

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

Version 02

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6a. Federal Entity Identifier: _____	* 5b. Federal Award Identifier: _____
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6. Date Received by State: 02/20/09	7. State Application Identifier: _____
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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council & Rio Grande Regional Water Authority	
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 74-1586916	* c. Organizational DUNS: 010537520

d. Address:

* Street1: 311 N. 15th St
Street2: McAllen
* City: TX
County: 78501
* State: _____
Province: _____
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code: _____

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Economic Development	Division Name: _____
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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: _____	* First Name: Terrie
Middle Name: G.	
* Last Name: Salinas	
Suffix: _____	
Title: Director of Economic Development	
Organizational Affiliation: _____	
* Telephone Number: 956-682-3481	Fax Number: 956-631-4670
* Email: tsalinas@lrgvdc.org	

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9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council & Rio Grande Regional Water Authority

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

USDOC Economic Development Administration

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

11-307

CFDA Title:

Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

MBL-SF424 Family - All Forms

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy and Starr Counties

* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

An economic adjustment plan for "Building Disaster Resilient Communities".

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date: (24 Mos.)

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="3,500,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="3,500,000.00"/>

* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation.)

Yes No

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

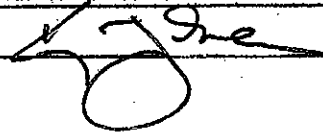
Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:
Middle Name:
* Last Name:
Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 28, 'New Restrictions on Lobbying.' The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Commerce determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 28, for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000 or a loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000 as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Sections 28.105 and 28.110, the applicant certifies that 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 agency, 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, U.S. 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 occurring on or before October 23, 1996, and of not less than \$11,000 and not more than \$110,000 for each such failure occurring after October 23, 1996.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification.

*** NAME OF APPLICANT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council & Rio Grande Regional Water Authority

*** AWARD NUMBER**

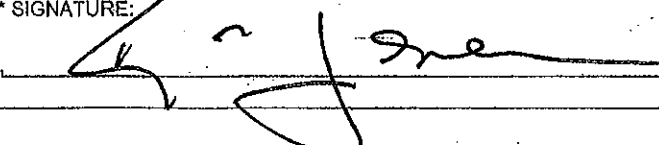
*** PROJECT NAME**

Building Disaster Resilient Communities

Prefix: * First Name: Kenneth Middle Name: N.

* Last Name: Jones Suffix:

* Title: Executive Director

* SIGNATURE: 

* DATE:

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*** Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation**

The following field should contain an explanation if the Applicant organization is delinquent on any Federal Debt. Maximum number of characters that can be entered is 4,000. Try and avoid extra spaces and carriage returns to maximize the availability of space.

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Lower Rio Grande Valley Development District Scope of Work:

The purpose of this investment is to provide the Border Region with Federal Financial Assistance to promote economic recovery in the aftermath of Hurricane Dolly and other natural disasters. The overarching context of this investment is to establish the foundations leading to promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing the Border Region for growth and success in the world wide economy. The core elements of this investment will have as their ultimate goal long-term economic recovery by fostering entrepreneurship, innovation and productivity through infrastructure development, capacity building and business development in order to attract private capital investments and high-skill, higher wage jobs to assist the region at a time that it is experiencing sudden and severe economic harm.

Specific Scope of Work Elements

- Develop and coordinate a regionally-based collaborative effort by bringing together key stake holders (cities, counties, economic development organizations, private sector, irrigation and drainage districts, and state and federal agencies) for the purpose of developing regional strategies to restore, replace and expand economic activity in the Region.
- Map, evaluate and integrate existing regional assets and critical infrastructure systems for the next ten to twenty years.
- Identify and implement projects that will diversify the region's economic base in order to compete globally.
- Assess, identify, and map out a regional plan for infrastructure rebuilding based on long-term redevelopment strategy.
- Create and develop a Data Collection System and Centralized Data Base as an economic development tool to be used for assessing the region's financial implication for pre- and post-disasters.
- Other activities to help the Region recover from Hurricane Dolly and mitigate possible damage from future natural disasters and improve the Region's economic competitiveness.

BUDGET

II. DETAILED BUDGET:

Lower Rio Grande Development Council

Budget Categories	Federal Cash	Grantee Share	Total
Personnel	\$110,000.00	\$0.00	\$110,000.00
Fringe Benefits	\$54,945.00	\$0.00	\$54,945.00
Travel	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00
Equipment	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Supplies	\$6,110.00	\$0.00	\$6,110.00
Contractual	\$3,283,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,283,000.00
Other		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Direct Charges	\$3,483,055.00	\$0.00	\$3,483,055.00
Indirect Charges	\$16,945.00		\$16,945.00
TOTALS	\$3,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,500,000.00

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LOBBYING

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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The undersigned states, 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 agency, 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.

In any 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 commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, 'Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,' in accordance with its instructions.

(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.

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* NAME OF APPLICANT

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

* AWARD NUMBER

* PROJECT NAME

Prefix:

* First Name:

Kenneth

Middle Name:

N.

