rendered so as to comply with all of the terms of this Contract, as if such performances rendered were rendered by Subrecipient. Department's approval under this Section 17 does not constitute adoption, ratification, or acceptance of Subrecipient's or subcontractor's performance hereunder. Department maintains the right to monitor and require Subrecipient's full compliance with the terms of this Contract. Department's approval under this Section 17 does not waive any right of action which may exist or which may subsequently accrue to Department under this Contract.

SECTION 18. MANAGEMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND INVENTORY

- A. Subrecipient shall comply with 10 TAC Section 1.407 of the State Rules.
- B. Upon the termination of this Contract or non-renewal of CEAP funds, Department may require transfer of title to any such property or equipment having a useful life of one year or more or a unit acquisition cost (the net invoice unit price of an item of equipment) of \$5,000 or more to itself or to any other entity receiving federal funding.

SECTION 19. TRAVEL AND TRAINING

The travel funds are to be used only for Department-approved training events. Subrecipient shall adhere to 2 CFR Part 200 (as applicable) and either its board-approved travel policy (not to exceed the amounts established in subchapter I of Chapter 57 of Title 5, United States Code "Travel and Subsistence Expenses; Mileage Allowances), or in the absence of such a policy, the State of Texas travel policies under Section 1.408 of the State Rules. Subrecipient's written travel policy shall delineate the rates which Subrecipient shall use in computing the travel and *per diem* expenses of its board members and employees.

SECTION 20. BONDING AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. If Subrecipient will enter in to a construction or facility improvements contract with a third-party in the amount of \$25,000.00 or greater, Subrecipient must execute with the contractor a payment bond in the full amount of the contract. If the Subrecipient will enter in to contract with a prime contractor in excess of \$100,000.00, a performance bond in the full amount of the contract is also required. These bonds must be executed by a corporate surety authorized to do business in Texas, a list of which may be obtained from the State Insurance Department. Such assurances of completion will run to the Department as obligee and must be documented prior to the start of construction. This bonding requirement applies to the extent required by federal or state law.
- B. If Subrecipient is a non-governmental organization, Subrecipient shall maintain adequate fidelity bond coverage as set forth in Chapter 5 of the State Rules.
- C. Subrecipient shall maintain adequate personal injury and property damage liability insurance. Subrecipient is encouraged to obtain pollution occurrence insurance in addition to the general liability insurance. Generally, regular liability insurance policies do not provide coverage for potential effects of many health and safety measures, such as lead disturbances and other pollution occurrence items. Subrecipient should review existing policies to determine if lead contamination is covered. If it is not, Subrecipient should consider securing adequate coverage for all construction projects. Additional liability insurance costs may be paid from administrative funds. The Department strongly recommends the Subrecipient require their contractors to carry pollution occurrence insurance to avoid being liable for any mistakes the contractors may make. Each agency should get a legal opinion regarding the best course to take for implementing the pollution occurrence insurance coverage.

SECTION 21. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

Subrecipient shall give Department immediate written notice of any claim or action filed with a court or administrative agency against Subrecipient and arising out of the performance of this Contract or any subcontract hereunder. Subrecipient shall furnish to Department copies of all pertinent papers received by Subrecipient with respect to such action or claim.

SECTION 22. LEGAL AUTHORITY

- A. Subrecipient assures and guarantees that it possesses the legal authority to enter into this Contract, to receive and manage the funds authorized by this Contract, and to perform the services Subrecipient has obligated itself to perform hereunder. The execution, delivery, and performance of this Contract will not violate Subrecipient's constitutive documents or any requirement to which Subrecipient is subject and represents the legal, valid, and binding agreement of Subrecipient, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- B. Subrecipient is a nonprofit charitable organization organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Subrecipient is and will continue to remain duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws governing its creation and existence, and will continue to be duly authorized and qualified to transact any and all applicable business contemplated hereunder in the State of Texas, and possesses and will continue to possess all requisite authority, power, licenses, permits and franchises to conduct its business and to execute, deliver and comply with its obligations under the terms of this Contract, the execution, delivery and performance of which have been or will be duly authorized by all necessary action.

