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Mr. David Carter, Agency Contract Administrator
TWDB Contracts & Purchasing Section, Room 537A
Texas Water Development Board
1700 N. Congress
P.O. Box 12321
Austin, Texas 78711-3231

Dear Mr. Carter,

The Rio Grande Council of Governments is pleased to submit the attached research & planning fund application on behalf of the Far West Texas Water Planning Group. This application is submitted in response to the Texas Water Development Board's Request For Applications for Phase 2 Round 3 funding for regional water planning projects as published in the Texas Register on February 15, 2008.

Our grant application includes a detailed scope of work and budget, broken out by base funding and additional funding requests. Additional funding requests have been prioritized, with high-priority tasks marked with an asterisk in both the scope and budget. Tasks outlined in the scope of work reflect changed conditions as recognized by the Far West Texas Water Planning Group. The members of the planning group scrutinized the scope of work and budget for the grant application in detail prior to its submission herein, and are satisfied that the tasks and expenses listed are both necessary and reasonable. Study progress will be monitored closely by both the Rio Grande Council of Governments and the Far West Texas Water Planning Group on a regular basis. A list of deliverables and time schedules for each project are part of this grant application. Copies of all public notice materials are also attached to the application.

The Rio Grande Council of Governments certifies that the proposed planning does not duplicate existing projects. The proposed Phase 2 Round 3 planning effort is designed to address changed conditions in the region, required elements as stated in the TWDB Guidelines for Regional Water Plan Development (2007 - 2012), or tasks noted in the 2006 update to the regional plan as being areas where additional work is needed to further the evaluation and implementation of water management strategies, and to overcome problems identified in the previous round of regional water planning.



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The Rio Grande Council of Governments also assures the TWDB that any viable solutions identified as a result of the proposed interim project will be diligently pursued. All applicable funding sources for implementation of viable solutions arising out of the interim planning project will also be pursued in the future.

Please contact our project manager, Barbara Kauffman, at (915) 533-0998, ext. 121 if you require additional information in order to complete your review of our application package. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JAKE BRISBIN, JR." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jake Brisbin, Jr.
Executive Director

Attachment: Grant application package

**Texas Water Development Board
Research and Planning Fund
Regional Water Planning Grant**

Application Checklist

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- ✓1. Legal name of applicant(s).
- ✓2. Regional Water Planning Group:
- ✓3. Authority of law under which the applicant was created.
- ✓4. Applicant's official representative, Name, Title, Mailing address, Phone number, Fax number, E-mail Address, and Vendor ID Number.
- ✓5. Is this application in response to a Request for Applications published in the *Texas Register*?
Yes ✓ No
- ✓6. If yes to No. 5 above, list document number and date of publication of the *Texas Register*.
- ✓7. Total proposed planning cost.
- ✓8. Cash contribution to the study.
- ✓9. List source of cash contribution, explanation of source of local cash contribution.
- ✓10. Total grant funds requested from the Texas Water Development Board.
- ✓11. Detailed statement of the purpose for which the money will be used.
- ✓12. Detailed description of why state funding assistance is needed.
- ✓13. Identify potential sources and amounts of funding available for implementation of viable solutions resulting from proposed planning.

II. PLANNING INFORMATION

- ✓14. A detailed scope of work for proposed planning.
- ✓15. A task budget for detailed scope of work by task. *Example is attached.*
- ✓16. An expense budget for detailed scope of work by expense category. *Example is attached.*
- ✓17. A time schedule for completing detailed Scope of Work by task.
- ✓18. Specific deliverables for each task in Scope of Work.
- ✓19. Method of monitoring study progress.
- ✓20. Qualifications and direct experience of proposed project staff.

III. WRITTEN ASSURANCES

Written assurance of the following items:

- Proposed planning does not duplicate existing projects;
- Implementation of viable solutions identified through the proposed planning will be diligently pursued and identification of potential sources of funding for implementation of viable solutions;
- If a grant is awarded, written evidence that local matching funds are available for the proposed planning must be provided when the contract is executed.

IV. PROOF OF NOTIFICATION

- Proof of notification
For developing or revising regional water plans, eligible applicants requesting funds to develop or revise regional water plans must, not less than 30 days before board consideration of the application, provide notice that an application for planning assistance is being filed with the executive administrator by:
 - (1) publishing notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county located in whole or in part in the regional water planning area; and
 - (2) mailing notice to each mayor of a municipality with a population of 1,000 or more or which is a county seat and that is located in whole or in part in the regional water planning area, to each county judge of a county located in whole or in part in the regional water planning area, to all districts and authorities created under Texas Constitution, Article III, §52, or Article XVI, §59, located in whole or in part in the regional water planning area based upon lists of such water districts and river authorities obtained from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and all regional water planning groups in the state.

The notice must include the following:

- Name and address of applicant and applicant's official representative;
- Brief description of proposed planning area;
- Purpose of the proposed planning;
- Texas Water Development Board Executive Administrator's name and address; and
- Statement that any comments on the proposed planning must be filed with the applicant and the Texas Water Development Board Executive Administrator within 30 days of the date on which the notice was mailed or published.

Prior to action by the board, the applicant must provide one copy of the notice sent, a list of those to which the notice was sent, the date on which the notice was sent, copies of all notices as published showing name of the newspaper and the date on which the notice was published.

**Application for Planning Funds, Regional Water Planning
June 13, 2008**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. *Legal name of applicant(s).* Rio Grande Council of Governments
2. *Regional Water Planning Group:* Far West Texas Water Planning Group (Region E)
3. *Authority of law under which the applicant was created.* The Rio Grande Council of Governments was established under the authority of Title 12, Subsection C, Chapter 391, Texas Local Government Code.
4. *Applicant's official representative, Name, Title, Mailing address, Phone number, Fax number, E-mail Address, and Vendor ID Number.* Jake Brisbin, Jr., Executive Director, Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 N. Stanton, Ste. 610, El Paso, TX 79902. Phone: 915-533-0998; fax 915-532-9385. E-mail: jakeb@riocog.org

Vendor I.D. # 74-1559724
5. *Is this application in response to a Request for Applications published in the Texas Register?*
Yes No
6. *If yes to No. 5 above, list document number and date of publication of the Texas Register.* Texas Register, February 15, 2008, Vol. 33, Number 7, TRD-200800727
7. *Total proposed planning cost.* \$365,030
8. *Cash contribution to the study.* \$0
9. *List source of cash contribution, explanation of source of local cash contribution.* N/A
10. *Total grant funds requested from the Texas Water Development Board.* \$365,030
11. *Detailed statement of the purpose for which the money will be used.*

Funding is requested to prepare an update to the 2006 Far West Texas regional water plan. Specific activities in the scope of work address the planning tasks outlined in the TWDB guidance document, focusing on changed conditions and new information that has become available since the 2006 plan was prepared. Additional tasks were suggested during the public scoping meeting held on April 24, 2008. Four interim studies funded by the TWDB will be summarized and their results incorporated into the 2011 update, as will the results of the June 17, 2008 Climate Change Conference required by SB 1762. Two of the changed conditions that scope of work tasks will address include changed economic activities such as new or increased gas exploration and significant population growth in El Paso County due to the expansion of Fort Bliss as a result of BRAC activities. The biggest changed condition in the region is the current and projected increase in the Fort Bliss military population. These changed conditions will impact the description of the region, population and water demand, water supply, water management strategies, and possibly water quality.

