

**SIGNATURE DOCUMENT FOR
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES
CONTRACT NO. 537-16-0511-00001
UNDER THE
HIV/HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS GRANT PROGRAM**

I. PURPOSE

The Department of State Health Services (“System Agency”) and Tarrant County (“Grantee”) (each a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”) enter into the following grant contract to provide funding for the HIV/Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS Grant Program (the “Contract”).

II. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This Contract is authorized by and in compliance with the provisions of Texas Health and Safety Code Chapters 12 or 1001 and Texas Government Code Chapters 537, 791, or 2155.

II. DURATION

The Contract is effective on February 1, 2017, and terminates on January 31, 2018, unless renewed or terminated pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Contract. The System Agency, at its own discretion, may extend this Contract subject to terms and conditions mutually agreeable to both Parties.

III. BUDGET

The total amount of this Contract will not exceed **NINETEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$19,998.00)**. All expenditures under the Contract will be in accordance with **ATTACHMENT B, BUDGET**.

IV. CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVES

The following will act as the Representative authorized to administer activities under this Contract on behalf of their respective Party.

System Agency

Department of State Health Services
Attention: Lisa Hernandez
1100 W. 49th Street, MC 1911
Austin, TX 78756

Grantee

Tarrant County
Attention: Judge B. Glen Whitley
1101 South Main, Suite 2500
Fort Worth, Texas 76104

V. LEGAL NOTICES

Any legal notice required under this Contract shall be deemed delivered when deposited by the System Agency either in the United States mail, postage paid, certified, return receipt requested; or with a common carrier, overnight, signature required, to the appropriate address below:

System Agency

Department of State Health Services
Attention: Lisa Hernandez
1100 W. 49th Street, MC 1911
Austin, TX 78756

Grantee

Tarrant County
Attention: Judge B. Glen Whitley
1101 South Main, Suite 2500
Fort Worth, Texas 76104

Notice given by Grantee will be deemed effective when received by the System Agency. Either Party may change its address for notice by written notice to the other Party.

VI. ADDITIONAL GRANT INFORMATION

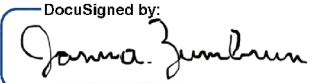
Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN): TX-H-15-F999
Federal Award Date: August 3, 2016
Name of Federal Awarding Agency: Housing and Urban Development
CFDA Name and Number: 14.241 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
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DUNS: 070487020

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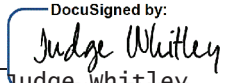
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GRANTEE

DocuSigned by:


Janna Zumbro, M.D., M.P.H.
Associate Commissioner
Disease Control and Prevention

Date of execution: 2/10/2017

DocuSigned by:


Name: Judge Whitley

Title: Tarrant County
Date of execution: 2/10/2017

THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS TO SYSTEM AGENCY CONTRACT NO. 537-16-0511-00001 ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

- ATTACHMENT A - STATEMENT OF WORK**
- ATTACHMENT B - BUDGET**
- ATTACHMENT C - UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS**
- ATTACHMENT D - SUPPLEMENTAL & SPECIAL CONDITIONS**
- ATTACHMENT E - FEDERAL ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**
- ATTACHMENT F - FFATA**
- ATTACHMENT G - NON-EXCLUSIVE LIST OF APPLICABLE LAWS**

ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW

ATTACHMENT A STATEMENT OF WORK

I. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Grantee will:

- A. Administer the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program to meet the housing needs of low income persons living with HIV (PLWH) and their households within the State of Texas.
- B. Provide stable, accessible housing that will help facilitate clients' entry into, or continuation of, primary medical care and other support services.
- C. Enter into binding, enforceable agreements with project sponsors to offer and be reimbursed for the following services, as defined under 24 CFR Part 574, Subpart D – Uses of Grant Funds:
 - 1. Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) services (including assistance for shared housing arrangements);
 - 2. Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance (STRMU) services consisting of no more than twenty-one (21) weeks in any fifty-two (52) week period of STRMU;
 - 3. Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) services (e.g., assistance for reasonable security deposits, not to exceed the amount equal to two (2) months of rent; costs related to application fees and credit checks; deposits must be designated to be returned to the project sponsor); and
 - 4. Supportive Services (Case Management and basic telephone service may be used to assist all income eligible, HIV-positive individuals; smoke detectors may only be provided to clients with a mortgage).
- D. Agree to read DSHS Contractor Financial Procedures Manual (CFPM) and work with DSHS staff regarding the management of funds received under this Contract located at <http://www.dshs.sate.tx.us/contracts/cfpm.shtm>.
- E. Comply with applicable state and federal policies, DSHS program manuals, DSHS policy manuals, standards, and guidelines, including, but not limited to (as revised):
 - 1. DSHS Standards for Public Health Clinic Services, located at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/qmb/dshsstdnrds4clinciservs.pdf>;
 - 2. DSHS HIV Assurances, http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/funding/docs/HIV_Contractor_Assurances.pdf;
 - 3. DSHS HOPWA Program Manual, DSHS HOPWA Determining Household Annual Gross Income Guide, and DSHS HOPWA Determining Household Annual Adjusted Income Guide located at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/hopwa/>

