



MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT #2024-099
Biosolid Recycling and Related Treatment Plant Services

THIS MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”), effective the last date of signed approval (“**Effective Date**”), is entered into by and between the **North Central Texas Council of Governments** (“**NCTCOG**”), a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation, with offices located at 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011, and

Renda Environmental, Inc.
 (“**Contractor**”)
with offices located at
522 Benson Lane
Roanoke, TX 76262

ARTICLE I
RETENTION OF THE CONTRACTOR

1.1 This Agreement defines the terms and conditions upon which the Contractor agrees to provide Executive Search Consulting and Related Services, (hereinafter, “Services”) to governmental entities participating in the TXShare program (hereinafter “Participating Entities”). The Contractor is being retained to provide services described below to Participating Entities based on the Contractor’s demonstrated competence and requisite qualifications to perform the scope of the services described herein and in the Request for Proposals #2024-099 (hereinafter, “RFP”). In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the RFP, this Agreement will prevail. The Contractor demonstrated they have the resources, experience, and qualifications to perform the services described, which is of interest to Participating Entities and was procured via the RFP. NCTCOG agrees to and hereby does retain the Contractor, as an independent contractor, and the Contractor agrees to provide services to Participating Entities, in accordance with the terms and conditions provided in this Agreement and consistent with Contractor’s response to the RFP.

ARTICLE II
SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1 The Contractor will provide Services described in a written Purchase Order issued by NCTCOG or a TXShare Participating Entity. Any such Purchase Order is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement and shall be subject to the terms and conditions in this Agreement. In the event of a conflict between any term or provision in this Agreement and any term or provision in a Purchase Order, the term or provision in this Agreement shall control unless the conflicting term or provision in this Agreement is referenced, and expressly stated not to apply, in such Purchase Order.

2.2 All Services rendered under this Agreement will be performed by the Contractor: i) with due care; ii) in accordance with generally prevailing industry standards; iii) in accordance with Participating Entities’ standard operating procedures and applicable policies, as may be amended from time to time; and iv) in compliance with all applicable laws, government regulatory requirements, and any other written instructions, specifications, guidelines, or requirements provided by NCTCOG and/or Participating Entities.

2.3 Any agreed-upon changes to a Purchase Order shall be set forth in a subsequent Purchase Order amendment. Contractor will not implement any changes, or any new Services until a Purchase Order has been duly executed by the Participating Entity. For the avoidance of doubt, the Contractor acknowledges that Participating Entity is under no obligation to execute a Purchase Order. Participating Entity shall not be liable for any amounts not included in a Purchase Order in the absence of a fully executed amendment of Purchase Order.

2.4 Pricing for items in Appendix A represent the maximum cost for each item offered by the Contractor. Contractor and Participating Entity may mutually agree to a lower cost for any item covered under this agreement.

2.5 NCTCOG Obligations

2.5.1 NCTCOG shall make available a contract page on its TXShare.org website which will include contact information for the Contractor(s).

2.6 Participating Entity Obligations.

2.6.1 In order to utilize the Services, Participating Entities must have executed a Master Interlocal Agreement for TXShare with NCTCOG. This agreement with the Participating Entity will define the legal relationship between NCTCOG and the Participating Entity.

2.6.2 In order to utilize the Services, Participating Entities must execute a Purchase Order with the Contractor. This agreement with the Participating Entity will define the Services and costs that the Participating Entity desires to have implemented by the Contractor.

2.7 Contractor Obligations.

2.7.1 Contractor must be able to deliver, perform, install, and implement services with the requirements and intent of the RFP.

2.7.2 If applicable, Contractor shall provide all necessary material, labor and management required to perform this work. The scope of services shall include, but not be limited to, items listed in Appendix A.

2.7.3 Contractor agrees to market and promotes the use of the TXSHARE awarded contract whenever possible among its current and solicited customer base, such as, but not limited to via the Contractor's website. Contractor shall agree to follow reporting requirements and report sales made under this Master Services Agreement in accordance with Section 4.2.

ARTICLE III TERM

3.1 This Agreement will commence on the Effective Date and remain in effect for an initial term ending on **January 31, 2027** (the "Term"), unless earlier terminated as provided herein. This Agreement will automatically be renewed, unless NCTCOG explicitly desires otherwise, for an additional term, through **January 31, 2030**.

3.2 **Termination.** NCTCOG and/or Participating Entities may terminate this Agreement and/or any Purchase Order to which it is a signatory at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Contractor. Upon its receipt of notice of termination of this Agreement or Purchase Order, Contractor shall follow any instructions of NCTCOG respecting work stoppage. Contractor shall cooperate with NCTCOG and/or Participating Entities to provide for an orderly conclusion of the Services. Contractor shall use its best efforts to minimize the amount of any non-cancelable obligations and shall assign any contracts related thereto to NCTCOG or Participating Entity at its request. If NCTCOG or Participating Entity elects to continue any activities underlying a terminated Purchase Order after termination, Contractor shall cooperate with NCTCOG or Participating Entity to provide for an orderly transfer of Contractor's responsibilities with respect to such Purchase Order to NCTCOG or Participating Entity. Upon the effective date of any such termination, the Contractor shall submit a final invoice for payment in accordance with Article IV, and NCTCOG or Participating Entity shall pay such amounts as are due to Contractor through the effective date of termination. NCTCOG or Participating Entity shall only be liable for payment of services rendered before the effective date of termination. If Agreement is terminated, certain reporting requirements identified in this Agreement shall survive termination of this Agreement.

3.2.1 Termination for Cause: Either party may immediately terminate this Agreement if the other party breaches its obligations specified within this Agreement, and, where capable of remedy, such breach has not been materially cured within thirty (30) days of the breaching party's receipt of written notice describing the breach in reasonable detail.

3.2.2 Breach: Upon any material breach of this Agreement by either party, the non-breaching party may terminate this Agreement upon twenty (20) days written notice to the breaching party. The notice shall become effective at the

end of the twenty (20) day period unless the breaching party cures such breach within such period.

ARTICLE IV COMPENSATION

4.1 **Invoices.** Contractor shall submit an invoice to the ordering Participating Entity in accordance with billing terms as stated in Appendix A for each Scope of Service. If billing terms are not specified for a particular Scope of Service, then the Contractor will submit an invoice to the Participating Entity upon receipt of an executed Purchase Order and after completion of the work, with Net 30 payment terms.

Costs incurred prior to execution of this Agreement are not eligible for reimbursement. There shall be no obligation whatsoever to pay for performance of this Agreement from the monies of the NCTCOG or Participating Entities, other than from the monies designated for this Agreement and/or executed Purchase Order. Contractor expressly agrees that NCTCOG shall not be liable, financial or otherwise, for Services provided to Participating Entities.

4.2 **Reporting.** NCTCOG intends to make this Agreement available to other governmental entities through its TXShare cooperative purchasing program. Contractor shall submit to NCTCOG on a calendar quarterly basis a report that identifies any new client Participating Entities, the date and order number, and the total contracted value of services that each Participating Entity has purchased and paid in full under this Master Service Agreement. Reporting and invoices should be submitted to:

NCTCOG
ATTN: TXShare
PO Box 5888
Arlington, TX 76005-5888
Email: TXShare@nctcog.org

ARTICLE V SERVICE FEE

5.1 **Explanation.** NCTCOG will make this Master Service Agreement available to other governmental entities, Participating Entities, and non-profit agencies in Texas and the rest of the United States through its TXShare cooperative purchasing program. The Contractor is able to market the Services under this Agreement to any Participating Entity with emphasis that competitive solicitation is not required when the Participating Entity purchases off of a cooperative purchasing program such as TXShare. However, each Participating Entity will make the decision that it feels is in compliance with its own purchasing requirements. The Contractor realizes substantial efficiencies through their ability to offer pricing through the TXShare Cooperative and that will increase the sales opportunities as well as reduce the need to repeatedly respond to Participating Entities' Requests for Proposals. From these efficiencies, Contractor will pay an administrative fee to TXShare calculated as a percentage of sales processed through the TXShare Master Services Agreement. This administrative fee is not an added cost to TXShare participants. This administrative fee covers the costs of solicitation of the contract, marketing and facilitation, as well as offsets expenses incurred by TXShare.

