

City of Giddings EDA CARES Supplemental Submission Review

**City of Giddings - Critical Water with Fiber and Downtown
Improvement Project**

July 2020

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
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* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="74-6000983"/>	* c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="0096899510000"/>
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d. Address:

* Street1:	<input type="text" value="118 E Richmond St"/>
Street2:	<input type="text"/>
* City:	<input type="text" value="Giddings"/>
County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>
* State:	<input type="text" value="TX: Texas"/>
Province:	<input type="text"/>
* Country:	<input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>
* Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text" value="78942-4120"/>

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: <input type="text"/>	Division Name: <input type="text"/>
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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: <input type="text"/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Greg"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Goodman"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="713-951-7951"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
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* Email:

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*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Economic Development Administration (EDA)

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title:

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

PWEAA2020

* Title:

FY 2020 EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs including CARES Act Funding

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

City of Giddings Critical Water with Fiber and Downtown Improvements Project

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.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,820,397.76"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="455,099.44"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="2,275,497.20"/>

*** 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 in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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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:

BUDGET INFORMATION - Construction Programs

NOTE: Certain Federal assistance programs require additional computations to arrive at the Federal share of project costs eligible for participation. If such is the case, you will be notified.

COST CLASSIFICATION	a. Total Cost	b. Costs Not Allowable for Participation	c. Total Allowable Costs (Columns a-b)
1. Administrative and legal expenses	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
2. Land, structures, rights-of-way, appraisals, etc.	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
3. Relocation expenses and payments	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
4. Architectural and engineering fees	\$ <input type="text" value="254,500.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="254,500.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="0.00"/>
5. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$ <input type="text" value="35,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="35,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="0.00"/>
6. Project inspection fees	\$ <input type="text" value="30,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="30,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="0.00"/>
7. Site work	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
8. Demolition and removal	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
9. Construction	\$ <input type="text" value="2,386,997.20"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="111,500.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="2,275,497.20"/>
10. Equipment	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
11. Miscellaneous	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
12. SUBTOTAL (sum of lines 1-11)	\$ <input type="text" value="2,706,497.20"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="431,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="2,275,497.20"/>
13. Contingencies	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
14. SUBTOTAL	\$ <input type="text" value="2,706,497.20"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="431,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="2,275,497.20"/>
15. Project (program) income	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
16. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (subtract #15 from #14)	\$ <input type="text" value="2,706,497.20"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="431,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="2,275,497.20"/>
FEDERAL FUNDING			
17. Federal assistance requested, calculate as follows: (Consult Federal agency for Federal percentage share.) Enter eligible costs from line 16c Multiply X <input type="text" value="80"/> % Enter the resulting Federal share.			\$ <input type="text" value="1,820,397.76"/>

Budget Narrative: City of Giddings - Critical Water with Fiber and Downtown Improvement Project

The Giddings Critical Water with Fiber and Downtown Improvement Project for EDA consideration involves the construction of utilities along a portion of US Highway 290 as well as the construction of downtown Improvements, including a new parking lot and utilities for the Sterling Theater complex. The purpose of the improvements is to help the City (grantee) recover by bringing additional economic development opportunities to current and future businesses as well as to provide resiliency against the current COVID-19 pandemic and future pandemic events. The cost of the construction project is estimated at \$2,275,497.20.

The proposed project will also require planning, design and engineering, and construction phase services in order for the construction process to be properly implemented, effective and efficient. The following details the allowable costs of the project:

- Allowable construction and construction-related elements included in this application:
 - Construction of water line: \$1,905,636.00
 - Construction of parking Lot: \$277,699.20
 - Cost of utilities at theater: \$92,162.00
 - Total construction costs: \$2,275,497.20
- Not allowable construction and “soft costs” that are not part of this application:
 - Design and Engineering / Permitting – Schematic design of the water line has been completed and was provided by Strand Engineering. Schematic design of the parking lot and Sterling Theater utilities have been completed and has been provided by The Goodman Corporation. Design and engineering of the fiber line has been completed and was provided by Zochnet. Permitting will be completed during final design. Estimated total A&E and permitting costs: \$254,500.00
 - Construction of the fiber line – Fiber line and conduit will be laid into the same trench as the water line and will be at no cost to the City. Total cost of the fiber components plus labor: \$111,500.00
 - Inspection fees for the project: \$30,000.00
 - Construction Administration – Grantee will use local dollars to pay for construction administration services: \$35,000.00

The grantee, the City of Giddings, is a City and a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and is an eligible applicant qualified to be an eligible recipient of EDA grant funding as per 13 CFR § 300.3. The City will provide the required 20% local match, or \$455,099.44 towards eligible costs as identified in form SF-424C.

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 02/28/2022

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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 assistance 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 costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. 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.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of 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).
9. 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.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. 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.

11. 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 and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the 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.
13. 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.
14. Will comply 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.
15. 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).
16. 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.
17. 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).
18. 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."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE 
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION 	DATE SUBMITTED 



ED-900 – General Application for EDA Programs

A. Applicant Information

A.1. EDA Application Identifier (if available):

A.2. Please identify all applicants for this project:

	Name	SAM.gov CAGE Code	SAM.gov Registration Expiration Date	Fiscal Year End Date (mm/dd)
Lead Applicant	City of Giddings	60GW2	11/24/2020	09/30
Co-Applicant 1				

B. Project Information

B.1. Provide a geographical definition of the region to be served by the investment (project), including the specific geographic location of the project within the region.

The proposed project is located in the City of Giddings, Texas, a rural city in Central Texas of just over 5,000 people that lies within census tract 48287000400 in Lee County. The City is intersected by US Highway 290, which runs directly through Giddings bringing approximately 20,000 visitors a day. The proposed project is within the Capital Area Economic Development District (CAEDD) and part of the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG).

B.2. Describe and outline the scope of work for the proposed EDA investment, including a list of tasks to be undertaken.

The project proposed for EDA investment contains the following scope of work (see attachment - PROJECT MAP):

- Replace existing 2" waterline with an enlarged 12" waterline from the City's existing water tower (Lat.30°10'49.59"N Lon.96°55'19.18"W) east along the northern Highway US-290 right-of-way (ROW) to the eastern boundary of the Giddings' City limits and back along the southern right of way, terminating at County Road 226.
- Along the same ROW as the waterline enhancement, Zochnet, a private Internet service provider serving the local area, will install a fiber optic line to bridge an existing service gap and complete broadband coverage for businesses in Giddings along US-290, including a planned industrial/business park development. The installation of this portion of the fiber will be facilitated by the waterline construction and the cost will not be a part of this application request.
- Downtown improvements, including a newly paved public parking lot owned by the Giddings Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) near the Depot area (Lat.30°11'1.47"N Lon.96°56'19.87"W) and upgraded utility connections at

the Sterling Theatre, including water and sanitary sewer. Both areas of improvement are public facilities, owned by the GEDC.

B.3. Economic development needs

B.3.a. Does the region in which the project will be located have a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes If Yes, what is the source?

Capital Area Economic Development District (EDD) 2015-2020
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

No If No, then please check one:

B.3.a.i. An alternate strategic planning document that governs this investment is attached.

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B.3.a.ii. This investment is to develop a "strategy grant" to develop, update or refine a CEDS.

N/A – Not Applicable

B.3.b. Describe the economic conditions of your region. Define the economic development need to be addressed by the proposed EDA investment and explain how the proposed investment will address that need.

The proposed project is entirely within census tract 48287000400, which also encompasses the entire City of Giddings and is one of four census tracts in Lee County.

- Census tract 0004 is a designated Opportunity Zone (see ATTACHMENT - OPPORTUNITY ZONE MAP). General characteristics of opportunity zones include lower than average median household income and higher than average poverty and unemployment.
- According to the 2018 5-year American Community Survey (CS) data, per capita income in census tract 0004 is 61.24% that of the US average (see ATTACHMENT - PER CAPITA INCOME 2018 ACS) and total population in poverty is 20.5% as compared to the national average of 14.1% (see ATTACHMENT - SOCIAL ECONOMIC CONTEXT 2018 ACS).
- Current conditions have worsened due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had a major impact on the City of Giddings along with rural and urban communities throughout the US. COVID-19 has forced the City of Giddings to limit interactions between residents and businesses with social distancing and shelter-in-place ordinances to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. Non-essential business have had to close or limit their activity, which has adversely affected retail and restaurant business activity and has forced employees to telecommute or work from home. The Giddings Economic Development Corporation issued over \$150k in small business grants to keep local-area businesses that were in jeopardy of closing due to COVID-19 up and running. Most of these businesses were in the service or healthcare industry, which were particularly impacted by the pandemic. These grants and reduced sales tax income because of limited local business activity have drained the City's financial resources.

To recover from the current economic situation, the City has developed infrastructure projects that are primarily designed to increase economic development opportunities for business development for both the local and regional area. The suggested improvements in the proposed project will provide the City of Giddings, along with its employers and residents,

recovery from the current COVID-19 crisis and resiliency against future pandemic events. The project's benefits and nexus to pandemic recovery and resilience include:

- Providing an expanded capacity loop water line to allow for development growth along the US-290 corridor and within the Giddings US-290 Business Park. The business park is an area that is ripe for growth due to the availability of incentives for same. However, this development cannot occur without increased utility capacity, which will help with the City's recovery by supporting incoming business and job growth.
- Create a public parking area in Downtown Giddings and improve utility connections to public facilities (to be leased by private industry, pending utility upgrades). These projects will support existing and future business in Downtown Giddings and align with a recently completed Downtown Strategic Plan.
- Connect critical businesses along the US-290 corridor with safe high-speed reliable internet. Current data shows that 42 million Americans, particularly concentrated in rural areas, do not have access to broadband Internet. The City of Giddings is no exception in that prior to the rollout of fiber optic conduit and cable, City residents and businesses only had phone (DSL), cable or satellite based internet options, limiting the maximum download and upload speeds available. Local fueling stations, during recent disaster evacuation scenarios (Hurricane Harvey) experienced service disruptions due to an inability to maintain data connectivity for fuel pumps and credit card readers. During a pandemic, broadband connectivity can be essential for keeping most businesses operational and facilitating employees to be able to work and handle business remotely.

B.4. Applicant's capability

Briefly describe the applicant's capability to administer, implement, and maintain the project.

The City of Giddings will be the lead entity in administering and implementing all of the project elements, which will be competitively procured following federal guidelines. The City of Giddings will obtain the necessary permits to install the improvements along the 290 corridor. The City of Giddings will maintain all improvements included in the proposed project.

B.5. List and describe the strategic partners and organizations to be engaged in this project

The City of Giddings will be working with a number of strategic partners, including the following:

Giddings Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) - The GEDC is the co-applicant and owns the parking area to be improved, the public facilities to receive utility upgrades, as well as the business park which will benefit from the water line and fiber optic improvements. that will be improved.

Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) - The City worked with CAPCOG on the original project development for this EDA grant funding proposal.

Zochnet - Zochnet is a private broadband Internet provider that is going to install fiber line during construction of the waterline improvements along Hwy. 290. Zochnet's involvement in the project represents pure private investment in what is otherwise a public project. Zochnet will utilize the

open trenching created via the water line installation to install fiber. This fiber can then be used by businesses along the US-290 corridor and at the Business Park. Zochnet will be able to offer enterprise-level broadband services to businesses and the City's new industrial/business park along the project right of way, at no cost to the City.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) - TxDOT will be granting a permit for right of way for construction and continuing control of use along 290 for the provision of water and fiber utilities.

B.6. Describe the investment (project) impact and fit with EDA funding priorities

The proposed project is a priority for the City of Giddings and has previously been coordinated with CAPCOG, the regional planning authority for the central Texas region. The project is in alignment with a number of EDA investment priorities, specifically the following:

1.Recovery & Resilience: Construction of the proposed project will be part of the City's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and will provide resilience towards future pandemics or health-related disasters. The project includes the construction of an enhanced water line, considered critical infrastructure, that will better serve existing and new commercial development along the Highway 290 corridor, including the new industrial/business park. This will provide additional economic development opportunities for the City to aid in their recovery after the shudder of businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The project also includes facilitation of additional fiber conduit installation in tandem with the waterline enhancement construction. Providing high-speed broadband for businesses along 290, including the new industrial/business park, will hasten the City's recovery by creating an innovation-centric economy and providing an economic development incentive to new businesses. Expansion of broadband Internet can also provide resiliency towards future pandemic disasters by facilitating an effective means for employers and employees to work remotely during a shelter-in-place order and through the facilitation of remote tele-med sessions, an important practice for those who are either unable to or feel unsafe to visit their local or regional hospital. Furthermore, the Downtown-based improvements will help to support existing and future business expansion that is currently in jeopardy due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2.Critical Infrastructure: The project involves construction of an enlarged water line, which will provide more economic development opportunities for the City. The fiber component, though private, is a critical infrastructure component for future potential users by allowing safe, secure, and high speed internet connectivity. The Downtown improvements (utilities and public parking) are critical to Downtown Giddings and will facilitate revitalization and growth which is currently hindered.

3.Workforce Development & Manufacturing: The project will be provisioning fiber and enhanced water utilities to the Giddings 290 industrial/business park, which it currently lacks. This will facilitate development at a desirable location at the crossroads of SH-77 and US-290, between Houston and Austin. which will be an incentive to support industrial and manufacturing job creation. The Downtown improvements will directly enable job creation in manufacturing at a distillery and a brewery. This will

occur through the utility and parking components identified in this application.

5. Opportunity Zones: This project is within Census Tract 0004 which is an Opportunity Zone (see attachment - Opportunity Zone Map), due to chronic unemployment and lower population density in the City of Giddings. The proposed EDA project has the opportunity to attracting private investment, grow businesses and create jobs.

The project also directly responds to the Economic Resilience theme in the 2015-2020 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) (see ATTACHMENT - CAEDD CEDS. Increasing the region's accessibility to broadband internet will similarly help stabilize the City after an "economic shock" like the COVID-19 Pandemic.

B.7. Identify the proposed time schedule for the project

The project proposed a start date of November 1st, 2020, with the following milestones:

- i. Design period - November 2020 - March 2021 (5 months)
- ii. Period of time to obtain required permits - April 2021 - June 2021 (3 months)
- iii. Period of time to obtain any required easements or rights-of-way - N/A
- iv. Solicitation of bids and awarding of contracts - July 2021 - August 2021 (2 months)
- v. Construction period - September 2021 - January 2022 (5 months)

B.8. Economic impacts of the project

B.8.a. Please describe the economic impacts of the project:

The proposed Giddings Critical Water with Fiber and Downtown Improvements specifically addresses a number of challenges that the City is facing:

- Increasing water capacity for businesses along the US 290 corridor
- Filling in gaps and dramatically increasing internet speeds for businesses and residents with additional fiber broadband along the US 290 corridor
- Providing additional parking and key utilities for several existing and future businesses in Downtown Giddings.

The estimated jobs created and retained as a result of the project are based upon the jobs created from the construction work required for the project (short-term jobs) as well as jobs created and retained for Giddings businesses as well as potential businesses within the planned Giddings US-290 Business Park (long-term jobs).

Projected construction costs, letters from beneficiaries and projected Phase 1 build out of the Giddings US-290 Business Park were used as the base data for the IMPLAN model, which was used to estimate the direct, indirect, and induced creation of jobs. Please see ATTACHMENT - ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT for the full IMPLAN analysis.

B.8.b. Please identify the total estimated jobs and private investment that is expected to be generated by this project:

Estimated Jobs Created	Estimated Jobs Retained	Estimated Private Investment

B.8.c. Please identify the source of Estimates above (check as many as apply):

- Letters from Beneficiaries of the Project
- Input/Output Model (e.g. IMPLAN, REMI)
- Comparison to Similar Projects
- Other Method (specify below)

B.9. Beneficiaries of the project

Beneficiary Name	NAICS Code	Estimated Jobs Created	Estimated Jobs Retained	Estimated Private Investment
Total				

B.10. Non-EDA funding for the project

B.10.a. 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?

- Yes No (explain below)

B.10.b. Identify the source, nature and amount of all non-EDA funds.

Source	Amount	Date Available	Type	Restriction/Comments
City of Giddings	\$455,099.44	08/01/2020	Cash	Available, fully committed and unencumbered

B.10.c. 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

B.10.d. Please attach documentation confirming non-EDA (matching or cost share) funding:

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B.11. Justification for sole source procurement

Will you contract work to complete part or all of this project?

B.11.a. No

B.11.b. Yes If yes, will contracts be awarded by competitive bid?

B.11.b.i. Yes

B.11.b.ii. No

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.

B.12. Equipment

Will any funds be used to purchase equipment?

B.12.a. No

B.12.b. Yes If yes, will project funding be used to install the equipment?

Yes

No

Please attach a list, including cost, description, purpose, and estimated useful life of any equipment that will be purchased as a part of this project.

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C. Regional Eligibility

C.1. Region

Define the area/region that is the basis for the applicant's claim of eligibility. EDA will review and evaluate documentation submitted by the applicant to verify and determine eligibility.

In response to the emergence of COVID-19, President Trump has made two declarations under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) that enable states to access federal assistance. Most notably, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency, which covers all states and territories. On March 25, 2020, at the request of Governor Abbott, President Trump also declared a major disaster for the entire State of Texas and all Counties

within (see ATTACHMENT - TEXAS COVID-19 PANDEMIC (DR-4485) MAP). This makes Lee County, the State of Texas and the entire United States eligible for EDA Disaster Supplemental funding as per 13 CFR § 301.3(a)(1)(iii) regarding "Special Need". The project is also located within an eligible economic development district: Capital Area Economic Development District (CAEDD).

In addition, the City of Giddings is located within census tract 48287000400 in Lee County, which has a per capita income that is just over 61% of the US average*

*5-Year 2018 ACS - http://www.statsamerica.org/distress/tract_distress.aspx

C.2. Economic Distress

Check all that apply in establishing regional eligibility (see NOFO for more details):

- C.2.A. Unemployment rate
- C.2.B. Per capita income
- C.2.C. Special need, 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 NOFO (please explain below).

C.3. Substantial Direct Benefit

If the project does not meet any of the criteria above, is it located in an Economic Development District (EDD), and will it provide substantial direct benefit to residents of an area within that EDD that does meet the distress criteria?

- Yes No

Which Economic Development District?

Please explain how the proposed project will provide a substantial direct benefit to this geographic area within the EDD.

C.4. Source of data provided for regional eligibility determination

Check the box denoting what data source you used to establish eligibility:

- C.4.a. The most recent ACS data published by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- C.4.b. The most recent Bureau of Labor Statistics Data.
- C.4.c. 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.4.d. If no federal data are available, the most recent data available through the state government for the region in which the project is located.
- C.4.e. Other data to substantiate regional eligibility based on a "Special Need" as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 300.3.

Please attach a copy of the documentation used to support your claim of eligibility:

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D. Budget and Staffing

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D.1. Budget justification

D.2. Indirect costs

D.3. Key applicant staff

E. Administrative Requirements

E.1. Civil rights

E.1.a. Does the applicant understand and agree to comply with all applicable civil rights requirements (see 13 C.F.R. § 302.20)?

- Yes No (explain below)

E.1.b. Do identified "Other Parties" (as listed in question B.9.), businesses that will create and/or save fifteen or more jobs as a result of the EDA project, understand and agree to comply with all applicable civil rights requirements under 13 C.F.R. § 302.20, including the requirement to provide signed assurances of compliance (ED-900B)?

- Not Applicable (No Other Parties Identified) Yes No (explain below)

E.2. Lobbying certifications

Will you be able to comply with federal requirements regarding lobbying?

- Yes No (explain below)

E.3. Compliance with Executive Order 12372, State Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

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)?

- E.3.a. No. Go to Question E.4
 E.3.b. Yes

If Yes, does this request for EDA investment assistance meet the SPOC process established by the state?

- E.3.b.i. No E.3.b.ii. Yes

Please explain why not

If Yes, were SPOC comments/clearance received?