Additional funding is being requested for two water supply studies, to gather well data and conduct pumping tests in the Marathon and Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifers, to either provide data for the development of a future GAM (Marathon Aquifer) or to update an existing GAM (Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer). More complete groundwater data are required for the management of the aquifers by groundwater districts in these areas, in response to increasing Barnett Shale gas exploration, expansion

of hydroponic tomato farms, and other economic activities that are or will soon be driving increased demand on the region's groundwater resources. Additional funding is also requested to revise retained water management strategies or to consider and develop alternative strategies for entities that are anticipating changed conditions, or to develop new strategies as a result of interim studies. Strategies that are expected to require revisions include steam electric power in El Paso County, water conservation for the City of El Paso, and irrigation in El Paso, Hudspeth, and Presidio counties. The discussion of irrigation conservation strategies is expected to need substantial revision based on the results of the interim study evaluating irrigation efficiency and best management practices.

TWDB grant funding will also be used for activities which will enhance water planning efforts in the Far West Texas region. These activities include planning group administration, including fiscal management of TWDB funds, reimbursement of planning group member travel costs, and facilitation of public meetings and hearings, by publicly advertising and providing adequate meeting space for public access and participation, and providing copies of meeting materials to planning group members. Planning funds are also sought to support public information and participation activities, including distribution of planning related materials at meetings, on the planning group website, through press releases, and via email, as well as through other activities which enhance public participation in the planning process.

12. Detailed description of why state funding assistance is needed.

State funding is absolutely necessary for the Far West Texas WPG to engage in the proposed projects to aid in the revision of, and improvements to, the Far West Texas Water Plan, and to carry out certain administrative and public participation activities. Region E is characterized by (1) limited financial resources to serve a population with critical needs (all counties in the planning region are EDAP eligible); (2) limited surface and groundwater resources in an arid area that is always in "drought"; (3) limited data on water supply sources, especially critical groundwater resources; and (4) geographic location where supply, demand, planning, and legal control are shared among three states, two nations, and many regulatory authorities.

In addition, proposals to develop and export groundwater out of the planning region have heightened awareness of the lack of data on many of the aquifer systems in the region, and the limited utility of GAMS developed with inadequate data. There is currently a deficiency of hydrologic data on file to support groundwater supply availability analysis for much of the more rural portions of both the designated and non-designated aquifer areas. Due to the overwhelming reliance on groundwater, the Far West Texas WPG strongly feels that it is imperative that aquifer availability analyses be significantly improved such that they can have more confidence in strategy recommendations involving groundwater sources. Recent regulatory changes pertaining to groundwater districts also underscore the need for critical data to sustainably manage critical groundwater resources. The attached scope of work addresses several tasks which were noted in the 2006 update to the regional plan as being areas where additional work is needed to further the evaluation and implementation of water management strategies and overcome problems identified in the previous round of regional water planning.

13. Identify potential sources and amounts of funding available for implementation of viable solutions resulting from proposed planning.

Potential sources of funding which might be available to implement the solutions resulting from the proposed special studies include local sources of revenue such as taxes and user fees or bond revenue, grant and loan funds from several state agencies, as well as federal funds. Federal funding sources include USDA Rural Development and Rural Utilities Service grants/loans, BECC/NADBank water and wastewater planning and infrastructure funding, and EPA pass-through funding programs such as the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds. State funding sources include EDAP grant/loan funds, the State Participation Program, agricultural water conservation grants/loans, the Water Improvement Fund and water and wastewater loan programs through the TWDB, ORCA, Texas Capital Fund, and the Rural Water Assistance Fund and Water Infrastructure Fund.

II. PLANNING INFORMATION

14. A detailed scope of work for proposed planning.

This round of planning is an update to the 2006 Far West Texas Water Plan. Since this third round of planning takes place during an "off-census cycle", the Texas Water Development Board will not be developing new population and water demand projections with the exception of steam electric power demands. Thus the 2011 plan will not require a complete revision, but rather an update to changed conditions. The proposed scope of work and budget for this round of planning follows state guidelines as specified in Title 31 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 357 and as instructed in the TWDB document *Guidelines for Regional Water Plan Development (2007-2012)*. Tasks outlined in this scope of work reflect changed conditions as recognized by the Far West Texas Water Planning Group and include suggestions provided during a public meeting held on April 24, 2008.

In the task descriptions below, Base Funded Tasks are those that can be achieved with the provided base funding from the TWDB. Additional Funded Tasks are those that will require additional funding to achieve. Additional Funded Task descriptions that are preceded with a double-asterisk symbol (**) are tasks that the Regional Planning Group considers essential tasks necessary to achieve the base level expected of this planning period. Please note that the Far West Texas Water Planning Group has requested less funding for Base Funded Tasks than the amount recommended by the TWDB.

Task 1. Chapter 1. Description of the Region

Base Funded Tasks:

1. Update Chapter 1 text to reflect current conditions.
Base funding request \$ 500
2. Recognize and provide summaries of the four interim projects conducted during 2007 and 2008. *Sec 1.2*
Base funding request \$ 1,000
3. Discuss occurrence and impact of Fort Bliss military population increase. *Sec 1.3.3*
Base funding request \$ 500
4. Provide an overview of the Climate Change Conference held in El Paso on June 17th 2008.
Base funding request \$ 500
5. Update discussion on Rio Grande supply conditions in Elephant Butte Reservoir. *Sec 1.3.5*
Base funding request \$ 500
6. Update description of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Facility and El Paso Water Utilities' arsenic treatment upgrade. *Sec 1.4.3*
Base funding request \$ 500
7. Review and update list of entities receiving water supplies from the El Paso Water Utilities wholesaler. *Sec 1.4.4*
Base funding request \$ 1,000
8. Update aquifer map (*Figure 1-12*) to reflect changes made by the TWDB in 2007. *Sec 1.5.2*
Base funding request \$ 500
9. Update colonia information. *Sec 1.7*
Base funding request \$ 1,000
10. Update water-use discussion of Ciudad Juarez. *Sec 1.8.1*
Base funding request \$ 500

11. Update local organizations. *Sec 1.10 & Appendix 1C*
Base funding request \$ 500
12. Review and add as needed discussion on municipal water loss audits as provided by the TWDB pursuant to 31 TAC §358.6.
Base funding request \$ 1,000
13. Prepare draft chapter documents for planning group review.
Base funding request \$ 2,000

Additional Funded Tasks:

1A. ** Discuss recent and anticipated economic activities in the region including :

- Barnett Shale gas exploration in Brewster, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Terrell counties.
- Expansion of the tomato farm in Jeff Davis County.
- Progress on the new international bridge in the Lower El Paso Valley.
- Potential 1,000-bed expansion of prison in Sierra Blanca.
- Potential biodiesel plant in Presidio County.