- C. The person signing this Contract on behalf of Subrecipient hereby warrants that he/she has been duly authorized by Contract to execute this Contract on behalf of Subrecipient and to validly and legally bind Subrecipient to the terms, provisions and performances herein.
- D. Department shall have the right to suspend or terminate this Contract if there is a dispute as to the legal authority of either Subrecipient, or the person signing this Contract on behalf of Subrecipient, to enter into this Contract or to render performances hereunder. Subrecipient is liable to Department for any money it has received from Department for performance of the provisions of this Contract, if the Department has terminated this Contract for reasons enumerated in this Section 22.

SECTION 23. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

- A. FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW. Subrecipient shall comply with the LIHEAP Act, the federal rules and regulations promulgated under the LIHEAP Act, the State Act, Chapter 2105 of the Texas Government Code, the State Rules, LIHEAP State Plan, the certifications attached, and all federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to the performance of this Contract. Subrecipient shall not violate any federal, state, or local laws, stated herein or otherwise, nor commit any illegal activity in the performance of or associated with the performance of this Contract. No funds under this Contract shall be used for any illegal activity or activity that violates any federal, state or local laws.
- B. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT OF 1988. The Subrecipient affirms by signing this Contract and Addendum B that it is implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.
- C. LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP). Subrecipient must provide program applications, forms, and educational materials in English, Spanish, and any appropriate language, based on the needs of the service area and in compliance with the requirements in Executive Order 13166 of August 11, 2000. To ensure compliance, the Subrecipient must take reasonable steps to insure that persons with Limited English Proficiency have meaningful access to the program. Meaningful access may entail provide language assistance services, including oral and written translation, where necessary.
- D. REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 apply to all applicants and Subrecipients of financial assistance in the operation of programs or activities.
- E. PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION. If Subrecipient collects or receives documentation for disability, medical records or any other medical information in the course of administering the CEAP program, Subrecipient shall comply with the Protected Health Information state and federal laws and regulations, as applicable, under 10 TAC §1.24, Chapter 181 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) (Pub.L. 104-191, 110 Stat. 1936, enacted August 21, 1996) the HIPAA Privacy Rules (45 CFR Part 160 and Subparts A and E of 45 CFR Part 164).

SECTION 24. PREVENTION OF WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

- A. Subrecipient shall establish, maintain, and utilize systems and procedures to prevent, detect, and correct waste, fraud, and abuse in activities funded under this Contract. The systems and procedures shall address possible waste, fraud, and abuse by Subrecipient, its employees, clients, vendors, subcontractors and administering agencies. Subrecipient's internal control systems and all transactions and other significant events are to be clearly documented, and the documentation is to be readily available for monitoring by Department.
- B. Subrecipient shall give Department complete access to all of its records, employees, and agents for the purposes of any investigation of the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program. Subrecipient shall immediately notify Department of any discovery of waste, fraud, or abuse. Subrecipient shall fully cooperate with Department's efforts to detect, investigate, and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse in the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program.
- C. Subrecipient may not discriminate against any employee or other person who reports a violation of the terms of this Contract, or of any law or regulation, to Department or to any appropriate law enforcement authority, if the report is made in good faith.

SECTION 25. CERTIFICATION REGARDING UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

Pursuant to Chapter 2264 of the Texas Government Code, by execution of this Contract, Subrecipient hereby certifies that Subrecipient/Local Operator, or a branch, division, or department of Subrecipient does not and will not knowingly employ an undocumented worker, where "undocumented worker" means an individual who, at the time of employment, is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States or authorized under law to be employed in that manner in the United States. If, after receiving a public subsidy, Subrecipient, or a branch, division, or department of Subrecipient is convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. §1324a(f), Subrecipient shall repay the public subsidy with interest, at a rate of five percent (5%) per annum, not later than the 120th day after the date the Department notifies Subrecipient of the violation.