- E.3.b.ii.a. Yes

Please attach the comments/clearance:

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- E.3.b.ii.b. No. The review period has expired and no comments were received.

- E.3.b.ii.c. No. Comments have been requested but the review period has not yet expired.

Please attach evidence of your request for comments:

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E.4. Single Audit Act Requirement

E.4.a. Does the applicant understand and agree to the requirements of subpart F of 2 C.F.R. part 200 regarding federal audits?

Yes No

E.4.b. Is the applicant currently audited under the Single Audit Act?

E.4.b.i. No

E.4.b.ii. Yes, If yes:

E.4.b.ii.a. What is the date of the most recent audit?

E.4.b.ii.b. Was this audit submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse?

Yes No

F. Requirements for Non-Governmental Applicants (Excluding Public Universities and Certain District Organizations)

As indicated below, non-governmental applicants (excluding public universities and district organizations) must also provide a copy of the following items, either using the Attachments form that is part of the application package downloaded from www.Grants.gov or providing a hard copy.

F.1. Non-profit organizations must provide a current Certificate of Good Standing from the State in which they are incorporated.

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F.2. New non-profit organization applicants must provide their Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Non-profits with an active EDA grant must either provide a) a revised copy of their Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws if these have been amended or b) a statement certifying that there has been no change in the organization's Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws.

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F.3. Non-profit organizations must provide a resolution passed by a general purpose political subdivision of a State (e.g., local government entity) or a letter signed by an authorized representative of a local government acknowledging that the applicant is acting in cooperation with officials of the political subdivision. EDA may waive this requirement for certain projects of significant regional or national scope (see 13 CFR § 301.2(b)).

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F.4. If applying for a construction or RLF investment, an applicant must afford the appropriate general purpose governmental authority a minimum of 15 days to review and comment on the proposed project (13 CFR § 302.9(a)).

Will the applicant be able to provide these comments?

Yes

Not applicable, because the applicant is not applying for a construction or RLF grant

Not applicable, because this requirement has been satisfied under an existing RLF plan

No, for another reason (explain below)

Instructions for Form ED-900

A. Applicant Information

A.1. EDA Application Identifier – If EDA has previously provided an identifier for your proposal/application, please enter that identifier here. Otherwise, leave blank.

A.2. Please identify all applicants for this project:

The Lead Applicant should be the party who is responsible for handling disbursement of funds and reporting to EDA.

Note that Sam.gov registration is required of all EDA applicants and awardees. Please list the relevant CAGE Code and SAM.gov expiration data for all applicants and co-applicants (if any).

B. Project Information

B.1. Provide a geographical definition of the region to be served by the investment (project), including the specific geographic location of the project within the region.

Clearly and concisely describe the region where the project will be located, including the specific geographic location of the project within the region, as well as background on the assets of the area, which may include clusters, and workforce, physical, educational and financial infrastructure.

B.2. Describe and outline the scope of work for the proposed EDA investment, including a list of tasks to be undertaken.

List specific activities that will be undertaken and the specific deliverables that will be produced as a result of this investment. The description of the proposed project must include a clear statement of the overall purpose of the project.

Applicants for construction assistance (including design and engineering assistance) should also include a statement of project components. Indicate if the proposed project involves the construction of a new facility or facilities or the enlargement, expansion, renovation, or replacement of an existing facility or facilities. Describe the existing facility and proposed project components in terms of dimensions, capacities, quantities, etc.

Applicants for Partnership Planning Assistance should provide a narrative on the economic development activities that will be undertaken including managing and maintaining the CEDS process.

Applicants for Short Term Planning Assistance should provide a narrative explaining how the proposed scope of work will enhance economic development planning capacity of the identified region. Include any relationship or collaboration with other public and private entities. Please explain how the strategy will expand the capacity of public officials and economic development organizations to work effectively with employers and enable the region to plan and coordinate the use of available resources to support economic recovery and the development of a regional economy and/or develop innovative approaches to economic revitalization in the region.

Applicants for State Planning Assistance should provide a narrative outlining the proposed scope of work for the project. Include the relationship to any existing CEDS or similar planning processes in the region and the goals and objectives of the proposed project.

B.3. Economic development needs

Except for grants to fund developing, updating or refining a CEDS 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.

B.3.a. Does the region in which the project will be located have a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

If Yes, what is the source? *Note: If you are unsure if your region has a CEDS, please contact your local District Organization. In areas without a District Organization, CEDS may also be obtained at the City, County, or State level.*

If No, then please check one of the indicated options:

B.3.a.i. There is an alternate strategic planning document that will govern this investment. Please identify the strategy and provide a copy of this planning document, either by attaching the document to this application or submitting a hard copy.

B.3.a.ii. This investment is to create a strategy plan to develop, update or refine a CEDS. Please explain how the strategy will expand the capacity of public officials and economic development organizations to work effectively with employers and enable the region to plan and coordinate the use of available resources to support economic recovery and the development of a regional economy and/or develop innovative approaches to economic revitalization in the region.

B.3.b. Briefly describe the economic conditions of the region described in B.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. How does the project address the economic development needs of the region and the goals and objectives of the CEDS for the region or the alternate strategic planning document described in section b below? See 13 C.F.R. part 303.

B.4. Applicant's capability

Briefly describe the applicant's capability to administer, implement, and maintain the project.

B.5. List and describe strategic partners and organizations to be engaged in this project

Describe existing regional partnerships (if any) that are directly engaged in supporting the proposed project, including a discussion of the extent of participation of government agencies, private sector interests, education providers, non-profits, community and labor groups, workforce boards, utilities, etc.

B.6. Describe the investment (project) impact and fit with EDA funding priorities

Concisely document how the proposed project aligns with one or more of EDA's investment priorities. Applicants that propose projects that do not align with EDA's investment priorities will not be as competitive as those that do. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review EDA's investment priorities, as outlined in the applicable Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcement on www.Grants.gov.

B.7. 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.

B.8. Economic impacts of the project

Provide a clear and compelling justification for the long-term potential economic impact of the proposed project, through anticipated job creation or retention, private investment leveraging, number of businesses or collaborations supported, or other appropriate measures. All job and private investment estimates should reflect the anticipated impact within nine years of the potential EDA investment. Applicants must attach letters of commitment from any identified beneficiaries.

For all other measures, applicants should clearly identify the expected time frame. In all cases, applicants must document the benefit and provide third-party data or information available to support these claims.

B.9. Beneficiaries of the project

If applicants have identified specific private sector employers that are expected to create and/or save jobs as a result of the project, applicants should list those beneficiaries in the table provided. All job and private investment estimates should reflect the anticipated impact within nine years of the potential EDA investment.

NAICS Code: The NAICS code for the major industry category of the beneficiary company (see www.naics.com for a searchable list).

Jobs Created: The number of jobs that the company expects to create as a result of the project.

Jobs Retained: The number of jobs that the company expects to retain as a result of the project.

Private Investment: The amount of private investment that the company expects to make in its business/ community as a result of the project.

Form ED-900B must be completed by each beneficiary that expects to create and/or save fifteen or more jobs as a result of the project.

B.10. Non-EDA funding for the project

Select the appropriate response to each question. Applicants should 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). 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. 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. Please attach evidence of commitment from all funding sources. For example, if bonds are contemplated as match, counsel opinion of the applicant's bonding authority and eligibility of the bonds for use as match, along with full disclosure of the type of bonds and the schedule of the applicant's intended bond issue, are required.

B.11. Justification for sole source procurement

Select the appropriate response to each question.

B.12. Equipment

Select the appropriate response to each question.

C. Regional Eligibility

Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance projects must satisfy regional eligibility requirements (see NOFO for more details). This section will assist EDA in determining if the proposed project satisfies these eligibility requirements.

Planning and Technical Assistance applications: although meeting specific distress criteria is not a prerequisite for funding under these programs, the economic distress level of the region impacted by a project serves as the basis for establishing the EDA share of the total cost of the project and can inform competitiveness.

Please answer all questions completely and accurately and attach explanations and supporting documentation where applicable.

C.1. Region

Clearly define the area/region that is the basis for your claim of eligibility.

C.2. Economic Distress

Check all that apply in establishing regional eligibility (see NOFO for more details):

C.2.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.

C.2.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.2.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 NOFO.

C.3. 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 C.2 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 C.2 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 C.2., and explain how the proposed project will provide a substantial direct benefit to this geographic area within the EDD. (See NOFO for more details.)

C.4. Source of data provided for regional eligibility determination

Check the appropriate box denoting what data source you used to establish eligibility. Please attach data used to establish eligibility.

D. Budget and Staffing

To be completed by applicants for non-construction assistance only

D.1. Budget justification

Provide a clear budget justification that identifies how funds in each line item of the budget will be utilized to support the proposed project. Explain the proposed use of any amounts budgeted for "Equipment," "Contractual," or "Other," if any, on Form SF-424A, Budget Information - Non-Construction Programs.

D.2. Indirect costs

Explain the types of indirect costs, if any, on Form SF-424A. If there are any indirect costs, please submit a copy of the current Indirect Cost Rate Agreement that your organization has with its cognizant Federal agency. Alternatively, applicants must provide supplemental documentation such as: a certificate of indirect costs and acknowledgment letter from the cognizant agency, a cost allocation plan, an indirect cost rate proposal and/or other acceptable documents under Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) as set forth in 2 C.F.R. part 200 or relevant procurement regulations.

D.3. Key applicant staff

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.

E. Administrative Requirements

E.1. Civil rights

Select the appropriate response, providing an explanation if "no."

E.2. 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. 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.

E.3. Compliance with Executive Order 12372, State Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

Select the appropriate response to each question, please attach any comments that have been received. If the comment period has not yet expired or comments were not received, attach evidence of your request for comments.

E.4. Single Audit Act Requirement

Select the appropriate response to each question.

F. Requirements for Non-Governmental Applicants (Excluding Public Universities and Certain District Organizations)

As indicated, non-governmental applicants must also provide a copy of the requested items, either using the Attachments form that is part of the application package downloaded from www.Grants.gov or submitting a hard copy. Public Universities and Certain District Organizations may be exempt from this requirement, please contact your Regional Office to determine the requirements applicable to your organization.



ED-900A - Additional EDA Assurances for Construction Or Non-Construction Investments

For **ALL** investments: As a duly authorized representative of the applicant, I further certify that the applicant:

1. 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).
2. 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.
3. Will comply with the reporting requirements under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRAMA) for measuring and reporting project performance.

For **CONSTRUCTION** investments: As a duly authorized representative of the applicant, I further certify that the applicant:

1. Will operate and maintain the facility in accordance with at least the minimum standards as may be required or prescribed by applicable federal, State and local agencies for the maintenance and operation of such facilities.
2. Will require the facility to be designed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4151 et seq.) and the Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities regulations, as amended (36 C.F.R. part 1191), and will be responsible for conducting inspections to insure compliance with these requirements.
3. For the two-year period beginning on the date EDA investment assistance is awarded, will refrain from employing, offering any office or employment to, or retaining for professional services any person who, on the date on which the investment assistance is awarded or within the one-year (1) period ending on that date, served as an officer, attorney, agent or employee of the Department of Commerce and occupied a position or engaged in activities that EDA determines involved discretion with respect to the award of investment assistance under PWEDA. See section 606 of PWEDA and 13 C.F.R. §302.10(b).
4. Will have no facilities under ownership, lease or supervision to be utilized in this project that are listed or under consideration for listing on EPA's List of Violating Facilities.
5. Will comply with Executive Order 12699, "Seismic Safety of Federal and Federally Assisted or Regulated New Building Construction," which imposes requirements that federally-assisted facilities be designed and constructed in accordance with the most current local building codes determined by the awarding agency or by the Interagency Committee for Seismic Safety in Construction (ICSSC) and the most recent edition of the American National Standards Institute Standards A58, Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures.

6. Will observe and comply with federal procurement rules, as set forth in 2 C.F.R. part 200, as applicable, for award of any contracts for architectural engineering, grant administration services, or construction financed with EDA investment assistance

For **NON-CONSTRUCTION** investments: 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, for-profit corporation, or other commercial entity.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL

TITLE

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

DATE SUBMITTED



ED-900C – EDA Application Supplement for Construction Programs

A. Metropolitan Area Review

A.1. Projects involving the development of hospitals, airports, libraries, water supply and distribution facilities, sewage and waste treatment works, highways, transportation facilities, water development, or land conservation within a metropolitan statistical area (MSA) require comments from the metropolitan area clearinghouse/agency. Does the proposed project involve any of the above identified developments within an MSA?

- Yes No

A.2. If Yes, please attach either:

- Comments from the responsible metropolitan area clearinghouse/agency and a statement that such comments have been considered; or
- An explanation as to why comments are not available; or
- A statement indicating the date the application was made available to the appropriate metropolitan area clearinghouse/agency and units of general local government for review and certifying that the application has been before the metropolitan area clearinghouse/agency for a period of 60 days without comments or recommendations.

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B. District Organization Project Administration

B.1. Will the District Organization for the region in which the project will be located administer the project for the applicant?

- Yes No

B.2. If Yes, you must certify to all of the following and indicate your certification by checking each box:

- The administration of the project is beyond the capacity of the applicant's current staff and would require hiring additional staff or contracting for such services;
- No local organization/business exists that could administer the project in a more efficient or cost-effective manner than the District Organization; and
- The District Organization will administer the project without subcontracting the work.

B.3. If the project will be administered by the District Organization and you did not certify to all of the above, explain below.

C. Preliminary Engineering Report

To be considered for assistance, all construction and design applications must include a **Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)** that at a minimum provides the following information:

- C.1. Description of project components. Provide a general description of all project components involved in the project. Indicate whether the project involves the construction of new infrastructure or facilities or the renovation or replacement of existing ones. Describe each of the project components in terms of dimensions, quantities, capacities, square footage, etc.
- C.2. A statement verifying that the project components described in the engineering report are consistent with the EDA investment project description that is provided in Section B.2 of Form ED-900. Engineering reports that describe project components that are inconsistent with the EDA investment project description in Section B.2 of Form ED-900 will not be considered valid.
- C.3. Drawings showing the general layout and location of the existing site conditions and of the project components as well as location of any project beneficiary identified in Section B.9 of Form ED-900 that provide economic justification for the project, if any. Rough dimensions and quantities for major project components should be shown and labeled on the drawings. Drawings should clearly identify the project components that are being proposed. Applicants are encouraged to clarify such drawings, for example, through color coding, labeling, and other appropriate methods.
- C.4. A feasibility analysis for the constructability of the project. Include a review of the existing conditions and note particular features, alignments, and circumstances affecting construction of project components.
- C.5. The proposed method of construction. Indicate whether construction procurement will be done through competitive bid or other method. Indicate if any portion of the project is to be done by design/build, construction management at risk, the applicant's own forces, or a third-party construction manager. If an alternate construction procurement method (other than traditional design/bid/build with sealed competitive bid process) is proposed, a construction services procurement plan must be provided to EDA for approval in accordance with EDA's regulation at 13 C.F.R. § 305.6(a).
- C.6. The number of construction contracts anticipated. If multiple contracts are proposed, describe the project components included in each contract. If separate contracts are anticipated for demolition or site work, the budget information cost classification should reflect the estimated costs for these components. If project phasing is proposed, a project phasing request must be provided to EDA for approval per EDA's regulation at 13 C.F.R. § 305.9(a).
- C.7. A current detailed construction cost estimate for each of the project components. Show quantities, unit prices, and total costs and provide a basis for the determination of construction contingencies. The total of this estimate should match the construction line item of the SF-424C.
- C.8. Real property acquisition. If the budget includes costs for acquisition of real property, include a current fair market value appraisal completed by a certified appraiser for the property to be purchased.

- C.9. A list of all permits required for the proposed project and their current status. Identify all permits required; include the timeline to obtain the permits and discuss how the permitting relates to the overall project schedule. If the project crosses a railroad right-of-way or is within a railroad right-of-way, explain any permitting or approvals that may be required from the railroad or other authority and the timeframe for obtaining these permits or approvals.
- C.10. An overall estimated project schedule. This schedule should agree with the project schedule outlined in the ED-900. Include the number of months for each of the following:
- i. design period;
 - ii. period of time to obtain required permits;
 - iii. period of time to obtain any required easements or rights-of-way;
 - iv. solicitation of bids and awarding of contracts, and
 - v. construction period.
- C.11. Overall project budget breakdown. For each “cost classifications” line item that the applicant indicates will be included in the project budget on Form SF-424C, the applicant must provide a breakdown of the proposed project costs and tasks that is consistent with the detailed construction cost estimate for the project provided in the PER.



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D. Title Requirements

D.1. Does the applicant currently hold title to all project facilities, underlying land, necessary easements, and rights-of-way required for the project?

- Yes (go to question D.2) No (explain below)

D.1.a. If No, does the applicant plan to obtain title?

- D.1.a.i. Yes

How and when will the applicant obtain title? (After answering, go to question D.2)

- D.1.a.ii. No

Please explain why not

The waterline/fiber portion of the project will be constructed completely within TxDOT highway right-of-way owned and maintained by the state DOT. Permits will be approved in order for the City of Giddings to utilize TxDOT ROW for the construction of the new water line.

D.1.b. If you indicated that the applicant does not currently have title and does not intend to obtain title, does the applicant hold a long-term lease or hold interest in project property for a period not less than the estimated useful life of the project?

D.1.b.i. Yes. Go to question D.2

D.1.b.ii. No. Please explain below how the applicant will satisfy EDA's title regulation at 13 C.F.R. § 314.7.

Project falls under as exception of the 13 C.F.R. § 314.7 Title rule - "314.7(c)(4) State or local government owned roadway or highway construction." As per exception (c)(4), the project's construction will be completed in accordance to EDA requirements; the City of Giddings is committed during the Estimated Useful Life of the Project to operate, maintain and repair all improvements for the Project consistent with the Investment Assistance; the City will be responsible for any relocation expenses if infrastructure within State right of way has to be moved and; the City will obtain the necessary State permits to construct the project and maintain authorized use for the estimated useful life of the project.

D.2. EDA regulations normally require recipients to provide a security interest and/or covenant of use in the real property or significant items of tangible personal property acquired or improved with EDA investment assistance (see 13 C.F.R. §§ 314.8 & 314.9). Will you be able to provide the required security interest?

Yes No (explain how you will satisfy the requirements of 13 C.F.R. §§ 314.8 & 314.9)

D.3. Will real property or project facilities to be acquired or improved with EDA investment assistance, including any industrial or commercial park acreage, be mortgaged or used to collateralize any type of financing, including but not limited to bonds or tax credits, or is any real property to be used for the project currently mortgaged or being used as collateral?

Yes (explain below) No

D.4. Describe any required State permits, easements, rights-of-way or leases necessary to construct, operate, and maintain the project.

TxDOT utility installation request will be made during design to obtain permission to utilize highway right-of-way for the construction of the new waterline .

D.5. Describe any liens, mortgages, other encumbrances, reservations, reversionary interests or other restrictions on the applicant's interest in the property.

N/A

D.6. Is the project located on a military or Department of Energy installation that is closed or scheduled for closure or realignment?

- Yes No

D.7. Does the project involve construction within a railroad's right-of-way or over a railroad crossing?

- Yes (explain below) No

D.8. Does the project include construction of a highway owned by a State or local government (other than the applicant)?

- Yes (explain below) No

E. Sale or Lease

E.1. Does the applicant intend to sell, lease, transfer, dedicate or otherwise convey any interest in the project facilities, underlying land, or any land improved with EDA investment assistance?

- Yes (explain below) No

E.2. Is the purpose of the project to construct facilities to serve an industrial or commercial park or sites owned by the applicant for sale or lease to private parties?

No Yes

Identify the owners of the acreage, provide an estimate of the number of acres benefiting from the proposed investment and explain how EDA's requirements will continue to be met after any sale or lease.

The City of Giddings Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) owns an approximately 170 acre business park development along the 290 corridor on the east side of the City. The new business park as well as businesses along the project corridor will directly benefit from the proposed improvements with the enhanced waterline and added fiber connectivity. The City of Giddings will continue to meet all EDA requirements as per the use of awarded funding for the lifetime of the project.