Additional funding request \$ 4,000

Subtotal Task 1. Proposed Base funding request \$ 10,000
Proposed Additional funding request \$ 4,000

Task 2. Chapter 2. Population and Water Demand

Base Funded Tasks:

1. Review and revise list of entities receiving water supplies from the El Paso Water Utilities wholesaler (*Table 2-4*). *Sec 2.4.1*
Base funding request \$ 1,000
2. Review and revise if needed steam electric power water demand in El Paso County as provided by the TWDB. *Sec 2.4.5*
Base funding request \$ 1,000
3. Update TWDB-DB12 database.
Base funding request \$ 1,500
4. Prepare draft chapter documents for planning group review.
Base funding request \$ 2,000

Additional Funded Tasks:

2A. ** Evaluate the current increase in the Fort Bliss military population and its impact on water demand. Work as closely as allowable with the Defense Department to estimate the Post's 50-year population forecast.

Additional funding request \$ 10,000

2B Conduct a study by a qualified demographer to analyze the potential error that likely has occurred in federal population census surveys in Far West Texas, with emphasis on the municipalities and County-Other category in the rural counties. Use utility hookups and building permits to validate or modify existing census estimates for these areas for the period of July 2007. Estimate a 50-year potential growth rate for this area based on economic drivers, historical trends, and migration rates.

Additional funding request \$ 65,000

2C. **Review and revise municipal water demand projections for Fort Davis WSC resulting from expansion of the system.

Additional funding request \$ 2,000

2D. **Review and revise irrigation water demand projections for Jeff Davis County resulting from expansion of "Tomato Farm" operations.

Additional funding request \$ 2,000

2E. **Review and revise mining water demand projections based on increased oil and gas exploration in Brewster, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Terrell. Much of this activity relates to recent interest in Barnett Shale gas plays. Railroad Commission files, local groundwater conservation district knowledge, and other available data will be reviewed to estimate increased activity and amount of water usage.

Additional funding request \$ 5,000

Subtotal Task 2. Base funding request \$ 5,500

Additional funding request \$ 84,000

Task 3. Chapter 3. Regional Water Supply Sources

Base Funded Tasks:

1. Update supplies to water user groups and wholesale water providers based on changes in contracts, new supplies from strategies that have been implemented since the last plan, and other changed conditions.

Base funding request \$ 2,000

2. Update aquifer map (*Figure 3-1*) to reflect changes made by the TWDB in 2007. *Sec 3.4*

Base funding request \$200

3. Review and update municipal well field discussions. *Sec 3.4.12*

Base funding request \$ 1,000

4. Review and revise groundwater export table to conform to Region F water supply source tables. *Sec 3.4.13*

Base funding request \$ 600

Additional Funded Tasks:

3A. ** Update TWDB-DB12 database.

Additional funding request \$ 500

3B. ** Prepare draft chapter documents for planning group review.

Additional funding request \$ 500

3C. ** Update discussion pertaining to the "Forgotten River" project.

Additional funding request \$ 2,000

3D. ** Update discussion pertaining to the "Pecos River Basin Assessment" project.

Additional funding request \$ 1,000

3E. Identify and survey new well data in the Marathon aquifer in Brewster County for the TWDB groundwater database that will be used in the development of a future Groundwater Availability Model (GAM). Select and conduct pumping tests on up to eight wells in the aquifer.

Additional funding request \$ 40,000

- 3F. Identify and survey new well data in the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer in Terrell County for the TWDB groundwater database that will be used in updating the Groundwater Availability Model (GAM). Select and conduct pumping tests on up to eight wells in the aquifer.

Additional funding request \$ 40,000

Subtotal Task 3. Base funding request \$ 3,800

Additional funding request \$ 84,000

Chapter 4. Water Management Strategies

Base Funded Tasks:

1. Revise water needs analysis (*Table 4-1*) for water user groups and wholesale water providers with changed demands as identified in Chapter 2 or changed supplies identified in Chapter 3.
Base funding request \$ 1,370

2. Update capital and annual cost estimates (*Table 4-3*) to 2007 dollars for all strategies.
Base funding request \$ 4,000

Additional Funded Tasks:

- 4A. ** Develop new strategies for entities with water deficits based on changed conditions as identified in Task 4-1 above.

Additional funding request \$ 7,000

- 4B. ** Update Chapter 4 text, tables and figures as needed to reflect changed conditions.

Additional funding request \$ 4,000

- 4C. ** Update TWDB-DB12 database.

Additional funding request \$ 4,000

- 4D. ** Prepare draft chapter documents for planning group review.

Additional funding request \$ 1,000

- 4E. **Revise as needed all retained water management strategies in the 2006 Plan as required by Section 4 of the General Guidelines for Regional Water Plan Development. Specific strategies that are expected to require revisions include:

- Steam electric power in El Paso County (*Strategy E-16*)
- Water conservation for City of El Paso (*Strategy E-2*)
- Irrigation in El Paso, Hudspeth and Presidio counties. (*Strategies E-17 through E-31*)

Additional funding request \$ 14,000

- 4F. Consider and develop alternative strategies for entities that are anticipating changed conditions and that are potentially eligible for the State WIF funding program, including the communities of Van Horn and Sierra Blanca.

Additional funding request \$ 8,000

- 4G. **Update discussion on irrigation conservation strategies based on results of interim project.