SECTION 26. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/NEPOTISM

- A. Subrecipient shall maintain written standards of conduct governing the performance of its employees engaged in the award and administration of contracts.
- B. No employee, officer, or agent of Subrecipient shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by federal funds if a real or apparent conflict of interest would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the Parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for an award.
- C. The officers, employees, and agents of the Subrecipient shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, or parties to subagreements. Subrecipients may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct shall provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the Subrecipient.
- D. Failure to maintain written standards of conduct and to follow and enforce the written standards is a condition of default under this Contract and may result in termination of the Contract or deobligation of funds.

SECTION 27. POLITICAL ACTIVITY PROHIBITED

- A. None of the funds provided under this Contract shall be used for influencing the outcome of any election, or the passage or defeat of any legislative measure. This prohibition shall not be construed to prevent any state official or employee from furnishing to any member of its governing body upon request, or to any other local or state official or employee, or to any citizen, information in the hands of the employee or official not considered under law to be confidential information.
- B. No funds provided under this Contract may be used directly or indirectly to hire employees or in any other way fund or support candidates for the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of government, the State of Texas, or the government of the United States.

SECTION 28. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- A. A person shall not be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be subjected to discrimination under, or be denied employment in the administration of or in connection with any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this Contract, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief.
- B. Subrecipient agrees to carry out an Equal Employment Opportunity Program in keeping with the principles as provided in President's Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965.
- C. Subrecipients shall operate each program or activity receiving financial assistance so that the program or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities. Subrecipients are also required to provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities.
- D. Subrecipient must meet the standards under (i) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (5 U.S.C. §794) Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§12131-12189; 47 U.S.C. §§155, 201, 218 and 255) as implemented by U. S. Department of Justice at 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36.
- E. Subrecipient will include the substance of this Section 28 in all subcontracts.

SECTION 29. CERTIFICATION REGARDING CERTAIN DISASTER RELIEF CONTRACTS

The Department may not award a Contract that includes proposed financial participation by a person who, during the five year period preceding the date of this Contract, has been convicted of violating a federal law in connection with a contract awarded by the federal government for relief, recovery, or reconstruction efforts as a result of Hurricane Rita, as defined by Section 39.459, Utilities Code, Hurricane Katrina, or any other disaster occurring after September 24, 2005; or assessed a penalty in a federal, civil or administrative enforcement action in connection with a contract awarded by the federal government for relief, recovery, or reconstruction efforts as a result of Hurricane Rita, as defined by Section 39.459, Utilities Code, Hurricane Katrina, or any other disaster occurring after September 24, 2005.

By execution of this Contract, the Subrecipient/Local Operator hereby certifies that it is eligible to participate in this Program and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

SECTION 30. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT

Funds provided to Subrecipient under this Contract may not be substituted for funds or resources from any other source nor in any way serve to reduce the funds or resources which would have been available to, or provided through, Subrecipient had this Contract never been executed.

SECTION 31. DEBARRED AND SUSPENDED PARTIES

By signing this Contract, Subrecipient certifies that none of its principal employees, board members, agents, or contractors agents are included in the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) maintained by the General Services Administration (GSA) as provided in the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters attached hereto as Addendum D and incorporated herein for all relevant purposes. The terms "covered transaction", "debarred", "suspended", "ineligible", "lower tier covered transaction", "participant", "person", "primary covered transaction", "principal", "proposal", and "voluntarily excluded", as used in the certification attached as Addendum D, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. Subrecipient also certifies that it will not knowingly award any funds provided by this Contract to any person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4 or that is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549. Subrecipient agrees that prior to entering into any agreement with a potential subcontractor that the verification process to comply with this requirement will be accomplished by checking the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov and including a copy of the results in its project files. Subrecipient may decide the frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its subcontractors. Subrecipient may rely upon a certification of a prospective subcontractor that is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless Subrecipient knows that the certification is erroneous. Failure of Subrecipient to furnish the certification attached hereto as Addendum D or an explanation of why it cannot provide said certification shall disqualify Subrecipient from participation under this Contract. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the Department's determination whether to continue with this Contract. Subrecipient shall provide immediate written notice to Department if at any time Subrecipient learns that the certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. Subrecipient further agrees by executing this Contract that it will include the certification provision titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusive-Subcontracts," as set out in Addendum D, without modification, and this language under this Section 31, in all its subcontracts.