Note: Applicants may be asked to provide documentation that EDA's requirements will continue to be met after the sale or lease of project property.

E.3. Is the purpose of the project to construct facilities to serve a privately owned industrial or commercial party or other privately owned sites for sale or lease?

No Yes

If Yes, identify the owners of the acreage, estimate the number of acres benefiting from the proposed investment, and explain below how EDA's requirements will continue to be met after the sale or lease. Note that EDA may require that the private owner agree to certain restrictions on the use of the property and may require that those restrictions survive any sale or transfer of the property. In addition, EDA may require evidence that the private party has title to the park or site and may require the private party to provide other assurance that EDA determines are necessary to ensure that the property is used in a manner consistent with the project purpose. See 13 C.F.R. § 314.3(c) and § 314.7.

E.4. For privately owned land improved by the proposed project, is the private owner willing to enter into an agreement to limit the sale price of the improved land to its fair market value before the improvements for a reasonable period of time?

Yes (explain below) No/Not applicable (no private owners)

E.5. Is the purpose of the project to construct, renovate or purchase a building?

Yes (explain below) No

E.5.a. Will the building be leased in whole or in part?

Yes (explain below) No

E.5.b. Is the purpose of the building to provide incubator space to new companies?

Yes (explain below) No

E.5.c. Will there be limitations on the length of the lease term?

Yes (explain below) No

E.5.d. Is the purpose of the project to provide building space to a single user or multiple users?

Yes No

E.5.e. Explain below the terms of any proposed lease.

F. State Historic Preservation Requirements

Have comments from the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) already been received?

Yes (attach comments) No

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Note: If comments have not already been received, the applicant will be required to submit materials to SHPO. Regardless of whether the applicant believes historic or archaeological artifacts are present, the applicant will be required work with its SHPO. Specific requirements for states' SHPOs can generally be found on their websites. Applicants can also request additional information from EDA Regional Offices.

Please note that the SHPO clearance process can be lengthy. When submitting this material to the SHPO, the applicant must request that the SHPO submit comments on the proposed project to the EDA Regional Office processing the application.

G. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Requirements

G.1. Please attach an environmental narrative and applicant certification clause using the template found on www.eda.gov.

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Federal agencies are required by law to assess the expected environmental impacts associated with proposed federal actions. Depending on its analysis of information submitted by the applicant, EDA may request additional information to better understand the current environmental conditions and the project elements that will affect the environment.

Comprehensive information is required to complete an environmental review in accordance with NEPA. Information must be provided for the:

- (i) site where the proposed project facilities will be constructed and the surrounding areas affected by its operation; and
- (ii) areas to be affected by any primary beneficiaries of the project.
- (iii) The information submitted must be sufficient to evaluate all reasonable alternatives to the proposed project and the direct and indirect environmental impacts of the project, as well as the cumulative impacts on the environment as defined in the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA. See 40 C.F.R. parts 1500-1508.

The level of detail should be commensurate with the complexity and size of the project and the magnitude of the expected impact. Previously completed environmental impact documentation (assessments, impact statements, etc.) for activities in the region in which the proposed project will be located may be used as documentation.

H. Business Incubators and Accelerators

Does the applicant intend to construct or renovate a business incubator, accelerator, commercialization center, or similar project?

No

Yes

Please attach a feasibility study demonstrating the need for the Project and an operational plan based on industry best practices demonstrating the Eligible Applicant's plan for ongoing successful operations. See the applicable NOFO for additional information and guidance.

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ED-900E – Calculation of Estimated Relocation and Land Acquisition Expenses

- a. Are relocation expenses part of the proposed project's EDA budget? Yes No
- b. Will the proposed project cause the displacement of individuals, families, businesses or farms? Yes No

If **Yes**, explain how relocation procedures will comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1990 (13 C.F.R. § 302.5 ; see Certification #11 on Form SF-424D, 'Assurances - Construction Programs', for an explanation of this requirement.)

All applicants must complete the "Calculation of Estimated Relocation and Land Acquisition Expenses" form (below), and enter the estimated total for "costs incidental to land acquisition" (line item 1) on line item 3 ("relocation expenses and payments") of Form SF-424C, 'Budget Information - Construction Programs.' This is separate from the estimated purchase price of the property.

ITEM 1. COSTS INCIDENTAL TO LAND ACQUISITION - ESTIMATES	
Number of land transactions involved (including options, easements and rights-of-way):	
Recording fees, transfer taxes, surveys, appraisals, title search and similar expenses-Section 303(1)	
Penalty costs-Section 303(2)	
Real Property taxes-Section 303(3)	
Litigation expenses-Section 304(a)	
Total - Estimated costs incidental to transfer of title	
ITEM 2. RELOCATION - ESTIMATES	
a. TENANTS - Estimates: Number of Claims	
(1) Moving Expenses:	
Actual Expenses-Section 202(a)(1)	
In lieu payments-Section 202(b)	
Total - Moving Expenses	
(2) Replacement housing payments:	
Rental payments-Section 204(1)	
Down payment-Section 204(2)	
Total - Replacement housing payments	
Total - Estimated Tenants	

b. OWNER-OCCUPANTS - Estimates: Number of Claims	
(1) Moving Expenses:	
Actual Expenses-Section 202(a)(1)	
In lieu payments-Section 202(b)	
Total - Moving Expenses	
(2) Replacement housing payments:	
Purchase payments-Section 203(a)(1)	
Reasonable replacement costs-Section 203(a)(1)(A)	
Increased interest costs-Section 203(a)(1)(B)	
Closing costs-Section 203(a)(1)(C)	
Rental payments-Section 204(1)	
Down payment-Section 204(2)	
Total - Replacement housing payments	
Total - Estimated Owner-Occupants	
c. BUSINESS - Estimates: Number of Claims	
Moving Expenses:	
Actual Expenses-Section 202(a)(1)	
Actual loss of tangible personal property-Section 202(a)(2)	
Actual searching expenses-Section 202(a)(3)	
In lieu payments-Section 202(c)	
Total - Estimated Business	
d. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS - Estimates: Number of Claims	
Moving Expenses:	
Actual Expenses-Section 202(a)(1)	
Actual loss of tangible personal property-Section 202(a)(2)	
Actual searching expenses-Section 202(a)(3)	
In lieu payments-Section 202(c)	
Total - Estimated Nonprofit Organizations	
e. FARM OPERATIONS - Estimates: Number of Claims	
Moving Expenses:	
Actual Expenses-Section 202(a)(1)	
Actual loss of tangible personal property-Section 202(a)(2)	
Actual searching expenses-Section 202(a)(3)	
In lieu payments-Section 202(c)	
Total - Estimated Farm Operations	
f. ADVISORY SERVICES - Estimates: Number of Claims	
Total - Expenses of grantee/borrower-Section 205	

g. ADMINISTRATION - Estimates: Number of Claims	
Contracting with individual, firm, association, or corporation-Section 212	
Agreement w/ Federal or State government agency or instrumentality-Section 212	
Total - Estimated Administration	
ITEM 3. GRAND TOTAL	
Enter the sum of Items 1 and 2 (parts (a) through (g)) in this Item	
GRAND TOTAL RELOCATION EXPENSES	

**CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS
CRITICAL WATER WITH FIBER AND DOWNTOWN
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
ENVIRONMENTAL NARRATIVE**

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ENVIRONMENTAL NARRATIVE

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. BENEFICIARIES

The City of Giddings plans to bring expanded utilities and fiber optic infrastructure to a rural, underserved community, as well as downtown improvements including added utilities upgrade and additional public parking in this proposed project. Beneficiaries of the project are:

- Businesses along US 290 benefiting from the fiber installation
- New business park on US 290 benefiting from the water line/utility upgrade and delivery of fiber
- Sterling Theater and brewery/distillery complex benefitting from new connections of water and sanitary sewer lines
- Downtown businesses benefited by the additional parking lot located at the Sterling Theater complex.

2. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

The proposed project for EDA investment consists of the following scope of work:

- Replace existing 2" waterline with an enlarged 12" waterline from the City's existing water tower (Lat.30°10'49.59"N Lon.96°55'19.18"W) east along the northern Highway US-290 right-of-way (ROW) to the eastern boundary of the Giddings' City limits and back along the southern right of way, terminating at Country Road 226.
- Along the same ROW as the waterline enhancement, Zochnet, a private Internet service provider serving the local area, will install a fiber optic line to bridge an existing service gap and complete broadband coverage for businesses in Giddings along US-290, including a planned industrial/business park development. The installation of this portion of the fiber will be facilitated by the waterline construction and the cost will not be a part of this application request.
- Downtown improvements, including a newly paved parking lot owned by the Giddings Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) near the Depot area (Lat.30°11'1.47"N Lon.96°56'19.87"W) and upgraded utility connections at the Sterling Theatre, including electric, water, and sanitary sewer.

See topographic map and site map below.

- Legend
- Lot
 - Parking Lot
 - Fiber Line
 - Water Line Upgrade
 - GiddingsEAD072020 - Points
 - 1918 Sterling Theatre
 - Giddings Water Tower



Figure 1: Topographic Map (World Topographic Map. Arc GIS Online. <https://www.arcgis.com>. Accessed July 21, 2020.)

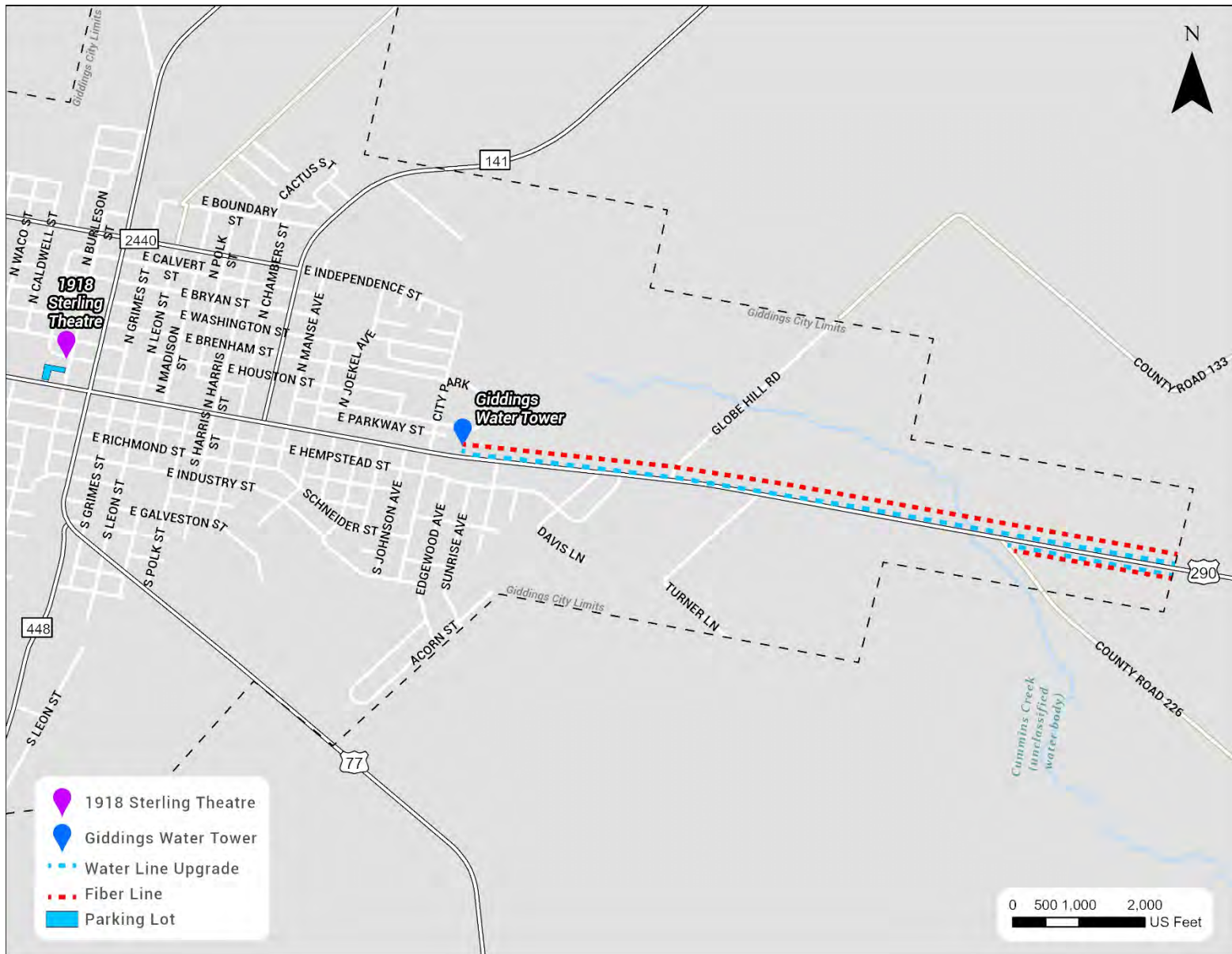


Figure 2: Site map.

3. NEED AND PURPOSE

Improvements will enhance the development potential of the business park and for the US-290 corridor, bringing economic development opportunities to the City. The expansion of fiber will stimulate new jobs and sustain current jobs by providing support for telemedicine, workforce training and telecommuting, as well as general economic development.

4. ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT

No alternatives are being considered. The proposed project supports the local goals of stimulating and sustaining jobs. If the project is not implemented, none of the benefits will be achieved.

B. HISTORIC/ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

There are two National Register properties (Schubert House at 183 Hempstead St. and Lee County Courthouse bounded by Hempstead, Grimes, E. Richmond, and Main Streets) near the parking lot/theater at western end of the project area (see Figure 3); these sites are both over 500 feet from proposed project work. There are several museums downtown and numerous historical markers in the downtown area around the courthouse.

The Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church cemetery is located on the eastern end of the project area just west of Country Road 226.

It is anticipated that work will occur within the existing right-of-way; therefore, the area of potential effect for analysis of cultural resources would be properties adjacent to the project alignment, consistent with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) guidance.

The cemetery is adjacent to US 290 on the south side, but project work is proposed only on the north side of 290 until east of County Road 226 (approximately 800 feet from the cemetery (see Figure 4).

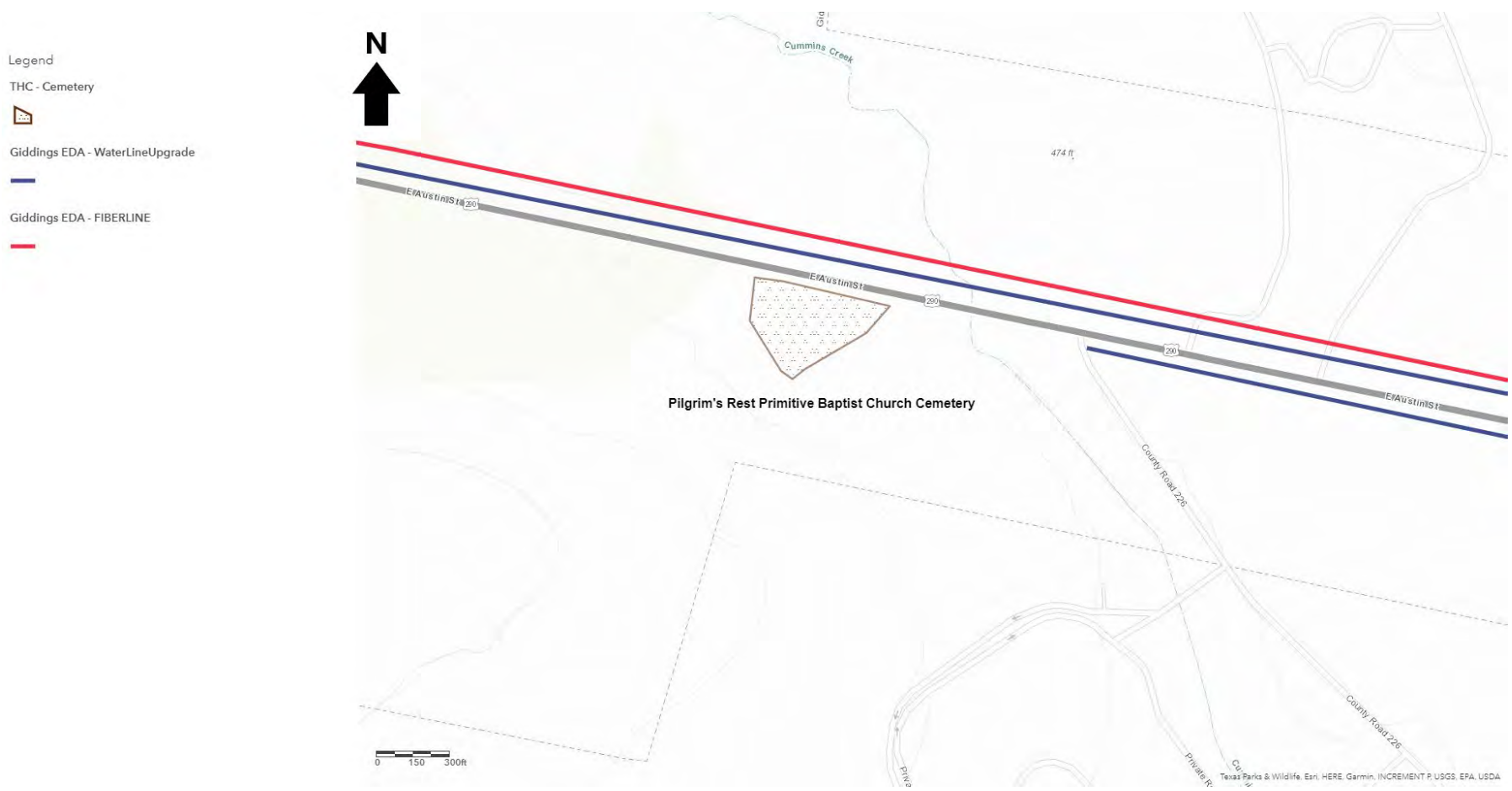


Figure 4: Adjacent Cemetery (Arc GIS Online. Texas Historic Atlas. <https://www.arcgis.com>, accessed July 8, 2020.)



Figure 6: Location #1 looking west (Google Earth, accessed July 8, 2020.)



Figure 7: Location #2 looking west (Google Earth, accessed July 8, 2020.)



Figure 8: Location #2 looking east (Google Earth, accessed July 8, 2020.)



Figure 9: Location #3 looking west (Google Earth, accessed July 8, 2020.)



Figure 10: Location #3 looking east (Google Earth, accessed July 8, 2020.)

2. COASTAL ZONES

The project site is not located within the Coastal Zone.

3. WETLANDS

The project alignment crosses a wetland near the eastern end (see Figure 11). Project work is expected to be in the existing disturbed right-of-way and not involve any digging, dredging, or depositing of materials into wetlands areas.

5. ENDANGERED SPECIES

Available U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) data were consulted regarding biological resources. The USFWS IPac (Information for Planning and Consultation) report indicated that there is no critical habitat in the project area.

A consultation letter for threatened and endangered species from USFWS, an IPac resources list, and an IPac species determination are included as Attachment A.

6. LAND USE AND ZONING

The project is located within the City of Giddings. Development along the US 290 project corridor in downtown is small scale retail and commercial. Toward the eastern end of the project alignment, development is more strip-style (fast food, gas stations), as well as industrial and large vacant parcels.

The entire project is located within Farmland of Statewide Importance (see Figure 13). Much of this Farmland has been developed (downtown, commercial uses along US 290) and is not currently used for agriculture. Because the project will be in previously disturbed right-of-way adjacent to existing roadways, it is not anticipated to adversely impact farmland soils.

