Application to Prequalify Grant Administrators TxCDBG Cycle Type: 2017-18 Colonia Fund: Construction

Firm Name:	DUNS Number:	Federal EIN:	
Traylor & Associates, Inc.	13-039-6385	75-1380234	
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Application for Prequalification to Provide Administrative Services

IMPORTANT: The term "respondent" refers to the individual or firm responding to this RFQ. Responses to the items in Part 1 will be posted on TDA's website with the Approved Vendor List for Grant Administrative Services. Responses to the items in Part 2 will be disclosed to participating local governments during the project-based solicitation.

<u>Part 1</u>

1. Provide a brief history or background of the respondent including number of years in the business of providing grant writing and/or grant administration services.

The firm was founded in 1974 as a sole proprietorship by Mr. Thomas E. Barber, P.E. and operated under the name THOMAS E. BARBER & ASSOCIATES until 1978. Mr. Barber, an engineer by training and education, served as an Assistant Regional Administrator of HUD and Manager of HUD's Little Rock, Arkansas Area Office in the early 1970's.

The firm was organized to assist mid-sized cities and other smaller local governments whose lack of knowledge or understanding of government assistance programs prevented them from accessing these sources of financing, especially grants available through agencies of the state and federal government, for needed community projects.

In 1978, Mr. Barber formed a partnership with Mr. Gary R. Traylor, and the firm continued under the name BARBER-TRAYLOR & ASSOCIATES until 1981. During this period the firm experienced growth and opened a Field Office in West Texas.

In 1981, Mr. Barber and Mr. Traylor merged the firm with BARBER-BRANNON ENGINEERS, a firm owned jointly by Mr. Barber and another partner, and incorporated under the name BARBER-BRANNON-TRAYLOR, INC. The merger consolidated engineering, architectural, and planning/grant-related disciplines, making it possible to offer a full range of services to a growing number of local government clients. The firm also opened an engineering practice in Abilene, Texas, during this period. In 1984, the firm added a new member, Mr. David Todd, P.E., and briefly operated under the name BARBER, BRANNON, TRAYLOR, & TODD, Inc. On December 31, 1984, Mr. Barber, the Corporation's President, sold his interest to the other members of the firm, and retired.

The specialized application preparation and grant management functions of the firm were taken over by Mr. Traylor, and GARY R. TRAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, INC. was formed on January 1, 1985.

2. Describe the respondent's experience with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and in particular the state CDBG program.

Traylor & Associates is the oldest grant management firm in the State of Texas having operated continuously since 1974. During the last 43 years our company has assisted cities and counties throughout the state in the application and administration of over 1,000 grant-funded Projects comprising over \$500 Million (\$500,000,000) in federal/state funds. Our daily involvement with various state and federal agencies has allowed our staff to fully grasp the unique intricacies involved in the timely administration of government grants. The majority of these grants were funded through the HUD CDBG program. In addition to infrastructure projects we have provided grant administration on the rehabilitation or reconstruction of more than 4,000 singlefamily housing units.

3. Describe the respondent's experience with the Colonia Fund-Construction (CFC) program.

Over the last 43 years of working with municipalities, Colonias and Counties throughout the state Traylor & Associates has amassed an unparalleled knowledge of grant administration. Our experience in working with Colonias spans more than 3 decades.

4. Describe the range of services that the respondent offers in-house and the services typically offered through subcontractors.

Traylor & Associates offers the following in-house services: application preparation, financial management, recordkeeping requirements, environmental clearance procedures, real property acquisition procedures under the Uniform Act, EEO requirements, labor standards monitoring, and close-out assistance.