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4. DSHS HIV/STD policy located at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/policy/policies/220-001.shtm>
5. Ryan White Part B Contract Guidance, issued December 14, 2011, posted at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/funding/default.shtm>
6. Ensure that all eligible clients receiving TBRA apply for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), affordable housing programs, renew their applications every ninety (90) days, or as required by the local Housing Choice Voucher Program (as the term is defined at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv/index.cfm>), and other affordable housing programs to determine eligibility.
7. Chapters 81 and 85 of the Texas Health and Safety Code
8. Title VIII, Subtitle D of Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) 42 USC §12901-12912, as amended;
9. 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Housing and Urban Development, Parts 50 and 574;
10. Fair Housing Act, 42 USC §§3601-3619, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 100;
11. Equal Opportunity in Housing, Executive Order 11063, November 24, 1962, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 107;
12. The Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC §2000d (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs) and implementing regulations issued at 24 CFR Part 1;
13. Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 USC §§6101-6107, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 146;
14. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 USC §794, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 8;
15. The Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, 12 USC §1701(u);
16. The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 USC §§701, 701 note, and 702-707, and HUD's implementing regulations at 2 CFR Part 2429;
17. 24 CFR Part 574.300(c) (Equal participation of faith-based organizations);
18. Employment Opportunities for Lower Income Persons in Connection with Assisted Projects, Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. §1701(u) section 3;
19. Federal Executive Order 11625: Prescribing Additional Arrangements for Developing and Coordinating a National Program for Minority Business Enterprise, October 13, 1971 at <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/11625.html>;
20. Federal Executive Order 12138: Creating a National Women's Business Enterprise Policy and Prescribing Arrangements for Developing, Coordinating and Implementing a National Program for Women's Business Enterprise, May 18, 1979 at <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/12138.html>; and
21. Federal Executive Order 12432: Minority Business Enterprise Development, July 14, 1983 at <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/12432.html>;

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22. Federal Executive Order 12892: Leadership and Coordination of Fair Housing in Federal Programs: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, January 17, 1994 at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_op/FHLaws/EXO12892;
23. 24 CFR §5.150 – 5.168 (Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing); and
24. 24 CFR 574.3: *Family* is defined in 24 CFR 5.403 and includes one or more eligible persons living with another person or persons, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status, who are determined to be important to the eligible person or person's care or well-being, and the surviving member or members of any family described in this definition who were living in a unit assisted under the HOPWA program with the person with AIDS at the time of his or her death.
25. Ensure each project sponsor conducts affirmative outreach along with documentation or evidence of implementation (included in CFR-Title 24) and affirmatively furthers fair housing (see Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 3608 and Executive Order 12892. This obligation has been in the Fair Housing Act since 1968).

All of the above-named documents are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Contract.

- F.** Ensure that at least one staff member has obtained a certificate of completion for the following HOPWA trainings:
1. HOPWA Financial Management Online Training Course, located at <https://www.hudexchange.info/training-events/courses/hud-hopwa-financial-management-online-training/>
 2. HOPWA Oversight Training Curriculum, located at <https://www.hudexchange.info/training-events/hopwa-oversight-training>
 3. HOPWA Getting to Work Training Curriculum, locate at <https://www.hudexchange.info/training-events/dol-hud-getting-to-work-curriculum-for-hiv-aids-providers/>
 4. HUD Lead-Based Paint Visual Assessment Training Course, located at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/training/visualassessment/h00101.htm>
- G.** Will designate and identify a HIPAA Privacy Officer, who is authorized to act on behalf of the Contractor. The HIPAA Privacy Officer is responsible for the development and implementation of the privacy and security requirements of federal and state privacy laws.
- H.** Designate a Local Responsible Party (LRP) from its staff who has the overall responsibility for ensuring the security of the TB/HIV/STD confidential information maintained by the Contractor as part of the activities under this Contract. The LRP will:
1. Ensure appropriate policies/procedures are in place for handling confidential information, releasing of confidential TB/HIV/STD data, and the rapid response to