- Legend
- Giddings EDA - Tower_Theatre
 -
 - Giddings EDA - WaterLineUpgrade
 -
 - Giddings EDA - FIBERLINE
 -
 - Giddings EDA - ParkingLot
 -
 - USA Soils Farmland Class
 - Prime Farmland
 - Farmland of Local Importance
 - Farmland of Statewide Importance
 - Farmland of Unique Importance
 - Not Prime Farmland

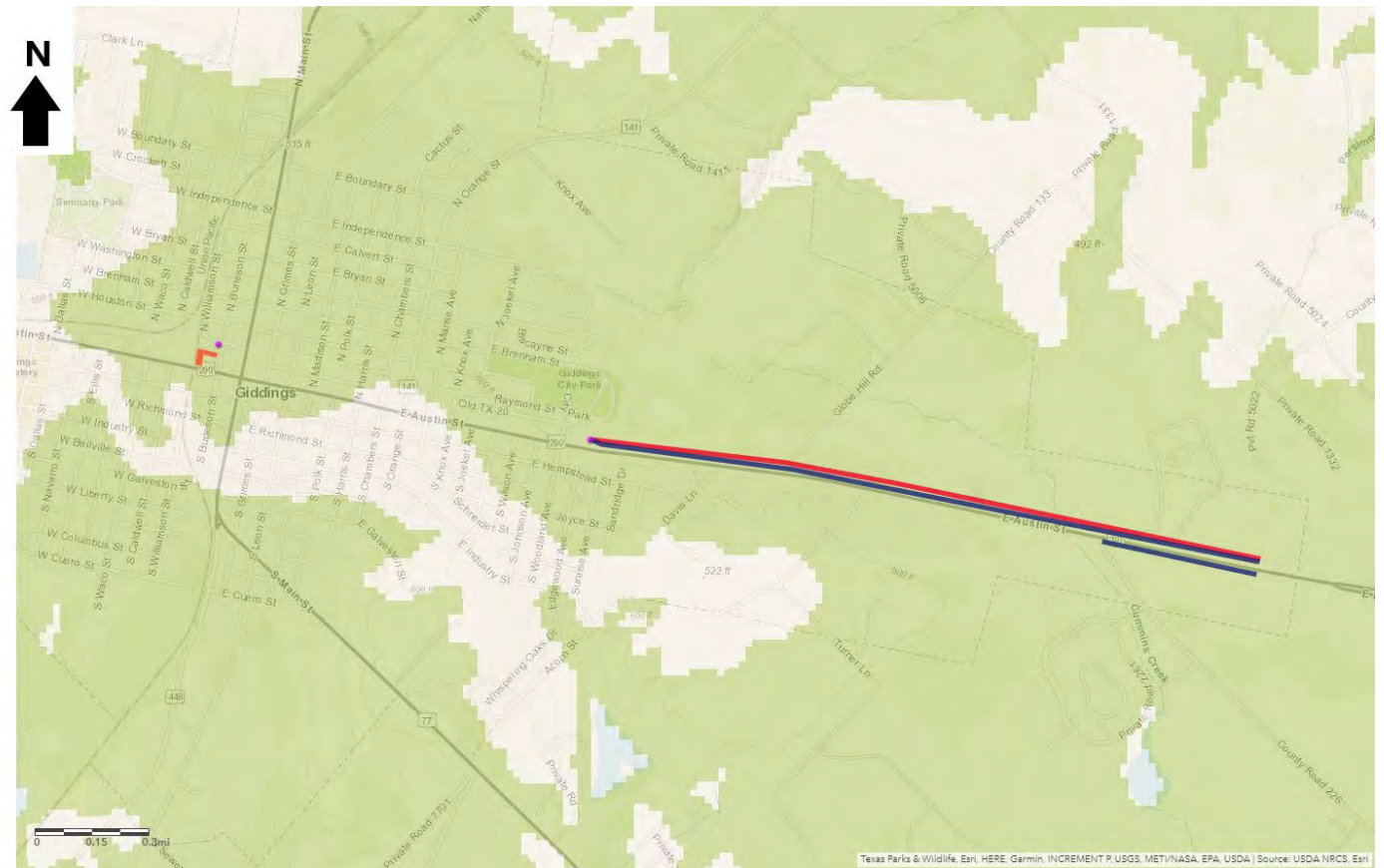


Figure 13: Farmland Soils (USA Soils Farmland Class. Arc GIS Online. <https://www.arcgis.com>, accessed July 8, 2020.)

7. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Not applicable. The project will not produce solid waste, but standard routine maintenance will be performed to minimize operational issues in the long-term.

8. HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC SUBSTANCES

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment has not been conducted for this project. A very high-level Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) records indicate that there are several registered hazardous materials sites along the US 290 corridor (see Figure 14).

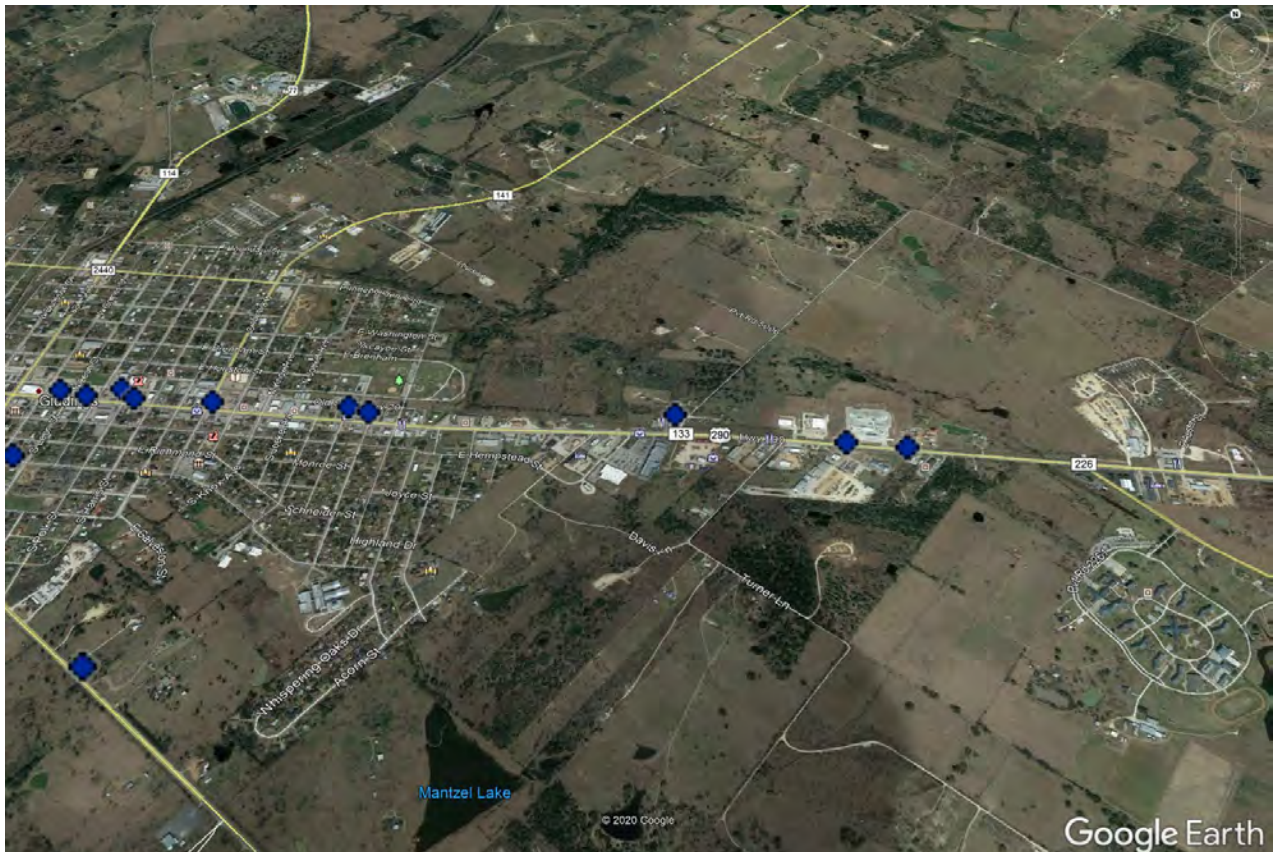


Figure 14: TCEQ Registered Hazardous Waste Sites (TCEQ Open Data Portal. <https://gis-tceq.opendata.arcgis.com/>, accessed July 8, 2020.)

9. WATER RESOURCES

The alignment crosses over Cummins Creek. Project work is expected to be in the existing disturbed right-of-way and not adversely impact groundwater, stormwater runoff, or surface water.

The site is not located within an area mapped by the Environmental Protection Agency as a sole source aquifer recharge area.¹

10. WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Not applicable. No local domestic or industrial/commercial water resources will be utilized.

11. WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FACILITIES

Not applicable. The project does not involve the collection or disposal of wastewater generated by household uses.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 12898)

The project is located within four Census Block Groups (see Figure 15):

- 482870003.002
- 482870004.001
- 482870004.003
- 482870004.004

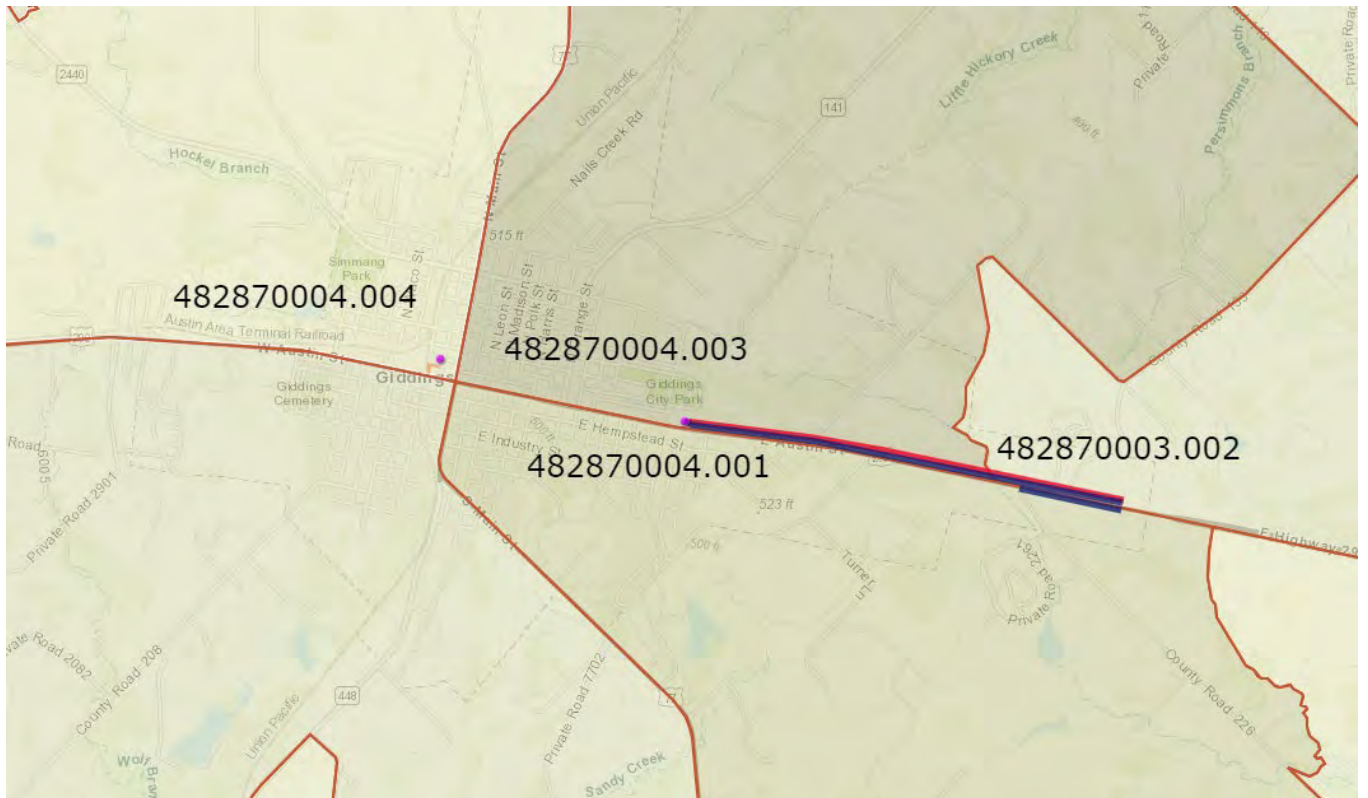


Figure 15: Project Area Block Groups (Arc GIS Online Business Analyst. <https://bao.arcgis.com>, accessed July 8, 2020.)

¹ Environmental Protection Agency Interactive Map of SSAs. <https://www.epa.gov/dwssa>, accessed July 8, 2020.

Data on income and population characteristics is provided in the maps and table below.

Based on the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate:

- The City of Giddings’ non-white population is approximately 30 percent.
- The City of Giddings’ Hispanic population is approximately 36 percent.
- The City of Giddings’ median household income is approximately \$44,837.
- Approximately 22 percent of families are below poverty level in the City of Giddings.

Block Groups in the project area other than 482870003.002 have higher non-white populations than the City of Giddings. Two Block Groups (482870004.001 and 482870004.004) have higher Hispanic populations than the City. All project area Block Groups have higher median household incomes than the City of Giddings. All project area Block Groups have a lower or the same percentage of households below poverty level.

No long-term adverse permanent impacts are anticipated to Environmental Justice (EJ) communities. There may be temporary construction impacts related to traffic, noise, and air quality. These impacts are expected to be minimal and addressed with best management practices (BMP). No communities will be bisected, and no businesses or households will experience substantial negative short- or long-term impacts. Any impacts resulting from project work are expected to be focused on the project site and not of a disproportionate burden on any surrounding areas.

SOCIOECONOMIC DATA				
BLOCK GROUP	MINORITY POPULATION	HISPANIC POPULATION	MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME	HOUSEHOLDS BELOW POVERTY LEVEL
482870003.002	27.16%	18.78%	\$57,614	8.05%
482870004.001	46.66%	29.12%	\$62,523	16.72%
482870004.003	59.96%	49.3%	\$51,558	14.08%
482870004.004	68.54%	47.7%	\$47,101	22.82%

Table 1: Socioeconomic Data [2020 Minority Population (%) by Block Group; 2020 Hispanic Population (%) by Block Group; 2020 Median Household Income by Block Group; 2018 ACS Households Below the Poverty Level (%). Arc GIS Online Business Analyst, <https://bao.arcgis.com>. Accessed July 8, 2020.]

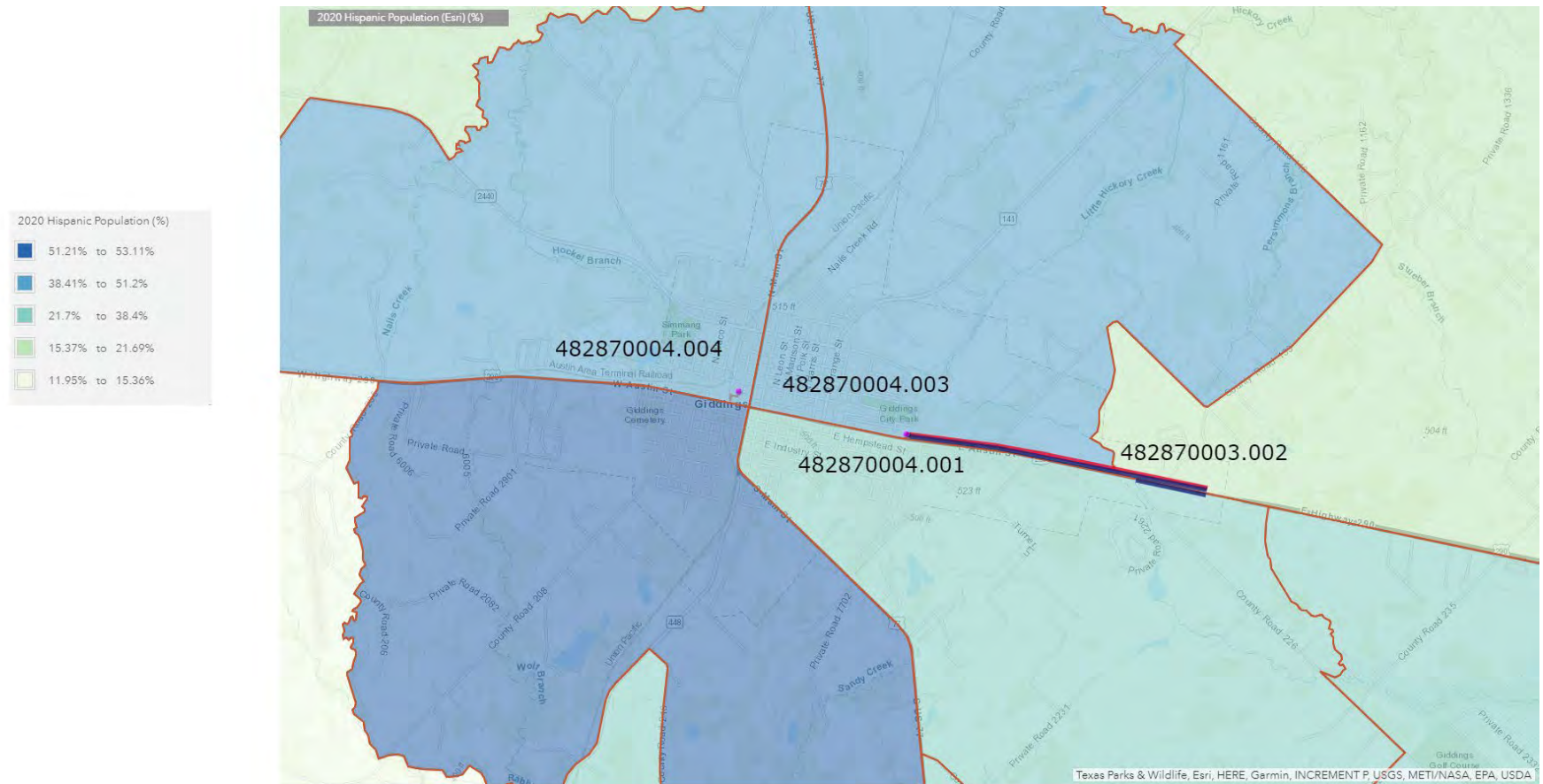


Figure 17: Hispanic Population [2020 Hispanic Population (%) by Block Group. Arc GIS Online Business Analyst, <https://bao.arcgis.com>. Accessed July 8, 2020.]