Additional funding request \$ 2,000

Subtotal Task 4. Base funding request \$ 5,370

Additional funding request \$ 40,000

Chapter 5. Water Quality Impacts and Impacts on Moving Water from Agricultural Areas

Base Funded Tasks:

1. Review and update impacts as needed, considering new water management strategies and changed conditions.
Base funding request \$ 500
2. Update aquifer map (*Figures 5-1 and 5-2*) to reflect changes made by the TWDB in 2007.
Base funding request \$ 400

Additional Funded Tasks:

- 5A. ** Prepare draft chapter documents for planning group review.
Additional funding request \$ 1,000

*Subtotal Task 5. Base funding request \$ 900
Additional funding request \$ 1,000*

Chapter 6. Water Conservation and Drought Contingency

Base Funded Tasks:

1. Discuss results of El Paso Water Utility's conservation outreach interim project. *Sec 6.1*
Base funding request \$ 500
2. Discuss El Paso Water Utilities' latest calculation of per capita water use in terms of increasing conservation efforts. *Sec 6.1*
Base funding request \$ 1,000
3. Discuss results of Texas A&M AgriLife Research's agricultural conservation interim project. *Sec 6.1*
Base funding request \$ 1,000
4. Discuss relevant issues addressed at the Climate Change Conference. *Sec 6.2*
Base funding request \$ 500
5. Revise water conservation management and drought contingency plans as needed. *Sec 6.3*
Base funding request \$ 2,000
6. Prepare draft chapter documents for planning group review.
Base funding request \$ 1,000

Subtotal Task 6. Base funding request \$ 6,000

Chapter 7. Plan Consistency

Base Funded Tasks:

1. Review and revise Chapter 7 text to reflect changed conditions and new water management strategies.
Base funding request \$ 2,000
2. Prepare draft chapter documents for planning group review.
Base funding request \$ 1,000

Subtotal Task 7. Base funding request \$ 3,000

Chapter 8. Recommendations

Base Funded Tasks:

1. Review and revise Planning Group recommendations (*Sec 8.2*) and policy issues (*Sec 8.3*) as needed.

Base funding request \$ 2,000

2. Review and revise discussion on Ecologically Unique River and Stream Segments (Sec 8.4) based on comments provided by the United States Department of the Interior / National Parks Service (April 18, 2008). The USDI/NPS comments reflect results of US Geological Survey discharge measurements in 2006 along the Wild and Scenic River stretch of the Rio Grande, and a TWDB GAM run of the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) aquifer model as requested by the USDI/NPS and the Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District.

Base funding request \$ 2,000

3. Prepare draft chapter documents for planning group review.

Base funding request \$ 1,000

Subtotal Task 8. Base funding request \$ 5,000

Chapter 9. Water Infrastructure Funding

Base Funded Tasks:

1. Send infrastructure financing survey developed by the TWDB to each water user group with a recommended water management strategy.

Base funding request \$ 600

2. Revise the infrastructure financing report based on received responses to the survey.

Base funding request \$ 1,000

3. Prepare draft chapter documents for planning group review.

Base funding request \$ 1,000

Subtotal Task 9. Base funding request \$ 2,600

Chapter 10. Public Participation and Plan Adoption

Base Funded Tasks:

Task 10a. Scope of Work Preparation

1. Post public notice and hold public meeting to gather input on scope of work and regional priorities.
2. Prepare scopes of work, budgets and grant application.
3. Submit application for funding to TWDB.

Task 10b. Public Information Activities

1. Prepare and distribute public information material for the purpose of encouraging public participation, including response to individual inquiries, meeting summaries, press releases, and information of water planning related activities within the region, and posting and distributing public notices.
 - Develop and maintain a planning group website to provide timely information on the planning process to the public and to interested parties, including meeting agendas, minutes, backup materials, reports, and planning group information.
 - Develop and maintain public contact mail and e-mail databases to transmit planning related materials directly to interested parties and to individuals and entities designated in statute.
2. Serve as the point of contact for all public information activities associated with the regional water planning process, including coordination with other planning regions, and distribute information on water planning to the public as requested.
3. Serve as water planning group liaison to other local and regional water planning entities and organizations, such as the Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization and the Paso del Norte Water Taskforce, in order to share information and coordinate common goals and planning activities.

4. Conduct public meetings and/or hearings to convey information on planning group activities and project progress, solicit public involvement and comment to set regional priorities and to gather input on the development of project reports, solicit comment on draft reports and on the development of any updates to the regional plan.
5. Provide copies of any draft and final reports resulting from planning group activities to libraries, public officials, planning group members, and interest groups.

Task 10c. Planning Group Administration and Plan Adoption

1. Coordinate and facilitate public meetings of the planning group, including securing meeting space with adequate public access, and ensuring adequate copies of meeting materials are available for public inspection prior to and following public meetings.
2. Administration, financial oversight and reporting associated with reimbursement of members' travel expenses, sub-consultant contracts and other eligible political subdivision administrative expenses.

Subtotal Task 10. Base funding request \$ 109,860

Total Base Funding Request \$ 152,030

Total Additional Funding Request \$ 213,000

Grand Total Funding Request \$ 365,030

15. A task budget for detailed scope of work by task. Example is attached.

FAR WEST TEXAS WATER PLAN				
Task Budget Summary				
Chapter Tasks		TWDB Allocated Base Funding	FWT Proposed Base Task Funding	FWT Proposed Additional Task Funding
1. Description of the Region				
Base Task 1		\$10,000	\$500	
Base Task 2			\$1,000	
Base Task 3			\$500	
Base Task 4			\$500	
Base Task 5			\$500	
Base Task 6			\$500	
Base Task 7			\$1,000	
Base Task 8			\$500	
Base Task 9			\$1,000	
Base Task 10			\$500	
Base Task 11			\$500	
Base Task 12			\$1,000	
Base Task 13			\$2,000	
Additional Task 1A **				
	Subtotal	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$4,000
2. Population and Water Demand				
Base Task 1		35.32 % of \$15,570	\$1,000	
Base Task 2			\$1,000	

Base Task 3			\$1,500	
Base Task 4			\$2,000	
Additional Task 2A **				\$10,000**
Additional Task 2B				\$65,000
Additional Task 2C**				\$2,000**
Additional Task 2D**				\$2,000**
Additional Task 2E**				\$5,000**
	Subtotal	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$84,000
3. Regional Water Supply Sources				
Base Task 1		24.41 % of \$15,570	\$2,000	
Base Task 2			\$200	
Base Task 3			\$1,000	
Base Task 4			\$600	
Additional Task 3A **				\$500**
Additional Task 3B **				\$500**
Additional Task 3C **				\$2,000**
Additional Task 3D **				\$1,000**
Additional Task 3E				\$40,000
Additional Task 3F				\$40,000
	Subtotal	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$84,000
4. Water Management Strategies				
Base Task 1		34.49 % of \$15,570	\$1,370	
Base Task 2			\$4,000	
Additional Task 4A **				\$7,000**
Additional Task 4B **				\$4,000**
Additional Task 4C **				\$4,000**
Additional Task 4D **				\$1,000**
Additional Task 4E**				\$14,000**
Additional Task 4F				\$8,000
Additional Task 4G**				\$2,000**
	Subtotal	\$5,370	\$5,370	\$40,000
5. Water Quality Impacts and Impacts on Moving Water from Agricultural Areas				
Base Task 1		5.78 % of \$15,570	\$500	
Base Task 2			\$400	
Additional Task 5A **				\$1,000**
	Subtotal	\$900	\$900	\$1,000
6. Water Conservation and Drought Contingency				
Base Task 1		\$10,000	\$500	
Base Task 2			\$1,000	
Base Task 3			\$1,000	
Base Task 4			\$500	
Base Task 5			\$2,000	
Base Task 6			\$1,000	
	Subtotal	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$0

