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SUBJECT: Letter of Clarification No. 2
HUD Housing & Community Development Single Family Reconstruction Program
Disaster Recovery Group 2 for the Housing and Community Development Department

REFERENCE: RFP No.: T24035

TO: All Prospective Respondents

This Letter of Clarification is issued for the following reasons:

• **To revise the above referenced solicitation as follows:**

1. New SOLICITATION DUE DATE/TIME: ~~November 14, 2011 at 2:00 P.M., CST~~ shall be revised and extended to read as follows: Monday, November 21, 2011 at 2:00 P.M., CST.
2. To Add a New Provision: **Optional Housing Construction Project.** This is a standalone project that is not a part of the Hurricane Ike provisions; however it is being funded through the use of Federal Funds. This revision requires turnkey home construction of one (1) single family home that will be in compliance with all local, state and federal statutes governing such work and the new home will be constructed to standards necessary to comply with the City of Houston local building code standards, HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS), and as applicable, with Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards.
3. **Pg. 54 of the RFP has been revised to add the following Provision 7.0 Optional Housing Construction Project Specifications:**

7.1 THE SELECTED GENERAL CONTRACTOR(S) IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH BOTH THE HCDD GENERAL WORK SPECIFICATIONS AND THE SITE SPECIFIC SCOPE OF WORK.

MINIMUM EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOMES

Covered Front Porch
Combination Living/Dining Room: 18 x 13
Ground Level Water Heater
Ground Level Return Air Vent
Rear Doors (Steel) w/ peep holes
Rear patio: 10 x 10
Rear Windows
Tiled bathrooms
Soap dishes
Towel Racks
Hallway Attic Stair Access
Kitchen Pantry: 2 x 3 x 8
Tiled Kitchen floors
Tile and carpet floors
Utility Room: 6 X 5 (larger if water heater is installed in utility room)

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Minimum 3 Bedroom Room Sizes

BR#1 Master: 12 x 14

BR#2 / BR#3: 11 x 12

HCDD'S GENERAL WORK SPECIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON LINE AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE: <http://www.houstontx.gov/housing/singlefamily-rfp.html>

- 7.2 Location: 8106 Parkhurst, Houston TX, 77028
- 7.2.1 Option 1: Provide supervision, labor, material and equipment necessary to construct a three (3) bedroom two baths, approx. 1,500 sq. ft. (slab on grade) Brick home on all four sides and attach a copy of your plan. This should include everything necessary to complete structure. This should include silt fence for E.P.A., form and final surveys, rough grading and full final grading (no trenches), trash to be piled in the front of the house and cleared on a daily basis. (Everything included for the entire construction of the house will be turnkey no demolition needed. 60 days to completion after obtaining permits). Install peep holes in front and rear entry doors.
- 7.2.2 Option 2: Provide supervision, labor, material and equipment necessary to construct a three (3) bedroom two baths approx. 1,500 sq. ft. (slab on grade) Hardi-Plank home on all four sides and attach a copy of your plan. This should include everything necessary to complete structure. This should include silt fence for E.P.A., form and final surveys, rough grading and full final grading (no trenches), trash to be piled in the front of the house and cleared on a daily basis. (Everything included for the entire construction of the house will be turnkey no demolition needed. 60 days to completion after obtaining permits). Install peep holes in front and rear entry doors.
- 7.2.3 Replace existing right side entry driveway 56' X 14' X 5" (784 S.F.) with 1/2" rebar on 16" centers. To include treated wood expansion joints with 1/2" dowels on 12" centers starting @ property line and spaced no longer than 14'. Must comply with city code and be a least 3,000 psi concrete in 28 days with medium broom finish to include tie into existing concrete with steel dowel every 16". (Square footage is inclusive of the driveway intern)
- 7.2.4 Install (2) sidewalks 24' X 3' X 4" (72 S.F) and 12' X 3' X 4" (36 S.F) with 1/2" rebar on 12" centers. From right side driveway to porch entry and from circle drive to porch. Must comply with city code and be a least 3,000 psi concrete in 28 days with medium broom finish to include tie into existing concrete with steel dowel every 12".
- 7.2.5 Repair and patch existing 3' X 3' broken concrete circle drive to include installing steel dowels into existing concrete and include installing 1/2" rebar. Replace (1) driveway intern with 18' X 17' X 5" (306 S.F.) with 1/2" rebar on 16" centers. Must comply with city code and be a least 3,000 psi concrete in 28 days with medium broom finish to include tie into existing concrete with steel dowel every 16".
- 7.2.6 Include replacing existing concrete culvert on (2) drive entrances **with 24" CPP (22 L.F. for left entry drive and 18 L.F. for right entry drive)**. Must comply with city code. Trim existing tree branches on the right side of property from utility power pole to the weatherhead. (Must meet the utility company service entrance clearance for new installation).
- 7.3 Provide supervision, labor, material and equipment necessary to meet noise mitigation requirements
- 7.3.1 Noise Mitigation for Single Family Reconstruction
1. Install double-glazed or tripled glazed windows
 2. 1/2" sound deadening board on all interior of faces exterior perimeter walls