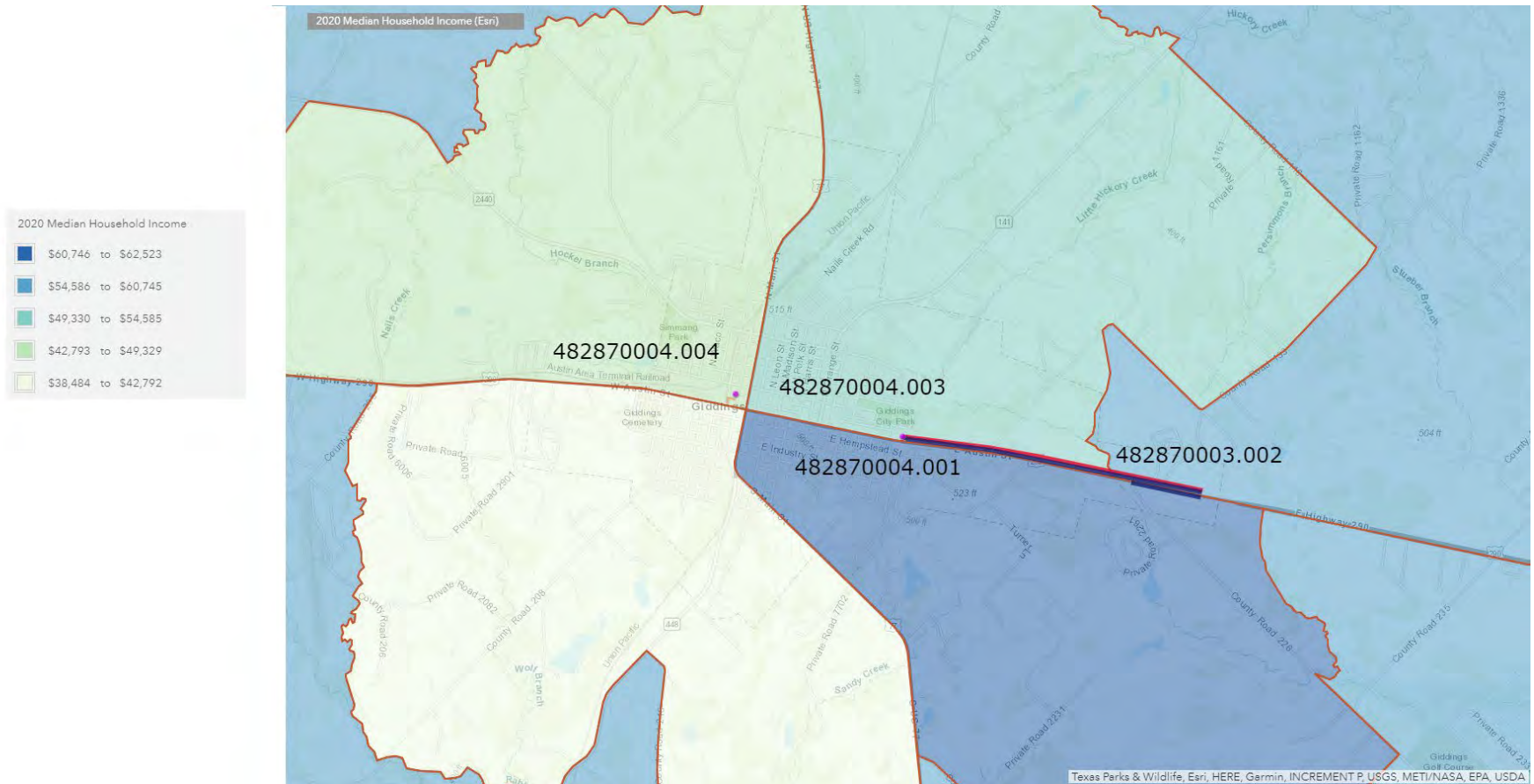


Figure 18: Median Household Income [2020 Median Household Income by Block Group. Arc GIS Online Business Analyst, <https://bao.arcgis.com>. Accessed July 8, 2020.]

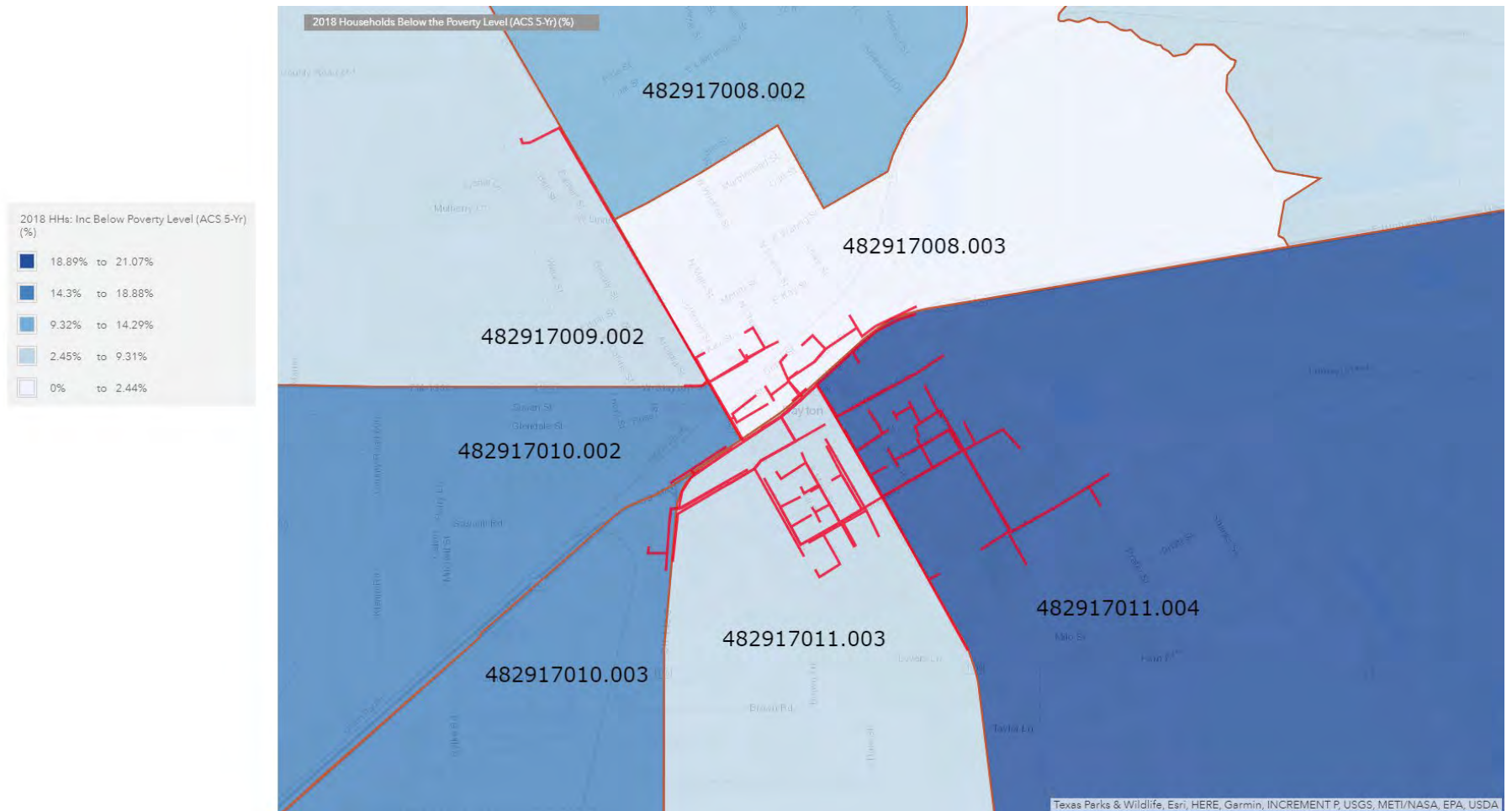


Figure 19: Poverty Level [2018 ACS Households Below the Poverty Level (%). Arc GIS Online Business Analyst, <https://bao.arcgis.com>. Accessed July 2, 2020.]

13. TRANSPORTATION (STREETS, TRAFFIC AND PARKING)

The proposed project does not involve construction of roadways and will not impact traffic or parking. Any temporary impacts during construction would be mitigated with BMPs.

14. AIR QUALITY

The project will not add vehicle capacity to roadways or increase emissions. Adverse impacts to air quality are not anticipated.

15. NOISE

The project will not add vehicle capacity to roadways or increase noise levels. Adverse impacts are not anticipated.

16. PERMITS

It is not anticipated that the project will require any special permits.

17. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION/CONTROVERSY

The project is not expected to be controversial. The project has been presented multiple times at City of Giddings Council meetings.

18. CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

The expanded capacity loop water line will allow for development growth along the US-290 corridor and within the Giddings US-290 Business Park. The expansion of fiber throughout the City will stimulate new jobs and sustain current jobs by providing support for telemedicine, workforce training, and telecommuting, as well as general economic development. Utility upgrades will benefit the Sterling Theater complex which will be hosting a future brewery and distillery. The new parking lot will provide additional parking for the Sterling Theater complex as well as additional surrounding downtown businesses.

D. MITIGATION

Other than standard BMP during construction, it is not anticipated that mitigation measures will be required for the project.

E. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – IpaC Report



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July 08, 2020

Consultation Code: 02ETAU00-2020-SLI-1756

Event Code: 02ETAU00-2020-E-03629

Project Name: Giddings EDA

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that *may* occur within the county of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Please note that new information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Also note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of federally listed as threatened

or endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect these species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

While a Federal agency may designate a non-Federal representative to conduct informal consultation or prepare a biological assessment, the Federal Agency must notify the Service in writing of any such designation. The Federal agency shall also independently review and evaluate the scope and content of a biological assessment prepared by their designated non-Federal representative before that document is submitted to the Service.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by a federally funded, permitted or authorized activity, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. The following definitions are provided to assist you in reaching a determination:

- *No effect* - the proposed action will not affect federally listed species or critical habitat. A “no effect” determination does not require section 7 consultation and no coordination or contact with the Service is necessary. However, if the project changes or additional information on the distribution of listed or proposed species becomes available, the project should be reanalyzed for effects not previously considered.
 - *May affect, but is not likely to adversely affect* - the project may affect listed species and/or critical habitat; however, the effects are expected to be discountable, insignificant, or completely beneficial. Certain avoidance and minimization measures may need to be implemented in order to reach this level of effect. The Federal agency or the designated non-Federal representative should consult with the Service to seek written concurrence that adverse effects are not likely. Be sure to include all of the information and documentation used to reach your decision with your request for concurrence. The Service must have this documentation before issuing a concurrence.
 - *Is likely to adversely affect* - adverse effects to listed species may occur as a direct or indirect result of the proposed action. For this determination, the effect of the action is neither discountable nor insignificant. If the overall effect of the proposed action is beneficial to the listed species but the action is also likely to cause some adverse effects to individuals of that species, then the proposed action “is likely to adversely affect” the listed species. The analysis should consider all interrelated and interdependent actions. An “is likely to adversely affect” determination requires the Federal action agency to initiate formal section 7 consultation with our office.
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Regardless of the determination, the Service recommends that the Federal agency maintain a complete record of the evaluation, including steps leading to the determination of effect, the qualified personnel conducting the evaluation, habitat conditions, site photographs, and any other related information. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at: <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF>.

Migratory Birds

For projects that may affect migratory birds, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) implements various treaties and conventions for the protection of these species. Under the MBTA, taking, killing, or possessing migratory birds is unlawful. Migratory birds may nest in trees, brushy areas, or other areas of suitable habitat. The Service recommends activities requiring vegetation removal or disturbance avoid the peak nesting period of March through August to avoid destruction of individuals, nests, or eggs. If project activities must be conducted during this time, we recommend surveying for nests prior to conducting work. If a nest is found, and if possible, the Service recommends a buffer of vegetation remain around the nest until the young have fledged or the nest is abandoned.

For additional information concerning the MBTA and recommendations to reduce impacts to migratory birds please contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Birds Office, 500 Gold Ave. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. A list of migratory birds may be viewed at <https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/migratory-bird-treaty-act-protected-species.php>. Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers can be found at: <https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/guidance-documents/communication-towers.php>. Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines

<https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/guidance-documents/wind-energy.php>) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Finally, please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 et seq.), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan <https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/guidance-documents/eagles.php>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
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Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Austin Ecological Services Field Office

10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200

Austin, TX 78758-4460

(512) 490-0057

Project Summary

Consultation Code: 02ETAU00-2020-SLI-1756

Event Code: 02ETAU00-2020-E-03629

Project Name: Giddings EDA

Project Type: Federal Grant / Loan Related

Project Description: fiber optic and utility improvements

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/30.17943050539943N96.91529711331705W>



Counties: Lee, TX

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 7 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 3 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.
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Birds

NAME	STATUS
<p>Least Tern <i>Sterna antillarum</i></p> <p>Population: interior pop. No critical habitat has been designated for this species. This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wind Energy Projects <p>Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8505</p>	Endangered
<p>Piping Plover <i>Charadrius melodus</i></p> <p>Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except those areas where listed as endangered. There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wind Energy Projects <p>Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039</p>	Threatened
<p>Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus rufa</i></p> <p>No critical habitat has been designated for this species. This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wind Energy Projects <p>Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864</p>	Threatened
<p>Whooping Crane <i>Grus americana</i></p> <p>Population: Wherever found, except where listed as an experimental population There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/758</p>	Endangered

Amphibians

NAME	STATUS
<p>Houston Toad <i>Bufo houstonensis</i></p> <p>There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2206</p>	Endangered

Clams

NAME	STATUS
<p>Texas Fatmucket <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i></p> <p>No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9041</p>	Candidate
<p>Texas Fawnsfoot <i>Truncilla macrodon</i></p> <p>No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8965</p>	Candidate

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

APPENDIX A – APPLICANT CERTIFICATION CLAUSE

Appendix A: Applicant Certification Clause

The applicant represents and certifies that it has used due diligence to determine that the description of the project site described herein is accurate with respect to the presence or absence of contamination from toxic and hazardous substances. The term “site” includes the entire scope of the project, including future phases of the project and all areas where construction will occur.

1. Is the site currently, or has it in the past 50 years, been used for any of the following operations or activities:
 - a. Generation of hazardous substances or waste?
 Yes No
 - b. Treatment, storage (temporary or permanent), or disposal of solid or hazardous substances or waste?
 Yes No
 - c. Storage of petroleum products?
 Yes No
 - d. Used/waste oil storage or reclamation units?
 Yes No
 - e. Research or testing laboratory?
 Yes No
 - f. Ordinance research, testing, production, use, or storage?
 Yes No
 - g. Chemical manufacturing or storage?
 Yes No
 - h. Weapons or ammunition training, use, or testing?
 Yes No
 - i. Iron works/foundry?
 Yes No
 - j. Railroad yard?
 Yes No
 - k. Industrial or manufacturing operation?
 Yes No

If any of the above operations ever occurred at the site, and if appropriate cleanup or other mitigation actions were performed in accordance with the local, State, and federal laws, please attach documentation of these actions.

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2. Do wells draw from an underlying aquifer to provide the local domestic water supply?
 Yes No

3. Has a federal, State, or local regulatory authority ever conducted an environmental assessment, environmental impact statement, or a preliminary assessment/site inspection, or similar environmental surveyor inspection report at the site? If yes, please list here and attach copies of these reports or results.
 Yes No

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

4. Have any environmental or OSHA citations or notices of violation been issued to a facility at the site? If yes, please attach copies.
 Yes No

5. Have any unauthorized releases of hazardous substances occurred at any facility at the site which resulted in notification of the EPA's National Response Center?
 Yes No

6. Is any material containing asbestos or lead paint located at the site? If yes, please attach information concerning State and federal regulatory compliance.
 Yes No

7. Is there any equipment (electrical transformers, etc.) containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) on the site? If yes, please attach a description of the equipment.
 Yes No

8. Are there underground or above ground storage tanks on the site? If yes, please attach a detailed description, including the number of underground storage tanks on the site, whether the tanks have been inspected (or removed) and the results of such inspections.
 Yes No

9. Has the site been tested for radon? If yes, please attach results.
 Yes No

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10. Have there been, or are there now any environmental investigations by federal, State or local government agencies that could affect the site in question? If yes, please attach available information.

_____ Yes X No

The applicant acknowledges that this certification regarding hazardous substances and/or waste is a material representation of fact upon which EDA relies when making and executing an award. EDA reserves the right to terminate any award made in conjunction with the representations contained herein if, at any time during the useful life of the project, EDA becomes aware of the presence of hazardous materials or waste at the site, or that hazardous materials or waste have been inappropriately handled thereon.

Further, if it is determined at any time that the presence of hazardous materials or waste, or handling thereof, has been misrepresented, EDA may pursue other available legal remedies against the applicant.

Applicant's Name

Name and Title of Applicant's Authorized Representative

Signature of Applicant's Authorized Representative

Date

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

City of Giddings

* AWARD NUMBER

PWEAA2020

* PROJECT NAME

Giddings Critical Water and Fiber Optic Infrastructure

Prefix: * First Name: Middle Name:

* Last Name: Suffix:

* Title:

* SIGNATURE:

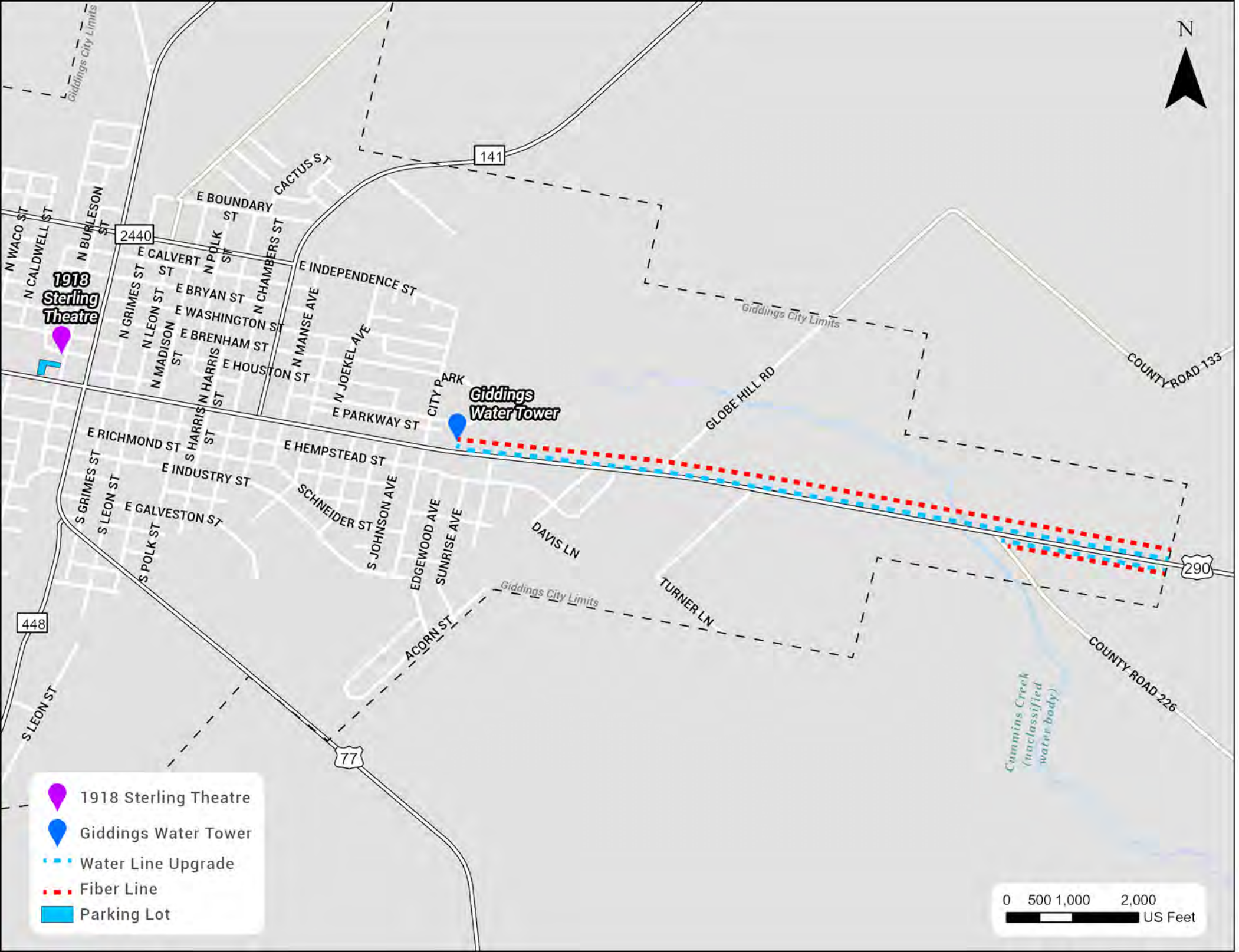
* DATE:

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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






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.