5. Identify the geographic areas in which the respondent offers services.

Statewide

6. Describe the respondent's ability to devote the needed time to a project based on current workload.

While our company is large enough to provide the services requested, we are also small enough to provide the dedication and attention to detail needed in all grant-funded projects administered by our office. By mobilizing tenured staff to grantee locations, Traylor & Associates can provide an unparalleled level of service and responsiveness to the needs of our clients. Conference calls, online web meetings, and other secure FTP services are frequently utilized in the team coordination of field staff with personnel in the office, clients, engineering firms and agencies. If additional staffing is required onsite during the conduct of meetings or public forums, they can be mobilized in a timely manner due to the proximity of our home office.

 Identify the total number of CDBG projects that the respondent developed and/or administered. Present an approximate cumulative total of projects which the respondent or personnel were instrumental in the development of the application and/or administration of the program following funding approval.

During the last 43 years, Traylor & Associates, Inc. has assisted cities and counties throughout the state in the application and administration of over 2,000 grant-funded projects.

8. Using the table below, provide detailed information on <u>up to</u> five performance contracting projects the respondent completed (if possible, include contracts with multiple different entities served by the respondent). Only include projects that have at least one year of documented performance data or are currently under contract with the respondent, and that can be used as references.

Project Data and References	Add Project		
Remove Project Project Name	Galveston County - GLO Contract #13-465-000-7974 / DRS220052		
Facility Type and Use	Water Facilities: Moore's Addition, Freddiesville, Bolivar SUD, Bayview MUD, I-45/HWY 6 Sewer Facilities: Moore's Addition, Bayview MUD Flood & Drainage Facilities: Gum Bayou Channel, Cowart Creek Tributary, Gum Bayou Tributary, Highland Bayou Specially Authorized Public Facilities & Improvements: San Leon MUD Building		
Project Location (Jurisdiction)	Sites throughout Galveston County, Texas		
Project Size -Number of Houses/Buildings -Total Linear Feet/Square Footag	 Water Facilities: Moore's Addition - 14,380 l.f.; Freddiesville - 30,12 200kW-400kW permanently affixed generators & 1 - 400kW-600kW generator; Bayview MUD - 1 - 150kW-400kW permanently affixed ge 8,400 l.f. Sewer Facilities: Moore's Addition - 12,215 l.f.; Bayview MUD - 1 - 1 permanently affixed generator Street Improvements: Freddiesville - 23,470 l.f.; Lawrence Road - 1 Flood & Drainage Facilities: Gum Bayou Channel - 2,900 l.f.; Cowa 2,875 l.f.; Gum Bayou Tributary - 4,000 l.f.; Highland Bayou Specially Authorized Public Facilities & Improvements: San Leon M new motor control center (2nd floor mezzanine) inside existing elevatower. 	/ permanently affixed enerator; I-45/HWY 6 - 100kW-300kW I,800 I.f. Int Creek Tributary - IUD Building - install	
Types of Measures	Coordination with Galveston County staff, Drainage Districts, Munic engineering firms regarding construction plans, schedules, budgets, statement and project revisions; assist with procurement of acquisiti appraisers.	, performance	
Project Cost	\$31,558,883		
Financing/Funding Source Hurricane Ike Disaster Recovery funds thru Texas General Land Office			
Project Schedule	Work orders for reviews		