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- suspected breaches of protocol and/or confidentiality. These policies and procedures must comply with DSHS policies and procedures. The Contractor may choose to adopt DSHS' policies and procedures as its own.
2. Ensure security policies are reviewed periodically for efficacy, and that the Contractor monitors evolving technology (e.g. new methods hackers are using to illegally access confidential data; new technologies for keeping confidential data protected from hacking) on an on-going basis to ensure that the program's data remain as secure as possible.
 3. Approve any Contractor staff requiring access to TB/HIV/STD confidential information. The LRP will grant authorization to Contractor staff who have a work-related need (i.e., work under this Contract) to view TB/HIV/STD confidential information.
 4. Maintain a list of authorized Contractor staff persons who have been granted permission to view and work with TB/HIV/STD confidential information. The LRP will review the authorized user list ten (10) days from the effective date of this Contract to ensure it is current. All Contractor staff with access to confidential information will have signed a confidentiality agreement on file and it be updated once during the term of this Contract.
 5. Ensure all Contractor staff with access to confidential information will be trained on TB/HIV/STD security policies and procedures before access to confidential information will be granted. This training will be renewed once during the term of this Contract.
 6. Ensure all Contractor staff with access to confidential information will be trained on federal and state privacy laws and policies before access to confidential information is granted. This training will be renewed once during the term of this Contract.
 7. Thoroughly and quickly investigate all suspected breaches of confidentiality in consultation with the DSHS LRP to remain in compliance with the DSHS TB/HIV/STD and Viral Hepatitis Breach of Confidentiality Response Policy located at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/policy/security.shtm>.
 8. Ensure all required quarterly reports are submitted on time.

I. Will include the following in their security procedures:

1. Computers and networks will meet DSHS security standards as certified by DSHS IT staff.
2. Provide DSHS a list of personnel that has received security training and have access to secured areas.
3. Provide DSHS a list of personnel that has received security training and have access to network drives where confidential information is stored.
4. Requests for TB/HIV/STD systems user account terminations are sent to DSHS within 1 business day of the notification of account termination.
5. Secure data will be transferred electronically using the Public Health Information Network.
6. A visitors log for individuals entering the secured areas that will be reviewed quarterly by the LRP.

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7. TB/HIV/STD system user password changes will be verified by the LRP at least every 90 days.
 8. Portable devices that are used to store confidential data are approved by the LRP and will be encrypted.
 9. Confidential data is:
 - a. Maintained in a secure area
 - b. Locked when not in use
 - c. Not left in plain sight
 - d. Shredded before disposal
- J.** Submit a progress report due August 31, 2017 and a cumulative year-end report due February 28, 2018, utilizing a standard program reporting format, as provided by DSHS. Contractor accepts responsibility and accountability for each compliance and timely submission of documentation required in the semi-annual program report. Failure to submit a required report and/or additional information as requested by DSHS by the due date specified in the contract will constitute a breach of contract. The program reporting format may be accessed at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/hopwa/default.shtm>.
- K.** Track the number of clients served and the number of units of service provided by completing all applicable HOPWA-related fields in the AIDS Regional Information and Evaluation System (ARIES). Contractor will enter HOPWA data into ARIES on a scheduled basis that corresponds to the program reporting periods specified in this Contract. Client and service information entered by Contractor into ARIES must be consistent with the information submitted by Contractor in programmatic reports and other submissions to DSHS.

II. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The System Agency will monitor the Grantee's performance of the requirements in Attachment A and compliance with the Contract's terms and conditions.

III. INVOICE AND PAYMENT

- A. Grantee will request monthly payments using the State of Texas Purchase Voucher (Form B-13) at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/grants/forms.shtm>. Voucher and any supporting documentation will be mailed or submitted by fax or electronic mail to the address/number below.

Department of State Health Services
Claims Processing Unit, MC 1940
1100 West 49th Street
P.O. Box 149347
Austin, TX 78714-9347
FAX: (512) 458-7442
EMAIL: invoices@dshs.state.tx.us

**ATTACHMENT A
STATEMENT OF WORK**

- B. Grantee will be paid on a cost reimbursement basis and in accordance with the Budget in Attachment B of this Contract.

**ATTACHMENT B
BUDGET SUMMARY**

Organization Name: Tarrant County

Program ID: HIV/HOPWA

Contract Number: **537-16-0511-00001**

Budget Categories

Budget Categories	DSHS Funds	Cash Match	In Kind Match	Category Total
Personnel	\$0.00			\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00			\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00			\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00			\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00			\$0.00
Contractual	\$19,998.00			\$19,998.00
Other	\$0.00			\$0.00
Total Direct Costs	\$0.00			\$0.00
Indirect Costs	\$0.00			\$0.00
Totals	\$19,998.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,998.00

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ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

1.01 Definitions

As used in this Contract, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms and conditions have the meanings assigned below:

“Amendment” means a written agreement, signed by the parties hereto, which documents changes to the Contract other than those permitted by Work Orders or Technical Guidance Letters, as herein defined.

“Attachment” means documents, terms, conditions, or additional information physically added to this Contract following the Signature Document or included by reference, as if physically, within the body of this Contract.

“Contract” means the Signature Document, these Uniform Terms and Conditions, along with any Attachments, and any Amendments, or Technical Guidance Letters that may be issued by the System Agency, to be incorporated by reference herein for all purposes if issued.

“Deliverable” means a work product prepared, developed, or procured by Grantee as part of the Services under the Contract for the use or benefit of the System Agency or the State of Texas.

