



RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO
EL PASO COUNTY JUDGE

Mr. Jay E. Sweat
Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation
Department of Defense
2231 Crystal Drive, Suite 520
Arlington, VA 22202

Subject: El Paso Water Utilities – Fort Bliss: Military Installation Resilience Review

Dear Mr. Sweat,

It is a pleasure to endorse the application of El Paso Water Utilities for your Military Installation Resilience Review Grant program. Fort Bliss has been a vital part of our community for nearly 130 years, and today we are proud to host the premier training facility and force projection platform in the entire Department of the Army. The resilience of Fort Bliss to both natural and man-made infrastructure challenges is vital to both our national security and the economy of the El Paso region.

El Paso County looks forward to participating in the study of infrastructure resilience both on Fort Bliss and in our community. We will make data and information available to the study team and support the steering committee for the period of the study. We are assigning staff to support El Paso Water. This staff effort will be used as a portion of the local in-kind match for your grant. We pledge our ongoing support for the development of infrastructure that enhances both the resilience of our community and the mission of Fort Bliss.

Thank you for your support of our region!

Sincerely,

Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego
El Paso County