-Environmental Review Start and End Dates -Construction Start and End Dates -Describe if project was completed on schedule or delayed	are not contracted until 30% plans are submitted by project. 1st Street Project construction start was 09/17/15. Four other projects are under construction. Projects are on schedule.		
Monitoring and Verification Methods	Work with County staff and engineer to verify procurement scheduling of construction contractors (sealed bids) including GLO approved bid packages, appropriate Wage Decisions, and project environmental clearance. Internal spreadsheets are created to oversee project budgets, contract compliance and necessary performance statement revisions.		
Project Personnel List all personnel associated with this project and their roles and responsibilities (only list those who may be assigned to a project).	Gary Traylor - Wrote revised application and oversight. Mark Taylor - Financial draws, budgets and contract revisions. Jill Hooks - Labor Standards and reporting.		
Contact Information Current phone and e-mail address of local government representatives you worked with.	Nicholas Foster - Galveston County CDBG Project Coordinator 409-770-5358 nicholas.foster@co.galveston.tx.us		
Remove Project Project Name	City of Alto - GLO Contract # 15-272-000-9097		
Facility Type and Use	Gas Line Relocation - Utility owned by the City of Alto		
Project Location (Jurisdiction)	City of Wells, Cherokee County, Texas		
Project Size -Number of Houses/Buildings -Total Linear Feet/Square Footage	Relocation 18,227 linear feet of gas line in support of the TxDOT widening of Highway 69 thru the City of Wells from a two lane to a four lane roadway.		
Types of Measures	Coordination with City of Alto staff, TxDOT staff, and engineering during planning, application and environmental review stages. Gathering TxDOT acquisition and construction cost documentation.		
Project Cost	\$19,623,333 - \$743,218 GLO funds and \$18,880,115 TxDOT funds		
Financing/Funding Source	Hurricane Ike Disaster Recovery funds thru Texas General Land Office and TxDOT		
Project Schedule -Environmental Review Start and End Dates -Construction Start and End Dates -Describe if project was completed on schedule or delayed	Environmental Review: May 5, 2015 - December 4, 2015 Construction: 04/18/16 start and 04/30/17 end. Project on schedule.		
Monitoring and Verification Methods	Work with City staff and engineer to verify procurement scheduling of construction contractor (sealed bid) including GLO approved bid package, appropriate Wage Decision, and project environmental clearance. Internal spreadsheets assist in oversight of project budgets, contract compliance and necessary revisions.		
Project Personnel List all personnel associated with this project and their roles and responsibilities (only list those who may be assigned to a project).	Gary Traylor - Application preparation, TxDOT coordination and oversight. Mark Taylor - Application preparation, financial draws, budgets and contract revisions. Christel Kiker - Labor Standards and reporting. Kari Beth Smith - Environmental Review		
Contact Information Current phone and e-mail address of local government representatives you worked with.	Carey Palmer - City Council Member altoch@consolidated.net 936-858-4711		
Remove Project Project Name	Cherokee County - DRS01008-4020-1, 2, 3, 4		

Facility Type and Use	Generators		
	Cherokee County, Texas		
Project Size -Number of Houses/Buildings	 4 - Water Facilities generators (4 separate Water Supply Corporations) 3 - Neighborhood Facilities (Shelter) generators (2 churches and 1 school) 4 - Fire Protection Facilities generators (3 VFD's - one with 2 locations) 		
Types of Measures	Coordination with Cherokee County staff, subgrantee recipients and engineering firms regarding construction plans, schedules, budgets, performance statement and project revisions. Prepared Memorandums of Understanding for each subrecipient and coordinated execution.		
Project Cost	\$1,077,513		
Financing/Funding Source	Hurricane Ike Disaster Recovery funds thru Texas General Land Office		
-Environmental Review Start and End Dates -Construction Start and End Dates	Another firm was selected as the Environmental Service Provider. Work orders for reviews were not contracted until 30% plans are submitted by project. Construction: 03/15/11 start and 09/15/11 end. 2nd phase: 10/29/12 start and 04/24/13 end. Projects were on schedule.		
	Work with City staff and engineer to verify procurement scheduling of construction contractor (sealed bid) including GLO approved bid package, appropriate Wage Decision and project environmental clearance. Internal spreadsheets assist in oversight of proje budgets, contract compliance, and necessary revisions.		
List all personnel associated with this	Gary Traylor - Application coordination and oversight. Mark Taylor - Application preparation, financial draws, budgets and contract revisions. Christel Kiker - Labor Standards and reporting.		
Current phone and e-mail address of	Chris Davis - Cherokee County Judge 903-683-2324 cojudge@cocherokee.org		
Remove Project Project Name	City of Pittsburg - TCF #727202		
Facility Type and Use	Water and Sewer Improvements in support of East Texas Medical Center (Hospital)		
Project Location (Jurisdiction)	Pittsburg, Camp County, Texas		
Project Size -Number of Houses/Buildings -Total Linear Feet/Square Footage	4,700 l.f. 8-inch water line; 3,800 l.f. 8-inch sewer line; 2,800 l.f. 3-inch force main		
Types of Measures	Coordination with Pittsburg city staff, East TX Medical Center staff and engineering firm regarding construction plans, schedules, budgets, performance statement and project revisions. Compliance with Special Conditions, including employee job creation reporti		
Project Cost	\$1,435,500 - \$682,800 TCF funds and \$752,700 - East Texas Medical Center funds		
Financing/Funding Source	Texas Department of Agriculture		
-Environmental Review Start and	Environmental: January 7, 2008 - May 9, 2008 (TDA received March 31, 2008) Construction: 12/11/08 start and 09/30/09 end. Project was on schedule.		