“Effective Date” means the date agreed to by the Parties as the date on which the Contract takes effect.

“System Agency” means HHSC or any of the agencies of the State of Texas that are overseen by HHSC under authority granted under State law and the officers, employees, and designees of those agencies. These agencies include: the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, the Department of Family and Protective Services, and the Department of State Health Services.

“Federal Fiscal Year” means the period beginning October 1 and ending September 30 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the United States government.

“GAAP” means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

“GASB” means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

“Grantee” means the Party receiving funds under this Contract, if any.

“Health and Human Services Commission” or “HHSC” means the administrative agency established under Chapter 531, Texas Government Code or its designee.

“HUB” means Historically Underutilized Business, as defined by Chapter 2161 of the Texas Government Code.

“Intellectual Property” means inventions and business processes, whether or not patentable; works of authorship; trade secrets; trademarks; service marks; industrial designs; and creations

that are subject to potential legal protection incorporated in any Deliverable and first created or developed by Grantee, Grantee's contractor or a subcontractor in performing the Project.

“Mentor Protégé” means the Comptroller of Public Accounts’ leadership program found at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/mentorprotege/>.

“Parties” means the System Agency and Grantee, collectively.

“Party” means either the System Agency or Grantee, individually.

“Program” means the statutorily authorized activities of the System Agency under which this Contract has been awarded.

“Project” means specific activities of the Grantee that are supported by funds provided under this Contract.

“Public Information Act” or “PIA” means Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

“Statement of Work” means the description of activities performed in completing the Project, as specified in the Contract and as may be amended.

“Signature Document” means the document executed by both Parties that specifically sets forth all of the documents that constitute the Contract.

“Solicitation” means the document issued by the System Agency under which applications for Program funds were requested, which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes in its entirety, including all Amendments and Attachments.

“Solicitation Response” means Grantee’s full and complete response to the Solicitation, which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes in its entirety, including any Attachments and addenda.

“State Fiscal Year” means the period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the State of Texas.

“State of Texas Textravel” means Texas Administrative Code, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.22, relative to travel reimbursements under this Contract, if any.

“Technical Guidance Letter” or “TGL” means an instruction, clarification, or interpretation of the requirements of the Contract, issued by the System Agency to the Grantee.

1.02 Interpretive Provisions

- a. The meanings of defined terms are equally applicable to the singular and plural forms of the defined terms.
- b. The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereunder,” and similar words refer to this Contract as a whole and not to any particular provision, section, Attachment, or schedule of this Contract unless otherwise specified.
- c. The term “including” is not limiting and means “including without limitation” and, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Contract, (i) references to contracts (including this Contract) and other contractual instruments shall be deemed to include all subsequent

Amendments and other modifications thereto, but only to the extent that such Amendments and other modifications are not prohibited by the terms of this Contract, and (ii) references to any statute or regulation are to be construed as including all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, or interpreting the statute or regulation.

- d. Any references to “sections,” “appendices,” or “attachments” are references to sections, appendices, or attachments of the Contract.
- e. Any references to agreements, contracts, statutes, or administrative rules or regulations in the Contract are references to these documents as amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time during the term of the Contract.
- f. The captions and headings of this Contract are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Contract.
- g. All Attachments within this Contract, including those incorporated by reference, and any Amendments are considered part of the terms of this Contract.
- h. This Contract may use several different limitations, regulations, or policies to regulate the same or similar matters. All such limitations, regulations, and policies are cumulative and each will be performed in accordance with its terms.
- i. Unless otherwise expressly provided, reference to any action of the System Agency or by the System Agency by way of consent, approval, or waiver will be deemed modified by the phrase “in its sole discretion.”
- j. Time is of the essence in this Contract.

ARTICLE II PAYMENT METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS

2.01 Payment Methods

Except as otherwise provided by the provisions of the Contract, the payment method will be one or more of the following:

- a. cost reimbursement. This payment method is based on an approved budget and submission of a request for reimbursement of expenses Grantee has incurred at the time of the request;
- b. unit rate/fee-for-service. This payment method is based on a fixed price or a specified rate(s) or fee(s) for delivery of a specified unit(s) of service and acceptable submission of all required documentation, forms and/or reports; or
- c. advance payment. This payment method is based on disbursement of the minimum necessary funds to carry out the Program or Project where the Grantee has implemented appropriate safeguards. This payment method will only be utilized in accordance with governing law and at the sole discretion of the System Agency.

Grantees shall bill the System Agency in accordance with the Contract. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, Grantee shall submit requests for reimbursement or payment monthly by the last business day of the month following the month in which expenses were incurred or services provided. Grantee shall maintain all documentation that substantiates invoices and make the documentation available to the System Agency upon request.

2.02 Final Billing Submission

Unless otherwise provided by the System Agency, Grantee shall submit a reimbursement or payment request as a final close-out invoice not later than forty-five (45) calendar days following

the end of the term of the Contract. Reimbursement or payment requests received in the System Agency's offices more than forty-five (45) calendar days following the termination of the Contract may not be paid.

