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This addendum is issued to clarify, add, delete, correct and/or change the RFP documents to the extent indicated herein and is hereby made a part of the above-noted RFP documents on which the awards will be based. Any modifications/changes made by this addendum affect only the portions or paragraphs specifically identified herein; all remaining portions of the RFP are to remain in force. It is the responsibility of the proposers to conform to this addendum.

1. Section I(C), Page 4, Important Dates and Deadlines table is hereby amended to correct the formal announcement date of selected Proposer(s) and shall now read as follows:

<b><i>RFP published and posted to LHC website</i></b>	<i>Friday, September 11, 2015</i>
<b><i>Deadline for submitting written inquiries</i></b>	<i>Tuesday, September 22, 2015</i>
<b><i>Deadline for LHC to respond to written inquiries from Proposers</i></b>	<i>Friday, September 25, 2015</i>
<b><i>Deadline for submitting proposals</i></b>	<i>Monday, October 12, 2015</i>
<b><i>Formal announcement of selected Proposer(s)</i></b>	<i>November 10, 2015</i>
<b><i>Contract Execution</i></b>	<i>TBD</i>

2. Section II(A), Page 6, Paragraph 2 below is hereby amended to remove the paragraph in its entirety:

*It is mandatory that Proposers submit a signed Statement of Assurances (see **Attachment A**) along with their proposals, executed by a duly authorized representative of the organization submitting the proposal.*

3. Chapter IV. Proposal Content, Page 14 is hereby amended to add the following paragraph:

*Proposers are not required to respond to both the Technology Services request and the Strategic Technology Plan request; however, should a proposer desire to respond to both, separate proposals are required.*

4. Chapter VI. Contract Requirements, Section VI(E) *Non-Negotiable Contract Terms*, Page 19 is hereby amended to include the statement of assurances and shall now read as follows:

*Non-negotiable contract terms shall include, but not be limited to taxes, assignment of contract, audit of records, EEOC and ADA compliance, record retention, content of contract/order of precedence, contract changes, governing law, claims or controversies, termination based on contingency of appropriation of funds, and signed Statement of Assurances (see Attachment A).*

5. Attachment A, Pages 23-29, *Statement of Assurances* is hereby amended to remove the original attachment and replace it with the following:

### STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

This Contractor/Subcontractor hereby assures and certifies that, to the extent applicable:

1. It possesses legal authority to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Funds and to execute the proposed CDBG program.
2. Its governing body has duly adopted, or passed as an official act, a resolution, motion, or similar action authorizing the filing of the CDBG application and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the Contractor/Subcontractor to act in connection with the application, sign all understandings and assurances contained therein, and to provide such additional information as may be required.
3. It has facilitated citizen participation by providing adequate notices containing the information specified in the program instructions and by providing citizens an opportunity to review and submit comments on the proposed application.
4. Its chief executive officer, or other officer or representative of Contractor/Subcontractor approved by the State:
  - a. Consents to assume the status of a responsible federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.A. §4331, et seq.) insofar as the provisions of such Act applies to the proposed CDBG;
  - b. Is authorized and consents, on behalf of the Contractor/Subcontractor and himself, to submit to the jurisdiction of the federal courts for the purpose of enforcement of Contractor/Subcontractor’s responsibilities and his or her responsibilities as an official.
5. It will develop the CDBG program and use CDBG funds so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities that will benefit low and moderate income families, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or meet other community development needs having a particular urgency.
6. It will comply with the following applicable federal grant management regulations, policies, guidelines, and/or requirements as they relate to the application, acceptance, and use of federal funds: OMB Circular A-87 (Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments) as amended and made part of State regulations; A-102 (Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments), as amended and made part of State regulations; OMB Circular A-133 (Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations), revised; OMB Circular A-21 (Cost Principles for Educational Institutions); A122 (Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations); 24 CFR Part 85 (Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments) and 24 CFR Part 84 (Uniform Administrative Requirements For Grants and Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations).
7. It will administer and enforce the labor standards requirements set forth in 24 CFR 570.603 and any other regulations issued to implement such requirements.