SECTION 32. FAITH BASED AND SECTARIAN ACTIVITY

Funds provided under this Contract may not be used for sectarian or explicitly religious activities such as worship, religious instruction or proselytization, and must be for the benefit of persons regardless of religious affiliation. If Subrecipient conducts such activities, the activities must be offered separately, in time or location, from the programs or services funded with direct financial assistance from Department, and participation must be voluntary for beneficiaries of the programs or services funded with such assistance. Subrecipient shall comply with the regulations promulgated by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") at 45 CFR §87.2.

SECTION 33. COPYRIGHT

Subrecipient may copyright materials developed in the performance of this Contract or with funds expended under this Contract. Department and HHS shall each have a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, the copyrighted work for government purposes.

SECTION 34. NO WAIVER

Any right or remedy given to Department by this Contract shall not preclude the existence of any other right or remedy, nor shall any action taken in the exercise of any right or remedy be deemed a waiver of any other right or remedy. The failure of Department to exercise any right or remedy on any occasion shall not constitute a waiver of Department's right to exercise that or any other right or remedy at a later time.

SECTION 35. SEVERABILITY

If any section or provision of this Contract is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court or administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall remain valid and binding.

SECTION 36. ORAL AND WRITTEN AGREEMENTS

- A. All oral and written agreements between the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract have been reduced to writing and are contained in this Contract.
- B. The attachments enumerated and denominated below are a part of this Contract and constitute promised performances under this Contract:
 - 1. Addendum A- Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements
 - 2. Addendum B - Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements
 - 3. Addendum C - Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke
 - 4. Addendum D - Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters
 - 5. Exhibit A- Budget

SECTION 37. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- A. In order to achieve compliance with the LIHEAP Act, Subrecipient must coordinate with other energy related programs. Specifically, Subrecipient must make documented referrals to the local Weatherization Assistance Program subrecipient and, if operational, the Lite Up Texas program administered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
- B. Subrecipient shall accept applications for CEAP benefits at sites that are geographically accessible to all Households in the service area. Subrecipient shall provide Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities who cannot independently travel to the application site the means to submit applications for CEAP benefits without leaving their residence or by securing transportation for them to the sites that accept such applications.

SECTION 38. APPEALS PROCESS

In compliance with the LIHEAP Act, Subrecipient must provide an opportunity for a fair administrative hearing to individuals whose application for assistance is denied, terminated or not acted upon in a timely manner. Subrecipient must establish a denial of service complaint procedure in accordance with Section 6.8 the State Rules.

SECTION 39. USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Funds provided under this Contract may not be used for the payment of salaries to any Subrecipient's employees who use alcoholic beverages while on active duty, for travel expenses expended for alcoholic beverages, or for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

SECTION 40. FORCE MAJURE

If the obligations are delayed by the following, an equitable adjustment will be made for delay or failure to perform hereunder:

- A. Any of the following events: (i) catastrophic weather conditions or other extraordinary elements of nature or acts of God; (ii) acts of war (declared or undeclared), (iii) acts of terrorism, insurrection, riots, civil disorders, rebellion or sabotage; and (iv) quarantines, embargoes and other similar unusual actions of federal, provincial, local or foreign Governmental Authorities; and
- B. The non-performing party is without fault in causing or failing to prevent the occurrence of such event, and such occurrence could not have been circumvented by reasonable precautions and could not have been prevented or circumvented through the use of commercially reasonable alternative sources, workaround plans or other means.

SECTION 41. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In accordance with Section 2306.082 of the Texas Government Code, it is the Department's policy to encourage the use of appropriate alternative dispute resolution procedures ("ADR") under the Governmental Dispute Resolution Act and the Negotiated Rulemaking Act (Chapters 2009 and 2006 respectively, Texas Government Code), to assist in the fair and expeditious resolution of internal and external disputes involving the Department and the use of negotiated rulemaking procedures for the adoption of Department rules. As described in Chapter 154, Civil Practices and Remedies Code, ADR procedures include mediation. Except as prohibited by Department's ex parte communications policy, Department encourages informal communications between Department staff and the Subrecipient, to exchange information and informally resolve disputes. Department also has administrative appeals processes to fairly and expeditiously resolve disputes. If at any time the Subrecipient would like to engage Department in an ADR procedure, the Subrecipient may send a proposal to Department's Dispute Resolution Coordinator. For additional information on Department's ADR policy, see Department's Alternative Dispute Resolution and Negotiated Rulemaking at 10 TAC §1.17.