* Last Name:

Jones

Suffix:

* Title:

Executive Director

* SIGNATURE:

Kenneth Jones

* DATE:

02/20/09

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

**APPLICATION FOR
INVESTMENT ASSISTANCE**

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) uses the Application for Investment Assistance to evaluate applications under EDA's economic development assistance programs. EDA may ask applicants to provide supplemental information as needed during the evaluation and selection process. **Please visit our Internet website at www.eda.gov for more information on EDA's programs, selection and evaluation criteria, and application procedures, as set forth in applicable Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcements. These FFO announcements are also published annually in the *Federal Register*.**

<p>PWEDA Section 201 (CFDA No. 11.300) Public Works and Economic Development Program</p> <p>PWEDA Section 203 (CFDA No. 11.302) Planning Program</p> <p>PWEDA Section 207 (CFDA No. 11.303) Local and National Technical Assistance and University Center Economic Development Program</p> <p>PWEDA Section 207 (CFDA No. 11.312) Research and Evaluation Program</p> <p>PWEDA Section 209 (CFDA No. 11.307) Economic Adjustment Assistance Program</p>	Section A - To Be Completed by All Applicants
	Section B - Regional Eligibility (Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance)
	Section C - Technical Assistance & Research/Evaluation Assistance
	Section D - To Be Completed by All Non-Governmental Applicants (excluding Public Universities)
	Section E - Budgeting and Staffing/Non-Construction Assistance
	Section F - Partnership Planning Assistance
	Section G - Short-Term Planning Assistance
	Section H - State Planning Assistance
	Section I - Local or National Technical Assistance
	Section J - University Center Program Assistance
	Section K - Economic Adjustment Assistance
	Section L - Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Assistance
	Section M - Construction Assistance
	Section N - Design and Engineering Assistance

Application for Investment Assistance (Form ED-900)

OMB Control No. 0610-0094

Expires 04/30/2009

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

The information requested in this Application for Investment Assistance is required to obtain or retain benefits from EDA pursuant to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 3121 et seq.). The reasons for collecting this information are to enable applicants to submit applications for financial assistance and to assist EDA in determining applicants' eligibility and compliance with legal and programmatic requirements. The information submitted on this application and in accompanying documents is subject to public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552), unless exempt from disclosure as trade secrets or privileged or confidential commercial or financial information under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4).

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 22 hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing the application. Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing paperwork burden may be sent to Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC AND HARDCOPY FORMATS

Electronic Submissions: Please visit www.Grants.gov for detailed instructions on electronic submissions. This form is designed to be completed in **Adobe Acrobat Reader, versions 7.0 and above**. If using Adobe Acrobat Reader version 7.0 or above, all interactive features should work. Responses may be composed in a separate word processing program and then copied and pasted into the appropriate response field. NOTE: Applicants who would like to save a copy for their records must save a copy to their local hard drive under a unique name. Additional documentation or information applicants must provide may be submitted as electronic attachments using the 'Attachments' form that is part of the application package downloaded from www.Grants.gov.

Hardcopy Submissions: EDA encourages applicants to submit applications in electronic format via www.Grants.gov. However, if the applicant is unable to complete this application using the latest compatible Adobe Reader, the applicant may send in a hardcopy application. If submitting a hardcopy application, the applicant should print this application (ED-900), the SF-424, and either the SF-424 A (Non-construction Investments) or the SF-424C (Construction Investments), and either the SF-424B (Non-Construction Investments) or the SF-424D (Construction Investments), and the CD-511, and type or print the responses. Applicants should mail the completed application to the appropriate Regional Office. See EDA's internet website (www.eda.gov) for a listing of Regional Offices.

NOTE ON EDA'S APPLICATION PROCESS

To limit the burden on the applicant, EDA only requests certain items of documentation if EDA determines that the applicant's project merits further consideration. Applicants should note that the following items will be subsequently requested if, and only if, EDA selects their project for further consideration:

For all types of projects:

- A copy of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or alternate EDA-approved planning document
- Letters of commitment to document non-EDA funding

For construction projects only:

- USGS map of project site
- Letters of commitment from private beneficiaries of the proposed project
- Comments from the metropolitan area review/clearinghouse agency
- A legal opinion and other documentation, as necessary, verifying the applicant's answer to questions regarding project ownership, operation, maintenance, and management
- An engineering report
- An environmental narrative
- Documented approval from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)

For Revolving Loan Fund projects only:

- Revolving Loan Fund Plan

For non-profit applicants only:

- Certificate of good standing from the state
- A copy of the organization's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws
- Resolution from a general purpose subdivision of government of a state acknowledging that the organization is acting in cooperation with officials of that subdivision
- Comments from a general purpose government entity (construction projects only)

SECTION A - TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS

General Instructions

Please answer all questions completely and accurately and provide a concise narrative statement for each question below. Most narratives need not exceed one paragraph. Any attachments to this application may either be attached electronically through www.grants.gov or submitted in hardcopy to the Regional Office (www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Regions.xml) that processes applications for your state.

Applicants should consult EDA's program requirements and evaluation criteria set forth in 13 C.F.R. Chapter III (EDA's regulations), as supplemented by the applicable Federal Funding Opportunity Announcement (FFO) on www.grants.gov, when completing this application. (EDA's regulations begin on page 20 of the Federal Register notice posted at www.eda.gov/ImageCache/EDAPublic/documents/pdfdocs2006/2006final_20rule_2epdf/v1/2006final_20rule.pdf.) Applicants are encouraged to contact an EDA representative (see list of Regional Offices above) for assistance in completing this application. Preparation of an application may involve coordination with other local, state and federal agencies.

Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance projects must satisfy regional eligibility requirements (see 13 C.F.R. § 304.1). Legal citations referencing EDA's regulations are included for the applicant's information; however, all of the information needed to complete this application is contained within the form itself or within the web links included in this form. Legal assistance is not generally required to complete this form, although applicants may need to consult with an attorney concerning any legal issues implicated by the receipt of federal assistance.