7. Plan Consistency				
Base Task 1		\$10,000	\$2,000	
Base Task 2			\$1,000	
	Subtotal	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$0
8. Recommendations				
Base Task 1		\$15,000	\$2,000	
Base Task 2			\$2,000	
Base Task 3			\$1,000	
	Subtotal	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$0
9. Water Infrastructure Funding				
Base Task 1		\$2,600	\$600	
Base Task 2			\$1,000	
Base Task 3			\$1,000	
	Subtotal	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$0
10. Public Participation and Plan Adoption				
<i>10A. Scope of Work Preparation</i>		\$109,860	\$10,000	
Base Task 1				
Base Task 2				
Base Task 3				
<i>10B. Public Information Activities</i>			\$45,000	
Base Task 1				
Base Task 2				
Base Task 3				
Base Task 4				
Base Task 5				
<i>10C. Planning Group Administration and Plan Adoption</i>			\$54,860	
Base Task 1				
Base Task 2				
	Subtotal	\$109,860	\$109,860	\$0
	Total	\$173,030	\$152,030	\$213,000
** Signifies additionally funded tasks that the Regional Planning Group considers essential tasks necessary to achieve the base level expected of this planning period.				

16. An expense budget for detailed scope of work by expense category. Example is attached.

EXPENSE BUDGET

CATEGORY	TOTAL AMOUNT
Salaries & Wages	\$ 15,612
Fringe	\$ 5,605
Travel	\$ 0
Other Expenses	\$ 4,348
Subcontract Services	\$ 295,570
Voting Planning Member Travel	\$ 15,000
Overhead (<i>see note for Subcontract Services below</i>)	\$ 28,895
Profit	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 365,030

** Subcontract Services Note: To calculate overhead for the Administration expense budget to include the cost of managing any subcontracts for funded projects, as well as for the SOW preparation, subcontract services were estimated at \$15,000 per year over the FY097 – FY11 contract period. By state law, Councils of Government can only charge indirect cost (overhead) on the first \$15,000 of each subcontract per fiscal year. One master subcontract is expected.

17. A time schedule for completing detailed Scope of Work by task.

See attached time schedule.

18. Specific deliverables for each task in Scope of Work.

Deliverables:

Chapter 1.

- Updated Chapter 1 text, tables, and figures including discussions and updates of items listed in scope of work.
- Discussions of economic activities including Barnett Shale exploration, tomato farm in Jeff Davis County, international bridge in El Paso County, prison expansion in Sierra Blanca, and biodiesel plant in Presidio County.
- Updated aquifer map.

Chapter 2.

- Updated Chapter 2 text, tables, and figures including discussions and updates of items listed in scope of work.
- Updated TWDB-DB 12 database.
- Discussions on Fort Bliss population projection and demographer's assessment of rural population trends.
- Review and revision of water demand estimates for Fort Davis WSC, irrigation in Jeff Davis County, and mining in several counties.

Chapter 3.

- Updated Chapter 3 text and figures including discussions and updates of items listed in scope of work.
- Updated TWDB-DB 12 database.
- Updated aquifer map.
- New well survey database and pumping test results for Marathon aquifer wells.
- New well survey database and pumping test results for Edwards-Trinity aquifer wells.

Chapter 4.

- Updated Chapter 4 text and figures including discussions and updates of items listed in scope of work.
- Updated TWDB-DB 12 database.
- Updated capital and annual cost estimates.
- New strategies for entities with water deficits based on changed conditions.
- Revised retained strategies as needed.
- Possible alternative strategies for entities with anticipated changed conditions.
- Updated discussion on irrigation strategies.

Chapter 5.

- Updated Chapter 5 text and figures including discussions and updates of items listed in scope of work.
- Updated aquifer map.

Chapter 6.

- Updated Chapter 6 reflecting revisions to water conservation and drought contingency plans.
- Discussion on results of Climate Change Conference.
- Discussion on results of agricultural conservation interim project.

Chapter 7.

- Updated Chapter 7 including discussion on plan consistency as reflected in changed conditions and new strategies.

Chapter 8.

- Updated Chapter 8 including revised recommendations and policy issue discussion.
- Revised discussion on Economically Unique River and Stream Segments.

Chapter 9.

- Updated Chapter 9 including revised infrastructure finance survey and report.

Chapter 10.

- Updated Chapter 10 including revised discussion on public participation activities and plan adoption procedures.

19. Method of monitoring study progress.

The Rio Grande Council of Governments will conduct all public information and planning group administration activities. It will also act as the contract manager and fiscal manager for all TWDB grant funds and grant-funded projects, and provide oversight for all subcontract activities. All activities undertaken on behalf of the Far West Texas WPG will be carried out with input and guidance from the planning group. The Rio Grande Council of Governments will be responsible for contract administration, staff support to the Far West Texas Water Planning Group and soliciting public involvement.

As the representative of the Far West Texas WPG, the Rio Grande Council of Governments will conduct the administrative and public information activities, and will designate the RGCOG Executive Director to serve as the Project Director. The Project Director and/or his designee (the Project Manager) will be responsible for oversight of all projects funded by the TWDB as part of this grant application. Where designated, the RGCOG Deputy Executive Director will act as overall Project Manager under the direction of the Project Director, and dedicate approximately 5% of her time to the direction and coordination of project tasks by RGCOG staff and sub-contractors. The Project Director or his designee will coordinate the input of WPG members, subcommittees, and the public, and keep the WPG informed of the project's progress.

The applicant's financial staff will be responsible for documenting project expenses on a monthly basis, ensuring that billings are properly documented and submitted on a timely basis. All management and oversight of planning fund dollars will be in strict accordance with the Uniform Grant Management Standards.