SECTION 42. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

Time is of the essence with respect to Subrecipient's compliance with all covenants, agreements, terms and conditions of this Contract.

SECTION 43. COUNTERPARTS AND FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

This Contract may be executed in one or more counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signed signature pages may be transmitted by facsimile or other electronic transmission, and any such signature shall have the same legal effect as an original.

SECTION 44. NUMBER, GENDER

Unless the context requires otherwise, the words of the masculine gender shall include the feminine, and singular words shall include the plural.

SECTION 45. NOTICE

- A. If a notice is provided concerning this Contract, notice may be given at the following (herein referred to as "Notice Address"):

As to Department:

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
P. O. Box 13941
Austin, Texas 78711-3941
Attention: Michael De Young
Telephone: (512) 475-2125
Fax: (512) 475-3935
michael.deyoung@tdhca.state.tx.us

As to Subrecipient:

Webb County Community Action Agency
1110 Washington St Ste 101
Laredo, TX 780404466
Attention: Javier Ramirez, Executive Director
Telephone: (956) 523-4182 Fax: (956) 717-2257 Email: jramirez@webbcountytx.gov

- B. All notices or other communications hereunder shall be deemed given when delivered, mailed by overnight service, or five days after mailing by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the appropriate Notice Address as defined in the above Subsection A of this Section 45.

SECTION 46. VENUE AND JURISDICTION

This Contract is delivered and intended to be performed in the State of Texas. For purposes of litigation pursuant to this Contract, venue shall lie in Travis County, Texas.

SECTION 47. LIMITATION ON ABORTION FUNDING

Pursuant to Section 6.25 of Article IX of SB 1, 85th Legislature, Regular Session (2017) ("General Appropriations Act"), to the extent allowed by federal and state law, money appropriated by the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2018 and 2019 may not be distributed to any individual or entity that, during the period for which funds under this General Appropriations Act are appropriated:

- A. Performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the State's Medicaid program;
- B. Is commonly owned, managed, or controlled by an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the State's Medicaid program; or
- C. Is a franchise or affiliate of an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the State's Medicaid program. This limitation on funding does not apply to a hospital licensed under Chapter 241 of the Health & Safety Code, a State hospital, a State-owned teaching hospital, a teaching hospital, a residency program accredited for medical education, or an office exempt under Section 254.004(2) of the Health and Safety Code.

By execution of this Contract, the Subrecipient hereby certifies that, as a condition of receipt of any appropriated funds, it is eligible to receive funds appropriated under the General Appropriations Act, and that it will not utilize appropriated funds in any way contrary to this Section 47 during the Contract Term.

EXECUTED to be effective on **January 01, 2018**

SUBRECIPIENT:

Webb County Community Action Agency
a Texas nonprofit corporation

By: **Javier Ramirez**
Title: **Executive Director**
Date: **January 4, 2018 10:35 am**

DEPARTMENT:

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS,
a public and official agency of the State of Texas

By: **Timothy K. Irvine**
Title: **Its duly authorized officer or representative**
Date: **January 5, 2018 8:35 am**

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
CONTRACT NUMBER 58180002804
FY 2018 COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CEAP)
(CFDA # 93.568)

ADDENDUM A

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING FOR
CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The undersigned certifies, to the best of its 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 material representation of fact on 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 of the 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 such failure.