8. It will comply with the provisions of Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 12148, relating to evaluation of flood hazards, and Executive Order 12088, as amended by Executive Order 12580, relating to the prevention, control and abatement of water pollution.
9. It will require every building or facility (other than a privately-owned residential structure) designed, constructed, or altered with funds provided to Contractor/Subcontractor to comply with the "American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to, and Usable by, the Physically Handicapped," Number A-117.1-R 1971 and any other accessibility requirements, as required by Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.A. § 12101 et seq.). The Contractor/Subcontractor will be responsible for conducting inspections to ensure compliance with these specifications by the contractor.
10. It will comply with:
  - a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq., as amended, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR Part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Contractor/Subcontractor receives federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this assurance. If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance extended to the Contractor/Subcontractor, this assurance shall obligate the Contractor/Subcontractor, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the property or structure is used for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits.
  - b. Section 104 (b) (2) of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.A. §3601, et seq.), as amended, which requires administering all programs and activities relating to housing and community development in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing. Title VIII further prohibits discrimination against any person in the sale or rental of housing, or the provision of brokerage services, including in any way making unavailable or denying a dwelling to any person, because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or familial status.
  - c. Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. §5309), and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR Part §570.602), which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds provided under that Part. Section 109 further prohibits discrimination to an otherwise qualified individual with a handicap, as provided under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and prohibits discrimination based on age as provided under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. The policies and procedures necessary to ensure enforcement of section 109 are codified in 24 CFR part 6.
  - d. Executive Order 11063, as amended by Executive Order 12259, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, which pertains to equal opportunity in housing and non-discrimination in the sale or rental of housing built with federal assistance.
  - e. Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Orders 11375 and 12086, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, which provide that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in all phases of employment during the performance of federal or federally-assisted construction contracts. Further, contractors and subcontractors on federal and federally-assisted construction contracts shall take affirmative action to ensure fair treatment in employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or

- recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training and apprenticeship.
- f. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified individual shall, solely, by reason of his or her handicap be excluded from participation, denied program benefits or subjected to discrimination on the basis of age under any program or activity receiving federal funding assistance.
11. It will comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. §1701u, Section 3) (24 CFR Part 135), as amended, requiring that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment be given to low and very low-income residents, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing; of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to eligible Section 3 business concerns.

Contractor/Subcontractor agrees to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement section 3. Contractor/Subcontractor also certifies that there are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent it from complying with the Part 135 regulations.

Contractor/Subcontractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the Contractor/Subcontractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the Contractor/Subcontractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

Contractor/Subcontractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontractor agreement and contract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of such contract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor or contractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. Contractor/Subcontractor will not contract with any subcontractor or contractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor or contractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.

The Contractor/Subcontractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the Contractor/Subcontractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the Contractor/Subcontractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.

Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this Agreement for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

With respect to work performed in connection with section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this Agreement. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises.

Parties to this Agreement that are subject to the provisions of section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).

12. It will minimize displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds. In addition, it will:
  - a. Administer its programs in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies of 1970, as amended (49 CFR Part 24) and Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 570.496(a), modified by exceptions and waivers previously granted and which may hereinafter be granted by HUD.
  - b. Comply with Title II (Uniform Relocation Assistance) and Sections 301-304 of Title III (Uniform Real Property Acquisition Policy) of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. Chapter 61), and HUD implementing instructions at 24 CFR Part 42 and 24 CFR §570.606; and
  - c. Inform affected persons of their rights and of the acquisition policies and procedures set forth in the regulations at 24 CFR Part 42; and
  - d. Provide relocation payments and offer relocation assistance as described in Section 205 of the Uniform Relocation Assistance Act to all persons displaced as a result of acquisition of real property for an activity assisted under the CDBG program. Such payments and assistance shall be provided in a fair, consistent and equitable manner that ensures that the relocation process does not result in different or separate treatment of such persons on account of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or source of income; and
  - e. Assure that, within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement, comparable decent, safe and sanitary replacement dwellings will be available to all displaced families and individuals and that the range of choices available to such persons will not vary on account of their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or source of income; and Assure that if displacement is precipitated by CDBG funded activities that require the acquisition (either in whole or in part) of real property, all appropriate benefits required by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq., Pub. L. 91-646) and amendments thereto shall be provided to the displaced person(s). Persons displaced by rehabilitation of "Non-Uniform Act" acquisition financed (in whole or in part) with CDBG funds shall be provided relocation assistance in accordance with one of the following: (1) the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as required under 24 CFR Section 570.606 (a) and HUD implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 42; (2) the requirements in 24 CFR Section 570.606 (b) governing the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan under Section 104 (d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; (3) the relocation requirements of Section 104 (k) of the Act; (4) the relocation requirements of 24 CFR Section 570.606 (d) governing optional relocation assistance under Section 105 (a) (11) of the Act; and (5) the provisions of 24 CFR Part 511.10 (h) (2) (iii) rental Rehabilitation Program.