Please indicate the type of EDA investment assistance for which you are applying. If you change type of EDA Investment Assistance for which you are applying, make sure you save the application under a different file name.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works | <i>(Complete Sections A, B, and M and Exhibits A, D and E.)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Adjustment | <i>(Complete Sections A, B, E, and K and Exhibit C. Also Complete Sections M and Exhibits A, D, and E if request has construction components, and Section N if request has only design/engineering requirements.)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership Planning | <i>(Complete Sections A, C, E, and F and Exhibit C.)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term Planning | <i>(Complete Sections A, C, E, and G and Exhibit C.)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Planning | <i>(Complete Sections A, C, E, G, and H and Exhibit C.)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> University Center | <i>(Complete Sections A, C, E, and J and Exhibit C.)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Technical Assistance | <i>(Complete Sections A, C, E, and I and Exhibit C.)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Technical Assistance | <i>(Complete Sections A, C, E, and I and Exhibit B.)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research and Evaluation Assistance | <i>(Complete Sections A, C, E and Exhibit B.)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Revolving Loan Fund | <i>(Complete Sections A, B, E, K, and L and Exhibit C.)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design and Engineering | <i>(Complete Sections A, B, and N and Exhibit C.)</i> |

Please indicate which type of applicant you are:

- Governmental (or quasi-governmental, to include District Organizations, universities, or public institutions of higher learning)
- Non-governmental (e.g. private or public non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations)

In addition to the sections specific to the program for which you are applying (see above), non-governmental applicants also must complete Section D.

A.1. Investment (Project) Region

Identify and describe the region where the project will be located, identify and describe the region that will benefit from the project (if different from or in addition to the region in which the project will be located), and discuss the project's expected economic impact. For purposes of this application, a region is defined as "an economic unit of human, natural, technological, capital or other resources, defined geographically. Geographic areas comprising a region need not be contiguous or defined by political boundaries, but should constitute a cohesive area capable of undertaking self-sustained economic development." (See 13 C.F.R. § 300.3 for the definition of "Region.")

This project will serve the four southern counties of South Texas. The Rio Grande is located to the south of these counties and the Gulf of Mexico is located to the east. Normally the Lower Rio Grande Valley area only includes three counties, however, this project will add Starr County to this project's service area. All four counties are at extremely high risk for natural disasters such as hurricanes due to their proximity to the Gulf. After these disasters, the region is faced with severe and sudden economic losses especially the millions of dollars in damages to its retail and service industries as well as to the existing infrastructure.

A.2. Investment (Project) Description

Provide a detailed description of the complete scope of work for the proposed EDA investment. If you are proposing a construction project, please include specific construction components. Also, for National Technical Assistance, Training and Research and Evaluation Projects, provide a description of the methodology to be used to complete the project.

This project proposes to develop, organize, prepare, and implement a Regional Economic Adjustment Plan for Building Disaster Resilient Communities. This Plan will help formulate and implement economic recovery strategies so Valley communities can restore, replace and rebuild their economies. This Plan will propose specific economic strategies for each county's needs and diversity. The Plan's long-term goal will be to build and establish a stronger, more global and competitive disaster-resilient economy.

Note: If EDA determines that your project merits further consideration, and if your project includes construction, you will be required to provide a USGS map of the site. You may provide this now using the 'Attachments' form that is part of the application package downloaded from www.Grants.gov or in hard copy.

A.3. Economic Development Needs

- a. Does the region in which the project will be located have a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)? (See www.eda.gov/ImageCache/EDAPublic/documents/pdfdocs2006/cedsflyer081706_2epdf/v1/cedsflyer081706.pdf) (Note: Except for strategy grants as described in 13 C.F.R. § 303.7, the region in which Public Works or Economic Adjustment projects will be located must have a CEDS with which the project is consistent.)

Yes

No

If Yes, what is the source? Note: If you are unsure if your region has a CEDS, please contact your local District Organization.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Economic Development District

If No, what alternate strategic planning document do you wish to govern this investment? *Note: You will be asked to provide a copy of this planning document if your project is selected for further consideration. You may provide this now using the 'Attachments' form that is part of the application package downloaded from www.Grants.gov or in hard copy.*

- b. Briefly describe the economic development needs of the region and how the proposed investment addresses the goals and objectives of the CEDS for the region or the alternate strategic planning document as noted above. (See 13 C.F.R. part 303.)

This project's area covers 4,872 square miles and geographically encompasses four counties. Within the four county area, there are approximately 47 incorporated communities/cities and four county seats. After a natural disaster the devastation of human and economic losses is overwhelming and exhausting. The need for a comprehensive strategic plan to help these communities rebuild, replace, and expand their economies is a necessity.

- c. Briefly describe the economic conditions of the region described in A.1, as well as the economic adjustment problems or economic dislocations the region has experienced (or is about to experience) and the regional impact of these conditions.

See attachment

A.4. Investment (Project) Impact and Fit with EDA Funding Priorities

Discuss how the proposed investment satisfies EDA's Investment Policy Guidelines as set forth in 13 C.F.R. § 301.8, as well as the EDA funding priorities set forth in the applicable Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement on www.Grants.gov.

This project will provide the technical elements needed to create a comprehensive and workable plan for rebuilding this area. Project activities will include the development of a comprehensive economic adjustment plan for rebuilding and expanding these communities economic infrastructure. With the technology now available, this project could plan for the region's future growth in terms of land use, infrastructure needs, and business development. This Plan could evaluate and assess the regional needs after a major economic threat, to this region and help reduce the loss of millions of dollars in damages. This investment will support the development of disaster resilient communities, economic diversity, and global competition in order to overcome the economic hardships caused by these disasters.

A.5. Applicant's Capability

Briefly describe the applicant's capability to administer, implement, and attract private sector investments to the project.