		Work with City staff and engineer to verify procurement scheduling of construction contractor (sealed bid) including GLO approved bid package, appropriate Wage Decision, and project environmental clearance. Internal spreadsheets assist in oversight of project budgets, contract compliance, and necessary revisions.		
Project Personnel List all personnel associated with this project and their roles and responsibilities (only list those who may be assigned to a project).		Gary Traylor - Application coordination and oversight. Wanda Vance - Application preparation, financial draws, budgets and contract revisions. Christel Kiker - Labor Standards and reporting. Kari Beth Smith - Environmental Review		
Contact Informa Current phone an local government you worked with.	d e-mail address of	Clint Hardeman- City Manager 903-856-3621 chardeman@pittsburgtx.net		
Remove Project	Project Name	City of Center - HOME HRA-1002462		
Facility Type and	Use	Residential Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction		
Project Location (Jurisdiction)	Center, Shelby County, Texas		
Project Size -Number of House -Total Linear Feet	5	Three houses under current contract. More than 50 Homes cumulatively assisted. 1,100 - 1,200 Square Feet. Depending on number of bedrooms.		
Types of Measures		Coordination with Center city staff, Homeowners, State Agency, Architectural firms, construction contractors and Title companies regarding homeowner eligibility, construction plans, schedules and budgets.		
Project Cost		\$285,176 for three 3 homes		
Financing/Funding Source		Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs		
Project Schedule -Environmental Review Start and End Dates -Construction Start and End Dates -Describe if project was completed on schedule or delayed		4/7/2017 - Ongoing On Schedule- Under Construction		
Monitoring and Verification Methods				
Project Personnel List all personnel associated with this project and their roles and responsibilities (only list those who may be assigned to a project).		Mark Taylor - Application preparation, financial draws, budgets and contract revisions. s Christel Kiker - Environmental Review, Labor Standards and reporting.		
Contact Information Current phone and e-mail address of local government representatives you worked with.		Chad Nehring - City Manager 936-598-4693 cnehring@ci.center.tx.us		
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9. Describe the experience, competence and training of personnel with respect to grant writing and administration, and related work. Use the following table to present background on personnel who will potentially be assigned responsibility for a core project task. Also include any added expertise and capability of staff available through other branch offices, subcontracts, etc., that can provide back-up strengths.

Traylor & Associates has the ability to brief and communicate effectively with local governing bodies such as jurisdictional County and sub-county areas in preparing project analyses and assessments. Our staff has developed an understanding of data sources and can produce required demographic and economic documentation. After years of experience, we are familiar with the process of replicating application docuemnts on a large scale. We also correspond daily wiht consulting engineers in the delivery of budget justifications, scope of work and project schedules.