2.03 Financial Status Reports (FSRs)

Except as otherwise provided in these General Provisions or in the terms of any Program Attachment(s) that is incorporated into the Contract, for contracts with categorical budgets, Grantee shall submit quarterly FSRs to Accounts Payable by the last business day of the month following the end of each quarter of the Program Attachment term for System Agency review and financial assessment. Grantee shall submit the final FSR no later than forty-five (45) calendar days following the end of the applicable term.

2.04 Debt to State and Corporate Status

Pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code § 403.055, the Department will not approve and the State Comptroller will not issue payment to Grantee if Grantee is indebted to the State for any reason, including a tax delinquency. Grantee, if a corporation, certifies by execution of this Contract that it is current and will remain current in its payment of franchise taxes to the State of Texas or that it is exempt from payment of franchise taxes under Texas law (Tex. Tax Code §§ 171.001 et seq.). If tax payments become delinquent during the Contract term, all or part of the payments under this Contract may be withheld until Grantee's delinquent tax is paid in full.

2.05 Application of Payment Due

Grantee agrees that any payments due under this Contract will be applied towards any debt of Grantee, including but not limited to delinquent taxes and child support that is owed to the State of Texas.

2.06 Use of Funds

Grantee shall expend funds provided under this Contract only for the provision of approved services and for reasonable and allowable expenses directly related to those services.

2.07 Use for Match Prohibited

Grantee shall not use funds provided under this Contract for matching purposes in securing other funding without the written approval of the System Agency.

2.08 Program Income

Income directly generated from funds provided under this Contract or earned only as a result of such funds is Program Income. Unless otherwise required under the Program, Grantee shall use the addition alternative, as provided in UGMS § __.25(g)(2), for the use of Project income to further the Program, and Grantee shall spend the Program Income on the Project. Grantee shall identify and report this income in accordance with the Contract, applicable law, and any programmatic guidance. Grantee shall expend Program Income during the Contract term and may not carry Program Income forward to any succeeding term. Grantee shall refund program income to the System Agency if the Program Income is not expended in the term in which it is earned. The System Agency may base future funding levels, in part, upon Grantee's proficiency in identifying, billing, collecting, and reporting Program Income, and in using it for the purposes and under the conditions specified in this Contract.

2.09 Nonsupplanting

Grantee shall not use funds from this Contract to replace or substitute for existing funding from other but shall use funds from this Contract to supplement existing state or local funds currently available. Grantee shall make a good faith effort to maintain its current level of support. Grantee may be required to submit documentation substantiating that a reduction in state or local funding, if any, resulted for reasons other than receipt or expected receipt of funding under this Contract.

ARTICLE III. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

3.01 Funding

This Contract is contingent upon the availability of sufficient and adequate funds. If funds become unavailable through lack of appropriations, budget cuts, transfer of funds between programs or agencies, amendment of the Texas General Appropriations Act, agency consolidation, or any other disruptions of current funding for this Contract, the System Agency may restrict, reduce, or terminate funding under this Contract. This Contract is also subject to immediate cancellation or termination, without penalty to the System Agency, if sufficient and adequate funds are not available. Grantee will have no right of action against the System Agency if the System Agency cannot perform its obligations under this Contract as a result of lack of funding for any activities or functions contained within the scope of this Contract. In the event of cancellation or termination under this Section, the System Agency will not be required to give notice and will not be liable for any damages or losses caused or associated with such termination or cancellation.

3.02 No debt Against the State

The Contract will not be construed as creating any debt by or on behalf of the State of Texas.

3.03 Debt to State

If a payment law prohibits the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts from making a payment, the Grantee acknowledges the System Agency's payments under the Contract will be applied toward eliminating the debt or delinquency. This requirement specifically applies to any debt or delinquency, regardless of when it arises.

3.04 Recapture of Funds

The System Agency may withhold all or part of any payments to Grantee to offset overpayments made to the Grantee. Overpayments as used in this Section include payments (i) made by the System Agency that exceed the maximum allowable rates; (ii) that are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, or regulations; or (iii) that are otherwise inconsistent with this Contract, including any unapproved expenditures. Grantee understands and agrees that it will be liable to the System Agency for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Contract. Grantee further understands and agrees that reimbursement of such disallowed costs will be paid by Grantee from funds which were not provided or otherwise made available to Grantee under this Contract.

