

**PROPOSAL** 

John Fagot
President, Lexington City Council
City of Lexington
Lexington, NE 68850

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned declares that this Proposal is made in good faith, without fraud or collusion with any person or persons submitting a proposal on the same Contract; that the undersigned has carefully read and examined the "Request for Proposal" documents, including Information and Instructions, Scope of Service, Information Required, all Addenda (if any), and understands them. Further, the undersigned declares that it has extensive experience in successfully providing the services required under the specifications of this Request for Proposal.

The undersigned acknowledges that it has not received or relied upon any representations or warrants of any nature whatsoever from the City of Lexington, its agents or employees, and that this Proposal is based solely upon the undersigned's own independent business judgment.

In submitting this Proposal, it is understood that the right is reserved by the City to accept any Proposal, to reject any or all Proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Proposal, and to make the award in any manner the City believes to be in its best interest.

DAWSON COUNTY AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL P. O. BOX 106 COZAD, NE 69130

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: PRINTED NAME OF SIGNER: Jennifer Wolf

TITLE OF SIGNER: Executive Director EMAIL OF SIGNER: jwdad@cozadtel.net



## **DESCRIPTION OF FIRM:**

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<u>PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT</u>: The Dawson County Area Economic Development Council (DAD) was formed to provide broad-based policy guidance and implementation of a Dawson County Economic Development Action Plan. The organization is made up of representatives from key sectors whose actions will collectively shape the area's future, including city government, county government, chambers of commerce, local development organizations, the regional economic development district and others as deemed appropriate.

MISSION STATEMENT: To promote a spirit of unity and cooperation in order to plan, organize, and effect the future development of the Dawson County area. The Council shall endeavor to diversify the local economy, foster a favorable business climate, help existing businesses grow and expand, retain existing jobs, create new jobs and career opportunities, and develop the area's resources to their full potential.

### **HISTORY & RELATED EXPERIENCE:**

Dawson County Area Economic Development Council has actively been involved in community and economic development projects since 1989. During DAD's history they have provided a supportive role in the application for CDBG funding for various economic development projects including; MidPlains Holdings, Inc.; Orthman Manufacturing, Inc.; Cornhusker Energy Lexington; Marshall Engines, Inc.; Colorado BioLabs; Baldwin Filters; Frito Lay; Designer Craft Woodworking; Eilers Machine and Welding; LiquidTech; plus various projects involving CDBG reuse funding from Gothenburg, Cozad, and Lexington.

DAD has administered three CDBG OOR housing grants and a CDBG Public Works grant for Lexington. Also, four CDBG ED projects have been administered for various Dawson County communities, and a planning grant for the Village of Eddyville. DAD was also awarded the administration for three CDBG street improvement projects—Sumner, Gothenburg, and Lexington. Cozad and Gothenburg have completed Downtown

Revitalization Studies using CDBG funding and DAD was the administrator for these projects. Phase II of the Downtown Revitalization is now underway in both cities under the administration of DAD.

In 2006, Dawson Area Development was named as a NIFA Outreach Partner to build capacity in housing programs. This three year commitment has been extended to allow more housing programs to be compiled by the DAD Housing Committee. From this committee, a Spec House Risk Sharing Program was initiated. DAD also became a REACH certified Homebuyer Education provider in both English and Spanish classes.

### STAFF:

Jennifer Wolf, Executive Director

Certified CDBG Administrator since 1996 Certification Expires 2011

Ms. Wolf has been directly involved in the Administration of the following CDBG

projects within the past 5 years:

04PW002	City of Arapahoe	\$250,000	Water Source Treatment	
06ED003	City of Cozad	\$300,000	Tabora Farms Economic Development	
07PW014	City of Gothenburg	\$250,000	Street Improvements	
08DTR006	City of Gothenburg	\$ 28,200	Planning Grant for Downtown Revitalization	-
08DTR106	City of Gothenburg	\$250,000	Downtown Revitalization	