Personnel Profile(s)		Add Personnel
Remove Personnel Full Name	Gary R. Traylor	
Potential Role Base Location	Tyler, Texas	
Current Employment Current job title Company (if subcontractor) Job responsibilities Number of years with respondent	President / CEO n/a 43 years with Traylor & Associates	
Previous Employment Job Title Company name Job responsibilities Number of years with firm	N/A	
Academic/Professional Qualifications Degree/Discipline College/University Professional Affiliations Technical Training Accreditations	Bachelor of Science, Political Science University of Texas at Tyler HUD and TDRA Application, Implementation and Environmental Wo	orkshops
Overall Total Years or relevant experience Other relevant experience or accomplishments	43 Years	
Remove Personnel Full Name	Mark Taylor	
Potential Role Base Location	Tyler, Texas	
Current Employment Current job title Company (if subcontractor) Job responsibilities Number of years with respondent	Senior Vice President / Director of Operations n/a 15 years with Traylor & Associates	
Previous Employment Job Title Company name Job responsibilities Number of years with firm	State of Texas Department of Human Services Case Management 12	
Academic/Professional Qualifications Degree/Discipline College/University Professional Affiliations Technical Training Accreditations	Bachelor of Science, Business Management Le Tourneau University - Longview, Texas HUD and TDRA Application, Implementation and Environmental Wo Licensed Residential Mortgage Loan Originator	orkshops
Overall Total Years or relevant experience Other relevant experience or accomplishments	27	
Remove Personnel Full Name	Wanda Vance	

Potential Role Base Location	Project Management Tyler, Texas				
Current Employment Current job title Company (if subcontractor) Job responsibilities Number of years with respondent	Project Manager n/a 13 years with Traylor & Associates				
Previous Employment Job Title Company name Job responsibilities Number of years with firm	N/A				
Academic/Professional Qualifications Degree/Discipline College/University Professional Affiliations Technical Training Accreditations	Business Management Tyler Junior College - Tyler, Texas TDRA Implementation, HUD Environmental and TDA Workshops Homeland Security, Capacity Building & Source Water Protection Workshop Career Track Marketing Workshops & Career Track Management Workshop				
Overall Total Years or relevant experience Other relevant experience or accomplishments	13 years of CDBG Project Administration with Traylor & Associates				
Remove Personnel Full Name	Kari Beth Smith				
Potential Role Base Location	Contracts and Environmental Services Tyler, Texas				
Current Employment Current job title Company (if subcontractor) Job responsibilities Number of years with respondent	Compliance Coordinator n/a Preparation of contracts and environmental review records 17 years with Traylor & Associates				
Previous Employment Job Title Company name Job responsibilities Number of years with firm	N/A				
Academic/Professional Qualifications Degree/Discipline College/University Professional Affiliations Technical Training Accreditations	Dallas Baptist University - Dallas, Texas TDRA Implementation and Application Workshops HUD & TDRA Environmental Training Workshops				
Overall Total Years or relevant experience Other relevant experience or	17 years of CDBG experience				
accomplishments					
accomplishments Remove Personnel Full Name	Jill Hooks				

Base Location	Kirbyville, Texas
Current Employment Current job title Company (if subcontractor) Job responsibilities Number of years with respondent	Project Manager n/a 10 years with Traylor & Associates
Previous Employment Job Title Company name Job responsibilities Number of years with firm	
Academic/Professional Qualifications Degree/Discipline College/University Professional Affiliations Technical Training Accreditations	Bachelor of Arts- Spanish & International Relations Midwestern State University HOME Application, Environmental & Implementation Workshops TDA & GLO CDBG Implementation & Application Workshops HUD Section 3 Compliance Workshop
Overall Total Years or relevant experience Other relevant experience or accomplishments	10 years of experience with HOME and CDBG projects
Remove Personnel Full Name	Christel Kiker
Potential Role Base Location	Labor Payroll and Environmental Services
Current Employment Current job title Company (if subcontractor) Job responsibilities Number of years with respondent	Administrative Assistant n/a Reviews Davis Bacon Labor Payroll, HOME Environmental Services, assist with CDBG Environmental Services 5 years with Traylor & Associates
Previous Employment Job Title Company name Job responsibilities Number of years with firm	Store Manager Hastings Entertainment, Inc. Oversee day to day operations of store 15 Years
Academic/Professional Qualifications Degree/Discipline College/University Professional Affiliations Technical Training Accreditations	Bachelors of Science - Psychology Sam Houston State University - Huntsville, Texas
Overall Total Years or relevant experience Other relevant experience or accomplishments	5 years experience with HOME and CDBG projects
Remove Personnel Full Name	Robin Groom
Potential Role Base Location	Project Management Tyler, Texas