The management of this grant will be administered by the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority (RGRWA) through the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LGRVDC) This organization was created by the 78th

Cameron County, Texas

People QuickFacts	Cameron County	Texas
Population, 2007 estimate	387,210	23,904,380
Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007	15.5%	14.6%
Population, 2000	335,227	20,851,820
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2007	11.2%	8.3%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2007	34.2%	27.7%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2007	11.2%	10.0%
Female persons, percent, 2007	52.1%	50.1%
White persons, percent, 2007 (a)	97.3%	82.6%
Black persons, percent, 2007 (a)	1.0%	12.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2007 (a)	0.6%	0.7%
Asian persons, percent, 2007 (a)	0.6%	3.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2007 (a)	0.1%	0.1%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2007	0.5%	1.2%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2007 (b)	86.2%	36.0%
White persons not Hispanic, percent, 2007	12.6%	47.9%
Living in same house in 1995 and 2000, pct 5 yrs old & over	58.5%	49.6%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	25.6%	13.9%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2000	79.0%	31.2%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2000	55.2%	75.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2000	13.4%	23.2%
Persons with a disability, age 5+, 2000	65,392	3,605,542
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2000	20.7	25.4
Housing units, 2007	143,775	9,432,672
Homeownership rate, 2000	67.7%	63.8%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2000	20.1%	24.2%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$53,000	\$82,500
Households, 2000	97,267	7,393,354
Persons per household, 2000	3.40	2.74
Median household income, 2007	\$29,589	\$47,563
Per capita money income, 1999	\$10,960	\$19,617
Persons below poverty, percent, 2007	34.3%	16.3%
Business QuickFacts	Cameron County	Texas
Private nonfarm establishments, 2006	6,353	509,080 ¹
Private nonfarm employment, 2006	95,671	8,711,476 ¹
Private nonfarm employment, percent change 2000-2006	10.6%	8.5% ¹
Nonemployer establishments, 2006	25,185	1,736,997
Total number of firms, 2002	23,760	1,734,509
Black-owned firms, percent, 2002	0.7%	5.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native owned firms, percent, 2002	S	0.9%

Asian-owned firms, percent, 2002	2.3%	4.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owned firms, percent, 2002	F	0.1%
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2002	59.9%	18.4%
Women-owned firms, percent, 2002	24.6%	27.0%
Manufacturers shipments, 2002 (\$1000)	1,607,683	310,815,965
Wholesale trade sales, 2002 (\$1000)	D	397,405,111
Retail sales, 2002 (\$1000)	2,756,738	228,694,755
Retail sales per capita, 2002	\$7,808	\$10,528
Accommodation and foodservices sales, 2002 (\$1000)	371,305	29,914,774
Building permits, 2007	2,091	176,992
Federal spending, 2007 (\$1000)	2,029,808	171,765,961 ¹
Geography QuickFacts	Cameron County	Texas
Land area, 2000 (square miles)	905.76	261,797.12
Persons per square mile, 2000	370.0	79.6
FIPS Code	061	48
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	Brownsville-Harlingen, TX Metro Area	

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U.S. Census Bureau

State & County QuickFacts

Hidalgo County, Texas

People QuickFacts	Hidalgo County	Texas
Population, 2007 estimate	710,514	23,904,380
Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007	24.8%	14.6%
Population, 2000	569,463	20,851,820
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2007	12.0%	8.3%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2007	35.9%	27.7%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2007	9.5%	10.0%
Female persons, percent, 2007	51.3%	50.1%
White persons, percent, 2007 (a)	97.0%	82.6%
Black persons, percent, 2007 (a)	1.1%	12.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2007 (a)	0.6%	0.7%
Asian persons, percent, 2007 (a)	0.8%	3.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2007 (a)	0.1%	0.1%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2007	0.4%	1.2%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2007 (b)	89.5%	36.0%
White persons not Hispanic, percent, 2007	9.0%	47.9%
Living in same house in 1995 and 2000, pct 5 yrs old & over	61.1%	49.6%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	29.5%	13.9%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2000	83.1%	31.2%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2000	50.5%	75.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2000	12.9%	23.2%
Persons with a disability, age 5+, 2000	105,965	3,605,542
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2000	20.9	25.4
Housing units, 2007	247,401	9,432,672
Homeownership rate, 2000	73.1%	63.8%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2000	12.0%	24.2%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$52,400	\$82,500
Households, 2000	156,824	7,393,354
Persons per household, 2000	3.60	2.74
Median household income, 2007	\$30,153	\$47,563
Per capita money income, 1999	\$9,899	\$19,617
Persons below poverty, percent, 2007	34.0%	16.3%
Business QuickFacts	Hidalgo County	Texas
Private nonfarm establishments, 2006	10,011	509,080 ¹
Private nonfarm employment, 2006	154,037	8,711,476 ¹
Private nonfarm employment, percent change 2000-2006	34.1%	8.5% ¹
Nonemployer establishments, 2006	56,233	1,736,997
Total number of firms, 2002	46,964	1,734,509
Black-owned firms, percent, 2002	1.5%	5.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native owned firms, percent, 2002	S	0.9%

Asian-owned firms, percent, 2002	2.2%	4.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owned firms, percent, 2002	S	0.1%
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2002	73.4%	18.4%
Women-owned firms, percent, 2002	26.7%	27.0%

Manufacturers shipments, 2002 (\$1000)	1,593,831	310,815,965
Wholesale trade sales, 2002 (\$1000)	3,133,619	397,405,111
Retail sales, 2002 (\$1000)	5,022,716	228,694,755
Retail sales per capita, 2002	\$8,196	\$10,528
Accommodation and foodservices sales, 2002 (\$1000)	524,508	29,914,774
Building permits, 2007	6,458	176,992
Federal spending, 2007 (\$1000)	2,870,374	171,765,961 ¹

