



**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 10/15/2024

**SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTIFICATION OF VENDOR CONTRACT  
ASSUMPTION FROM DEC - NORTH TEXAS LLC TO GANNETT  
FLEMING, INC.**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court acknowledge notification of contract assumption from DEC - North Texas, LLC to Gannett Fleming, Inc.

**BACKGROUND**

On January 18, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #137286, granted approval to conduct negotiations for RFQ No. 2022-044, Annual Contract for Professional Engineering and Planning Services, for Transportation Services, to the following vendors:

TransSystems Corporation d/b/a TransSystems Corporation Consultants  
DEC - North Texas, LLC  
Pacheco Koch Consulting Engineers, LLC  
Teague Nall and Perking, Inc.  
Parkhill  
Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
Multatech Engineering, Inc.

The awards were based upon each firm's qualification package and contained options to renew for three (3) additional twelve (12) month periods.

On November 22, 2022, through Court Order #139769, the Commissioners Court approved the first renewal option.

On October 17, 2023, through Court Order #141983, the Commissioners Court approved the second renewal option.

Tarrant County received notification of Gannett Fleming, Inc.'s purchase of DEC – North Texas LLC, effective March 11, 2024.

Gannett Fleming, Inc. agreed in writing to continue to agree to the same terms and conditions of the original contract negotiated for RFQ No. 2022-044, Annual Contract for Professional Engineering and Planning Services.

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| SUBMITTED BY | Purchasing | PREPARED BY: | Cathy Halliburton, CPPB, NIGP-CPP<br><br>APPROVED BY: Christopher Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP |
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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.



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FLEMING**

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Via E-mail

September 6, 2024

Scott B. Hall, Director  
Tarrant County Transportation Services  
100 E. Weatherford, Room 401  
Fort Worth, Texas 76196  
[sbhall@tarrantcountytx.gov](mailto:sbhall@tarrantcountytx.gov)

**RE: Request for Consent to Assignment of Agreements**

Dear Mr. Hall,

Effective March 11, 2024, Gannett Fleming, Inc. ("Gannett Fleming") purchased a one hundred percent (100%) ownership interest in DE Corp. and its affiliate limited liability companies including DEC – North Texas, LLC ("DEC"). As of July 1st, DEC's operations have been fully integrated into Gannett Fleming's and, as a result, we are requesting consent to the assignment of the active contracts between Tarrant County and DEC as set forth on page 3 of this letter (the "Agreements"). Gannett Fleming agrees to be bound by and to perform the Agreements in accordance with the conditions contained therein, and assumes all obligations and liabilities of, and all claims against, DEC under the Agreements as if Gannett Fleming was the original party to the Agreements.

Gannett Fleming is an architecture, engineering, and construction firm partnering closely with our clients on some of the toughest challenges facing our communities today. We offer comprehensive infrastructure solutions to a wide range of markets, including transportation, life sciences, water resources, education, industrial, federal, power, and energy. Founded in 1915, we are the employer of choice for 3,000+ of the best and brightest in the industry. With a focus on making the built environment safer, as well as more resilient and sustainable, our clients seek us out for our experience and prefer us for our personal service, innovation, and creative minds. Gannett Fleming has been providing services to the transportation and water resources markets in Texas for decades, but the acquisition of DEC broadens Gannett Fleming's presence in the state through the roots established by DE Corp. in its nearly 80-year history. While we are excited about the additional services and talent we may have available to support our valued clients as a result of the transaction, the individuals performing services on your ongoing projects will remain unchanged.

If you have any questions regarding the transaction, or require any additional information about Gannett Fleming in order to process this request, please do not hesitate to contact Nikki Dames, Senior Corporate



Counsel by e-mail at [ndames@gfnet.com](mailto:ndames@gfnet.com) or by telephone at (518) 441-7569. Otherwise, if you consent to the assignment, please sign on page 3 below and return a PDF copy to Nikki by e-mail.