- f. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG program.
13. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties, in accordance with CDBG regulations.
14. It will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act that limit the political activity of employees and the HUD regulations governing political activity at 24 CFR §570.207.
15. It will give the State and HUD, and any of their representatives or agents, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant.
16. It will ensure that the facilities under Contractor/Subcontractor's ownership, lease or supervision utilized in the accomplishment of the CDBG program are not listed on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) list of violating facilities and that it will notify HUD of the receipt of any communication from the EPA Office of Federal Activities indicating that a facility to be used in the CDBG program is being considered for listing by the EPA as a violating facility.
17. With regard to environmental impact, it will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. §4321-4347), and Section 104(f) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. §5304(d)).
18. It will comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.), as amended, Executive Order 11593, and the Preservation of Archaeological and Historical Data Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. §469a-1 et. seq.), as amended, by:
  - a. Consulting with the State Historic Preservation Office to identify properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that are subject to adverse effects (see 36 CFR Part 800) by the proposed activity; and
  - b. Complying with all requirements established by the State to avoid or mitigate adverse effects upon such properties.
19. It will comply with the provisions in 24 CFR §570.200(c) regarding special assessments to recover capital costs.

In accordance with the Notice, it will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with Grant Funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate incomes, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements, unless: (a) disaster recover grant funds are used to pay the proportion of such fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of such public improvements that are financed from revenue sources other than under this title; or (b) for purposes of assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of moderate income, Contractor/Subcontractor certifies to the Secretary that it lacks sufficient CDBG funds (in any form) to comply with the requirements of clause (a).

20. It will adopt and enforce a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individual engaged in non-violent Civil Rights demonstrations and will

enforce applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

21. It certifies that no federally appropriated funds will be used for any lobbying purposes regardless of the level of government and that it is in compliance with restrictions on lobbying required by 24 CFR part 87, together with disclosure forms, if required by part 87.
22. It will abide by and enforce the conflict of interest requirement set forth in 24 CFR §570.611, 24 CFR §85.36 and 24 CFR §84.42.
23. It will comply with HUD rules prohibiting the use of CDBG funds for inherently religious activities, as set forth in 24 CFR §570.200(j).
24. Activities involving new building construction, alterations, or rehabilitation will comply with the Louisiana State Building Code.
25. In relation to labor standards, it will comply with:
  - a. Section 110 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and as set forth in 24 CFR §570.603.
  - b. Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. §3141 et seq.).
  - c. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §327 et seq.).
  - d. Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. §201 et seq.)
26. It will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirement of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. §4001 et seq., which requires the purchase of flood insurance in communities where such insurance is available as a condition for the receipt of any federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition purposes for use in any area that has been identified by the Secretary of the Department of HUD as an area having special flood hazards. The phrase “federal financial assistance” includes any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, disaster assistance loan or grant, or any other form of direct or indirect federal funding. It will comply with 42 USC § 4012a, which requires that if the federal financial assistance is provided in the form of a loan or an insurance or guaranty of a loan, the amount of flood insurance required need not exceed the outstanding principal balance of the loan and need not be required beyond the term of the loan.

If the federal financial assistance is in the form of a grant, the requirement of maintaining flood insurance on any dwelling on any part of the property in an amount equal to the lesser of 1) the value of the property less land costs or 2) the maximum amount of flood insurance available under the National Flood Insurance Program to the extent coverage can be obtained under the National Flood Insurance Program, shall apply during the life of the property, regardless of transfer of ownership of such property.

It will comply with all applicable flood insurance requirements contained in the Notice, which includes, but not limited to, compliance with 42 USCA § 4012a and 42 USCA § 5154a. Contractor/Subcontractor, its contractors, and its sub-contractors must implement procedures and mechanisms to ensure that assisted property owners comply with all flood insurance requirements, including purchase and notification requirements described in the herein referenced federal statutes, prior to providing