ARTICLE IV ALLOWABLE COSTS AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

4.01 Allowable Costs.

System Agency will reimburse the allowable costs incurred in performing the Project that are sufficiently documented. Grantee must have incurred a cost prior to claiming reimbursement and within the applicable term to be eligible for reimbursement under this Contract. The System Agency will determine whether costs submitted by Grantee are allowable and eligible for reimbursement. If the System Agency has paid funds to Grantee for unallowable or ineligible costs, the System Agency will notify Grantee in writing, and Grantee shall return the funds to the System Agency within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this written notice. The System Agency may withhold all or part of any payments to Grantee to offset reimbursement for any unallowable or ineligible expenditure that Grantee has not refunded to the System Agency, or if financial status report(s) required under the Financial Status Reports section are not submitted by the due date(s). The System Agency may take repayment (recoup) from funds available under this Contract in amounts necessary to fulfill Grantee's repayment obligations. Applicable cost principles, audit requirements, and administrative requirements include-

Applicable Entity	Applicable Cost Principles	Audit Requirements	Administrative Requirements
State, Local and Tribal Governments	2 CFR, Part 225	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
Educational Institutions	2 CFR, Part 220	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
Non-Profit Organizations	2 CFR, Part 230	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
For-profit Organization other than a hospital and an organization named in OMB Circular A-122 (2 CFR Part, 230) as not subject to that circular.	48 CFR Part 31, Contract Cost Principles Procedures, or uniform cost accounting standards that comply with cost principles acceptable to the federal or state awarding agency	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS

OMB Circulars will be applied with the modifications prescribed by UGMS with effect given to whichever provision imposes the more stringent requirement in the event of a conflict.

4.02 Independent Single or Program-Specific Audit

If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends a total amount of at least **SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000)** in federal funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with the 2 CFR 200. The \$750,000 federal threshold amount includes federal funds passed through by way of state agency awards. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends a total amount of at least \$750,000 in state funds awarded, Grantee must have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with UGMS, State of Texas Single Audit Circular. For-profit Grantees whose expenditures meet or exceed the federal or state expenditure thresholds stated above shall follow the guidelines in 2 CFR 200 or UGMS, as applicable, for their program-specific audits. The HHSC Office of Inspector General (OIG) will notify Grantee to complete the Single Audit Status Registration Form. If Grantee fails to complete the Single Audit Status Form within thirty (30) calendar days after notification by OIG to do so, Grantee shall be subject to the System Agency sanctions and remedies for non-compliance with this Contract. The audit must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant and in accordance with applicable OMB Circulars, Government Auditing Standards, and UGMS. Grantee shall procure audit services in compliance with this section, state procurement procedures, as well as with the provisions of UGMS

4.03 Submission of Audit

Within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the audit reports required by the Independent Single or Program-Specific Audit section, Grantee shall submit one copy to the System Agency as directed in this Contract. The Grantee will also submit a copy of the Independent Single or Program-Specific Audit to the OIG, at the following address:

Health and Human Services Commission
Office of Inspector General
Compliance/Audit, Mail Code 1326
P.O. Box 85200
Austin, Texas 78708-5200

Electronic submission to OIG should be addressed as follows:

Dani.fielding@hhsc.state.tx.us

If Grantee fails to submit the audit report as required by the Independent Single or Program-Specific Audit section within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt by Grantee of an audit report, Grantee shall be subject to the System Agency sanctions and remedies for non-compliance with this Contract.

ARTICLE V AFFIRMATIONS, ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

5.01 General Affirmations

Grantee certifies that, to the extent General Affirmations are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, the General Affirmations have been reviewed and that Grantee is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein.

5.02 Federal Assurances

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent Federal Assurances are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, the Federal Assurances have been reviewed and that Grantee is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein.

5.03 Federal Certifications

Grantee further certifies, to the extent Federal Certifications are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, that the Federal Certifications have been reviewed, and that Grantee is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein. **In addition, Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable federal laws, rules, or regulations, as they may pertain to this Contract.**

ARTICLE VI OWNERSHIP AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

6.01 Ownership

The System Agency will own, and Grantee hereby assigns to the System Agency, all right, title, and interest in all Deliverables.

6.02 Intellectual Property

- a. The System Agency and Grantee will retain ownership, all rights, title, and interest in and to, their respective pre-existing Intellectual Property. A license to either Party's pre-existing Intellectual Property must be agreed to under this or another contract.
- b. Grantee grants to the System Agency and the State of Texas a royalty-free, paid up, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use any Intellectual Property invented or created by Grantee, Grantee's contractor, or a subcontractor in the performance of the Project. Grantee will require its contractors to grant such a license under its contracts.

ARTICLE VII RECORDS, AUDIT, AND DISCLOSURE

7.01 Books and Records

Grantee will keep and maintain under GAAP or GASB, as applicable, full, true, and complete records necessary to fully disclose to the System Agency, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the United States Government, and their authorized representatives sufficient information to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and all state and federal rules, regulations, and statutes. Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee will maintain legible copies of this Contract and all related documents for a minimum of seven (7) years after the termination of the contract period or seven (7) years after the completion of any litigation or dispute involving the Contract, whichever is later.