# Contact Information for the Above Projects for Reference on Past Performance:

TOWN Village of Maywood Village of Stratton Village of Sumner	CONTACT Nancy Evans Rich Bernt Maria Hollander	ADDRESS PO Box 33 311 Bailey	ZIP 69038 69043	PHONE # 308-362-4299 308-276-2166
Village of Brady Village of Elwood	Bob Golter Steve Koening	PO Box 153	69123	308-584-3316
Village of Sutherland Village of Smithfield	Vicki Dancer Ila Mae Anders	PO Box 277	69165	308-386-4721 308-785-2677
Village of Paxton	Timothy Holzfaster	PO Box 338	69155	308-239-2316
Village of Hyannis	Cheryl Anderson	PO Box 78	69350	308-458-2753
Village of Farnam	Norma Darnall	PO Box 7	69029	308-569-2355
City of Arapahoe	Mark Graf	PO Box 235	68922	308-345-4223

In addition Ms. Wolf has been involved with the following local, state, and federal programs:

USDA-Community Facility Loan Funds

USDA-Community Facility Grant Funds

USDA-Housing Grant & Loan Programs

FHLB of Topeka RFHBG

NDED-Community Development Assistance Act

Weatherization Funds

EDA-Public Works Funds

Foundation Grants including; Peter Kiewit, Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation; Lute Foundation; KM for Kids Foundation; Pony Express Foundation; Gothenburg Area Community Foundation
Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

## Debra Jensen, Community Development Coordinator:

Certified CDBG Administrator since 1995 Certification Expires 2011

Ms. Jensen has been directly involved in the Administration of the following CDBG projects within the past 5 years:

04ED008	Lexington	\$500,000	Orthman Manufacturing
05-PW-008	Lexington	\$350,000	Addition/renovation of Grand Generation Center
05-HO-313	Lexington	\$150,000	Rehabilitation of 9 Owner-Occupied Housing Units
06-PP-018	Eddyville	\$ 18,000	Planning grant for Housing study
07-HO-3090	Lexington	\$108,600	Rehabilitation of 6 Owner-Occupied Housing Units
08DTR002	Cozad	\$ 28,200	Planning Grant for Downtown Revitalization
08DTR102	Cozad	\$250,000	Downtown Revitalization
07PW015	Lexington	\$250,000	Street Paving

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Area Community Foundation

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Nebraska Lied Main Street Program

NE Department of Roads—Transportation Enhancement

NE State Arboretum

NE Game and Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund



#### SCOPE of SERVICES

Deb Jensen, Community Development Coordinator, will be the Project Manager for Administration of CDBG funds for the City of Lexington, for the Planning Project 09-DTR-004.

The services to be provided will include, (as needed and/or required):

Preparing all written reports, checklists, or legal notices required to assure compliance with federal and state environmental requirements;

Establishing and maintaining project files and preparing all documentation and reports required for administration of the grant including: Project Status Reports, Job Creation/Retention Reports, Program Income Reports, Notification of Annual Audit, Final Close-Out Reports.

Assisting the City of Lexington with procurement for work to be completed, in conformance with applicable procurement requirements, including assistance to the engineer with the preparation of bidding documents;

Reviewing all proposed project expenditures to ensure their propriety and proper allocation to the project budget;

Assuring compliance with all applicable civil rights requirements, including preparation of an equal employment opportunity plan and a fair housing resolution;

Attending City of Lexington's council meetings to provide project status reports and representing the CDBG project at any other public meetings deemed necessary; and

Preparing all required performance reports and closeout documents and assisting the City of Lexington with the determination of applicable audit requirements.

CDBG 09-DTR-004 Downtown Revitalization Planning Project	_ PRICE
Activity 1) Environmental Review	\$ 100.00
Activity 2) Fair Housing Activities	\$ 50.00
Activity 3) Special Conditions for Release of Funds	\$ 300.00
Activity 4) Preparation of Semi-Annual Reports	\$ 500.00
Activity 5) Preparation of Drawdowns	\$ 200.00
Activity 6) File Maintenance/Prepare for Monitoring	\$ 350.00
TOTAL BID PRICE	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>