- assistance. HUD does not prohibit the use of CDBG-DR funds for existing residential buildings in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) (or "100-year") floodplain). However, Federal laws and regulations related to both flood insurance and floodplain management must be followed, as applicable. With respect to flood insurance, a HUD-assisted homeowner for a property located in a SFHA must obtain and maintain flood insurance in the amount and duration prescribed by FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program. Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.A § 4012a) mandates the purchase of flood insurance protection for any HUD-assisted property within the SFHA.
27. It will comply with the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. §6901, et seq.).
  28. It will comply with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7401, et seq.), which prohibits engaging in, supporting in any way, or providing financial assistance for, licensing or permitting, or approving any activity which does not conform to the State implementation plan for national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards.
  29. In relation to water quality, it will comply with:
    - a. The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. §§ 201, 300(f) et seq. and U.S.C. §349), as amended, particularly Section 1424(e) (42 U.S.C. §§ 300h-303(e)), which is intended to protect underground sources of water. No commitment for federal financial assistance can be entered into for any project which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency determines may contaminate an aquifer which is the sole or principal draining water source for an area; and
    - b. The Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, as amended, including the Clear Water Act of 1977, Public Law 92-212 (33 U.S.C. §1251, et seq.) which provides for the restoration and maintenance of the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the nation's water.
  30. It will comply with HUD Environmental Standards (24 CFR, Part 51 and 44 F.R. 40860-40866).
  31. With regard to wildlife, it will comply with:
    - a. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. §1531 et seq.). Federally authorized and funded projects must not jeopardize the continued existence of endangered and threatened species or result in the destruction of or modification of habitat of such species which is determined by the U.S. Department of the Interior, after consultation with the state, to be critical; and
    - b. The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958, as amended, (16 U.S.C. §661 et seq.) which requires that wildlife conservation receives equal consideration and is coordinated with other features of water resource development programs.
  32. It will comply with Sections 1012 and 1013 of Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-550, as amended). The regulation appears within Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations as part 35 (codified in 24 CFR 35). The purpose of this regulation is to protect young children from lead-based paint hazards in housing that is financially assisted by the Federal government or sold by the government. This regulation applies only to structures built prior to 1978.
  33. It will comply with the Farmland Protection Policy Act, 7 U.S.C.A. §4201 et seq., which requires recipients of federal assistance to minimize the extent to which their projects contribute to the unnecessary and irreversible commitment of farmland to nonagricultural uses.

34. It will affirmatively further fair housing, which means that it will conduct an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice within its jurisdiction and take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions in that regard. See 24 CFR 570.487(b)(2) and 570.601(a)(2).
35. Its activities to be administered with CDBG funds are consistent with the applicable Louisiana Action Plan, as amended.
36. Funds will be used solely for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas for which the President declared major disasters in the aftermath of Hurricane Isaac, pursuant to the Stafford Act.
37. It has the capacity to carry out disaster recovery activities in a timely manner.
38. It will not use any Grant Funds for any activity in an area delineated as a special flood hazard area or equivalent in FEMA's most recent and current data source unless it also ensures that the action is designed or modified to minimize harm to or within the floodplain in accordance with Executive Order 11988 and 24 CFR part 55. The relevant data source of this provision is the latest issued FEMA data or guidance, which includes advisory data (such as Advisory Base Flood Elevations) or preliminary and final Flood Insurance Rate Maps.
39. It will comply with applicable laws.
40. It has reviewed the requirements of the Notice and requirements of Public Law 113-2 applicable to the funds allocated by the Notice, and that it has in place proficient financial controls and procurement processes and has established adequate procedures to prevent any duplication of benefits as defined by section 312 of the Stafford Act, to ensure timely expenditure of funds, to maintain comprehensive websites regarding all disaster recovery activities assisted with these funds, and to detect and prevent waste, fraud and abuse of funds.
41. As required by the Notice, Contractor/Subcontractor must incorporate performance requirements and penalties into each procured contract or agreement.
42. It will comply with all applicable building standards contained in the Notice and the Action Plan, Partial Action Plans and Action Plan Amendments.
43. All new construction of residential buildings or replacement and/or reconstruction of substantially damaged buildings must incorporate Green Building Standards, and rehabilitation of non-substantially damaged residential buildings must follow guidelines in the HUD CPD Green Building Retrofit Checklist. Any construction subject to the Green Building Standards must meet an industry-recognized standard and achieve certification under at least one of the following programs: ENERGYSTAR; Enterprise Green Communities, LEED, ICC-700 National Building Standard, and/or any other equivalent comprehensive green building program approved by the OCD. Contractor/Subcontractor will comply with any requirements designed to verify these requirements.

Signing these assurances means that Contractor/Subcontractor agrees to implement its program in accordance with these provisions. Failure to comply can result in serious audit and/or monitoring findings that require repayment of funds to the State or expending Contractor/Subcontractor funds to correct deficiencies.