7.02 Access to records, books, and documents

In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, Grantee and any of Grantee's affiliate or subsidiary organizations, or Subcontractors will permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized representatives, as well as duly authorized federal, state or local authorities, unrestricted access to and the right to examine any site where business is conducted or Services are performed, and all records, which includes but is not limited to financial, client and patient records, books, papers or documents related to this Contract. If the Contract includes federal funds, federal agencies that will have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the federal agency providing the funds, the Comptroller General of the United States, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, and any of their authorized representatives. In addition, agencies of the State of Texas that will have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the System Agency, HHSC, HHSC's contracted examiners, the State Auditor's Office, the Texas Attorney General's Office, and any successor agencies. Each of these entities may be a duly authorized authority. If deemed necessary by the System Agency or any duly authorized authority, for the purpose of investigation or hearing, Grantee will produce original documents related to this Contract. The System Agency and any duly authorized authority will have the right to audit billings both before and after payment, and all documentation that substantiates the billings. Grantee will include this provision concerning the right of access to, and examination of, sites and information related to this Contract in any Subcontract it awards.

7.03 Response/compliance with audit or inspection findings

- a. Grantee must act to ensure its and its Subcontractor's compliance with all corrections necessary to address any finding of noncompliance with any law, regulation, audit requirement, or generally accepted accounting principle, or any other deficiency identified in any audit, review, or inspection of the Contract and the goods or services provided hereunder. Any such correction will be at Grantee or its Subcontractor's sole expense. Whether Grantee's action corrects the noncompliance will be solely the decision of the System Agency.
- b. As part of the Services, Grantee must provide to HHSC upon request a copy of those portions of Grantee's and its Subcontractors' internal audit reports relating to the Services and Deliverables provided to the State under the Contract.

7.04 SAO Audit

Grantee understands that acceptance of funds directly under the Contract or indirectly through a Subcontract under the Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office (SAO), or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the SAO must provide the SAO with access to any information the SAO considers relevant to the investigation or audit. Grantee agrees to cooperate fully with the SAO or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Grantee will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by Subcontractors through Grantee and the requirement to cooperate is included in any Subcontract it awards.

7.05 Confidentiality

Any specific confidentiality agreement between the Parties takes precedent over the terms of this section. To the extent permitted by law, Grantee agrees to keep all information confidential, in whatever form produced, prepared, observed, or received by Grantee. The provisions of this section remain in full force and effect following termination or cessation of the services performed under this Contract.

7.06 Public Information Act

Information related to the performance of this Contract may be subject to the PIA and will be withheld from public disclosure or released only in accordance therewith. Grantee must make all information not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the PIA available in portable document file (".pdf") format or any other format agreed between the Parties.

ARTICLE VIII CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND EARLY TERMINATION

8.01 Contract Management

To ensure full performance of the Contract and compliance with applicable law, the System Agency may take actions including:

- a. Suspending all or part of the Contract;
- b. Requiring the Grantee to take specific corrective actions in order to remain in compliance with term of the Contract;
- c. Recouping payments made to the Grantee found to be in error;
- d. Suspending, limiting, or placing conditions on the continued performance of the Project;
- e. Imposing any other remedies authorized under this Contract; and
- f. Imposing any other remedies, sanctions or penalties permitted by federal or state statute, law, regulation, or rule.

8.02 Termination for Convenience

The System Agency may terminate the Contract at any time when, in its sole discretion, the System Agency determines that termination is in the best interests of the State of Texas. The termination will be effective on the date specified in HHSC's notice of termination.

8.03 Termination for Cause

Except as otherwise provided by the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or any successor law, the System Agency may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, upon either of the following conditions:

a. Material Breach

The System Agency will have the right to terminate the Contract in whole or in part if the System Agency determines, at its sole discretion, that Grantee has materially breached the Contract or has failed to adhere to any laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction and such violation prevents or substantially impairs performance of Grantee's duties under the Contract. Grantee's misrepresentation in any aspect of Grantee's Solicitation Response, if any or Grantee's addition to the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) will also constitute a material breach of the Contract.

b. Failure to Maintain Financial Viability

The System Agency may terminate the Contract if, in its sole discretion, the System Agency has a good faith belief that Grantee no longer maintains the financial viability required to complete the Services and Deliverables, or otherwise fully perform its responsibilities under the Contract.

8.04 Equitable Settlement

Any early termination under this Article will be subject to the equitable settlement of the respective interests of the Parties up to the date of termination.

ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.01 Amendment

The Contract may only be amended by an Amendment executed by both Parties.

9.02 Insurance

Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee will acquire and maintain, for the duration of this Contract, insurance coverage necessary to ensure proper fulfillment of this Contract and potential liabilities thereunder with financially sound and reputable insurers licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance, in the type and amount customarily carried within the industry as determined by the System Agency. Grantee will provide evidence of insurance as required under this Contract, including a schedule of coverage or underwriter's schedules establishing to the satisfaction of the System Agency the nature and extent of coverage granted by each such policy, upon request by the System Agency. In the event that any policy is determined by the System Agency to be deficient to comply with the terms of this Contract, Grantee will secure such additional policies or coverage as the System Agency may reasonably request or that are required by law or regulation. If coverage expires during the term of this Contract, Grantee must produce renewal certificates for each type of coverage.