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3. Install full-batt insulation between all roof rafters
4. Install ½” sound deadening board on attic side of ceiling joist
5. Add foam-filled wall insulation and STC rated material to comply with desired 45 decibel required assembly
6. Contractor shall furnish certified documentation of “In Place” sound attenuation rating for the record

7.4 Provide and install Landscape for front yard. To include but not limited to sod, two (2) trees minimum caliper size of 3”, mulch, and 150 yds. of grass.

4. Page 96, Exhibit III - Price Sheet/Fee Schedule has been revised to include line items 83 & 84 for the Optional Housing Construction Project:

83	<p>Optional Housing Construction Project: Option 1: 8106 Parkhurst, Houston, Texas 77028 - Provide supervision, labor, material and equipment necessary to construct a three (3) bedroom two baths 1,500 sq. ft. (slab on grade) Brick home on all four sides and attach a copy of your plan. This should include everything necessary to complete the structure and yard. This should include silt fence for E.P.A., form and final surveys, rough grading and full final grading (no trenches), trash to be piled in the front of the house and cleared on a daily basis. (Everything included for the entire construction of the house and lot will be turnkey no demolition needed. 60 days to completion after obtaining permits). Install peep holes in front and rear entry doors</p>	1	LUMP SUM	
84	<p>Optional Housing Construction Project: Option 2: 8106 Parkhurst, Houston, Texas 77028 - Provide supervision, labor, material and equipment necessary to construct a three (3) bedroom two baths approx. 1,500 sq. ft. (slab on grade) Hardi-Plank Lap Siding home on all four sides and attach a copy of your plan. This should include everything necessary to complete the structure. This should include silt fence for E.P.A., form and final surveys, rough grading and full final grading (no trenches), trash to be piled in the front of the house and cleared on a daily basis. (Everything included for the entire construction of the house and lot will be turnkey no demolition needed. 60 days to completion after obtaining permits). Install peep holes in front and rear entry doors.</p>	1	LUMP SUM	

Remove Pages 96 and replace Exhibit III – PRICE SHEET/FEE SCHEDULE with the attached Page 96 marked Revised – November 10, 2011.

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When issued, Letter(s) of Clarification shall automatically become a part of the solicitation documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Letter(s) of Clarification. It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a qualifications packet on this project, respondents shall be deemed to have received all Letter(s) of Clarification and to have incorporated them into their qualifications packet.

If you have any questions or if further clarification is needed regarding this solicitation, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Attached Revised Pages: 96

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**EXHIBIT III – PRICE SHEET / FEE SCHEDULE
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ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT MEASURE	TOTAL PRICE
	bid items 5 45.7) 1,200 sq. ft. (slab on grade) Brick on all four sides meeting Texas Government Code 2306.514 requirements and attach a copy of your plan. This should include everything necessary to complete the structure. This should include silt fence for E.P.A., form and final surveys, rough grading and full final grading (no trenches), trash to be piled in the front of the house and cleared on a daily basis. (Everything included for the entire construction of the house and lot will be turnkey).			
82	Option 2: 1912 Cresline St, Houston, Texas 77093 - Provide supervision, labor, material and equipment necessary to construct a two (2) bedroom two bath (one bathroom to meet bid items 5.45.7) approx. 1,200 sq. ft. (slab on grade) Brick Front with Hardi Plank Lap siding on three sides meeting Texas Government Code 2306.514 requirements and attach a copy of your plan. This should include everything necessary to complete the structure. This should include silt fence for E.P.A., form and final surveys, rough grading and full final grading (no trenches), trash to be piled in the front of the house and cleared on a daily basis. (Everything included for the entire construction of the house and lot will be turnkey)	1	LUMP SUM	
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