5.2 **Administrative Fee.** NCTCOG will utilize an administrative fee, in the form of a percent of cost that will apply to all contracts between awarded contractors and NCTCOG or participants resulting from this solicitation. The administrative fee will be remitted by the Contractor to NCTCOG on a quarterly basis, along with required quarterly reporting. The remuneration fee for this program will be 2% on all fees for service, with the exception of expenses that are passed through to Participating Entities without markup from the Contractor, such as, but not limited to, advertising, travel expenses and per diem costs, temporary housing, and materials production.

5.3 **Setup and Implementation.** NCTCOG will provide instruction and guidance as needed to the Contractor to assist in maximizing mutual benefits from marketing these Services through the TXShare purchasing program.

ARTICLE VI RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES

6.1 **Contractual Relationship.** It is understood and agreed that the relationship described in this Agreement between the Parties is contractual in nature and is not to be construed to create a partnership or joint venture or agency relationship between the parties. Neither party shall have the right to act on behalf of the other except as expressly set forth in this Agreement. Contractor will be solely responsible for and will pay all taxes related to the receipt of payments hereunder and shall give reasonable proof and supporting documents, if reasonably requested, to verify the payment of such taxes. No Contractor personnel shall obtain the status of or otherwise be considered an employee of NCTCOG or Participating Entity by virtue of their activities under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII REPRESENTATION AND WARRANTIES

7.1 **Representations and Warranties.** Contractor represents and warrants that:

- 7.1.1 As of the Effective Date of this Agreement, it is not a party to any oral or written contract or understanding with any third party that is inconsistent with this Agreement and/or would affect the Contractor's performance under this Agreement; or that will in any way limit or conflict with its ability to fulfill the terms of this Agreement. The Contractor further represents that it will not enter into any such agreement during the Term of this Agreement;
- 7.1.2 NCTCOG is prohibited from making any award or permitting any award at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from, or ineligible for, participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension. Contractor and its subcontractors shall include a statement of compliance with Federal and State Debarment and suspension regulations in all Third-party contracts.
- 7.1.3 Contractor shall notify NCTCOG if Contractor or any of the Contractor's sub-contractors becomes debarred or suspended during the performance of this Agreement. Debarment or suspension of the Contractor or any of Contractor's sub-contractors may result in immediate termination of this Agreement.
- 7.1.4 Contractor and its employees and sub-contractors have all necessary qualifications, licenses, permits, and/or registrations to perform the Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and at all times during the Term, all such qualifications, licenses, permits, and/or registrations shall be current and in good standing.
- 7.1.5 Contractor shall, and shall cause its representatives to, comply with all municipal, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND OWNERSHIP

8.1 **Confidential Information.** Contractor acknowledges that any information it or its employees, agents, or subcontractors obtain regarding the operation of NCTCOG or Participating Entities, its products, services, policies, customer, personnel, and other aspect of its operation ("Confidential Information") is proprietary and confidential, and shall not be revealed, sold, exchanged, traded, or disclosed to any person, company, or other entity during the period of the Contractor's retention hereunder or at any time thereafter without the express written permission of NCTCOG or Participating Entity.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Contractor shall have no obligation of confidentiality with respect to information that (i) is or becomes part of the public domain through no act or omission of Contractor; (ii) was in Contractor's lawful possession prior to the disclosure and had not been obtained by Contractor either directly or indirectly

from the NCTCOG or Participating Entity; (iii) is lawfully disclosed to Contractor by a third party without restriction on disclosure; (iv) is independently developed by Contractor without use of or reference to the NCTCOG's Participating Entity's Confidential Information; or (v) is required to be disclosed by law or judicial, arbitral or governmental order or process, provided Contractor gives the NCTCOG or Participating Entity prompt written notice of such requirement to permit the NCTCOG or Participating Entity to seek a protective order or other appropriate relief. Contractor acknowledges that NCTCOG and Participating Entities must strictly comply with applicable public information laws, in responding to any request for public information. This obligation supersedes any conflicting provisions of this Agreement.

8.2 Ownership. No title or ownership rights to any applicable software are transferred to the NCTCOG by this agreement. The Contractor and its suppliers retain all right, title and interest, including all copyright and intellectual property rights, in and to, the software (as an independent work and as an underlying work serving as a basis for any improvements, modifications, derivative works, and applications NCTCOG may develop), and all copies thereof. All final documents, data, reports, information, or materials are and shall at all times be and remain, upon payment of Contractor's invoices therefore, the property of NCTCOG or Participating Entity and shall not be subject to any restriction or limitation on their future use by, or on behalf of, NCTCOG or Participating Entity, except otherwise provided herein. Subject to the foregoing exception, if at any time demand be made by NCTCOG or Participating Entity for any documentation related to this Agreement and/or applicable Purchase Orders for the NCTCOG and/or any Participating Entity, whether after termination of this Agreement or otherwise, the same shall be turned over to NCTCOG without delay, and in no event later than thirty (30) days after such demand is made. Contractor shall have the right to retain copies of documentation, and other items for its archives. If for any reason the foregoing Agreement regarding the ownership of documentation is determined to be unenforceable, either in whole or in part, the Contractor hereby assigns and agrees to assign to NCTCOG all rights, title, and interest that the Contractor may have or at any time acquire in said documentation and other materials, provided that the Contractor has been paid the aforesaid.

ARTICLE IX GENERAL PROVISIONS

9.1 **Notices.** All notices from one Party to another Party regarding this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered to the addresses shown below:

If to NCTCOG:

North Central Texas Council of Governments
P.O. Box 5888
Arlington, TX 76005-5888
Attn: Charlie Oberrender
(817) 695-9289
coberrender@nctcog.org

If to Contractor:

Renda Environmental, Inc.
Attn: Corey Wells
522 Benson Lane
Roanoke, TX 76262
(817) 571-9391
cwells@rendaenvironmental.com

The above contact information may be modified without requiring an amendment to the Agreement.

9.2 **Tax.** NCTCOG and several participating entities are exempt from Texas limited sales, federal excise and use tax, and does not pay tax on purchase, rental, or lease of tangible personal property for the organization's use. A tax exemption certificate will be issued upon request.

9.3 Indemnification. Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless NCTCOG and Participating Entities, NCTCOG's affiliates, and any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, successors, and assigns from any and all suits, actions, claims, demands, judgments, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) (collectively, "Losses") arising out of or relating to: (i) Services performed and carried out pursuant to this Agreement; (ii) breach of any obligation, warranty, or representation in this Agreement, (iii) the negligence or willful misconduct of Contractor and/or its employees or subcontractors; or (iv) any infringement, misappropriation, or violation by Contractor and/or its employees or subcontractors of any right of a third party; provided, however, that Contractor shall have no obligation to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless to the extent any Losses are the result of NCTCOG's or Participating Entities' gross negligence or willful misconduct.

9.4 Limitation of Liability. In no event shall either party be liable for special, consequential, incidental, indirect or punitive loss, damages or expenses arising out of or relating to this Agreement, whether arising from a breach of contract or warranty, or arising in tort, strict liability, by statute or otherwise, even if it has been advised of their possible existence or if such loss, damages or expenses were reasonably foreseeable.

Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, neither party's liability shall be limited by this Article with respect to claims arising from breach of any confidentiality obligation, arising from such party's infringement of the other party's intellectual property rights, covered by any express indemnity obligation of such party hereunder, arising from or with respect to injuries to persons or damages to tangible property, or arising out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the party or its employees.

9.5 Insurance. At all times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall procure, pay for, and maintain, with approved insurance carriers, the minimum insurance requirements set forth below, unless otherwise agreed in a Purchase Order between Contractor and Participating Entities. Further, Contractor shall require all contractors and sub-contractors performing work for which the same liabilities may apply under this Agreement to do likewise. All subcontractors performing work for which the same liabilities may apply under this contract shall be required to do likewise. Contractor may cause the insurance to be effected in whole or in part by the contractors or sub-contractors under their contracts. NCTCOG reserves the right to waive or modify insurance requirements at its sole discretion.

Requirements:

Workers' Compensation:

Statutory limits and employer's liability of \$100,000 for each accident or disease.

Commercial General Liability with NCTCOG endorsed as a Named Additional Insured.

Required Limits:

\$1,000,000 per occurrence;

\$3,000,000 Annual Aggregate

Commercial General Liability policy with NCTCOG endorsed as a Named Additional Insured.

Shall include:

Coverage A: Bodily injury and property damage;

Coverage B: Personal and Advertising Injury liability;

Coverage C: Medical Payments;

Products: Completed Operations;

Fire Legal Liability;

Policy coverage must be on an "occurrence" basis using CGL forms as approved by the Texas State Board of Insurance.

Business Auto Liability with NCTCOG endorsed as a Named Additional Insured.

Coverage shall be provided for all owned hired, and non-owned vehicles. Required Limit: \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident.

Professional Errors and Omissions liability:

Required Limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Claim

\$1,000,000 Annual Aggregate

- 9.5 **Conflict of Interest.** During the term of this Agreement, and all extensions hereto and for a period of one (1) year thereafter, neither party, shall, without the prior written consent of the other, directly or indirectly, whether for its own account or with any other persons or entity whatsoever, employ, solicit to employ or endeavor to entice away any person who is employed by the other party.
- 9.6 **Force Majeure.** It is expressly understood and agreed by both parties to this Agreement that, if the performance of any provision of this Agreement is delayed by force majeure, defined as reason of war, civil commotion, act of God, governmental restriction, regulation or interference, fire, explosion, hurricane, flood, failure of transportation, court injunction, or any circumstances which are reasonably beyond the control of the party obligated or permitted under the terms of this Agreement to do or perform the same, regardless of whether any such circumstance is similar to any of those enumerated herein, the party so obligated or permitted shall be excused from doing or performing the same during such period of delay, so that the period of time applicable to such requirement shall be extended for a period of time equal to the period of time such party was delayed. Each party must inform the other in writing within a reasonable time of the existence of such force majeure.
- 9.7 **Ability to Perform.** Contractor agrees promptly to inform NCTCOG of any event or change in circumstances which may reasonably be expected to negatively affect the Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement in the manner contemplated by the parties.
- 9.8 **Availability of Funding.** This Agreement and all claims, suits, or obligations arising under or related to this Agreement are subject to and limited by the receipt and availability of funds which are received from the Participating Entities by NCTCOG dedicated for the purposes of this Agreement.
- 9.9 **Governing Law.** This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, United States of America. The mandatory and exclusive venue for the adjudication or resolution of any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be in Tarrant County, Texas.
- 9.10 **Waiver.** Failure by either party to insist on strict adherence to any one or more of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, or on one or more occasions, will not be construed as a waiver, nor deprive that party of the right to require strict compliance with the same thereafter.
- 9.11 **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and any attachments/addendums, as provided herein, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all other agreements, discussions, representations or understandings between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. No amendments hereto, or waivers or releases of obligations hereunder, shall be effective unless agreed to in writing by the parties hereto.
- 9.12 **Assignment.** This Agreement may not be assigned by either Party without the prior written consent of the other Party.
- 9.13 **Severability.** In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision(s) hereof, and this Agreement shall be revised so as to cure such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision(s) to carry out as near as possible the original intents of the Parties.
- 9.14 **Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended only by a written amendment executed by both Parties, except that any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of this Agreement, which are required by changes in Federal and State law or regulations or required by the funding source, are automatically incorporated into this Agreement without written amendment hereto and shall become effective on the date designated by such law or regulation.

- 9.15 **Dispute Resolution.** The parties to this Agreement agree to the extent possible and not in contravention of any applicable State or Federal law or procedure established for dispute resolution, to attempt to resolve any dispute between them regarding this Agreement informally through voluntary mediation, arbitration or any other local dispute mediation process, including but not limited to dispute resolution policies of NCTCOG, before resorting to litigation.
- 9.16 **Publicity.** Contractor shall not issue any press release or make any statement to the media with respect to this Agreement or the services provided hereunder without the prior written consent of NCTCOG.
- 9.17 **Survival.** Rights and obligations under this Agreement which by their nature should survive will remain in effect after termination or expiration hereof.

ARTICLE X ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 10.1 **Equal Employment Opportunity.** Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Contractor shall take affirmative actions to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated, during their employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- 10.2 **Davis-Bacon Act.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 40 USC § 3141 – 3148.
- 10.3 **Contract Work Hours and Selection Standards.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 40 USC § 3701 – 3708 to the extent this Agreement indicates any employment of mechanics or laborers.
- 10.4 **Rights to Invention Made Under Contract or Agreement.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 37 CFR Part 401.
- 10.5 **Clean Air Act, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and Energy Policy Conservation Act.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act under 42 USC § 7401 – 7671, the Energy Federal Water Pollution Control Act 33 USC § 1251 – 1387, and the Energy Policy Conservation Act under 42 USC § 6201.
- 10.6 **Debarment/Suspension.** Contractor is prohibited from making any award or permitting any award at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension. Contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with the Certification Requirements for Recipients of Grants and Cooperative Agreements Regarding Debarments and Suspensions.
- 10.7 **Restrictions on Lobbying.** Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.
- 10.8 **Procurement of Recovered Materials.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 2 CFR §200.322.
- 10.9 **Drug-Free Workplace.** Contractor shall provide a drug free workplace in compliance with the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988.

10.10 Texas Corporate Franchise Tax Certification. Pursuant to Article 2.45, Texas Business Corporation Act, state agencies may not contract with for profit corporations that are delinquent in making state franchise tax payments.

10.11 Civil Rights Compliance

Compliance with Regulations: Contractor will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement.

Nondiscrimination: Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. Contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 45 CFR Part 21.

Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurement of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurement of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by Contractor of obligations under this contract and the Acts and Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Information and Reports: Contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and facilities as may be determined by the State or the FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations or directives. Where any information required of Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, Contractor will so certify to NCTCOG, the Texas Department of Transportation (“the State”) or the Federal Highway Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of Contractor’s noncompliance with the Nondiscrimination provisions of this Agreement, NCTCOG will impose such sanctions as it or the State or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to: withholding payments to the Contractor under this Agreement until the Contractor compiles and/or cancelling, terminating or suspension of this Agreement, in whole or in part.

Incorporation of Provisions: Contractor will include the provisions of the paragraphs listed above, in this section 10.11, in every subcontract, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as NCTCOG, the State, or the FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided that if Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier because of such direction, Contractor may request the State to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State. In addition, Contractor may request the United States to enter such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

10.12 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Requirements

Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)-assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE program or the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26. Contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure non-discrimination in award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Each sub-award or sub-contract must include the following assurance: *The Contractor, sub-recipient, or sub-contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these*

requirements is a material breach of this agreement, which may result in the termination of this agreement or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.