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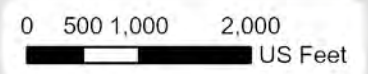


1918 Sterling Theatre

Giddings Water Tower

-  1918 Sterling Theatre
-  Giddings Water Tower
-  Water Line Upgrade
-  Fiber Line
-  Parking Lot

Cummins Creek
(unclassified water body)





DOWNTOWN GIDDINGS

Economic Development
STRATEGIC PLAN



2020

JULY 2020

Completed for: The City of Giddings, Texas
The Giddings Economic Development Corporation

Funded through: The Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Capital Fund
Economic Development Planning Pilot Program

Completed by:



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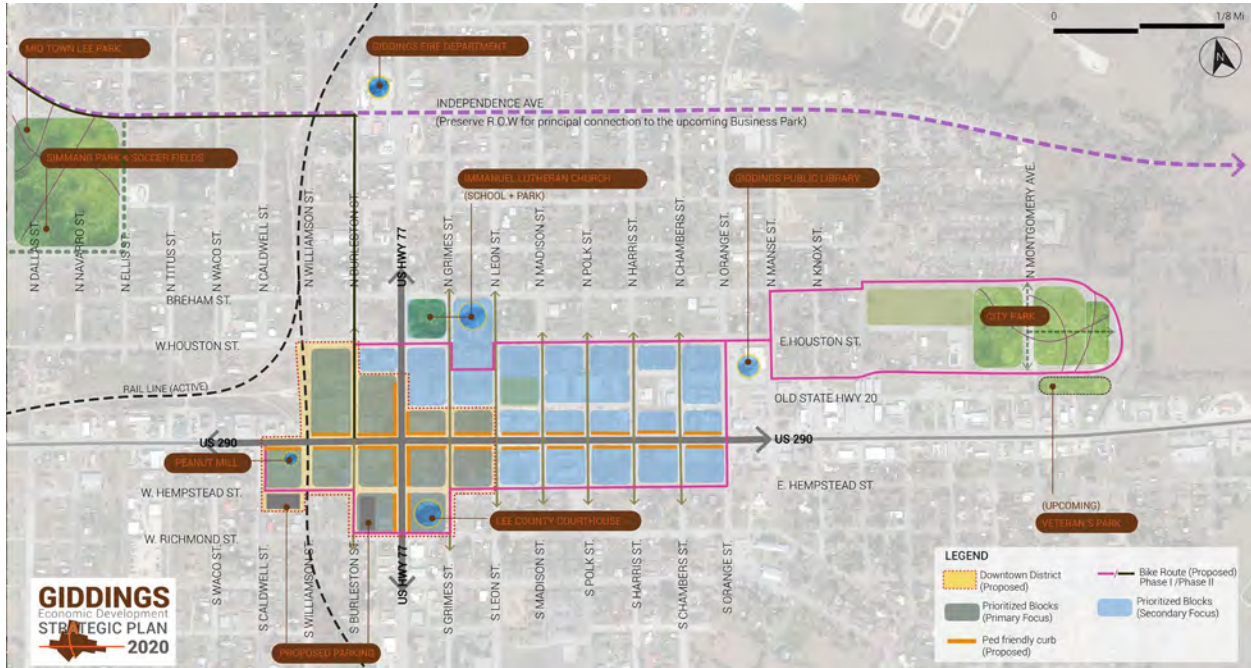


EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Downtown Giddings Economic Development Strategic Plan provides goals and recommendations developed to support and strengthen the economic vitality and resiliency of Downtown Giddings. The recommendations in this plan envision a modified Downtown boundary, referred to as the Proposed Downtown District. The plan also comprehends a vision for expansion beyond the initial focus area in a 'secondary focus area.'

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Primary Study Area: Downtown Giddings Project Overview



The identified mission statement for this plan is: to support and strengthen the economic vitality and resiliency of Downtown Giddings.

The goals identified throughout the planning process are as follows:

- Align Activities Amongst Public Partners
- Maintain and Enhance the City’s Identity as a Unique and Desirable Place
- Prioritize Public Investment in Downtown Giddings
- Improve the Public Realm in Downtown Giddings
- Better Connect Civic Assets to Downtown Giddings
- Support the Availability and Development of Quality Housing Stock Through Infill Redevelopment

The goals are to be realized through the implementation of the following recommendations:

Improve the Giddings Depot and Sterling Theatre

Upgrade the existing parking area at the Depot to improve parking conditions and area aesthetics. Install water and wastewater connections to the Sterling Theatre to make the property developable.

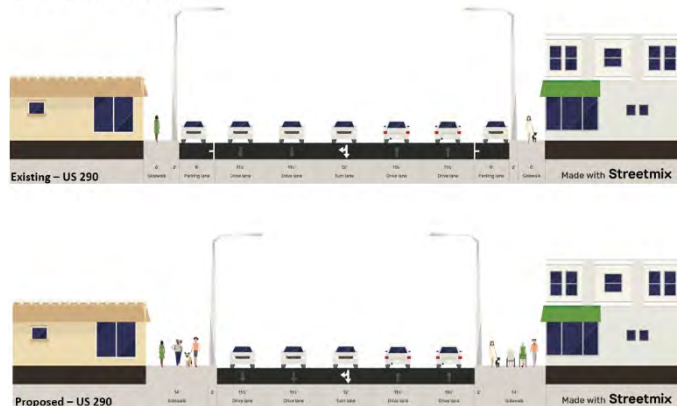


Improve the Downtown Pedestrian Realm

Re-purpose the existing 9-foot-wide parking lane along portions of US-290 and SH-77 to allow for wider sidewalks, landscaping, pedestrian lighting, improved street-lighting, light-pole banners, and wayfinding elements.



US 290 STREET SECTIONS



Implement a Wayfinding Program

In conjunction with all the capital projects referenced, incorporate a wayfinding program.

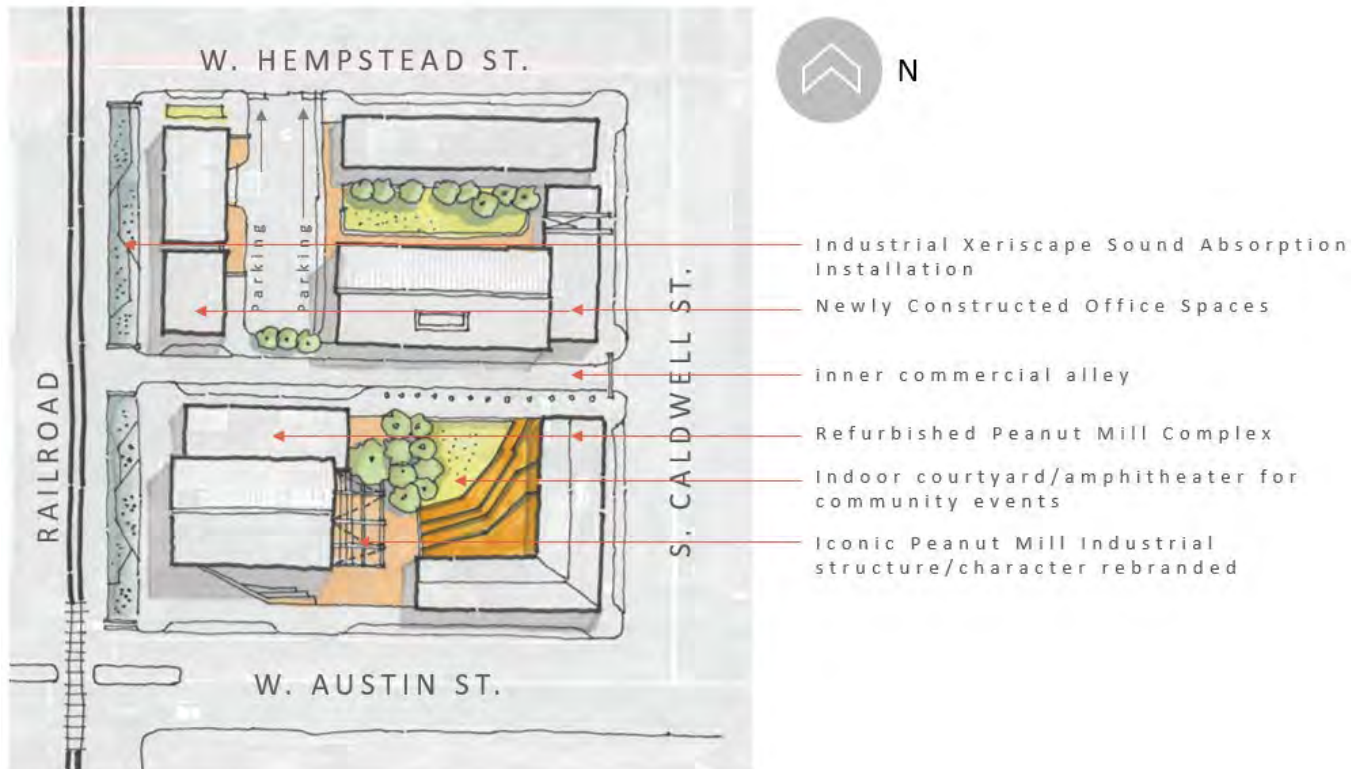
Plan and Develop a Downtown Giddings Incentive Program

Plan, develop, and promote a specific incentive program for the proposed Downtown District. It can also, in the future, be expanded to the secondary focus area. This activity should be completed in conjunction with as many public partners as possible.

EXAMPLE OUTPUT FROM DOWNTOWN INCENTIVES:

PEANUT MILL REDESIGN PROPOSAL

Celebrating the industrial roots of Giddings



This sketch is not to scale

Build Out High Speed Reliable Internet

Complete the proliferation of high-speed reliable internet throughout Giddings by partnering with local private utility providers.

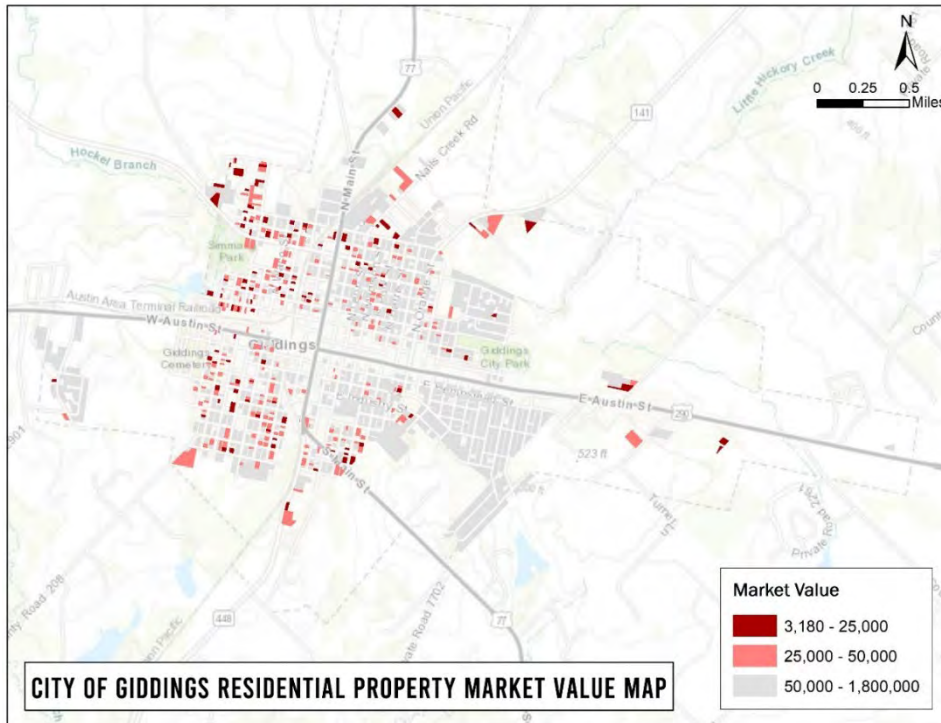
Refresh Municipal Gateway Markers

Replace the existing municipal gateway markers with new, larger, and back-lit signage to increase Giddings’ sense of place.



Plan and Develop an Infill Housing Incentive Program

Plan, develop, and promote a specific incentive program which targets infill residential (re)development. This activity should be completed in conjunction with as many public partners as possible.



Actively Program Downtown

Work with area partners (both public and private) to increase the frequency and intensity of Downtown programming.




Create the Giddings Neighborhood Loop

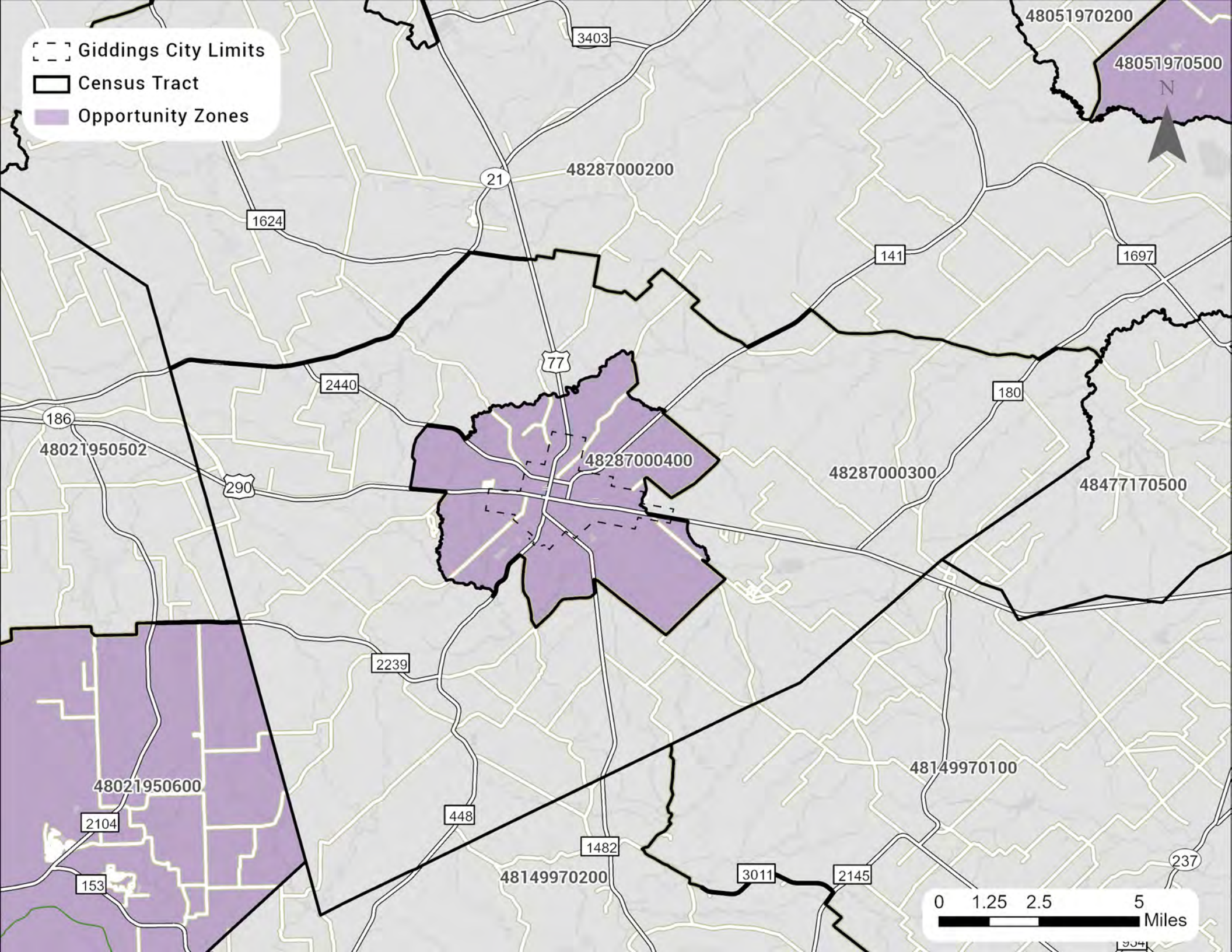
Better connect Giddings' community assets with the development of a multi-modal shared use system. The "Loop" can be implemented in a variety of cost constrained options.



Protect a Future Off-290 Connection to Business Park

Protect the right-of-way associated with the extension of Independence Avenue east to the Business Park to facilitate a future off-290 connection between Downtown Giddings and the Business Park.

-  Giddings City Limits
-  Census Tract
-  Opportunity Zones



A Tool for Economic Development

A fast simple way to calculate whether a county, region or neighborhood may meet grant thresholds for unemployment and income. Just select county or tract and the tool will create regions or neighborhoods based on your choices.

Note: The ability to draw tracts may take up to a minute to initialize. Please wait for the map to draw your tract after you make a selection.

Tract-Based Tool

[Switch to the county-based tool](#)

1. Select geography using the map and/or the dropdowns

State: County:

Tract Number:

Tract 48287000400

You may select up to 255 Tracts



You are in NAVIGATE Mode (Move Map, Zoom)
Click to switch to SELECT Mode

Distress Report ▼

Social & Economic Context ▼

Distress Criteria Statistical Report

Reference Date: All data is from Census ACS Estimates
 Region Consists of: 48287000400
 Report Date: 7/19/2020 1:44:11 PM

Economic Distress Criteria—Primary Elements

	Region	U.S.	Threshold Calculations
2018 Unemployment Rate (5-Year ACS)	5.6	5.9	-0.3
2018 Per Capita Money Income (5-Year ACS)	\$19,979	\$32,621	61.25%

Economic Distress Criteria—Geographic Components

	Unemp. Rate 2018 ACS	Threshold Calculation	PCMI 2018 ACS	Threshold Calculation
Tract 0004.00 Lee, TX	5.6	-0.3	\$19,979	61.2

Sources: U.S. Bureaus of Census, Labor Statistics, and Economic Analysis; Calculations generated by StatsAmerica.