Current Employment Current job title Company (if subcontractor) Job responsibilities Number of years with respondent	Project Manager n/a 1 year with Traylor & Associates
Previous Employment Job Title Company name Job responsibilities Number of years with firm	Customer Service Patrick Industries Resolved Customer Complaints 4 Years
Academic/Professional Qualifications Degree/Discipline College/University Professional Affiliations Technical Training Accreditations	Bachelors of Science - Business Administration IPFW(Indiana-Purdue of Fort Wayne, Indiana) TDA Implementation and Application Workshop
Overall Total Years or relevant experience Other relevant experience or accomplishments	1 year CDBG Project Administration
Remove Personnel Full Name	Stacy Schaff
Potential Role Base Location	Project Management Tyler, Texas
Current Employment Current job title Company (if subcontractor) Job responsibilities Number of years with respondent	Project Manager n/a 6 months with Traylor & Associates
Previous Employment Job Title Company name Job responsibilities Number of years with firm	Exploration Analyst/ Consultant Self Energy Systems, LLC. Analysis & Research for acquisition of mineral rights and agreements in exploration
Academic/Professional Qualifications Degree/Discipline College/University Professional Affiliations Technical Training Accreditations	Bachelor of Arts - Spanish & International Relations Midwestern State University - Wichita Falls, Texas
Overall Total Years or relevant experience Other relevant experience or accomplishments	6 months CDBG Project Administration
Remove Personnel Full Name	Keith Tijerina
Potential Role Base Location	Information Technology Tyler, Texas
Current Employment Current job title Company (if subcontractor)	Information Technology Coordinator n/a

Job responsibilities	Ensure computer network runs efficiently			
Number of years with respondent	2 years with Traylor & Associates			
Previous Employment Job Title Company name Job responsibilities Number of years with firm	Owner Power Up PC Repair All phases of company operations 4 Years			
Academic/Professional Qualifications Degree/Discipline College/University Professional Affiliations Technical Training Accreditations	Computer Network Administration Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas			
Overall Total Years or relevant experience Other relevant experience or accomplishments	10			

10. Provide a statement on the availability and commitment of the firm and personnel to undertake the project.

Traylor & Associates has the proven capacity required to meet the needs of the Grantee by maintaining a staff capable of providing services on time, in scope and under budget on a daily basis. This is emphasized in a CDBG track record spanning more than 43 years. Our experienced staff is well trained in all aspects of the Colonia CDBG Services including financial, acquisition, general administrative and labor standards duties.

11. Is the respondent certified as a small business, minority- or woman- owned business enterprise, and/or Section 3 business?

Small Business		Woman Owned		Minority Owned		Section 3	
Yes	🔿 No	○ Yes	No	⊖ Yes	No	⊖ Yes	No
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12. State the respondent's policy regarding affirmative action.

Traylor & Associates does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Traylor & Associates will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action 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.

13. Provide any additional information that the respondent feels is essential to the respondent's statement of qualifications.

Traylor & Associates, Inc. is a small business firm that presently employs an experienced professional staff of seven persons and an additional three persons in supporting administrative positions.

Although staff size occasionally fluctuates according to overall business activity, the firm's professional staff has an average tenure of 10 years. Collectively, the existing seven professional staff members have over 80 years of experience in implementing community development, economic development, and housing, projects for communities throughout Texas.

Whenever the firm is employed to administer a project under a state or federal program, one of the firm's professional staff members is assigned to the project and is designated as the Project Manager.