10.13 Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities

During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest agree to comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

- a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- b. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects).
- c. Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex).
- d. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.) as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27.
- e. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (49 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age).
- f. Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. Chapter 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex).
- g. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not).
- h. Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38.
- i. The Federal Aviation Administration’s Nondiscrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex).
- j. Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures nondiscrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations.
- k. Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, the parties must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to the programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100).
- i. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits the parties from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).

10.14 Ineligibility to Receive State Grants or Loans, or Receive Payment on State Contracts

In accordance with Section 231.006 of the Texas Family Code, a child support obligor who is more than thirty (30) days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least twenty-five (25) percent is not eligible to:

- a. Receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials or services; or
- b. Receive a state-funded grant or loan.

By signing this Agreement, the Contractor certifies compliance with this provision.

10.15 House Bill 89 Certification

If contractor is required to make a certification pursuant to Section 2270.002 of the Texas Government Code, contractor certifies that contractor does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract resulting from

this solicitation. If contractor does not make that certification, contractor state in the space below why the certification is not required.

10.16 Certification Regarding Disclosure of Conflict of Interest.

The undersigned certifies that, to the best of his or her knowledge or belief, that:

“No employee of the contractor, no member of the contractor’s governing board or body, and no person who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of this contract shall participate in any decision relating to this contract which affects his/her personal pecuniary interest.

Executives and employees of contractor shall be particularly aware of the varying degrees of influence that can be exerted by personal friends and associates and, in administering the contract, shall exercise due diligence to avoid situations which give rise to an assertion that favorable treatment is being granted to friends and associates. When it is in the public interest for the contractor to conduct business with a friend or associate of an executive or employee of the contractor, an elected official in the area or a member of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, a permanent record of the transaction shall be retained.

Any executive or employee of the contractor, an elected official in the area or a member of the NCTCOG, shall not solicit or accept money or any other consideration from a third person, for the performance of an act reimbursed in whole or part by contractor or Department. Supplies, tools, materials, equipment or services purchased with contract funds shall be used solely for purposes allowed under this contract. No member of the NCTCOG shall cast a vote on the provision of services by that member (or any organization which that member represents) or vote on any matter which would provide a direct or indirect financial benefit to the member or any business or organization which the member directly represents”.

No officer, employee or paid consultant of the contractor is a member of the NCTCOG.

No officer, manager or paid consultant of the contractor is married to a member of the NCTCOG.

No member of NCTCOG directly owns, controls or has interest in the contractor.

The contractor has disclosed any interest, fact, or circumstance that does or may present a potential conflict of interest.

No member of the NCTCOG receives compensation from the contractor for lobbying activities as defined in Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code. Should the contractor fail to abide by the foregoing covenants and affirmations regarding conflict of interest, the contractor shall not be entitled to the recovery of any costs or expenses incurred in relation to the contract and shall immediately refund to the North Central Texas Council of Governments any fees or expenses that may have been paid under this contract and shall further be liable for any other costs incurred or damages sustained by the NCTCOG as it relates to this contract.

10.17 Certification of Fair Business Practices

That the submitter affirms that the submitter has not been found guilty of unfair business practices in a judicial or state agency administrative proceeding during the preceding year. The submitter further affirms that no officer of the submitter has served as an officer of any company found guilty of unfair business practices in a judicial or state agency administrative during the preceding year.

10.18 Certification of Good Standing Texas Corporate Franchise Tax Certification

Pursuant to Article 2.45, Texas Business Corporation Act, state agencies may not contract with for profit corporations that are delinquent in making state franchise tax payments. The undersigned authorized representative of the corporation making the offer herein certified that the following indicated Proposal is true and correct and that the undersigned understands that making a false Proposal is a material breach of contract and is grounds for contract cancellation.

10.19 Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. Pursuant to Public Law 115-232, Section 889, and 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, including §200.216 and §200.471, NCTCOG is

prohibited from using federal funds to procure, contract with entities who use, or extend contracts with entities who use certain telecommunications and video surveillance equipment or services provided by certain Chinese controlled entities. The Contractor agrees that it is not providing NCTCOG with or using telecommunications and video surveillance equipment and services as prohibited by 2 CFR §200.216 and §200.471. Contractor shall certify its compliance through execution of the “Prohibited Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment Certification,” which is included as Appendix D of this Contract. The Contractor shall pass these requirements down to any of its subcontractors funded under this Agreement. The Contractor shall notify NCTCOG if the Contractor cannot comply with the prohibition during the performance of this Contract.

10.20 Discrimination Against Firearms Entities or Firearms Trade Associations

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10, prohibiting contracts with companies who discriminate against firearm and ammunition industries. NCTCOG is prohibited from contracting with entities, or extend contracts with entities who have practice, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. Contractor shall certify its compliance through execution of the “Discrimination Against Firearms Entities or Firearms Trade Associations Certification,” which is included as Appendix D of this Contract. The Contractor shall pass these requirements down to any of its subcontractors funded under this Agreement. The Contractor shall notify NCTCOG if the Contractor cannot comply with the prohibition during the performance of this Contract.

10.21 Boycotting of Certain Energy Companies

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10, prohibiting contracts with companies who boycott certain energy companies. NCTCOG is prohibited from contracting with entities or extend contracts with entities that boycott energy companies. Contractor shall certify its compliance through execution of the “Boycotting of Certain Energy Companies Certification,” which is included as Appendix D of this Contract. The Contractor shall pass these requirements down to any of its subcontractors funded under this Agreement. The Contractor shall notify NCTCOG if the Contractor cannot comply with the prohibition during the performance of this Contract.

10.22 Domestic Preference

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the Contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). Consistent with §200.322, the following items shall be defined as: “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Renda Environmental, Inc.



1/17/2025

Signature

Date

Corey Wells

Printed Name

CFO

Title

North Central Texas Council of Governments

Signed by:



1/23/2025

Signature

Date

R. Michael Eastland
Executive Director

APPENDIX A
Statement of Work

4 Experience and Qualifications

a Company Profile

REI has a solid and long-standing working relationship with D/FW. You can be confident that REI's **30 years** of beneficial solids reuse and management history will provide you with the needed collaborative approach, specialized tools, and outstanding project delivery experience to best guide the Cities of DFW and the State in delivering this challenging process successfully.

30

years of wastewater maintenance history

b Relevant Projects

Please see the following pages for relevant projects.

c References

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Elm Fork - Mixing Tank and Shaker Screen



Elm Fork Residuals Removal and Disposal

Dallas Water Utilities | Dallas, Texas

This project is a similar project to the Eastside Water Treatment Plant Removal and Disposal Services of Residuals. Working on an expedited timeline from the originally anticipated 3 year schedule, in approximately half the time, REI will have removed and disposed of over 80,000 dry tons of material in Pond C and Lagoons 1, 2, and 3 at Elm Fork Water Treatment Plant.

Using the same crew from Bachman Lake, we set-up ten belt presses with a shaker screen, mixing tanks, and polymer injection along with our fleet of electric and diesel dredges to provide rapid dredging, dewatering, transportation, and disposal of residuals from the plant. This same suite of equipment and personnel will easily transfer to the Eastside project.