20. Qualifications and direct experience of proposed project staff.

JAKE BRISBIN, JR., Executive Director. Judge Brisbin has been Executive Director of the Rio Grande Council of Governments since 1999. Prior to his service as Executive Director, Judge Brisbin was Presidio County Judge. Judge Brisbin has also served as Mayor of Marfa and President of the Rio Grande Council of Governments Board of Directors, and was owner and CEO of the Marfa TV Cable Company. Judge Brisbin attended Trinity University, St. Mary's University, and Sul Ross State University. He has extensive experience in public service and public administration, and will serve as the Chief Administrative Officer and Designated Agent for the Regional Water Planning Program and will guide all staff efforts associated with this activity as the Project Director.

HECTOR F. DIAZ, Director of Finance. Mr. Diaz has been Director of Finance for the Rio Grande Council of Governments since 1986. In this capacity Mr. Diaz is the senior staff person responsible for all financial record keeping of the organization. Mr. Diaz ensures that all finance and accounting functions of the organization meet appropriate State and Federal standards of practice, rules and regulations. Mr. Diaz has many years of governmental accounting and finance experience and is an expert in financial accounting rules governing purchasing, auditing and financial management of public funds. He will be responsible for financial administration and oversight of the project, the same role he filled during the previous two water planning cycles.

BARBARA E. KAUFFMAN, Deputy Executive Director and Director of the Environmental Services & Special Projects Division. Ms. Kauffman holds undergraduate degrees in Anthropology and International Studies from American University in Washington, D.C. as well as a master's degree in Anthropology with a specialization in Environmental Archaeology from the University of Chicago. She also holds a master's degree in Business Administration from New Mexico State University. Ms. Kauffman has over 25 years of experience in environmental planning and project management. As the Project Manager for the Far West Texas Water Planning Group, Ms. Kauffman will be the primary point of contact on all project activities and will supervise staff support and subcontractor oversight for the project.

III. WRITTEN ASSURANCES

Written assurance of the following items: (assurances combined below)

- 1. Proposed planning does not duplicate existing projects;*
- 2. Implementation of viable solutions identified through the proposed planning will be diligently pursued and identification of potential sources of funding for implementation of viable solutions;*
- 3. If a grant is awarded, written evidence that local matching funds are available for the proposed planning must be provided when the contract is executed.*

The Rio Grande Council of Governments, on behalf of the Far West Texas Water Planning Group, certifies that the proposed planning does not duplicate existing projects. The Rio Grande Council of Governments also assures the TWDB that any viable solutions identified as a result of the proposed project will be diligently pursued. All applicable funding sources for the implementation of viable solutions arising out of the preparation of the special projects carried out to assist in the revision of the regional water plan will also be pursued in the future. If a grant is awarded, the Rio Grande Council of Governments will provide written evidence of any local matching funds which are available for the proposed planning. However, no local (Applicant/RGCOG) matching funds are anticipated.

IV. PROOF OF NOTIFICATION

- 1. Proof of notification
For developing or revising regional water plans, eligible applicants requesting funds to develop or revise regional water plans must, not less than 30 days before board consideration of the*

application, provide notice that an application for planning assistance is being filed with the executive administrator by:

- (1) publishing notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county located in whole or in part in the regional water planning area; and
- (2) mailing notice to each mayor of a municipality with a population of 1,000 or more or which is a county seat and that is located in whole or in part in the regional water planning area, to each county judge of a county located in whole or in part in the regional water planning area, to all districts and authorities created under Texas Constitution, Article III, §52, or Article XVI, §59, located in whole or in part in the regional water planning area based upon lists of such water districts and river authorities obtained from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and all regional water planning groups in the state.

The notice must include the following:

- Name and address of applicant and applicant's official representative;
- Brief description of proposed planning area;
- Purpose of the proposed planning;
- Texas Water Development Board Executive Administrator's name and address; and
- Statement that any comments on the proposed planning must be filed with the applicant and the Texas Water Development Board Executive Administrator within 30 days of the date on which the notice was mailed or published.

Prior to action by the board, the applicant must provide one copy of the notice sent, a list of those to which the notice was sent, the date on which the notice was sent, copies of all notices as published showing name of the newspaper and the date on which the notice was published.

The notice of intent to apply for planning grant funds appeared on March 20, March 21, or March 23, 2008 in the newspapers of general circulation in the planning area noted in the table below. A copy of the Public Notice was mailed to each of the entities specified in number 2 above, and mailed to our general water planning contact list on March 24, 2008. The notice was also emailed to a list of interested parties on March 19, 2008, posted on the Texas Secretary of State's website on March 20, 2008 and posted on the water planning group's web page on March 20, 2008 at <http://www.riocog.org/publichearing/newspaper%20public%20noticePh2Rnd3.pdf>. A copy of the public notice, mail and email lists, and tear sheets confirming the publication are attached to this application.

Newspaper	Notice of Intent to Apply for Funds Published
Alpine Avalanche	March 20, 2008
Big Bend Sentinel	March 20, 2008
The Presidio International	March 20, 2008
Jeff Davis County Mountain Dispatch	March 20, 2008
Van Horn Advocate	March 20, 2008
West Texas County Courier	March 20, 2008
Terrell County News-Leader	March 21, 2008
Hudspeth County Herald	March 21, 2008
El Paso, Inc.	March 23, 2008

2011 FAR WEST TEXAS WATER PLAN

Time Schedule

Chapter Tasks	2008	2009												2010												2011
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
1. Description of the Region																										
2. Population and Water Demand																										
3. Regional Water Supply Sources																										
4. Water Management Strategies																										
5. Water Quality Impacts																										
6. Water Conservation																										
7. Plan Consistency																										
8. Recommendations																										
9. Water Infrastructure Funding																										
10. Plan Administration and Adoption																										
Update TWDB DB-12 Database																										
Draft IPP to RWPG															X											
Submit IPP to TWDB																X										
Public hearing																	X									
TWDB review of IPP																										
Response to comments																										
Submit final plan to TWDB																										
Statutory submission deadline																										X

The time schedule above is based on the assumption that all of the tasks associated with the provided scope of work are approved by the Texas Water Development Board. The schedule may be adjusted based on the final contract negotiated with the Texas Water Development Board.



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TO: Mayors, County Judges, Water Districts, Water Suppliers, Water Right Holders, RWPG Chairs

FROM: Jake Brisbin, Jr., Executive Director, Rio Grande Council of Governments

DATE: March 18, 2008

SUBJECT: Public Notice – Public Meeting and Application for Water Planning Grant

PUBLIC NOTICE

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REGIONAL WATER PLANNING**

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The Far West Texas Water Planning Group will be meeting at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in El Paso on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. (Mountain time) to continue discussions on the scope of work for the third round of regional water planning. Public comment and input on the scope of work and issues to be addressed during the next phase of planning will be requested during the meeting, and members of the public are invited to take this opportunity to participate in the regional water planning process.