Social & Economic Context – Annual Metrics

Includes: 48287000400

Population by Age, 2018

	0004.00 Lee, TX	Pct. of Total	U.S.	Pct. of Total
Total	6,128	100%	322,903,030	100%
Preschool (0 to 4)	406	6.6%	19,836,850	6.1%
School Age (5 to 17)	1,314	21.4%	53,716,390	16.6%
College Age (18 to 24)	879	14.3%	30,903,719	9.6%
Young Adult (25 to 44)	1,473	24.0%	85,331,186	26.4%
Adult (45 to 64)	1,208	19.7%	83,876,304	26.0%
Older Adult (65 plus)	848	13.8%	49,238,581	15.2%
Median Age*	34.7		37.9	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, latest 5-Year Estimates

*Median Age is averaged for combined areas

Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2018

	0004.00 Lee, TX	Pct. of Total	U.S.	Pct. of Total
Total	6,128	100%	322,903,030	100%
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	0	0.0%	2,699,073	0.8%
Asian Alone	130	2.1%	17,574,550	5.4%
Black Alone	1,166	19.0%	40,916,113	12.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	0	0.0%	582,718	0.2%
White Alone	4,098	66.9%	234,904,818	72.7%
Two or More Race Groups	108	1.8%	10,435,797	3.2%
Hispanic or Latino				
Total Hispanic or Latino	2,312	37.7%	57,517,935	17.8%
Mexican	2,189	35.7%	36,131,618	11.2%
Cuban	5	0.1%	2,217,445	0.7%
Puerto Rican	61	1.0%	5,527,605	1.7%
Other	57	0.9%	13,641,267	4.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, latest 5-Year Estimates

Educational Attainment, 2018

	0004.00 Lee, TX	Pct. of Total	U.S.	Pct. of Total
Total Population 25 and Older	3,529	100.0%	218,446,071	100.0%
Less Than 9th Grade	318	9.0%	11,521,575	5.3%
9th to 12th, No Diploma	227	6.4%	15,426,482	7.1%
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	1,257	35.6%	59,265,308	27.1%
Some College, No Degree	892	25.3%	45,027,332	20.6%
Associate Degree	224	6.3%	18,338,323	8.4%

Bachelor's Degree	422	12.0%	42,470,927	19.4%
Graduate or Professional Degree	189	5.4%	26,396,124	12.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, latest 5-Year Estimates Households, 2018

	0004.00 Lee, TX	Pct. of Total	U.S. Households	Pct. of Total
Total Households	2,017	100.0%	119,730,128	100.0%
Family Households	1,449	71.8%	78,697,103	65.7%
Married with Children	243	12.0%	22,740,426	19.0%
Married without Children	469	23.3%	35,076,522	29.3%
Single Parents	485	24.0%	10,694,673	8.9%
Other	252	12.5%	10,185,482	8.5%
Non-family Households	568	28.2%	41,033,025	34.3%
Living Alone	556	27.6%	33,212,256	27.7%
Average Household Size	2.8		2.6	
Average Family Household Size	1.7		3.3	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, latest 5-Year Estimates Housing units, 2018

	0004.00 Lee, TX	Pct. of Total	U.S. Units	Pct. of Total
Total Housing Units	2,386	100.0%	136,384,292	100.0%
Owner Occupied	1,224	51.3%	76,444,810	56.1%
Renter Occupied	793	33.2%	43,285,318	31.7%
Vacant For Seasonal or Recreational Use	0	0.0%	5,465,886	4.0%
1-Unit (Attached or Detached)	1,469	61.6%	82,367,897	60.4%
2 - 9 Units	201	8.4%	14,849,745	10.9%
10 - 19 Units	34	1.4%	5,199,369	3.8%
20 or more Units	44	1.8%	10,490,553	7.7%
Built prior to 1940	105	4.4%	17,407,947	12.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, latest 5-Year Estimates Poverty, 2018

	0004.00 Lee, TX	Pct. of Total	U.S.	Pct. of Total
Total Population (for whom poverty status determined)	5,667	100%	314,943,184	100%
In Poverty	1,160	20.5%	44,257,979	14.1%
Age 65 and Over In Poverty	10	0.2%	4,448,892	1.4%
Family Households				
Total Family Households	1,449	100%	78,697,103	100%
In Poverty	289	19.9%	7,930,699	10.1%
In Poverty With Female Head	289	19.9%	4,180,062	5.3%
In Poverty With Female Head With Kids	268	18.5%	3,563,666	4.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, latest 5-Year Estimates

Commuting to Work, 2018

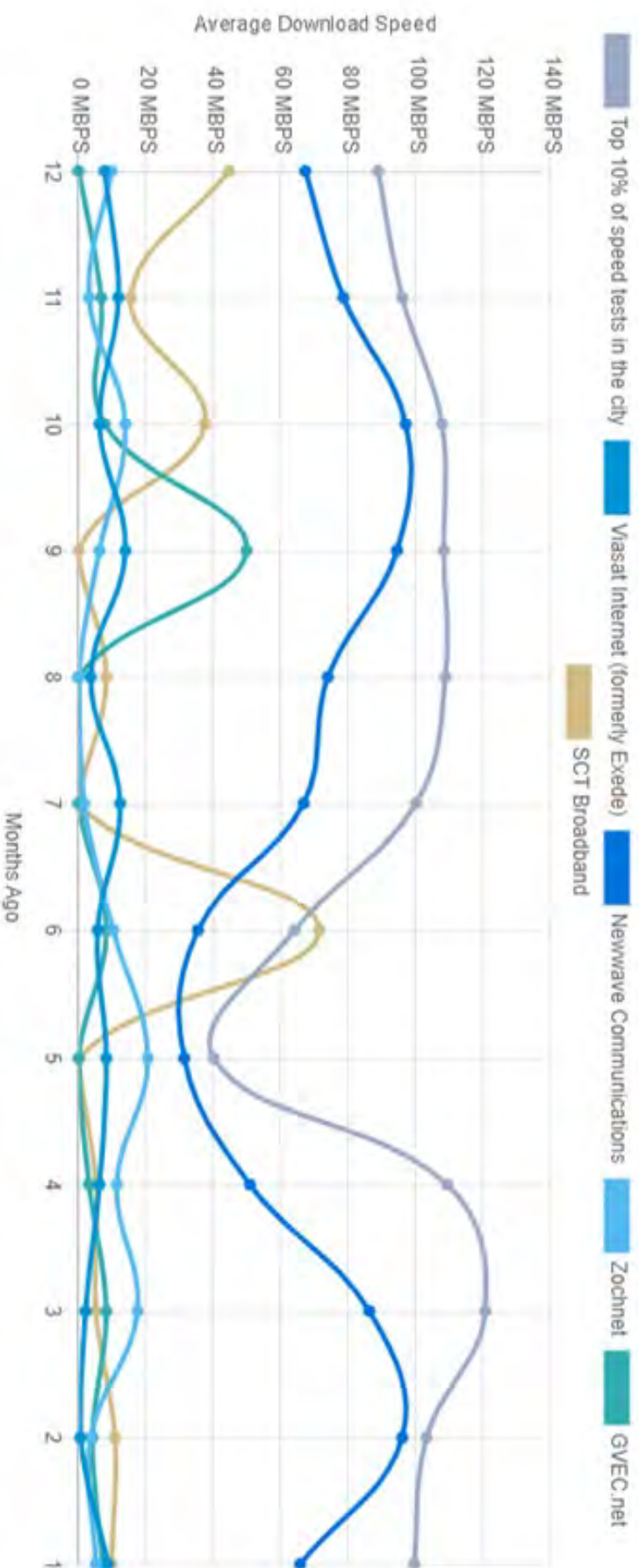
	0004.00 Lee, TX	Pct. of Total	U.S.	Pct. of Total
Workers 16 years and over	2,833	100.0%	150,571,044	100.0%
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	2,098	74.1%	115,095,765	76.4%
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	423	14.9%	13,671,979	9.1%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	0	0.0%	7,602,145	5.0%
Walked	106	3.7%	4,049,677	2.7%
Other means	0	0.0%	2,728,545	1.8%
Worked at home	206	7.3%	7,422,933	4.9%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18		22	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, latest 5-Year Estimates
Resident Occupations, 2018

	0004.00 Lee, TX	Pct. of Total	U.S.	Pct. of Total
Employed civilian pop. 16 years and over	2,877	100.0%	152,739,884	100.0%
Management, professional, and related	545	18.9%	57,945,862	37.9%
Service	1,063	36.9%	27,272,863	17.9%
Sales and office	653	22.7%	33,711,613	22.1%
Farming, fishing, and forestry	0	0.0%	1,068,481	0.7%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	327	11.4%	12,485,194	8.2%
Production, transportation, and material moving	289	10.0%	20,255,871	13.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, latest 5-Year Estimates

DOWNLOAD SPEEDS IN GIDDINGS



This analysis is based on 3,968 speed tests from IP verified users who took speed tests from an IP address in Giddings between June 2019 and May 2020. National statistics are calculated across 268,621,434 over the same time range.

Preliminary Engineering Report (PER): GIDDINGS

C.1. Description of project components. *Provide a general description of all project components involved in the project. Indicate whether the project involves the construction of new infrastructure or facilities or the renovation or replacement of existing ones. Describe each of the project components in terms of dimensions, quantities, capacities, square footage, etc.*

The City of Giddings is proposing three projects for consideration in an EDA application to spur economic growth and development. The projects are as follows:

- The Sterling Building Utility Connections
- Parking lot improvements
- The Waterline Loop Project

The Sterling Building located on Burleson St. is currently vacant and in need of utility services to occupy the building. The project proposes to install water and wastewater service connections. The utility service consists of a water service connection to the existing 12-inch main along S. Burleson Street and the wastewater service connection will be made to a manhole just south of the Sterling Building on the west side of Burleson St. The manhole was identified in the service maps and is believed to have been paved over based on field visit. The 6-inch service line extends for approximately 25-ft and will run on the west side of Burleson Street to just north of Orszag's Furniture Store where the manhole is shown to be located on service maps. The service connections are assumed to be in public ROW and no utility easements are anticipated.

The Parking Lot Project will asphalt an area of approximately 23,000-sf, install 74-ft of sidewalk and some landscaping. The parking lot will also have concrete curb and gutter, striping, and include signage/wayfinding. The proposed Parking Lot is expected to serve visitors to the area and promote walkability to nearby businesses such as Orszag's Furniture and Old Sixth Street Bourbon Distillery.

The Waterline Loop Project consist of 9,850-ft of new 12-inch PVC water line along Hwy 290. A previous PER report indicated the new water line would begin at the existing elevated storage tank at Montgomery Ave. & Hwy 290 and terminate at the intersection of CR 226 and Hwy 290. The waterline loop will allow for development to occur for the Giddings EDA Business Park.

C.2. A statement verifying that the project components described in the engineering report are consistent with the EDA investment project description that is provided in Section B.2 of Form ED-900. *Engineering reports that describe project components that are inconsistent with the EDA investment project description in Section B.2 of Form ED-900 will not be considered valid.*

The project components as described in this PER are consistent with the EDA investment project description found in Section B.2 of the ED-900 – General Application for EDA Programs.

C.3. Drawings showing the general layout and location of the existing site conditions and of the project components as well as location of any project beneficiary identified in Section B.9 of Form ED-900 that provide economic justification for the project, if any. *Rough dimensions and quantities for major project components should be shown and labeled on the drawings. Drawings should clearly identify the project components that are being proposed. Applicants are encouraged to clarify such drawings, for example, through color coding, labeling, and other appropriate methods.*

Only schematic drawings have been created for the project components, which are included with the application.

C.4. A feasibility analysis for the constructability of the project. *Include a review of the existing conditions and note particular features, alignments, and circumstances affecting construction of project components.*

The utility service connections for the Sterling Building will require the removal of existing asphalt roadway. A utility trench will be excavated and required for the construction of the service lines and service connections. Utility backfill material will be used per specifications and asphalt repair performed.

The parking lot to be improved is currently composed of dirt and decomposed granite. The existing material will be removed and hauled away. The existing driveways will be removed and reconstructed to match proposed grades and to allow for positive drainage. The excavation will be limited to sub-grade stabilization depths. Existing earth material will be compacted, an asphalt stabilized subgrade material and surface coarse constructed. The proposed sidewalk will allow motorist and pedestrians to walk around the parking lot.

The Waterline Loop Project is proposed to be an open trench utility excavation for a significant portion of the alignment. Boring of the waterline is only expected when crossing TxDOT facilities, roadways and driveways. Utility trench excavation will be on the natural ground and no significant challenges expected.

C.5. The proposed method of construction. *Indicate whether construction procurement will be done through competitive bid or other method. Indicate if any portion of the project is to be done by design/build, construction management at risk, the applicant's own forces, or a third-party construction manager. If an alternate construction procurement method (other than traditional design/bid/build with sealed competitive bid process) is proposed, a construction services procurement plan must be provided to EDA for approval in accordance with EDA's regulation at 13 C.F.R. § 305.6(a).*

Construction will be procured by the City through a traditional competitive bid process following all federal guidelines throughout. The City will utilize a fiber optic cable company for design and engineering of the project currently under contract, the cost of which is not included as an eligible activity for this grant application.

C.6. The number of construction contracts anticipated. *If multiple contracts are proposed, describe the project components included in each contract. If separate contracts are anticipated for demolition or site work, the budget information cost classification should reflect the estimated costs for these components. If project phasing is proposed, a project phasing request must be provided to EDA for approval per EDA's regulation at 13 C.F.R. § 305.9(a).*

All construction work is anticipated to be completed under one contract.

C.7. A current detailed construction cost estimate for each of the project components. *Show quantities, unit prices, and total costs and provide a basis for the determination of construction contingencies. The total of this estimate should match the construction line item of the SF-424C.*

Please see attached costs for each project component (ATTACHMENT – PROJECT COSTS). The total cost of construction matches the construction line item in Form 424-C.

C.8. Real property acquisition. *If the budget includes costs for acquisition of real property, include a current fair market value appraisal completed by a certified appraiser for the property to be purchased.*

N/A

C.9. A list of all permits required for the proposed project and their current status. *Identify all permits required; include the timeline to obtain the permits and discuss how the permitting relates to the overall project schedule. If the project crosses a railroad right-of-way or is within a railroad right-of way, explain any permitting or approvals that may be required from the railroad or other authority and the timeframe for obtaining these permits or approvals.*

The following reviews or permits are anticipated to be obtained after the design process:

- A driveway and utility permit will be required for construction in TxDOT right-of-way
- The project will require review by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the Waterline Loop Project

C.10. An overall estimated project schedule. *This schedule should agree with the project schedule outlined in the ED-900. Include the number of months for each of the following:*

The proposed projects will be designed under one design contract and one construction contract. Under these assumptions the proposed project schedule is as follows:

Project Start Date: November 1st, 2020

Project Design: November 2020 – March 2021 (5 months)

Project Permits and Approval: April 2021 - June 2021 (3 months)

Project Easements: N/A

Project Bidding: July 2021 – August (2 months)

Project Construction: September 2021 – January 2022 (5 months)

C.11. Overall project budget breakdown. *For each “cost classifications” line item that the applicant indicates will be included in the project budget on Form SF-424C, the applicant must provide a breakdown of the proposed project costs and tasks that is consistent with the detailed construction cost estimate for the project provided in the PER.*

The following is a breakdown of costs represented in Form SF-424C:

4. Architectural and Engineering Fees – 254,500.00 – Cost of design and engineering as well as permitting for the project components.
5. Other Architectural and Engineering Fees – 35,000.00 – For construction administration.
6. Project inspection fees – 30,000.00 – For inspection of the waterline component.
9. Construction – 2,386,997.20 – Total construction costs of all components, as well as the cost of the fiber optic cable being installed by Zochnet, which is not included in the funding request.

Giddings EDA Project - Water Line Costs

Item No.	Item Description	Unit	Qty	Unit Cost	Total
GENERAL					
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	10%	\$ 150,000.00
2	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LS	1	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000.00
3	SWPPP (INSTALL & REMOVE)	LS	1	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000.00
GENERAL ITEMS SUBTOTAL					\$ 185,000.00
WATERLINE ITEMS					
4	12" C-900 PVC Water Line by Open Cut	LF	7200	\$ 90	\$ 648,000.00
5	12" C-900 PVC Water Line and Casing by Bore	LF	350	\$ 250	\$ 87,500.00
6	12" C-900 PVC Water Line by Bore	LF	2,300	\$ 180	\$ 414,000.00
7	10" C-900 PVC Water Line by Open Cut	LF	480	\$ 85	\$ 40,800.00
8	8" C-900 PVC Water Line by Open Cut	LF	80	\$ 80	\$ 6,400.00
9	6" C-900 PVC Water Line by Open Cut	LF	20	\$ 60	\$ 1,200.00
10	2" CL 160 HDPE Water Line by Open Cut	LF	20	\$ 25	\$ 500.00
11	12" Gate Valve and Valve Box	EA	16	\$ 3,500	\$ 56,000.00
12	10" Gate Valve and Valve Box	EA	1	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250.00
13	8" Gate Valve and Valve Box	EA	4	\$ 3,000	\$ 12,000.00
14	6" Gate Valve and Valve Box	EA	2	\$ 2,700	\$ 5,400.00
15	Fire Hydrant Unit	EA	5	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000.00
16	Service Connections	EA	25	\$ 750	\$ 18,750.00
17	Service Line	LF	500	\$ 20	\$ 10,000.00
18	Air Release Valves	EA	2	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000.00
19	Tie in to Existing Water Line	EA	15	\$ 1,750	\$ 26,250.00
20	Cap/Plug End of Line	EA	2	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000.00
21	Ductile Iron Fittings	TON	2	\$ 4,900	\$ 10,780.00
22	Abandon Existing Water Lines	LS	1	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000.00
23	Seeding	LS	1	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000.00
24	Trench Safety	LF	7,600	\$ 2	\$ 15,200.00
WATERLINE ITEMS SUBTOTAL					\$ 1,403,030.00

SUBTOTAL	\$	1,588,030.00
CONTINGENCY (20%)	\$	317,606.00
CONSTRUCTION COST	\$	1,905,636.00
DESIGN PHASE (INCL. SURVEY & GEO)	\$	156,000.00
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION	\$	25,000.00
TXDOT PERMITTING	\$	3,500.00
INPECTIONS	\$	30,000.00
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST	\$	2,120,136.00

Giddings EDA Project - Sterling Theater Utility Costs

Item No.	Item Description	Unit	Qty	Unit Cost	Total
GENERAL					
500 6001	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
502 6001	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
0506	SWPPP (INSTALL & REMOVE)	LS	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
GENERAL ITEMS SUBTOTAL					\$ 11,000.00
SANITARY SEWER					
72106007	SERVICE LINE (OPEN CUT)	LF	25	\$ 70.00	\$ 1,750.00
72306008	CONNECT TO EXT WATER LINE	EA	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
01056011	REMOVING STAB BASE AND ASPH PAV (2"-6")	SY	278	\$ 15.00	\$ 4,166.67
3516026	FLEX PAVEMENT STRUCTURE REPAIR (5"-10")	SY	278	\$ 90.00	\$ 25,000.00
	SANITARY SEWER (6IN) (PVC) (C900)	LF	235	\$ 120.00	\$ 28,200.00
71966001	TRENCH EXCAVATION PROTECTION	LF	235	\$ 1.00	\$ 235.00
70176073	SERVICE CONNECTION (SANITARY SEWER)	EA	1	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
70176098	CONNECTION TO EXIST MANHOLE (SAN SWR)	EA	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
70176158	SANITARY SEWER CLEANOUT	EA	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
71946018	EXISTING MANHOLE ADJUSTMENTS	EA	1	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
SANITARY SEWER ITEMS SUBTOTAL					\$ 65,801.67

SUBTOTAL	\$ 76,801.67
CONTINGENCY (20%)	\$ 15,360.33
CONSTRUCTION COST	\$ 92,162.00
DESIGN PHASE (INCL. SURVEY & GEO)	\$ 45,000.00
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST	\$ 142,162.00

Giddings EDA Project - Parking Lot Costs

Item No.	Item Description	Unit	Qty	Unit Cost	Total
GENERAL					
500 6001	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	CLEAR SITE	LS	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	SITE GRADING	LS	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	HAUL AND DISPOSE OF MATERIAL	LS	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
502 6001	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LS	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
0506	SWPPP (INSTALL & REMOVE)	LS	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
160 6003	FURNISHING AND PLACING TOPSOIL (4")	SY	400	\$ 3.00	\$ 1,200.00
162 6002	BLOCK SODDING	SY	400	\$ 3.00	\$ 1,200.00
GENERAL ITEMS SUBTOTAL					\$ 18,400.00
DEPOT PARKING LOT PAVING					
	REMOVING CONC (SIDEWALK OR RAMP)	SY	130	\$ 25.00	\$ 3,250.00
	SAW CUT (ASPHALT, CURB AND DRIVEWAY)	LF	50	\$ 10.00	\$ 500.00
	SIDEWALK (6")	SY	370	\$ 80.00	\$ 29,600.00
	COMPACT SUBGRADE (8")	SY	2,540	\$ 3.00	\$ 7,620.00
20146002	ASPHALT-STABILIZED FLEXIBLE BASE (6")	TON	580	\$ 110.00	\$ 63,800.00
	TACK COAT	GAL	254	\$ 4.00	\$ 1,016.00
	HMAC PAVING (2.5")	TON	363	\$ 110.00	\$ 39,930.00
	LOT STRIPING	LF	900	\$ 1.00	\$ 900.00
50576001	PRECAST CONCRETE WHEEL STOPS	EA	42	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,300.00
71996088	CONCRETE CURB AND/OR GUTTER	LF	730	\$ 70.00	\$ 51,100.00
	DRIVEWAYS (CONC)	EA	130	\$ 70.00	\$ 9,100.00
	SIGNS (VARIOUS)	EA	7	\$ 450.00	\$ 3,150.00
DEPOT PARKING LOT PAVING ITEMS SUBTOTAL					\$ 213,016.00

SUBTOTAL	\$ 231,416.00
CONTINGENCY (20%)	\$ 46,283.20
CONSTRUCTION COST	\$ 277,699.20
DESIGN PHASE (INCL. SURVEY & GEO)	\$ 50,000.00
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST	\$ 332,699.20

Giddings EDA Project - Cost Summary

Summary of Applicable Costs	Construction	A&E - Permitting	CA	Inspection	TOTAL
Water Line	\$ 1,905,636.00	\$ 159,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 2,120,136.00
Parking Lot	\$ 277,699.20	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	N/A	\$ 332,699.20
Theater Utilities	\$ 92,162.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	N/A	\$ 142,162.00
	\$ 2,275,497.20	\$ 254,500.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 2,594,997.20