STATEMENT FOR LOAN GUARANTEES AND LOAN INSURANCE

The undersigned states, to the best of its 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 into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

SUBRECIPIENT:

Webb County Community Action Agency
a Texas nonprofit corporation

By: **Javier Ramirez**
Title: **Executive Director**

Date: **January 4, 2018 10:35 am**

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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ADDENDUM B

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645 (a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central point is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

The undersigned certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about-
 - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will-
 - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
- (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted-
 - (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

Place(s) of Performance [site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant] (include street address, city, county, state, zip code):

Webb County Community Action Agency
1110 Washington St Ste 101
Laredo, TX 780404466

Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios). If Subrecipient does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the Subrecipient must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the Subrecipient's drug-free workplace requirements.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the Department awards the grant. If it is later determined that Subrecipient knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, Department, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

SUBRECIPIENT:

**Webb County Community Action Agency
a Texas nonprofit corporation**

By: Javier Ramirez

Title: Executive Director

Date: January 4, 2018 10:35 am

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ADDENDUM C

CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

The undersigned certifies to the following:

Public Law 103227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity. By signing and submitting this Contract the Subrecipient certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act.

The applicant/grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any subawards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all subgrantees shall certify accordingly.

SUBRECIPIENT:

Webb County Community Action Agency
a Texas nonprofit corporation

By: Javier Ramirez

Title: Executive Director

Date: January 4, 2018 10:35 am

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ADDENDUM D

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

The undersigned certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the undersigned Subrecipient is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Subrecipient shall attach an explanation of why it cannot provide said certification to this Contract.

The undersigned Subrecipient further agrees and certifies that it will include the below clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Subcontracts/Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all subcontracts and in all solicitations for subcontracts:

**"CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY
EXCLUSION - SUBCONTRACTS/LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

- (1) *The prospective lower tier participant/subcontractor certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.*
- (2) *Where the prospective lower tier participant/subcontractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.*

LOWER TIER PARTICIPANT/SUBCONTRACTOR:

[Signature]

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the Department awards the grant. If it is later determined that Subrecipient knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department may terminate this Contract for cause or default.

SUBRECIPIENT:

**Webb County Community Action Agency
a Texas nonprofit corporation**

By: **Javier Ramirez**

Title: **Executive Director**

Date: **January 4, 2018 10:35 am**

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**EXHIBIT A
 BUDGET**

**Webb County Community Action Agency
 a Texas nonprofit corporation**

DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

\$ 1,144,925.00 CEAP FUNDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
\$ 1,200.00 TRAINING TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FUNDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

BUDGET FOR AVAILABLE ALLOCATIONS

BUDGET CATEGORY	FUNDS	%
Administration	\$ 82,578.00	-
Direct Services	\$ 1,061,147.00	-
TOTAL CEAP BUDGET	\$ 1,143,725.00	-

BUDGET CATEGORY	FUNDS	%
Household Crisis	\$ 460,060.00	43.35
Utility Assistance	\$ 460,061.00	43.36
Program Services	\$ 141,026.00	13.29
TOTAL DIRECT SERVICES	\$ 1,061,147.00	100.00

Subrecipient's service area consists of the following Texas counties:

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General Administrative and coordination of CEAP, including costs and all indirect (overhead) cost, examples include salaries, fringe benefits, non-training travel, equipment, supplies, audit and office space are limited to 7.22% of the Contract expenditures, excluding Training/Travel costs. All other administrative costs, exclusive of administrative costs for program services, must be paid with nonfederal funds.

Program services cost shall not exceed the maximum 13.29%. Program services cost includes direct administrative cost associated with providing the client direct service salaries and benefits cost for staff providing program services, cost for supplies, equipment, travel, postage, utilities, rental of office space. All items listed above are allowable program services costs when associated with providing client direct services. Other program services costs may include outreach activities and expenditures on the information technology and computerization needed for tracking or monitoring required by CEAP.

Funds may not be used for the purchase or improvement of land, or the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement of any building or facility.

Subrecipient is limited to only one budget revision request during the first 6 months of the Contract Term. A second and final budget revision must be received by the Department no later than 45 days prior to the end of the Contract Term.

Subrecipient shall provide outreach services under all components in this category. Failure to do so may result in termination of this Contract. Subrecipient must document outreach, whether the outreach is conducted with CEAP funds or other funds.