The attached file contains an agenda for the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, and a copy of the public notice that will be published in area newspapers and mailed to a long list of interested parties. The subject of the notice concerns the opportunity to give input on the scope of work at the April meeting, and also that the RGCOG will be applying for grant funds from the TWDB on the water planning group's behalf in order to carry out the scope of work and continue the regional planning process. If you are unable to attend the April meeting and would like to give written input on the scope of work and/or the grant application, please contact me.

We hope to see you in El Paso on April 24<sup>th</sup>!

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AGENDA
FAR WEST TEXAS WATER PLANNING GROUP MEETING

Thursday, April 24, 2008

1:00 P.M. (MDT)

at:

**Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center
1380 A&M Circle, El Paso, Texas
915-859-9111**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS
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The Far West Texas Water Planning Group (Region E) will receive suggestions and recommendations from the public on the issues that should be addressed or provisions that should be included in the scope of work for the amended regional water plan during the third cycle of regional water planning at a public meeting of the planning group. Notice is also given that the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) will submit an application for financial assistance to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to carry out the scope of work. The application will be submitted on or before June 13, 2008. Jake Brisbin, Jr., RGCOG Executive Director, is the official representative of the Far West Texas Water Planning Group. Region E includes the counties of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and Terrell.

The public meeting will be held at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, at 1380 A&M Circle, El Paso, Texas, on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. (MDT). Written and oral comments will be accepted at this meeting, and an agenda for the meeting is posted at www.riocog.org/publichearing/publicnotice.htm . Copies of the application may be obtained from the RGCOG when it is available at the RGCOG office. Comments on the application must be filed by June 13, 2008, with the applicant and with J. Kevin Ward, Executive Administrator, TWDB, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, TX 78711-3231. For additional information, please contact: Barbara Kauffman, Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 N. Stanton Street, Ste. 610, El Paso, Texas 79902. Phone: (915) 533-0998, ext. 121; e-mail: barbarak@riocog.org.

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1539 Pawling
Horizon City, TX 79928

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General Manager Macario Marquez, Jr.
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El Paso, Texas 79905

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El Paso, Texas 79927

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Region O
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Lubbock, Texas 79410-1402

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WTCC: 03/20/08

Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance(s):

1) ORDINANCE NO. 0102 — AMMENDMENT NO. 022 — To modify Appendix I, "Cellular Communication Towers" and Appendix II, "Ground-mounted radio or television broadcasting support structures" so as to require camouflage and screening of communica-

tion towers.

2) ORDINANCE NO. 0163 — AMMENDMENT NO. 007 — To amend the Budget Ordinance to transfer \$15,450.00 from Budget Item # 400605 (Miscellaneous Revenue to Budget Item # 508707 (Maintenance — Parks) for use in procuring, delivery and placement of compost and soil-compost mix on city parks.

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk

WTCC: 03-20-08

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HOUSES

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SELF-HELP

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous - call 562-4081 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solucion.

Informacion: 838-6264.

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Phillips 66 Fastop back on the market! Price reduced for quick sale! Call Eileen 432-386-5576. 1-17-tfc

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would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their donations and during my volleyball tournament this weekend. I would especially like to thank the school for allowing me to use gym. It was a huge success and I will be on my way to Japan. Thank

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Garage/Yard Sales

Garage Sale - Friday, March 21st, from 8 a.m. til ? at 207 Bell Street (Arnold Acosta's residence). A little bit of everything! 3-20-1tp

Yard Sale - Thursday & Friday at 1105 Honeysuckle Street (Torres residence) starting at 9 a.m. Some furniture, TV, Clothes, & Miscellaneous. 3-20-1tp

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PUBLIC NOTICE COUNTY OF CULBERSON

Texas Capital Fund Infrastructure Development Program

Culberson County will hold a public hearing at 5:10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at Culberson County Courthouse, 300 La Caverna, Van Horn, Texas, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Capital Fund (TCF) Infrastructure Development Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the purpose of extending electrical infrastructure for the expansion of farming operations at Royal Farms and enabling the creation of 3 new jobs. This hearing will address programs under the Community Development Fund and the Planning/Capacity Building Fund. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCF funding available, all eligible TCF activities, the use of past TCF funds, the estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that will meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income persons, and the plans to minimize displacement of persons and to assist persons actually displaced as a result of activities assisted with TCF funds. Culberson County encourages citizens, particularly persons of low to moderate income, to participate in the development of this TCF application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals in writing to Manuel Molinar, County Judge, at the Culberson County Courthouse. Individuals with disabilities or special needs who wish to attend this meeting should contact Culberson County Judge at the Culberson County Courthouse 48 hours before the meeting to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact

PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

The Van Horn Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget of the VHEDC for the fiscal year April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1800 W. Broadway, Van Horn, Texas 79855.

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Prayers

Prayer To St. Jude

Most holy apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use, I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and suffer-

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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, Virginal Pallarez, Clerk of the 394th Court(s) of Presidio County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at office this the 26th day of February, A. D. 2008.

Virginia Pallarez, Clerk, District Court Presidio County, Texas, by Florcita Saenz, Deputy. P.O. Box 789, Marfa, Texas 79843.

NOTICE: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A. M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

Steve Spurgin, P.O. Drawer 1471, Marfa, Texas 79843.

2-28 & 3-6/13/20-08b/wts&pa

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES
The Big Bend Regional Hospital District is seeking qualifications from experienced commercial appraisers to perform an appraisal of the building and real property constituting the former Big Bend Regional Hospital, such building and property constituting 5.66 acres out of Block 9, Section 98, G.H. & S.Y. Ry. Survey located in the City of Alpine, Texas, such property also known as 801 East Brown Street, Alpine, Texas.

Interested commercial appraisers should submit their qualifications by no later than March 24, 2008 to:

Big Bend Regional Hospital District
Attn: Maria O'Bryant
P.O. Box 1439
Alpine, Texas 79831

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dinadora de elecciones para el condado.

Localizada el martes, Jones dijo que no podía hacer comentarios sobre las elecciones, debido a los litigios pendientes. A principios de la semana, el comité de elecciones del condado pasó una hora en sesión ejecutiva para hablar del manejo de las primarias. Cuando salió de la sesión cerrada al público, el comité no tomó ninguna acción y Jones sigue en el puesto.

A Christopherson le preocupa el impacto de todo esto.