Geography QuickFacts	Hidalgo County	Texas
Land area, 2000 (square miles)	1,569.75	261,797.12
Persons per square mile, 2000	362.7	79.6
FIPS Code	215	48
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX Metro Area	

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Willacy County, Texas

People QuickFacts	Willacy County	Texas
Population, 2007 estimate	20,513	23,904,380
Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007	2.1%	14.6%
Population, 2000	20,082	20,851,820
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2007	9.2%	8.3%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2007	29.9%	27.7%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2007	12.5%	10.0%
Female persons, percent, 2007	48.7%	50.1%
White persons, percent, 2007 (a)	96.2%	82.6%
Black persons, percent, 2007 (a)	2.6%	12.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2007 (a)	0.7%	0.7%
Asian persons, percent, 2007 (a)	0.3%	3.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2007 (a)	Z	0.1%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2007	0.2%	1.2%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2007 (b)	86.5%	36.0%
White persons not Hispanic, percent, 2007	11.0%	47.9%
Living in same house in 1995 and 2000, pct 5 yrs old & over	70.2%	49.6%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	13.3%	13.9%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2000	78.1%	31.2%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2000	48.7%	75.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2000	7.5%	23.2%
Persons with a disability, age 5+, 2000	3,596	3,605,542
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2000	22.1	25.4
Housing units, 2007	7,181	9,432,672
Homeownership rate, 2000	77.3%	63.8%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2000	6.6%	24.2%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$34,600	\$82,500
Households, 2000	5,584	7,393,354
Persons per household, 2000	3.40	2.74
Median household income, 2007	\$24,961	\$47,563
Per capita money income, 1999	\$9,421	\$19,617
Persons below poverty, percent, 2007	39.9%	16.3%
Business QuickFacts	Willacy County	Texas
Private nonfarm establishments, 2006	226	509,080 ¹
Private nonfarm employment, 2006	2,513	8,711,476 ¹
Private nonfarm employment, percent change 2000-2006	31.6%	8.5% ¹
Nonemployer establishments, 2006	1,264	1,736,997
Total number of firms, 2002	1,185	1,734,509
Black-owned firms, percent, 2002	F	5.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native owned firms, percent, 2002	F	0.9%

Asian-owned firms, percent, 2002	F	4.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owned firms, percent, 2002	F	0.1%
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2002	S	18.4%
Women-owned firms, percent, 2002	S	27.0%
Manufacturers shipments, 2002 (\$1000)	NA	310,815,965
Wholesale trade sales, 2002 (\$1000)	D	397,405,111
Retail sales, 2002 (\$1000)	84,210	228,694,755
Retail sales per capita, 2002	\$4,205	\$10,528
Accommodation and foodservices sales, 2002 (\$1000)	7,265	29,914,774
Building permits, 2007	34	176,992
Federal spending, 2007 (\$1000)	134,248	171,765,961 ¹
Geography QuickFacts	Willacy County	Texas
Land area, 2000 (square miles)	596.68	261,797.12
Persons per square mile, 2000	33.6	79.6
FIPS Code	489	48
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	Raymondville, TX Micro Area	

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State & County QuickFacts

Starr County, Texas

People QuickFacts	Starr County	Texas
Population, 2007 estimate	61,833	23,904,380
Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007	15.4%	14.6%
Population, 2000	53,597	20,851,820
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2007	12.1%	8.3%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2007	36.9%	27.7%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2007	9.9%	10.0%
Female persons, percent, 2007	51.9%	50.1%
White persons, percent, 2007 (a)	98.5%	82.6%
Black persons, percent, 2007 (a)	0.6%	12.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2007 (a)	0.3%	0.7%
Asian persons, percent, 2007 (a)	0.4%	3.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2007 (a)	0.1%	0.1%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2007	0.2%	1.2%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2007 (b)	97.3%	36.0%
White persons not Hispanic, percent, 2007	2.1%	47.9%
Living in same house in 1995 and 2000, pct 5 yrs old & over	72.4%	49.6%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	36.9%	13.9%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2000	90.7%	31.2%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2000	34.7%	75.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2000	6.9%	23.2%
Persons with a disability, age 5+, 2000	13,537	3,605,542
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2000	21.4	25.4
Housing units, 2007	18,302	9,432,672
Homeownership rate, 2000	79.5%	63.8%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2000	6.0%	24.2%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$37,800	\$82,500
Households, 2000	14,410	7,393,354
Persons per household, 2000	3.69	2.74
Median household income, 2007	\$23,070	\$47,563
Per capita money income, 1999	\$7,069	\$19,617
Persons below poverty, percent, 2007	32.2%	16.3%
Business QuickFacts	Starr County	Texas
Private nonfarm establishments, 2006	445	509,080 ¹
Private nonfarm employment, 2006	7,686	8,711,476 ¹
Private nonfarm employment, percent change 2000-2006	54.8%	8.5% ¹
Nonemployer establishments, 2006	6,386	1,736,997
Total number of firms, 2002	5,346	1,734,509
Black-owned firms, percent, 2002	F	5.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native owned firms, percent, 2002	F	0.9%

Asian-owned firms, percent, 2002	F	4.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owned firms, percent, 2002	F	0.1%
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2002	86.0%	18.4%
Women-owned firms, percent, 2002	S	27.0%

Manufacturers shipments, 2002 (\$1000)	NA	310,815,965
Wholesale trade sales, 2002 (\$1000)	D	397,405,111
Retail sales, 2002 (\$1000)	299,639	228,694,755
Retail sales per capita, 2002	\$5,330	\$10,528
Accommodation and foodservices sales, 2002 (\$1000)	17,727	29,914,774
Building permits, 2007	0	176,992
Federal spending, 2007 (\$1000)	292,713	171,765,961 ¹

Geography QuickFacts	Starr County	Texas
Land area, 2000 (square miles)	1,223.02	261,797.12
Persons per square mile, 2000	43.8	79.6
FIPS Code	427	48
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	Rio Grande City- Roma, TX Micro Area	

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Legislature to supplement the services, regulatory powers, and authority of irrigation districts, water development supply corporation, counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions. The RGRWA covers the six counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, Starr, Zapata and Webb. As a conservation and reclamation district, the RGRWA has broad powers, rights, privileges, and responsibilities.