Elm Fork - Dewatering Site and Office

PROJECT DETAILS

SERVICES COMPLETED

- Dredging
- Transportation
- Disposal
- Dewatering

START DATE

April 2023

COMPLETION DATE

September 2024

REFERENCE

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TEAM MEMBERS

- Ben Davis | Project Manager
- Theo Schefferlie | Dredging Operation and QC Manager
- Jason Bowen, PE | Technical Consultant



Bachman Lake Dredging 2021 Project

Dallas Water Utilities | Dallas, Texas

REI has been successfully executing the Bachman Lake Dredging 2021 project on time and on budget for DWU. This project originally anticipated removal of over 370,000 cubic yards from the 130-acre lake. REI is using a cutter suction dredge to remove the sediment from the lake bed and pumping the slurry over a mile to a dewatering location adjacent to the City of Dallas Northwest Transfer Station.

REI has implemented a shaker screen and grit removal unit to help remove materials that pose maintenance concerns for the dewatering equipment. A thickener is also used to begin the dewatering process by consolidating the sediment and clarifying lake water prior to being pumped back to the lake. The sediment is then processed by belt filter presses to dewater the slurry. The material was tested for contaminants and nutrient concentrations and was being stored offsite and managed by REI for beneficial reuse as topsoil.



Bachman Lake - Belt Press Wall

PROJECT DETAILS

SERVICES COMPLETED

- Dredging
- Transportation
- Disposal
- Dewatering

START DATE

October 2021

COMPLETION DATE

March 2023 (Estimated)

REFERENCE

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TEAM MEMBERS

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Agreement for Residuals Removal, Hauling, and Disposal

North Texas Municipal Water District | Wylie, Texas

NTMWD operates four water treatment plants in the Wylie area. These plants, like Elm Fork, rely on multiple lagoons to store and thicken their residuals. The residuals removal, hauling, and disposal contract was written to transport and dispose/beneficially reuse 60,000 dry tons per year of residuals.

REI performed tests to secure authorization from TCEQ for land application of the water plant residuals, and established relationships with landowners by public outreach for beneficial reuse instead of landfill disposal. REI has received accolades from NTMWD for finding a much more environmentally friendly solution to filling up landfill space.

The land application method is benefited from the excess water that would typically be removed through the dewatering process, so the residuals are transported to approved application fields via tank trucks and the residuals are injected into the soils to condition and replenish nutrients lost from normal agricultural practices. The recipients of the residuals have documented improved production over non-treated fields.

REI is currently ahead of schedule and has capacity to increase production if needed. The project is on time and within budget.

PROJECT DETAILS

SERVICES COMPLETED

- Dredging
- Transportation
- Disposal

START DATE

September 2020

COMPLETION DATE

June 2024

REFERENCE

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TEAM MEMBERS

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- Jason Bowen, PE | Technical Consultant



Long Term Solids Dewatering, Processing, and Disposal Contract

City of Fort Worth | Fort Worth, Texas

Based on REI’s previous successful public-private partnership, REI designed, built, operated, and maintained all dewatering, transportation, and beneficial reuse of wastewater plant sludge for the City of Fort Worth’s Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility. This long-term solids dewatering, processing, and disposal contract was renewed in five-year extensions for a total of five consecutive contracts spanning from 1995 to 2020 and increased 100% of the volume of daily biosolids production (32,000 dry tons per year). Biosolids were dewatered by belt-filter press, transported, and beneficially used by REI.

The City of Fort Worth and REI were recognized numerous times over the 25 years of performance for environmental benefits and ingenuity of execution.



PROJECT DETAILS

SERVICES COMPLETED

- Transportation
- Disposal
- Dewatering

START DATE

April 1994

COMPLETION DATE

April 2020

REFERENCE

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TEAM MEMBERS

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- Eddie Williams | Site Supervisor
- Jason Bowen, PE | Technical Consultant



Upper Johnson Creek Pond Dredging and Grade Control

City of Arlington | Arlington, Texas

The City of Arlington contracted with REI to dredge, dewater, and dispose of sediment accumulated in ponds near Johnson Creek. REI executed the Upper Johnson Creek Pond Dredging and Grade Control Project via auger dredges and a combination of belt filter presses and geotubes. There were two ponds included in this contract totaling just over 13,000 cubic yards. The lagoons were impacted by over 60% sediment fill which affected the quality of aquatic life and downstream water quality. This project also included difficult site conditions, which is why the dewatering measures were expanded to geotubes. The sediment was transported to nearby landowners for beneficial reuse as topsoil replacement.



PROJECT DETAILS

SERVICES COMPLETED

- Dredging
- Transportation
- Disposal
- Dewatering

START DATE

January 2019

COMPLETION DATE

July 2021

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TEAM MEMBERS

- Ben Davis | Project Manager



CRWS Biosolids Transportation, Application and Disposal Service Agreement

Trinity River Authority of Texas | Fort Worth, Texas

REI has been contracted for two complementary projects to operate and maintain 100% of the Central Regional Wastewater System's Class "A" biosolids by dewatering and transporting to beneficial reuse sites. This service has been continually provided to TRA since 2002 with REI being awarded seven contracts for this work over the past 20+ years.

At roughly 900 wet tons per day of material, this operation is the largest REI operates in terms of quantity of biosolids distributed daily. Throughout the life of the project, TRA and REI have faced challenges in disposal location and application. In 2014, a decision was made to discontinue land application. All biosolids were alternatively sent to local landfills with the intent of returning to beneficial reuse once an improved system that utilizes thermal hydrolysis came online. In 2016, odor nuisance complaints at the local landfills required a return to land application with the caveat that the previous adjacent county was not to be used until thermal hydrolysis system was operational.

In both instances, REI worked swiftly to find an acceptable solution. REI now has over 67,000 acres in noticed land site for TRA spread across DFW, offering a strong risk mitigation strategy for both TRA and REI.

PROJECT DETAILS

SERVICES COMPLETED

- Transportation
- Disposal
- Dewatering

START DATE

November 2002

COMPLETION DATE

November 2024 (estimated)

REFERENCE

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TEAM MEMBERS

- Ben Davis | Project Manager
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Client Experience and Additional Previous Project

Since REI began providing dewatering and residuals management services, we have successfully partnered with the following partners on the listed projects.

Dallas Water Utilities

WHITE ROCK LAKE

One of the highest profile jobs for REI consisted of the restoration of White Rock Lake in Dallas, Texas in partnership with an affiliated company, Oscar Renda Contracting. REI worked for 18 months straight, seven days a week, and 24 hours per day to dredge the bottom of the lake to a minimum depth of eight feet. The dredging operation involved two major phases: designing and building the transportation system and the dredging operation itself. Most notably, the dredge transportation system required the construction of a 104,000-foot steel pipeline located above ground that weaved its way through downtown Dallas where it ultimately ended at a former gravel pit for disposal. The temporary pipeline alignment crossed a creek bed, several golf courses, and required bores under two interstate highways and the Trinity River.

The transportation system also included three pump stations. The primary pump station consisted of a 2,000-horsepower pump. Along the dredge pipe alignment, two booster pump stations - consisting of 1,500 horsepower pumps - were installed. The control centers for the booster pump stations were enclosed with bullet-proof sheds and were secured with chain-link fences topped with barbed and razor wire. Slurry was pumped through the 104,000-foot dredge pipeline at a rate of 10,500 gallons per minute. The dredge was equipped with a global positioning system, which included an integrated gyro-compass that served to assure an accurate and continuous course and a degassing system to remove air bubbles to help prevent pump cavitation.

BACHMAN AND ELM FORK SLUDGE PONDS

In September of 2016, REI partnered with sister company, Oscar Renda Contracting, completed the Bachman and Elm Fork Water Treatment Residuals Contract with the City of Dallas, Texas. This project consisted of the dredging, removal, and disposal of over 750,000 cubic yards of residuals from three sludge ponds and a lagoon at the Bachman Water Treatment Plant and the Elm Fork Water Treatment Plant.

