



## COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND  
DEC NORTH TEXAS, LLC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR  
THE 48TH YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
PROJECT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a contract between Tarrant County and DEC North Texas, LLC for engineering services for the 48th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project.

**BACKGROUND**

On June 7, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #138259, approved the PY 2022 Action Plan for Community Development Department to fulfill U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulatory requirements for 48th year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The following project was listed as an approved project in the PY 2022 Action Plan.

Following U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines under OMB Circular A-102, Part 835-36, letters of qualification were received and evaluated by the Community Development Department. Final recommendations are listed below:

Project City – City of North Richland Hills  
Company – DEC North Texas, LLC  
Engineering Fee – \$61,364.00  
Construction Estimate – \$409,098.00

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved this contract as to form.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to Tarrant County. Engineering Services for 48th Year CDBG Projects are eligible pre-award costs per HUD Guidelines 24 CFR 570.200 (h) Reimbursement for pre-award costs. The total amount of pre-award costs to be paid during any program year pursuant to this provision is no more than the greater of twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the grant made for that year (\$1,043,224.75 of \$4,172,899.00 for 48th Year) or \$300,000.00. Proposed engineering costs are \$61,364.00, which is well under the \$1,043,224.75 maximum amount for pre-award costs to be paid for 48th Year CDBG projects. \$2,838,923.40 from CDBG 2022 for public works projects and project delivery in CDBG 48th Year expected to be released from HUD in early August.

SUBMITTED BY:	Community Development	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Brad Hearne James A. McClinton
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Funds for the contracts are available through grant #B-22-UC-48-0001. Upon approval of a claim for payment under these contracts, funds will be drawn down from the U.S. Treasury through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) electronic transfer system to Tarrant County's bank account. Any delay in this transaction may impact the amount of interest earned by Tarrant County.