"Es una pena para el público que vota y para los candidatos," dijo. "Ha sido una inconveniencia y algo malo para la confianza del público que vota. No hubo malas intenciones. Simplemente es una pena y todo el mundo lo siente. Confío en que se arregle todo y con el resultado adecuado."

Disputará

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Su rival será Velia Urias, que también busca hacerse con un puesto en el consejo escolar de Presidio.

El Consejo de Administración del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Presidio también tiene tres puestos que se tendrá que renovar. Los titulares actuales Abelardo Franco, Aureliano Ramírez y Alfredo Muñiz se han presentado para la reelección. Sus rivales serán Randy Farmer, Marco Antonio Baeza y Urias, antiguo miembro del consejo escolar.

Johnnie Chambers, residente de Candelaria y titular actual en el consejo de directores del Distrito Hospitalario Regional del Big Bend, no tiene rival para las elecciones.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOB OPENING LEGAL SECRETARY, PRESIDIO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN MARFA, TEXAS.

Salary depends on experience and skills. Excellent benefits. Work environment a plus in the newly renovated Presidio County Courthouse.

Requirements: Minimum five years office experience.

Excellent computer skills, accurate typing, Microsoft Word, Internet research (Westlaw database a plus).

Law enforcement/legal background preferred.

Spanish speaking preferred. Highly organized and self-motivated with good people skills.

Ability to meet critical deadlines under pressure in a timely manner.

Must handle confidential material and situations with the utmost discretion.

Duties:

This position is responsible for the daily administration of the Presidio County Attorney's Office in a managerial capacity. This includes the coordination of the calendars of the Presidio County Attorney, Presidio County Judge, the Presidio County Clerk's Office, and the Tri County Juvenile Probation Office in setting and holding criminal misdemeanor and juvenile hearings. Case files must be prepared in conjunction with local law enforcement and Department of Public Safety Officers for adjudication, either in the court or by settlement with the County Attorney. Multiple documents must be accurately prepared, signed, and filed as appropriate. Case files must be assigned docket numbers and kept current through timely filing of documents. When court is scheduled, this position is responsible for coordinating with the County Attorney and County Clerk to assure that the docket call is set and mailed out for notice. On court dates, the

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Lajitas ofrece excelentes compensaciones, beneficios y bajo costo en viviendas para sus empleados. Si a Ud le gusta estar afuera y lejos de la ciudad, lo estamos esperando a Ud.

Venga a unirse al equipo en Lajitas Resort & Spa. EOE M/F/D/V 48/11-1tb

HELP WANTED

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Employment Opportunity

The Presidio County Sheriff's Office currently has full-time and part-time detention officer positions open. Applicants must have high school diploma or equivalent. The Presidio County Jail will train. Starting pay \$7.50 + phr. for part-time Detention Officers 64 hrs every two(2) weeks. Full-time Detention Officers starting pay \$8.50 + phr. Benefits include insurance, retirement, paid holidays, annual leave and paid sick leave. Applicants must not have any criminal record above a Class "C" misdemeanor. Applications can be picked up at the Presidio County Sheriff's Office in Marfa. For more information, call Jail Administrator Denia Hoyer at 432-425-2155. Applications will be taken until all positions are filled. 26/39-tfn

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Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 12, Block TER, W RY Co Survey, being 40.00 acres, AKA Tract 16, Brewster County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 105, Page 122 of the Deed Records, Brewster County, Texas

B9719-A

The County of Brewster, Texas et al vs. Clyde B. Wiley, Jr., Lynell Wiley and Troy Wiley

The Southwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 47, Block 331 out of Abstract 2803 of the TC RY Survey, being 40.00 Acres, Brewster County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 258, Page 555 of the Deed Records, Brewster County, Texas

B9743-A

The County of Brewster, Texas et al vs. Joe L. Cortez AKA Joe Cortez AKA Jose Cortez

Half (1/2) Interest in the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 12, Block TER being Tract: 973, being 20.00 Acres, Brewster County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 232, Page 266 of the Deed Records, Brewster County, Texas

B9745-A

The County of Brewster, Texas et al vs. Gordon Houser, Sole Surviving Heir to the Estate of O. J. Houser, Deceased

The Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 261, Block G-4, Abstract 3253 of the HE & WT RY CO Survey, being 10.00 Acres, Brewster County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 42, Page 637 of the Deed Records, Brewster County, Texas

B9763-A

The County of Brewster, Texas et al vs. Richard Escamilla-Kelly aka Ricardo Escamilla-Kelly

The East Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 14, Abstract 8342 of the GHSA RY Survey, Tract 2806, being 20.00 Acres, Brewster County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 216, Page 201 of the Deed Records, Brewster County, Texas

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D.C. Gun Case Has Implications for All Americans' 2nd Amendment Rights

The right to keep and bear arms is secure in Texas, but in our nation's capital it has been taken away.

In 1976, the Washington City Council passed the nation's toughest gun control law, banning handguns completely and requiring rifles and shotguns to be registered, stored unloaded and locked or disassembled.

The D.C. murder rate was declining before this law; in the next 15 years it jumped 200 percent.

Besides being ineffective, the ban is simply incomprehensible. Under D.C. law, business owners have the right to use a firearm to protect their store cash registers, but they cannot use the same firearm to protect themselves and their families in their homes.

Federal law enforcement officers protecting citizens and officials in the district with firearms cannot use similar protection in their homes. This prohibition has been challenged in court, and the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed that the district's ban was not only unreasonable but unconstitutional.

On March 18, for the first time since 1939, the U.S. Supreme Court will rule on the issue of Second Amendment rights when it hears arguments in District of Columbia v. Heller. The court's decision will have major implications for all Americans.

The U.S. Supreme Court has the perfect case to affirm an individual's Second Amendment right to self-defense. Though gun-control advocates have questioned this through the years, Congress never has.

From the Freedman's Bureau Act of 1865 to the Property Requisition Act of 1941, Congress reaffirmed the solemn position of the U.S. as a defender of one's right to protect his being and his home with an operable firearm. I hope the Supreme Court will affirm the individual right to self-defense with a firearm so that it is clear and unambiguous. It is an opportunity, perhaps, of a lifetime.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.



It's easier to peel a hard boiled egg that is still warm. If you allow it to cool, the shell can stick to

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County gets fourth deputy

SON - Terrell Sheriff Clint McDonald / his department is strength with the fourth deputy sher-anded by the Texas Linebacker pro-

nical Training Center in Fort Stockton and is working towards a degree as a registered nurse.

The couple has two children, Kaylei, 5, who is in kindergarten and Anthony, 4, who will enter pre-kindergarten in

the fall.

Perna said the couple has heard good things about Terrell County Schools and want to raise their family here.

"We like Fort Stockton," he said. "But we like it here better."

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