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Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

August 27, 2015

City of Itasca, City Hall, 126 N. Hill Street, Itasca, Texas 76055 Phone (254) 687 2201

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Itasca, Hill County, Texas

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after September 14, 2015, the City of Itasca will authorize James Bouldin, Mayor, to submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs for the release of Community Development Block funds under Title 1 Section 104 [f] under the Housing and Community Development of the appropriation Act of 1974 as amended, for undertaking the following wastewater improvements project as described below.

Project Title and No. 7214230/EA Wastewater Improvements and Rehabilitation & Single-Unit Sewer Service. Project Issues: The City of Itasca has a sewer line that is aged and deteriorated and a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) that is not able to dewater or handle sludge efficiently, resulting in the City not being in compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations. Also the City has a household that does not have public sewer service and relies upon a failing septic system.

The City of Itasca shall replace sewer lines and make improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to bring the City into compliance with TCEQ rules and regulations. The City wastewater line improvements shall include installation of approximately two thousand three hundred ninety linear feet (2,390 l.f.) of ten-inch (10") and eight-inch (8") sewer line and the installations of six (6) man-holes, service reconnections, pavement and driveway repair. Construction at the wastewater plant will include five (5) sludge drying boxes, piping modifications and installation of five (5) 12 ft x 10 ft wide and (5) 4 ft x 10 ft wide concrete access ramps with construction of eight inch (8") wide reinforced concrete walls and replace four (4) eight inch (8") broken existing buried gate valves and all associated appurtenances.

Construction shall take place at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Highway 81 and in the following locations: S Hamilton St from W Marrion St to W. South St, E Wilkerson St from N. Hill St to approximately 600 linear feet east of N. Files St and from E Wilkerson at N. Aquilla south to Monroe Street. These activities shall benefit one thousand four hundred sixty-one (1,461) persons of which seven hundred sixty-eight (768) persons or fifty-three percent (53%) are Low-to-Moderate-Income.

Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Sewer Service. The City shall provide first-time sewer service to a household, and shall install one (1) sewer yard service line, mitigate the existing septic system, and all associated appurtenances. Construction shall take place at 913 Mill Street. The existing septic tank serving this residence will be pumped out, collapsed and filled with topsoil, and redirection of septic connection to City sewer. These activities shall benefit two (2) persons, of which two (2) persons or one hundred percent (100%) are of Low-to-Moderate-Income. Approximate Grant Amount is \$274,999.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Itasca has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City of Itasca, City Hall 126 N. Hill Street, Itasca, TX 76055, where ERR can be examined and where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Itasca designated office responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received by September 11, 2015, will be considered by the City of Itasca prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Itasca certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture that James Bouldin in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Texas Department of Agriculture approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Itasca to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs (TDA) will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Itasca certification received by September 29, 2015, for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Itasca; (b) the City of Itasca has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by TDA or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to The Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs administration office, CDBG Programs, at 1700 North Congress Avenue, 11th Floor, Austin, TX 78701 (PO Box 12847, Austin, TX 78701) Phone 512.936.6724. Potential objectors should contact the Texas Department of Agriculture to verify the actual last day of the objection period. James Bouldin, Mayor