Sincerely,

**DEC – North Texas, LLC**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Johan Petterson".

Johan Petterson  
Vice President

**Gannett Fleming, Inc.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Derr".

John A. Derr  
Executive Vice President

cc (via e-mail): Wren Davis, Contracts Compliance Officer ([wrDavis@tarrantcountytx.gov](mailto:wrDavis@tarrantcountytx.gov))  
Joseph J. Jackson, County Engineer/Asst. Director ([jjjackson@tarrantcountytx.gov](mailto:jjjackson@tarrantcountytx.gov))  
Cathy Halliburton, Sr. Contracts Administrator ([cjhalliburto@tarrantcountytx.gov](mailto:cjhalliburto@tarrantcountytx.gov))



**CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT**

Tarrant County hereby consents to the assignment of the agreements identified below from DEC – North Texas, LLC to Gannett Fleming, Inc., effective September 1, 2024.

| Agreement Name                                | Effective Date     |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Professional Services Agreement, RFQ 2022-044 | September 28, 2022 |
| Purchase Order No. 4400010765                 | September 20, 2019 |
| Purchase Order No. 4400011461                 | August 24, 2020    |

**ACCEPTED AND AGREED**

Tarrant County

\_\_\_\_\_  
By:



**TARRANT COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

100 E. Weatherford St. #303 • Fort Worth, TX 76196 • (817) 884-1414 • (817) 884-2629 (Fax)

Melissa Lee, C.P.M., A.P.P.  
Purchasing Agent

Chris Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP  
Assistant Purchasing Agent

**DATE:** September 12, 2024

**COMPANY** Gannett Fleming, Inc.  
Attention: Nikki Dames  
[ndames@GFNET.com](mailto:ndames@GFNET.com)

**FROM:** Cathy Halliburton, CPPB, NIGP-CPP  
Sr. Contract Administrator

**RE:** CONTRACT ASSUMPTION, NAME CHANGE, RFQ-2022-044 – Professional Engineering & Planning  
Services - Transportation

Tarrant County Purchasing has been notified that DEC has recently been purchased by Gannett Fleming, Inc. Because the above-mentioned contract was awarded in Commissioners Court to DEC, the Commissioners Court must approve the name change in order to update the county records.

Do you wish to continue the current arrangement with Tarrant County, honoring all terms and conditions as set forth in the original contract?

Please check the appropriate box below. I need your response ASAP to avoid any disruption in services. Please include your proof of insurance with your current company name and an updated 1295 form as required in the original bid document. You can complete the 1295 form at this website address: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/1295/>  
Thank you.

☒   X  , Yes, I wish to continue this contract at the same terms and conditions as the original award.

☐ \_\_\_\_\_, No, I do not wish to continue this contract at the same terms and condition as the original award.

Authorized Company Representatives: Gannett Fleming, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Derr".

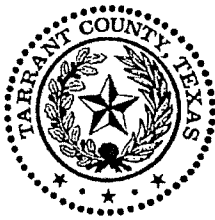
NAME (SIGNATURE)

John A. Derr, Executive VP

TITLE

09/12/24

DATE



## TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Complete this form for any county action that involves the adoption of a regulation, policy, guideline, court resolution, or order.

Project/Regulation Name: Acknowledgment of Notification of Vendor Contract  
Assumption from DEC - North Texas, LLC to Gannett Fleming, Inc.

County Department: PURCHASING

Contact Person: Melissa Lee, C.P.M., A.P.P.

Phone Number for Contact Person: (817) 884-3245

Type of TIA Performed: SHORT TIA or FULL TIA. Circle one after answering the questions in Sections II and III below.

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### I. Stated Purpose

Attach to this checklist an explanation of the purpose of the regulation, policy, guideline, court resolution, or order.

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**Note: The remainder of this Takings Impact Assessment Checklist should be completed in consultation with the Criminal District Attorney's Office.**

### II. Potential Effect on Private Real Property

1. Does the county action require a physical invasion, occupation, or dedication of real property?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No √

2. Does the county action limit or restrict a real property right, even partially, or temporarily?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No √

If you answered yes to either question, go to Section III. If you answered no to both, STOP HERE and circle SHORT TIA at the top of the form.

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