A.6. Proposed Time Schedule for the Project

Provide a proposed time schedule for completion of the project, including when (month/year) the project will begin and end. Explain any potential issues that could affect project implementation.

This project will cover a three-year (36-months) period beginning March 1, 2009 through February 29, 2011

A.7. Civil Rights

- a. Does the applicant understand and agree to comply with all applicable civil rights requirements (see 13 C.F.R. § 302.20), including the requirement to provide signed assurances of compliance? Yes No (explain below)

- b. Do identified "Other Parties" as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 302.20(b) understand and agree to comply with all applicable civil rights requirements, including the requirement to provide signed assurances of compliance?
 Yes No (explain below) Not Applicable (No Other Parties Identified)

A.8. Proposed Project Budget

- For Construction investments, complete Form SF-424C.
 For Non-Construction investments, complete Form SF-424A.

Note: If you are applying in hardcopy, you may download these forms from www.Grants.gov/techlib/SF424A-V1.0.pdf and www.Grants.gov/techlib/SF424C-V1.0.pdf, or go to EDA's website at www.eda.gov.

A.9. Non-EDA Funding for the Project

- a. Identify the source, nature and amount of all non-EDA funds, including in-kind contributions (non-cash contributions of space, equipment, services, or assumptions of debt; see definition of "In-Kind Contribution(s)" in 13 C.F.R. § 300.3). Explain the status of all funding commitments, including the date the funds will be available from each source, and describe any conditions or restrictions on the use of such funds. If in-kind contributions are included, explain the basis on which they are valued.

This project is a special economic adjustment grant and qualifies for 100% funding through the designated Disaster Relief Funds.

- b. Are all non-EDA funds committed to the project, available as needed, and not conditioned or encumbered in any way that would preclude their use consistent with the purpose of the project? (See 13 C.F.R. § 301.5.) Yes No (explain below)

This project is a special economic adjustment grant and qualifies for 100% funding in order to support long term, post-disaster economic recovery.

Note: If EDA determines that your project merits further consideration, and if your project includes construction, you will be required to provide letters of commitment. You may provide these now using the 'Attachments' form that is part of the application package downloaded from www.Grants.gov or in hard copy.

- c. Discuss the actions that need to be taken and the timing required to secure the non-EDA funds.

Not applicable

- d. Does the applicant plan to seek other federal financial assistance as part of or in connection with this project? If so, please describe the source, amount and any terms and conditions of the funding, and when the funding will be available for use by the applicant.

Yes (explain below) No

- e. Is the requested EDA investment assistance available from any other federal economic development program? Yes (explain below) No (explain below)

If Yes, identify the source and provide an explanation of why EDA investment assistance is required.

If No, explain your efforts to identify and obtain funding from other sources.

Other funding sources that were identified do not provide grants for economic adjustment to help communities become disaster resilient and recover, rebuild, and replace their economic base.

A.10. Lobbying Certifications

All applicants for federal financial assistance must certify that federal funds have not been used and will not be used for lobbying in connection with this request for federal financial assistance (Form CD-511). If non-federal funds have been or are planned to be used for lobbying in connection with this request for federal financial assistance, Form SF-LLL also must be completed. Please check all that apply:

- Applicant's "Certifications Regarding Lobbying" (Form CD-511) is completed. (If applicant is applying in hardcopy, access the form at www.Grants.gov or at EDA's website at www.eda.gov.)
- Applicant's "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" (Form SF-LLL) is required and attached. (If applicant is applying in hardcopy, access the form at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/sfillin.pdf.)

Note: Applicants must comply with 13 C.F.R. 302.10 regarding attorneys' and consultants' fees and the employment of expeditors. This regulation requires that applicants identify and disclose the amount of fees paid to anyone engaged to assist the applicant in obtaining assistance under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA), as amended.

A.11. Compliance with Executive Order 12372, State Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

- a. Does the state in which the project will be located have a project review process that requires submission to a Single Point of Contact (SPOC)? (See 13.C.F.R. § 302.9(b).) *Note: If you are unsure if your state has a Single Point of Contact, or do not know who this individual is, please refer to OMB's SPOC list (www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html).*
- Yes No (go to A.12)
- b. If Yes to A.11(a) above, does this request for EDA investment assistance meet the SPOC process established by the state?
- Yes No (go to question A.11.d)
- c. If Yes to A.11(b) above, were SPOC comments/clearance received?
- Yes, and the comments/clearance are attached.
- No, the review period has expired and no comments were received.
- d. If No to question A.11(b) above, please explain any known reason for the lack of comments.

A.12. Justification for Sole Source Procurement

- a. Will you subcontract work to complete part or all of this project?
- Yes No
- b. If Yes, will contracts be awarded by competitive bid?
- Yes No
- c. If contracts will not be awarded by competitive bid, please provide a justification. A cost analysis will be necessary when adequate price competition is lacking, and for sole source procurements, including contract modifications or change orders. (See 15 C.F.R. § 14.40-14.48 or § 24.36, as applicable.)