Prior to the most recent contract referenced above, REI had been entrusted with the dredging, cleaning, and disposal of over 2,000,000 cubic yards of residuals from the same ponds through contracts in 2006 and 2009. These contracts also included the construction of levees for dredged disposal material.

Trinity River Authority of Texas

REI has a long history with the Trinity River Authority of Texas (TRA) that continues today. In 2001, TRA's Central Regional Wastewater System (CRWS) implemented an EPA Class "A" Excellent Quality (EQ) Biosolids Program. After implementation, TRA awarded a long-term contract to REI for the transportation and land application of 100% of its Class "A" biosolids. This operation is by far the largest that REI operates in terms of quantity of biosolids distributed with **roughly 900 wet tons of material transported and distributed daily**.

REI was able to leverage the strong reputation of its land application program along with an exceptional working relationships with local farms and ranches to diversify quickly to accommodate the reallocation. **REI now has over 67,000 acres in noticed land sites for TRA spread across North Texas.** This diversification and geographic dispersion is a strong risk mitigation strategy for TRA and REI. Finally, the communication and strong coordination between TRA and REI to problem solve and work through issues in a timely and efficient manner is something we all cherish.

City of Fort Worth

Fort Worth Biosolids Project In 1990, due to population growth, plant expansions, and wet weather conditions placing limitations on the City of Fort Worth's Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility (VCWRF) sludge drying bed's capacity, combined with changing regulatory requirements, VCWRF personnel began exploring cost-effective alternative biosolids dewatering and proper disposal by beneficial recycling. Geographically (with farm and ranch land in all directions) "beneficial recycling" by land application and dewatering" by belt-filter press, was found to be the most cost effective solution.

In 1991, a privatized contract was awarded to REI (then called Agronomic Management Group) to design, build, own and operate the VCWRF's dewatering facility combined with biosolids testing, reporting, transport, and beneficial recycling of 40% of the daily liquid biosolids production. Since then, **beneficial recycling of biosolids on noticed agricultural land is an expanding, proven, sustained, full-scale operation that has been continuously operated in compliance by REI personnel for over a quarter century.**

Additional Previous Projects

- **Dallas Water Utilities**
 - ◆ White Rock Lake Dredging and Pipeline Project
 - ◆ Elm Fork WTP (2 contracts)
 - ◆ Bachman WTP (3 contracts)
 - ◆ Bachman & Elm Fork Water Treatment Plants Residuals Disposal
 - ◆ Bachman Lake Dredging project
- **City of Fort Worth**
 - ◆ Biosolids Project at Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility
 - ◆ Village Creek Dewatering Facility Public-Private Partnership
 - ◆ Gas Turbines Maintenance
- **Trinity River Authority of Texas**
 - ◆ Central Regional Wastewater System Biosolids Transportation and Land Application
 - ◆ Central Regional Wastewater System Biosolids Disposal
 - ◆ Central Regional Wastewater System Solids Dewatering
- **City of Sherman**
 - ◆ Post Oak Water Treatment Plant 5-Year Biosolids Project
- **City of Cleburne**
 - ◆ Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering, Lime Stabilization, Transportation and Beneficial Use of Biosolids

In 1995, due to the success, low cost, and positive public support gained by this Public-Private “Partnership”, subsequent contracts were issued increasing to 100% the volume of daily VCWRF biosolids production (**90 dry tons per day**) which was dewatered by belt-filter press, transported and beneficially used by REI.

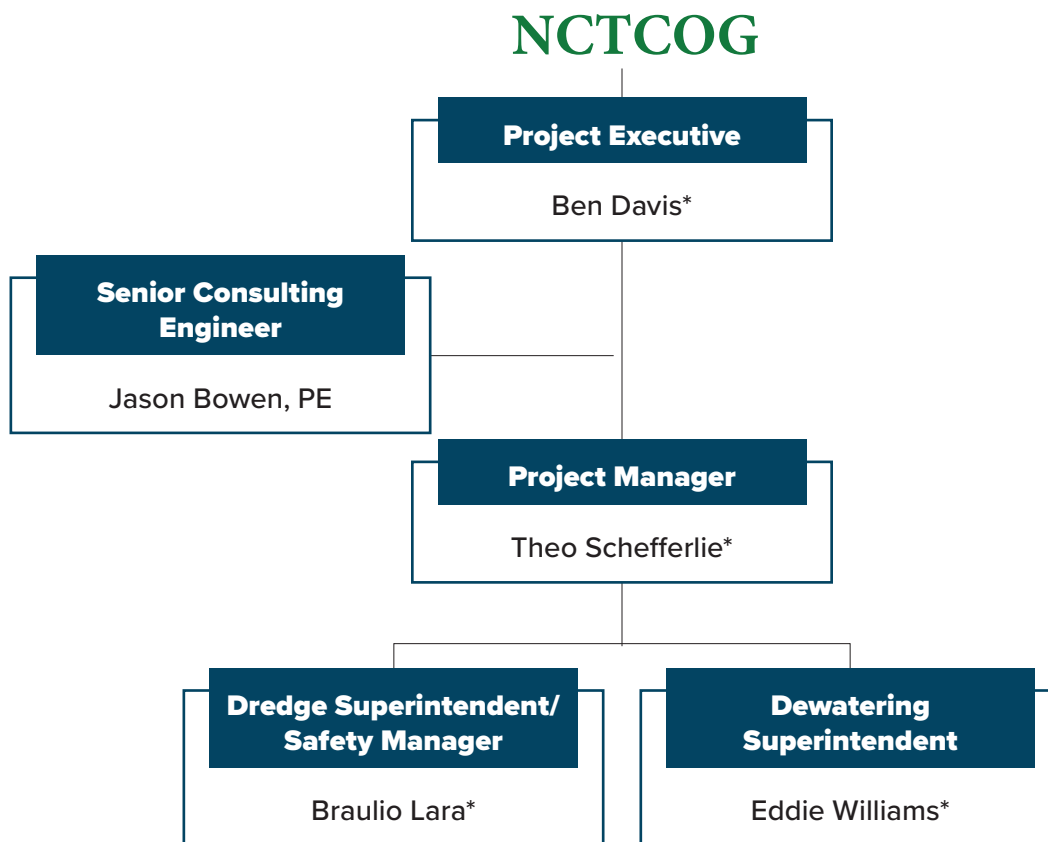
As a cost saving measure, in 2005, the City of Fort Worth decided to utilize REI’s services for the operation and maintenance of their gas turbines. This was coupled with the maintenance of their landfill gas contract that supplies the turbines with 70% of its fuel. Through operational efficiency and low downtime the City of Fort Worth experienced significant savings through this addition to the partnership.

REI’s leadership and project management has resulted in the City of Fort Worth winning two EPA “Environmental Excellence” Awards (Land Application Operations and Public Acceptance Activities) and One AWWA/WEAT “Watermark” award for Communications Excellence Audio/Visual Category.

City of Sherman (Post Oak Wastewater Treatment Plant)

In the fall 2010, REI began a 3 year contract with the City of Sherman. The contract called for mobile dewatering of the biosolids in 4 large holding basins in addition to the material that was being generated from the City’s digesters. The combined total of biosolids that was to be removed was over 10,000 dry metric tons. REI set up two, two-meter belt filter presses on site to dewater the city’s biosolids from both the digester and the holding basins with the biosolids originally going to landfill until Renda Environmental secured a sludge processing permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that allowed for the processing of the material into Class A Excellent Quality biosolids to allow for land application.

d Personnel



*Key team members
Resumes included on the following pages.