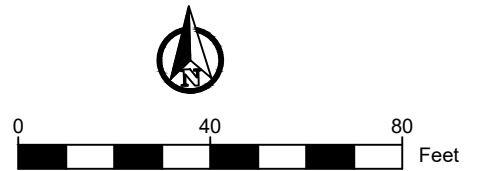
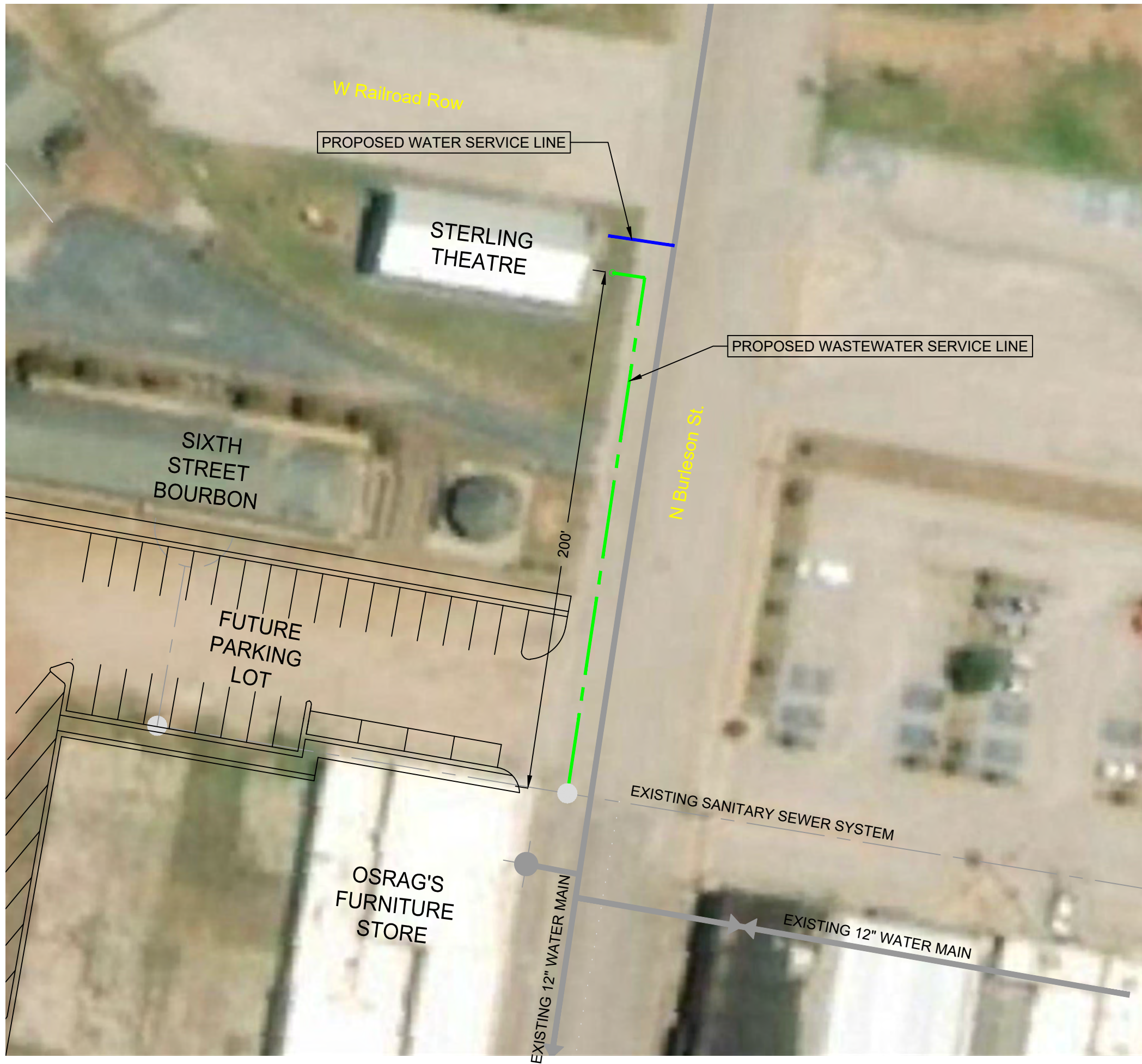
Summary of Costs Not Included	Construction	A&E - Permitting	CA	Inspection	TOTAL
Zochnet Fiber	\$ 111,500.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 111,500.00



GIDDINGS PARKING LOT DESIGN

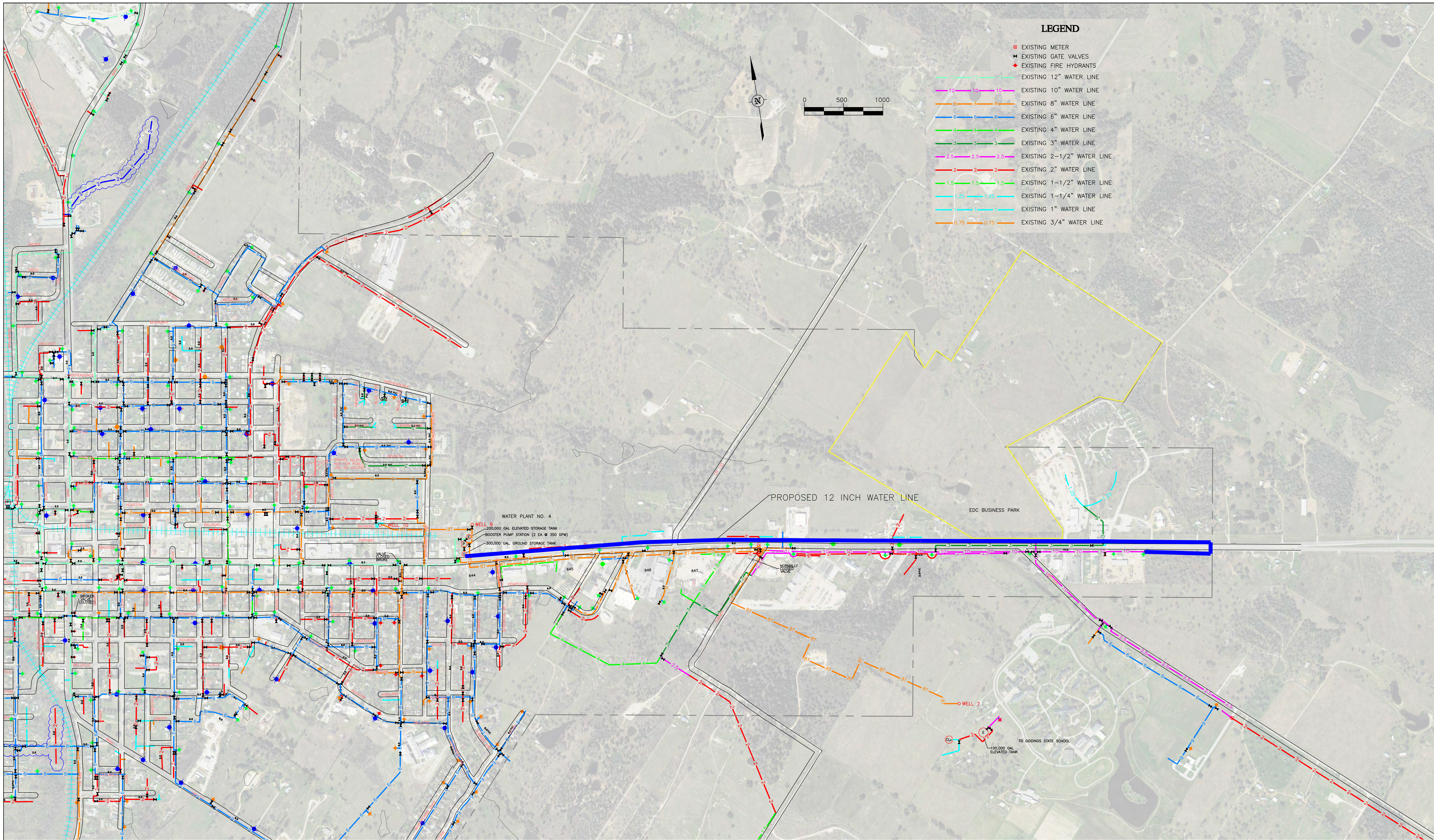
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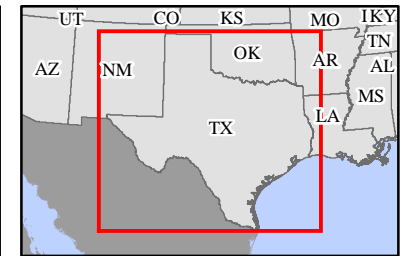
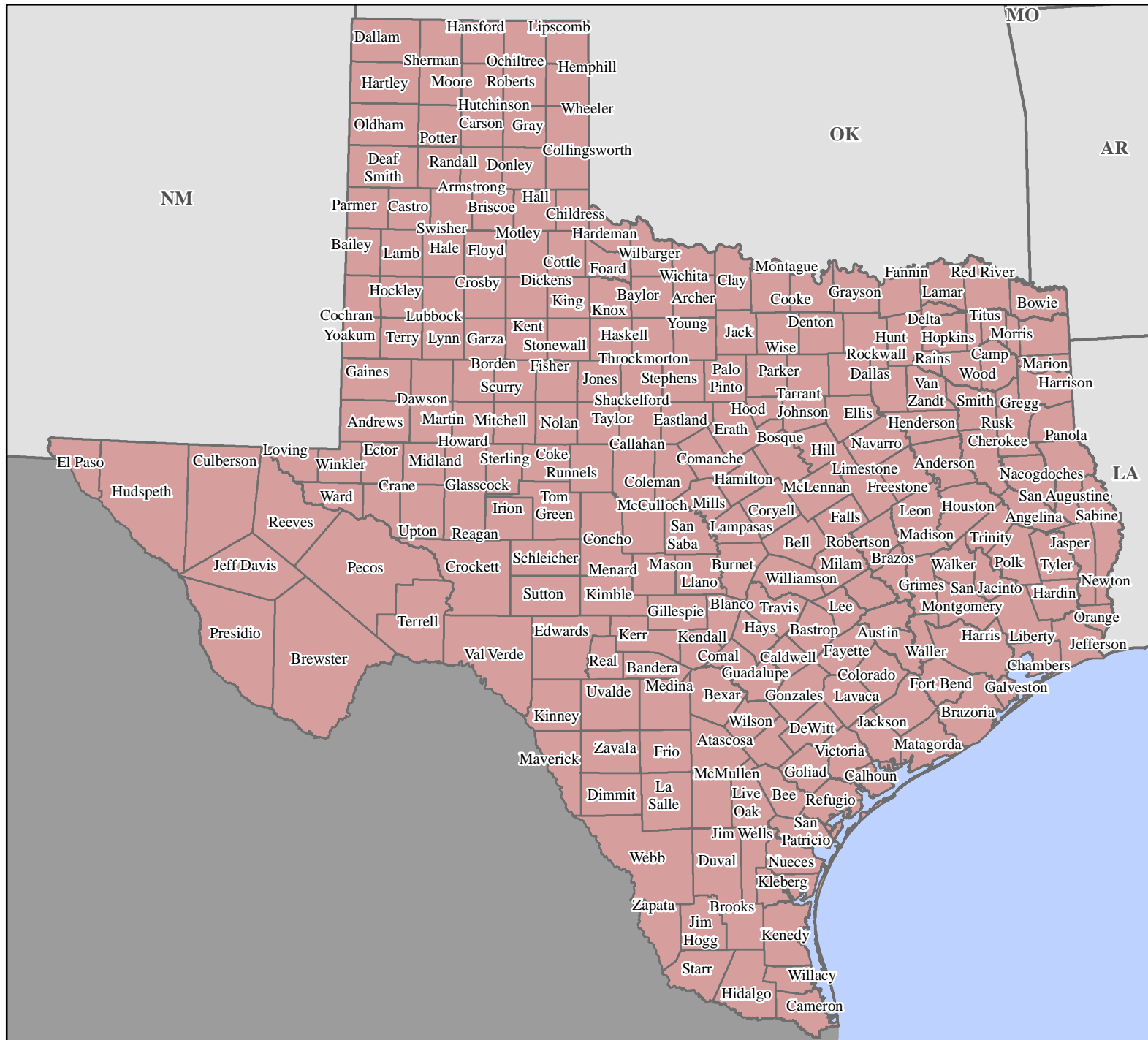
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FEMA-4485-DR, Texas Disaster Declaration as of 03/25/2020



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Designated Counties

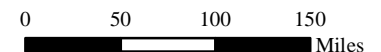
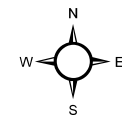
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Individual Assistance:

Individual Assistance limited to the Crisis Counseling Program in all areas in the State of Texas.

Public Assistance:

Emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance, for all areas in the State of Texas.



Data Sources:

FEMA, ESRI;
 Initial Declaration: 03/25/2020
 Disaster Federal Registry Notice: 03/25/2020
 Datum: North American 1983
 Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic



RESOLUTION NO. 457-2020

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE CITY OF GIDDINGS SUBMISSION OF A U.S. EDA: CARES ACT ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration (EDA), in response to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law on March 27, 2020 is providing the Economic Development Administration with \$1.5 billion for economic development assistance to communities to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus;

WHEREAS the EDA has determined that economic injury from the SARS CoV-2 pandemic constitutes a “Special Need” under the Economic Assistance Act and has announced the FY 2020 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity.

WHEREAS, the City of Giddings., an incorporated town within Lee County, is a political subdivision engaged in economic and infrastructure development, and is eligible to apply for allocated grant funds;

WHEREAS, the City of Giddings is submitting a grant application that may include downtown infrastructure enhancements and prioritizes the construction of a loop water line and a fiber optic system to improve the resiliency and economic development capacity of the City of Giddings as part of the grant application;

WHEREAS, construction of the extension of fiber optic and the loop water line system will occur along the northern Highway 290 right of way from the existing water tower east to the city limits and return along the southern Highway 290 right of way ending at County Road 226;

WHEREAS, the scope of the project is identified in the City’s long range Capital Improvement Plan;

WHEREAS, this project is deemed critical to the City’s infrastructure plan and is critical to the long term recovery and economic prosperity of the City of Giddings; and

WHEREAS, the City is set provide a local match as part of the grant application, which is available, unencumbered and committed to this project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GIDDINGS, TEXAS:**

John Dowell, Mayor
Frank Castro
Alan Casey



CITY OF GIDDINGS

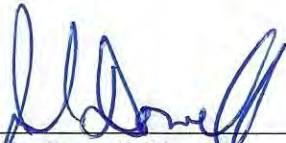
Joel Lopez , Mayor Pro Tem
Linda Pruitt
Ricky Jorgensen, City Manager

- Section 1.** The City Council of the City of Giddings supports the submission of a U.S. EDA: CARES ACT ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT; and
- Section 2.** The City Council of the City of Giddings authorizes the Mayor to execute all necessary documentation regarding this grant; and
- Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is duly resolved.

Adopted on this Monday, June 1, 2020

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor





ED-900B – Beneficiary Information Form

A. General Information

A.1. Proposed EDA Project Title: **Giddings Critical Water with Fiber Optic Infrastructure and Downtown Improvements**

proposed by Lead Applicant: **The City of Giddings**

A.2. Beneficiary Organization Name: **Giddings Economic Development Corporation**

A.3. Beneficiary Organization Address:

Street 1: **289 W Railroad Row**

Street 2:

City: **Giddings**

County:

State: **Texas**

Province:

Country: **USA: UNITED STATES**

Zip/Postal Code: **78942**

A.4. Please characterize the main industry/field of this beneficiary organization including the 6-digit NAICS code for the products and services produced by the organization:

Administration of General Economic Programs - NAICS 926110

B. Estimated Impact of the EDA Investment

B.1. As indicated in the table below, as a direct result of the proposed scope of work, will be able to create and/or save jobs and/or generate private investment.

Jobs Created	Jobs Saved	Private Investment

B.2. Please identify the basis for the estimated number of jobs that will be created or saved for your organization?
Giddings Economic Development Corporation represents a number of local area businesses in which the project will save and create jobs. Please see the attached list of businesses.

B.3. What types of private investment are likely to be generated?

None

B.4. Please describe the timeframe associated with the jobs and private investment identified in the table above:
9 years from project completion in January 2022

B.5. Are there other ways that this project will benefit your business or organization?

This project creates economic development incentives that will attract additional businesses to the City of Giddings.

C. Provision of Data on the EDA Investment

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) tracks job and private investment resulting from its awards. If this application results in an award, each beneficiary must provide to the successful recipient job and private investment results up to 9 years after the EDA grant award in order to assist the grantee with fulfilling these reporting requirements.

Check box to indicate that your company intends to provide the recipient with information on jobs and private investment generated as a result of the EDA project.

Signature of authorized representative for the beneficiary organization

Date

Name and title of beneficiary organization authorized representative

Name

Title

D. Assurances by Beneficiary that is an "Other Party"

An authorized or corporate representative of any beneficiary that is considered an "Other Party" as defined below, must also sign to show that the beneficiary intends to comply with the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) and EDA regulations described below.

As defined at 13 C.F.R. § 302.20(b)(1), an "Other Party" is an entity that intends to create or save **15 or more permanent jobs** as a result of this EDA-supported project and is specifically named in the application as benefiting from the project or will be located in a building; port; facility; or industrial, commercial, or business park constructed or improved in whole or in part with EDA investment assistance prior to EDA's final disbursement of funds.

By submitting these assurances, the Other Party certifies that it will comply with the following requirements:

- Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and the DOC's implementing regulations at 15 C.F.R. part 8, which proscribe discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin.
- 42 U.S.C. 3123, 42 U.S.C. 6709, and the DOC's regulations at 15 C.F.R. part 8a, which proscribe discrimination on the basis of sex.
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), and the DOC's implementing regulations at 15 C.F.R. part 8b, which proscribe discrimination on the basis of disabilities.
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), and the DOC's implementing regulations at 15 C.F.R. part 20, which proscribe discrimination on the basis of age.

Signature of authorized representative for the beneficiary ("Other Party") entity

Date

Name and title of beneficiary organization authorized representative

Name

Title

Instructions for the ED-900B – Beneficiary Information Form

This form must be completed as provided by EDA's policies and at a minimum by an authorized or corporate representative of the identified beneficiary organization whose position reflects the authority required to make these assurances (such as the authority to hire employees). Legal authorization for a corporate official may be specified in the Corporation's or LLC's formation documentation, bylaws, or similar document and under the laws governing the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. In the case of an individual executing this form as a sole proprietor or private owner, the sole proprietor's or owner's role and position must be indicated. For other circumstances, please contact your Regional Office.

A. General Information

1. Enter the title of the proposed EDA project and the lead applicant.
2. Enter the name of the organization that is a "committed beneficiary" in the application for EDA assistance. Note that a separate form must be completed by each identified "committed beneficiary."
3. Enter the address of the organization in #2.
4. Please characterize the main industry/field for the beneficiary organization. A searchable list of North American industries is available at <http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>.

B. Estimated Impact of the EDA Investment

This section should be completed by each beneficiary of the proposed project that has been identified as "committed" by the EDA applicant.

For the purposes of completing the table in this section

- Jobs created means that as a direct result of this project, these jobs will be generated.
- Jobs saved means that without this project, the jobs listed here would be lost.

Only long-term, full-time direct jobs should be listed in the table. Part-time jobs should be converted to full-time equivalents (sum the total part-time hours worked per week and divide by the hourly work week for full-time employees, normally 35-40 hours).

- Private Investment means the total private sector capital investment made because of the EDA investment, including investments in new plant and equipment. Do not report private sector contributions to project construction or loan fund capitalization reported above in this section.

C. Provision of Data on the EDA Investment

This section should be completed by each beneficiary of the proposed project that has been identified as "committed" by the EDA applicant.

D. Assurances by Beneficiary that is an "Other Party"

Any beneficiary that meets the definition of "Other Party" that will create or save 15 or more permanent jobs as a result of the EDA investment, must have an authorized representative for the beneficiary "Other Party" organization complete Section D.