A.13. Assurances

For Construction investments, complete Form SF-424D.

For Non-Construction investments, complete Form SF-424B.

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**SECTION B - REGIONAL ELIGIBILITY:
TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS
OR ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE ONLY**

Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance projects (including Revolving Loan Fund, Assistance and Design and Engineering Assistance) must satisfy regional eligibility requirements (see 13 C.F.R. part 300). This section will assist EDA in determining if the proposed project satisfies these eligibility requirements. Please answer all questions completely and accurately and attach explanations and supporting documentation where applicable.

1. Identify the region upon which the applicant is basing the eligibility calculation.

This project will cover the Lower Rio Grande Valley region which covers Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, and Starr Counties. The eligibility criteria is as follows:

- a. If this region is **different** from the region described in Section A of this application, please explain.

N/A

- b. If this region is **not** defined by political boundaries (e.g., it is a neighborhood within a large city rather than an autonomous town), provide a description of the project region and documentation to show that: (i) the region is of sufficient size appropriate for the proposed project, and (ii) the area used for regional eligibility is the same as the area that will benefit from the proposed project.

N/A

2. **Source of data provided for regional eligibility determination:** Check the source of data used to determine regional eligibility, and **attach an explanation and a copy of this data** (additional documentation or information applicants must provide may be submitted as electronic attachments using the 'Attachments' form that is part of the application package downloaded from www.Grants.gov). The explanation must: (i) identify the data used (e.g., American Community Survey (ACS)); (ii) if the data used are other than the ACS, explain why ACS data were not used; and (iii) if the data used are other than federal data, explain why federal data were not used and identify the source of the non-federal data. ACS data (www.census.gov/acs) should be used whenever possible, but if such data are not available, the order of data preference is as listed below.

- a. The most recent ACS data published by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- b. The most recent other federal data for the region in which the project is located (e.g., U.S. Census Bureau or the Bureaus of Economic Analysis, Labor Statistics, Indian Affairs, etc.)
- c. If no federal data are available, the most recent data available through the state government for the region in which the project is located.
- d. Other data to substantiate regional eligibility based on a "Special Need" as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 300.3.

3. **Economic Distress:** Check all that apply in establishing regional eligibility (see 13 C.F.R. § 301.3 (a)(1)):

- A. **Unemployment rate:** The project is located in a region that has an unemployment rate that is, for the most recent 24-month period for which data are available, at least one percentage point above the national unemployment rate.
- B. **Per capita income:** The project is located in a region that has a per capita income that is, for the most recent period for which data are available, 80 percent or less of the national average per capita income.
- C. **Special need:** The project is located in a region that has experienced or is about to experience a "Special Need" (as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 300.3) arising from actual or threatened severe unemployment or economic adjustment problems resulting from severe short-term or long-term changes in economic conditions, including:
 - Substantial out-migration or population loss;
 - Underemployment; that is, employment of workers at less than full-time or at less skilled tasks than their training or abilities permit;
 - Military base closure or realignment, defense contractor reductions-in-force, or U.S. Department of Energy defense-related funding reductions;
 - Natural or other major disasters or emergencies;
 - Extraordinary depletion of natural resources;
 - Closing or restructuring of an industrial firm or loss of other major employer;
 - Negative effects of changing trade patterns; or
 - Other circumstances set forth in the applicable FFO (please explain below).

4. **Substantial Direct Benefit:** A project located within an Economic Development District (EDD) that is located in a region that does not meet the economic distress criteria set forth in section B.3 above, is also eligible for EDA investment assistance if EDA determines that the project will be of "substantial direct benefit" to a geographic area within the EDD that meets the distress criteria set forth in question B.3 above by providing significant employment opportunities for unemployed, underemployed, or low-income residents of the distressed geographic area within the EDD. If applicable, identify the EDD in which the proposed project will be located, as well as the geographic area within the EDD that meets the economic distress criteria detailed in section B.3. above, and explain how the proposed project will provide a substantial direct benefit to this geographic area within the EDD. (See 13 C.F.R. § 301.3 (a)(2).)

- No, not applicable.** The project is located in a region that meets the economic distress criteria in section B.3.
- Yes, this project will provide a "substantial direct benefit" to residents of an area meeting the economic distress criteria.** Please provide an explanation below.

If Yes,
explain:

5. **Project Beneficiaries:** Identify private sector employers that will benefit from the project, and attach letters of commitment electronically (using the 'Attachments' form that is part of the application package downloaded from www.Grants.gov) or in hardcopy, if available. In the last column, select 'Committed' if the company has committed to being a partner in the project or 'Interest Only' if it has merely expressed interest. PLEASE NOTE: Exhibit A must be completed for EACH beneficiary listed in the chart below. The applicant must send an electronic or hard copy of Exhibit A to each beneficiary. Each beneficiary should then complete Exhibit A and return to the applicant. Once received, the applicant can attach Exhibit A (all copies) electronically using the 'Attachments' form that is part of the application package downloaded from www.Grants.gov or the applicant can submit Exhibit A (all copies) as part of a hard copy application.

If none, check this box, do not complete this chart, and go to Section C.

Company	Products and Services Produced by Company (6 digit NAICS code)	Number of Company Jobs Saved by Project	Number of Company Jobs Created by Project	Amount of Company Investment (\$)	Company Committed or Only Interested?

Note: If EDA determines that your project merits further consideration, you will be required to provide letters of commitment from the project's beneficiaries, verifying the above information.

