June 12, 2008

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.
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,

[Signature]

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


✓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.
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


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:
   • Barnet 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

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

   Additional funding request $ 65,000

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 Barnet 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.
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.
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.

3. Prepare draft chapter documents for planning group review.

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.

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| **Total**                                | **$173,030** | **$152,030** |

**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**

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** 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 Barnet 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.

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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

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PUBLIC NOTICE
BUDGET HEARING
The Van Horn Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget on Wednesday, September 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1800 W. Broadway, Van Horn, Texas 79855.

The public will be given the opportunity to make written and/or oral comments on the proposed budget. The Board may make any changes in the proposed budget that, in its judgement, is in the best interest of the taxpayers. A summary of the proposed budget will be available for inspection by contacting Jeff McCoy at (432) 283-7494.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BUDGET HEARING
The Culberson County Hospital District Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1800 W. Broadway, Van Horn, Texas 79855.

The public will be given the opportunity to make written and/or oral comments on the proposed budget. The Board may make any changes in the proposed budget that, in its judgement, is in the best interest of the taxpayers. A summary of the proposed budget will be available for inspection by contacting Becky Breaster at (432) 283-2524 after 6 p.m. on 3-20-1tc.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING
The Far West Texas Water Planning Group (Region E) will receive suggestions and recommendations from the public on the criteria 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 30, 2008.

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 in the assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings.

Thank You
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their donations and support during my volleyball tournament this weekend. I would especially like to thank the sponsors for allowing me to run this event. It was a huge success and I will be sure to keep you all updated on this event.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

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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.rgocog.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 11:59 p.m. (MDT) on April 11, 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 Kaufman, Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 N. Stanton Street, Ste. 610, El Paso, Texas 79902. Phone: (915) 533-0998, ext. 121; e-mail: barbara@tgocog.org.

MARFA, TEXAS

Presidio County is seeking competitive proposals to do remedial work at the Old Jail. Moisture is entering the building from the outside wall and causing condensation and bubbling on the first floor office walls. The Texas Historical Commission has recommended that spacers be placed from the roof to drain rainwater. Assessment of further moisture entry is needed. Efforts to dry the interior wall are being made during the month of March.

Proposals must be received by the County no later than 4 p.m. April 11, 2008, by the Presidio County Judge’s Office, P. O. Box 606, 300 N. Highland, Marfa, Texas 79843. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, or firms that submit proposals as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Presidio County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

PUBLIC NOTICE PRESIDIO COUNTY ELECTRICAL WORK MARFA COURTHOUSE

Presidio County is seeking competitive proposals to repair some of the outside lighting on the lawn of the Presidio County Courthouse. Labor and materials for repairs to in-ground light fixtures, to replace aluminum wiring with copper wiring and to provide code compliant outside receptacles is expected to be needed.

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- Office Administrative Assistant in the Court Clerk's office. Applicant must be detail oriented and self-motivated. Experience in the field is preferred. Must be able to work independently and as part of a team. Benefits include competitive salary, 401K, and paid time off. Contact Kellie Hall (915) 533-0998, ext. 121; e-mail: barbara@tgocog.org.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEET & INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

The Far West Texas Water Planning Group (Region E) is seeking proposals to conduct research and recommend to the public on the issues that should be addressed in the study of the water supply in the region. The study will 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 (RGCG) 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, RGCG 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 A&M Research and Extension Center, 1380 A&M Circle, El Paso, Tex- as, on Wednesday, April 24, 2008 from 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. twdb.state.tx.us. Copies of the application may be obtained from the RGCG office. Comments on the application must be filed by June 13, 2008, with the applicant and with J. Kevin Ward, Executive Admin- istrator, TWDB, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, TX 78711-3231. For information, please contact: Barbara Kaufman, Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 North Nacogdoches Road, Ste. 202, El Paso, Texas 79902. Phone: (915) 533-0988, ext. 121; e-mail: jkevin.ward@twdb.state.tx.us.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOB OPENING LEGAL SECRETARY PRESIDIO COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

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Su rival será Vella 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 Albandoico Francisco, Aureliano Ramirez y Alfredo Muritz 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, titular en el consejo de directores del Distrito Hospitalario Regional del Big Bend, no tiene rival para las elecciones.

REAL ESTATE

For Sale - 3 bedroom, 2 bath house in Presidio. New metal roof, fenced yard, located near elementary school. For more info, please call 432-729-3172 or 432-729-4343.

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- Nice 2-bedroom 1-bathroom home on large lot, with carport, storage building, and fenced, in southwest Presidio; $45,000.
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The public meeting will be held at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 1330 Fm 1788, El Paso, Texas, on Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. (MDT). Written and oral comments will be accepted at this meeting, and an agenda for the meeting is provided at www.twdb.texas.gov/public_hearing/call_for_ideas. A copy of the application may be obtained from the RGCOC when it is available at the RGCOC office. Comments on the application must be filed by June 1, 2016, with the applicant and with J. Sonya Cole, Executive Administrator, TWDB, P.O. Box 1331, Austin, TX 78711-1331. For additional information, please contact Barbara Kaufman, Rio Grande Council of Government, 1100 N. Juarez Street, Ste. 610, El Paso, Texas 79901, Phone: (915) 533-9999, or 2121, email: barbara@rgcog.org.

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**SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY**

Please note individual announcements on the "employment" page of the Sul Ross website, www.sulross.edu, for the following positions:

**Administrative**

- Assistant Professor of Accounting: (915) 825-7270. Required: Knowledge of accounting procedures, accounting principles, and accounting standards. No experience required.
- Instructor of Business: (915) 825-7270. Required: Bachelor's degree, one or more years experience in business, including field experience.
- Assistant Librarian: (915) 825-7270. Required: Bachelor's degree, one or more years experience in library work, including field experience.
- Library Assistant: (915) 825-7270. Required: Bachelor's degree, one or more years experience in library work, including field experience.
- Cook: (915) 825-7270. Required: High school graduate or equivalent. Must be able to work well with English day

**Student Assistant**

- Director of the Academic Center for Excellence: (915) 825-7250. Required: Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Education, or related field.

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**Notices**

**B9719-A**

A Notice of Intent to Apply for Funds Regional Water Planning

Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the North Quarter (1/4) of Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 6 West, WRY 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


**B9743-A**

A Notice of Intent to Apply for Funds Regional Water Planning

The Southwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast 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

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 32R 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**

A Notice of Intent to Apply for Funds Regional Water Planning

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

The Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 261, Block 4-4, 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 657 of the Deed Records, Brewster County, Texas

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 83-42 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

Tract: N-66, Section 16, Block NC, being 5.00 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 sovereign 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.
 Percy gets fourth deputy

SON - Terrell Sheriff Clint McDonald said his department is bolstered by the Texas Linebacker program of Fort Stockton, New York City and Detroit near West swollen in Friday, bringing a wife and two children to Sanderson Perna of Fort Stockton on Friday afternoon.

Perna, a Fort Stockton police officer and County deputy, said he was going to attend school here. Williamson, who was a deputy, Feb. 29, had been out for two years working to take the job, said. “We have to want to live in the county.”

Commissioner Kenn Norris Donald is having the justices of the Peace tro and Abby Roboth told him their was off consideration was short-handed. It has been numerous through traffic during Sanderson consistent than the 30- mile per hour speed limit.

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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.rg cog.org/public hearing/public notice.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 Kaufman, Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 N. Stanton Street, Ste. 610, El Paso, Texas 79902. Phone: (915) 533-0998, ext. 121; e-mail: barbara@rg cog.org.
March 23, 2008

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 23rd day of March, 2008

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My commission expires March 6, 2011