APPENDIX A.1
Pricing for TXShare Cooperative Purchase Program Participants

BID PRICE WORKSHEET FOR RFP #2024-099

Item	Description	<u>% Discount Off Your Regular List Price</u>
1	Service Category 1: Sludge Hauling Services	16
2	Service Category #2: Land Application Services	16
3	Service Category #3: Composting Services	16
4	Service Category #4: Lagoon Mapping, Surveying and Cleaning Services	0
5	Service Category #5: Heat Drying and Pelletizing Services	0
6	Service Category #6: Stormwater/Freshwater Pond Services	0
7	Service Category #7: Digester and Tank Cleaning Services	16
8	Service Category #8: Other Related Services Not Listed	0

Renda Environmental, Inc.

Name of Proposing Firm



Signature of Authorized Representative

Corey Wells, CFO

Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

10/4/24

Date

APPENDIX A.2
Service Area Designation Forms

**EXHIBIT 3
SERVICE DESIGNATION AREAS**

Texas Service Area Designation or Identification				
Proposing Firm Name:	Renda Environmental, Inc.			
Notes:	Indicate in the appropriate box whether you are proposing to service the entire state of Texas			
	Will service the entire state of Texas		Will not service the entire state of Texas	
	X			
	If you are not proposing to service the entire state of Texas, designate on the form below the regions that you are proposing to provide goods and/or services to. By designating a region or regions, you are certifying that you are willing and able to provide the proposed goods and services.			
Item	Region	Metropolitan Statistical Areas	Designated Service Area	
1.	North Central Texas	16 counties in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan area		
2.	High Plains	Amarillo Lubbock		
3.	Northwest	Abilene Wichita Falls		
4.	Upper East	Longview Texarkana, TX-AR Metro Area Tyler		
5.	Southeast	Beaumont-Port Arthur		
6.	Gulf Coast	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land		
7.	Central Texas	College Station-Bryan Killeen-Temple Waco		
8.	Capital Texas	Austin-Round Rock		
9.	Alamo	San Antonio-New Braunfels Victoria		
10.	South Texas	Brownsville-Harlingen Corpus Christi Laredo McAllen-Edinburg-Mission		
11.	West Texas	Midland Odessa San Angelo		
12.	Upper Rio Grande	El Paso		

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Nationwide Service Area Designation or Identification Form			
Proposing Firm Name:			
Notes:			
Indicate in the appropriate box whether you are proposing to provide service to all Fifty (50) States.			
Will service all fifty (50) states		Will not service fifty (50) states	
		X	
<p>If you are not proposing to service to all fifty (50) states, then designate on the form below the states that you will provide service to. By designating a state or states, you are certifying that you are willing and able to provide the proposed goods and services in those states.</p> <p>If you are only proposing to service a specific region, metropolitan statistical area (MSA), or City in a State, then indicate as such in the appropriate column box.</p>			
Item	State	Region/MSA/City (write "ALL" if proposing to service entire state)	Designated as a Service Area
1.	Alabama		
2.	Alaska		
3.	Arizona		
4.	Arkansas		
5.	California		
6.	Colorado		
7.	Connecticut		
8.	Delaware		
9.	Florida		
10.	Georgia		
11.	Hawaii		
12.	Idaho		
13.	Illinois		
14.	Indiana		
15.	Iowa		
16.	Kansas		
17.	Kentucky		
18.	Louisiana		X
19.	Maine		
20.	Maryland		

21.	Massachusetts		
22.	Michigan		
23.	Minnesota		
24.	Mississippi		
25.	Missouri		
26.	Montana		
27.	Nebraska		
28.	Nevada		
29.	New Hampshire		
30.	New Jersey		
31.	New Mexico		X
32.	New York		
33.	North Carolina		
34.	North Dakota		
35.	Ohio		
36.	Oregon		
37.	Oklahoma		X
38.	Pennsylvania		
39.	Rhode Island		
40.	South Carolina		
41.	South Dakota		
42.	Tennessee		
43.	Texas		X
44.	Utah		
45.	Vermont		
46.	Virginia		
47.	Washington		
48.	West Virginia		
49.	Wisconsin		
50.	Wyoming		

APPENDIX A.3

The categories awarded under this contract are listed on the following Exhibit 1.

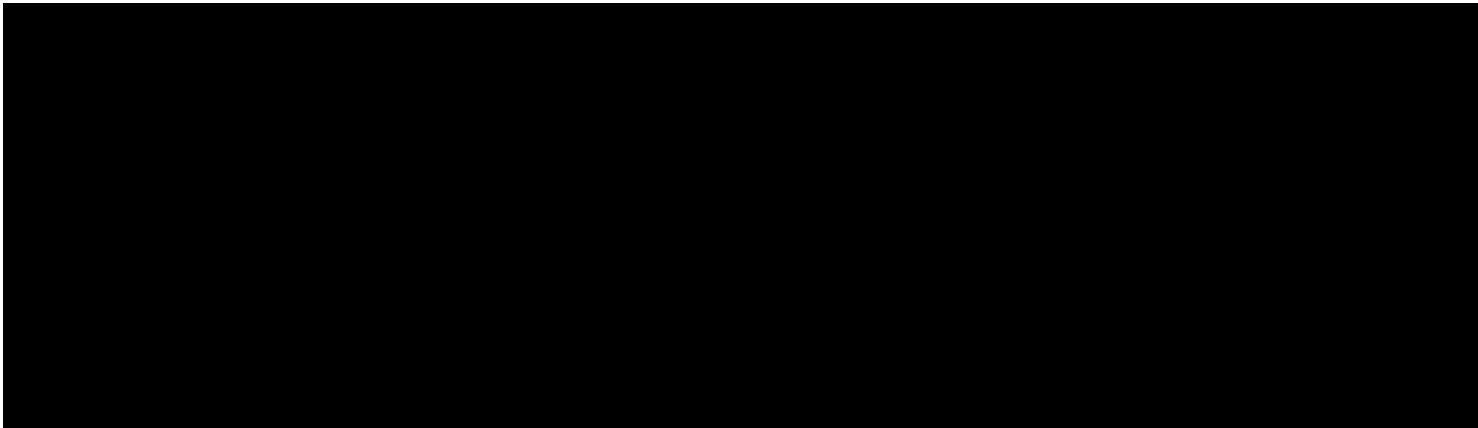
EXHIBIT 1
CATEGORIES SELECTED, DISCOUNTS FOR PRICING & CURRENT PUBLISHED PRICE LIST

- **Please place a checkmark next to each Category that you are offering in your proposal:**

- Service Category #1: Sludge Hauling Services
- Service Category #2: Land Application Services
- Service Category #3: Composting Services
- Service Category #4: Lagoon Mapping, Surveying and Cleaning Services
- Service Category #5: Heat Drying and Pelletizing Services
- Service Category #6: Stormwater/Freshwater Pond Services
- Service Category #7: Digester and Tank Cleaning Services
- Service Category #8: Other Related Services Not Listed

- **Proposed Contractual Discounts on Pricing for Categories Offered**

For each of the categories you selected above, provide your proposed **discount** off your list price on the attached *Bid Price Worksheet*. You may offer tiers of discounts based on the different bid items or the sale quantity.



**APPENDIX B
DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

I, Corey Wells
(Name of certifying official)

being duly sworn or under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, certifies that neither
Renda Environmental, Inc.
(Name of lower tier participant),

nor its principals are presently:

- debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment,
- declared ineligible,
- or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency

Where the above identified lower tier participant is unable to certify any of the above statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall indicate below to whom the exception applies, the initiating agency, and dates of action.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award but will be considered in determining contractor responsibility. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

EXCEPTIONS:

N/A



Signature of Certifying Official
CFO

Title
1/17/2025

Date of Certification

APPENDIX C RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 prohibits recipients of federal contracts, grants, and loans exceeding \$100,000 at any tier under a federal contract from using appropriated funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative Branches of the federal government in connection with a specific contract, grant, or loan. Section 319 also requires each person who requests or receives a federal contract or grant in excess of \$100,000 to disclose lobbying.

No appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal executive department or agency as well as any independent regulatory commission or government corporation, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered federal actions: the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan the entering into of any cooperative agreement and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

As a recipient of a federal grant exceeding \$100,000, NCTCOG requires its subcontractors of that grant to file a certification, set forth in Appendix B.1, that neither the agency nor its employees have made, or will make, any payment prohibited by the preceding paragraph.

Subcontractors are also required to file with NCTCOG a disclosure form, set forth in Appendix B.2, if the subcontractor or its employees have made or have agreed to make any payment using nonappropriated funds (to include profits from any federal action), which would be prohibited if paid for with appropriated funds.

**LOBBYING CERTIFICATION
FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**

The undersigned certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension continuation, renewal amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, US Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.



Signature

CFO

Title

Renda Environmental, Inc.

Agency

1/17/2025

Date

**APPENDIX D
ATTESTATION OF CONTRACTS NULLIFYING ACTIVITY**

The following provisions are mandated by Federal and/or State of Texas law. Failure to certify the following will result in disqualification of consideration for contract. Entities or agencies that are not able to comply with the following will be ineligible for consideration of contract award.

D-1: PROHIBITED TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION

This Contract is subject to the Public Law 115-232, Section 889, and 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, including §200.216 and §200.471, for prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance or equipment.

Public Law 115-232, Section 889, identifies that restricted telecommunications and video surveillance equipment or services (e.g. phones, internet, video surveillance, cloud servers) include the following:

- A) Telecommunications equipment that is produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliates of such entities).
- B) Video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporations, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliates of such entities).
- C) Telecommunications or video surveillance services used by such entities or using such equipment.
- D) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, Director of the National Intelligence, or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by the government of a covered foreign country.

The entity identified below, through its authorized representative, hereby certifies that no funds under this Contract will be obligated or expended to procure or obtain telecommunication or video surveillance services or equipment or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as a critical technology as part of any system prohibited by 2 CFR §200.216 and §200.471, or applicable provisions in Public Law 115-232 Section 889.

Check one of the following:


The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it does comply with the requirements of 2 CFR §200.216 and §200.471, or applicable regulations in Public Law 115-232 Section 889.

-OR-

The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 2 CFR §200.216 and §200.471, or applicable regulations in Public Law 115-232 Section 889.

Renda Environmental, Inc.

Name of Organization/Contractor



Signature of Authorized Representative

Corey Wells, CFO

Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

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D-2: DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARMS ENTITIES OR FIREARMS TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

This contract is subject to the Texas Local Government Code chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10, prohibiting contracts with companies who discriminate against firearm and ammunition industries.

TLGC chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10, identifies that “discrimination against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” includes the following:

- A) means, with respect to the entity or association, to:
 - I. refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and
 - II. refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or
 - III. terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

- B) An exception to this provision excludes the following:
 - I. contracts with a sole-source CONTRACTOR; or
 - II. the government entity does not receive bids from companies who can provide written verification.

The entity identified below, through its authorized representative, hereby certifies that they have no practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and that they will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association as prohibited by Chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Check one of the following:

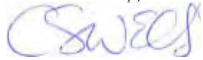
The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it does comply with the requirements of Chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10.

-OR-

The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of Chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10.

Renda Environmental, Inc.

Name of Organization/Contractor



Signature of Authorized Representative

Corey Wells, CFO

Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

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D-3: BOYCOTTING OF CERTAIN ENERGY COMPANIES

This contract is subject to the Texas Local Government Code chapter 809, Subtitle A, Title 8, prohibiting contracts with companies who boycott certain energy companies.

TLGC chapter Code chapter 809, Subtitle A, Title 8, identifies that “boycott energy company” means, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company:

- I. engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; and
- II. does business with a company described by paragraph (I).

The entity identified below, through its authorized representative, hereby certifies that they do not boycott energy companies, and that they will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract as prohibited by Chapter 809, Subtitle A, Title 8 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Check one of the following:

The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it does comply with the requirements of Chapter 809, Subtitle A, Title 8.

-OR-

The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of Chapter 809, Subtitle A, Title 8.

Renda Environmental, Inc.

Name of Organization/Contractor



Signature of Authorized Representative

Corey Wells, CFO

Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

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APPENDIX E**NCTCOG FEDERAL AND STATE OF TEXAS REQUIRED PROCUREMENT PROVISIONS**

The following provisions are mandated by Federal and/or State of Texas law. Failure to certify the following will result in disqualification of consideration for contract. Entities or agencies that are not able to comply with the following will be ineligible for consideration of contract award.

REQUIRED 2 CFR 200 CLAUSES**Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles & Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
(CONTRACTOR)**

- 1. Equal Employment Opportunity.** CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. CONTRACTOR shall take affirmative actions to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated, during their employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- 2. Davis-Bacon Act.** CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 40 USC § 3141 – 3148.
- 3. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards.** CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 40 USC § 3701 – 3708 to the extent this agreement indicates any employment of mechanics or laborers.
- 4. Rights to Invention Made Under Contract or Agreement.** CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 37 CFR Part 401.
- 5. Clean Air Act, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and Energy Policy Conservation Act.** CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act under 42 USC § 7401 – 7671, the Energy Federal Water Pollution Control Act 33 USC § 1251 – 1387, and the Energy Policy Conservation Act under 42 USC § 6201.
- 6. Debarment/Suspension.** CONTRACTOR is prohibited from making any award or permitting any award at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension. CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors shall comply with the special provision “Certification Requirements for Recipients of Grants and Cooperative Agreements Regarding Debarments and Suspensions”.
- 7. Restrictions on Lobbying.** CONTRACTOR of these funds is prohibited from using monies for lobbying purposes; CONTRACTOR shall comply with the special provision “Restrictions on Lobbying”. CONTRACTOR shall include a statement of compliance with the Lobbying Certification and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities in applicable procurement solicitations. Lobbying Certification and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities shall be completed by subcontractors and included in subcontractor contracts, as applicable.
- 8. Procurement of Recovered Materials.** CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 2 CFR §200.322.
- 9. Anti-Israeli Boycott.** By accepting this work order, CONTRACTOR hereby certifies the following:
 - (1) CONTRACTOR’s Company does not boycott Israel; and
 - (2) CONTRACTOR’s Company will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

The following definitions apply to this statute:

- (1) "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli- controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and
- (2) "Company" means an organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

10. Domestic Preference for Procurements

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the CONTRACTOR should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). Consistent with §200.322, the following items shall be defined as: "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

11. Trafficking in Persons

The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 2 CFR §175.15. NCTCOG, the Contractor, and its subcontractors are prohibited from

- (i) engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;
- (ii) procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect;
- (iii) used force labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

The Federal award agency may unilaterally terminate the award, without penalty, if the Contractor

- (i) is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition;
- (ii) has an employee who is determined by the agency officially authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition of this award term.

NCTCOG must notify the Federal award agency immediately if any information received from the Contractor indicates a violation of the applicable prohibitions.

Check and complete one of the following:

 X The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it does comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 200 as stipulated above and required by the NCTCOG.

Name of Organization/Contractor Renda Environmental, Inc.



Signature of Authorized Representative

Corey Wells, CFO

Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

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Date

-OR-

 The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 200 as stipulated above and required by the NCTCOG

Name of Organization/Contractor

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Date