Falk, Jessica

To: Terrie Salinas
Subject:

EQUIPMENT:

This project will create an economic development centralized data base. This data base will utilize two complete computer systems with networking capabilities, two monitors for asset mapping, modular software components to embed GIS logic in other applications and build custom applications.
Estimated cost: \$10,000.00

Specialized Software to be purchased including a three-year license.
Estimated cost: 5,000.00

Total Equipment Cost: \$15,000.00

**SECTION E - BUDGETING AND STAFFING SUPPLEMENT:
TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS
FOR NON-CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE ONLY**

1. Explain the proposed use of any amounts budgeted for "Equipment," "Contractual," or "Other," if any, on Form SF-424A, 'Budget Information - Non-Construction Programs.'

Contractual. The preparation, coordination, and development of a regional economic adjustment plan for rebuilding, restoring, and expanding economic activity in a region severely impacted by natural disasters. This plan will cover four counties in extreme South Texas. Upon completing the project, the LRGVDC will purchase the technology and equipment necessary to store and utilize all of the data and information to create long-term regionally-based, economic redevelopment strategies

2. Explain the types of indirect costs, if any, on Form SF-424A.

See attachment.

Note: A completed Indirect Cost Rate Agreement or other documentation applicable to an indirect cost rate determination will be requested if EDA selects the project for further consideration.

3. Identify key applicant staff who will undertake and complete project activities. Include a description of the knowledge, organizational experience, and expertise of individual staff members. In addition, explain how organizational resources will be used to complete project activities. For National Technical Assistance, Training and Research and Evaluation projects, specify which positions will be charged to the federal and non-federal portion of the project budget.

Key staff: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Terrie G. Salinas
Mrs. Salinas has been in this position for thirteen years. She has been employed with the Council of Governments for over thirty years and has served as director for various other departments. As the EDD, she has administered several grants for local governments, has served on various economic committees, and has provided years of technical assistance to the region especially to the rural areas where limited funding does not allow the luxury of an economic development staff person. She also administers a program that serves the private sector by assisting in the development, creation and expansion of small businesses through financial resources. S
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR - To be hired.

This person will be the project manager and will be responsible for overseeing the consulting firm. This person will report to the Director and will be responsible for developing and implementing the technology systems to best utilize and store the data in order to create an economic data base for the region.

PROGRAM PLANNER - Existing Economic Dev Planner (1/2 of Staff's time will be dedicated to this grant in order to keep personnel costs down.)

This person will help coordinate and organize all of the local governments, special districts, economic organizations, and private sectors into one comprehensive group. This group will be responsible for ensuring that this project will support the development and implementation of long-term, regionally-based, collaborative economic redevelopment strategies. This



COMMISSION
Adelaide Hoi



July 11, 2008

Mr. Kenneth N. Jones, Executive Director
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
311 N. 15th Street
McAllen, Texas 78501-4705

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for providing the information required to review your indirect cost proposal for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. The plan was reviewed using the criteria established by the Department.

As your state-coordinating agency, we find the following rates acceptable:

Indirect Costs	29.27%
Benefit Costs	50.44%

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Ford". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Betty Ford, Manager
AAA Section

BF/JM

cc: Ms. D. Ann Lyles, Director of Finance
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Mr. Jose L. Gonzales, Director
Lower Rio Grande Valley Area Agency on Aging

Plan will be a major undertaking and it is essential to have all of the key stakeholders involved in all aspects of this major planning effort.

**SECTION K - TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS
FOR ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE ONLY**

Are you applying for a "Strategy Grant" under 13 C.F.R § 307.3. ?

Yes

No

**SECTION M - TO BE COMPLETED BY
CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE APPLICANTS ONLY**

M.1. Metropolitan Area Review

Are you applying for Construction Assistance?

Yes

No

**SECTION N - TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS
FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING
ASSISTANCE ONLY**

Is the primary purpose of the EDA investment to accomplish only the design and engineering work required? Yes

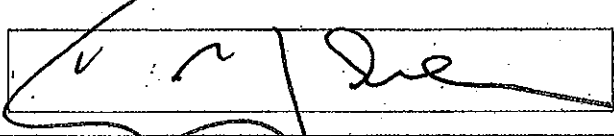
No

ASSURANCES

EDA CAPACITY BUILDING INVESTMENTS ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES

As a duly authorized representative of the applicant, I further certify that the applicant:

1. Will comply with applicable regulations regarding indirect cost rates, if indirect costs are included in the application.
2. Will comply with the requirement that this investment assistance will not provide a proprietary benefit to a private individual, a for-profit corporation or other commercial entity.
3. Understands that attorneys' or consultants' fees, whether direct or indirect, expended for securing or obtaining EDA investment assistance are not eligible costs. See 13 C.F.R. § 302.10(a).
4. Understands that conflicts of interest or appearances of conflicts of interest are prohibited and may jeopardize this application, or result in the forfeiture of investment funds. A conflict of interest occurs, for example, where a representative, official, employee, architect, attorney, engineer or inspector of the applicant, or a representative or official of the federal, State or local government, has a direct or indirect financial interest in the acquisition or furnishing of any materials, equipment, or services to or in connection with the project. See 13 C.F.R. § 302.17.
5. Will comply with the reporting requirements under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 for measuring and reporting project performance.

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council & Rio Grande Regional Water Authority</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 30px;"></div>
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0040), Washington, DC 20503.

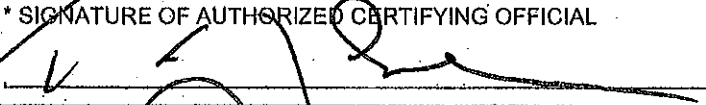
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

<p>* SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL</p> 	<p>* TITLE</p> <p>Executive Director</p>
<p>* APPLICANT ORGANIZATION</p> <p>Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council & Rio Grande Regional Water Authority</p>	<p>* DATE SUBMITTED</p>