These and all other insurance requirements under the Contract apply to both Grantee and its Subcontractors, if any. Grantee is responsible for ensuring its Subcontractors' compliance with all requirements.

9.03 Legal Obligations

Grantee will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations, including all federal and state accessibility laws relating to direct and indirect use of information and communication technology. Grantee will be deemed to have knowledge of all applicable laws and regulations and be deemed to understand them. In addition to any other act or omission that may constitute a material breach of the Contract, failure to comply with this Section may also be a material breach of the Contract.

9.04 Permitting and Licensure

At Grantee's sole expense, Grantee will procure and maintain for the duration of this Contract any state, county, city, or federal license, authorization, insurance, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by Grantee to provide the goods or Services required by this Contract. Grantee will be responsible for payment of all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Grantee agrees to be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its contactors or subcontractors during performance of this Contract.

9.05 Indemnity

TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, GRANTEE WILL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND THE SYSTEM AGENCY AND ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, SUITS, DEMANDS, PROCEEDINGS, COSTS, DAMAGES, AND LIABILITIES, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS ARISING OUT OF, OR CONNECTED WITH, OR RESULTING FROM:

- a. GRANTEE'S PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF GRANTEE, OR ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR SUPPLIER OF GRANTEE, OR ANY THIRD PARTY UNDER THE CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OF GRANTEE, IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT; OR**
- b. ANY BREACH OR VIOLATION OF A STATUTE, ORDINANCE, GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION, STANDARD, RULE, OR BREACH OF CONTRACT BY GRANTEE, ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR SUPPLIER OF GRANTEE, OR ANY THIRD PARTY UNDER THE CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OF GRANTEE, IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT; OR**
- c. EMPLOYMENT OR ALLEGED EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING CLAIMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GRANTEE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS AGENTS; OR**
- d. WORK UNDER THIS CONTRACT THAT INFRINGES OR MISAPPROPRIATES ANY RIGHT OF ANY THIRD PERSON OR ENTITY BASED ON COPYRIGHT, PATENT, TRADE SECRET, OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.**

GRANTEE WILL COORDINATE ITS DEFENSE WITH THE SYSTEM AGENCY AND ITS COUNSEL. THIS PARAGRAPH IS NOT INTENDED TO AND WILL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE GRANTEE TO INDEMNIFY OR HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OR THE SYSTEM AGENCY FOR ANY CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES RESULTING SOLELY FROM THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF THE SYSTEM AGENCY OR ITS EMPLOYEES. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WILL SURVIVE TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT.

9.06 Assignments

Grantee may not assign all or any portion of its rights under, interests in, or duties required under this Contract without prior written consent of the System Agency, which may be withheld or granted at the sole discretion of the System Agency. Except where otherwise agreed in writing by the System Agency, assignment will not release Grantee from its obligations under the Contract.

Grantee understands and agrees the System Agency may in one or more transactions assign, pledge, or transfer the Contract. This assignment will only be made to another State agency or a non-state agency that is contracted to perform agency support.

9.07 Relationship of the Parties

Grantee is, and will be, an independent contractor and, subject only to the terms of this Contract, will have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct performance of the details incident to its duties under this Contract. Nothing contained in this Contract will be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create for the System Agency any

liability whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of Grantee or any other Party.

Grantee will be solely responsible for, and the System Agency will have no obligation with respect to:

- a. Payment of Grantee's employees for all Services performed;
- b. Ensuring each of its employees, agents, or Subcontractors who provide Services or Deliverables under the Contract are properly licensed, certified, or have proper permits to perform any activity related to the Work;
- c. Withholding of income taxes, FICA, or any other taxes or fees;
- d. Industrial or workers' compensation insurance coverage;
- e. Participation in any group insurance plans available to employees of the State of Texas;
- f. Participation or contributions by the State to the State Employees Retirement System;
- g. Accumulation of vacation leave or sick leave; or
- h. Unemployment compensation coverage provided by the State.

9.08 Technical Guidance Letters

In the sole discretion of the System Agency, and in conformance with federal and state law, the System Agency may issue instructions, clarifications, or interpretations as may be required during Work performance in the form of a Technical Guidance Letter. A TGL must be in writing, and may be delivered by regular mail, electronic mail, or facsimile transmission. Any TGL issued by the System Agency will be incorporated into the Contract by reference herein for all purposes when it is issued.

9.09 Governing Law and Venue

This Contract and the rights and obligations of the Parties hereto will be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the State of Texas, exclusive of conflicts of law provisions. Venue of any suit brought under this Contract will be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas unless otherwise elected by the System Agency. Grantee irrevocably waives any objection, including any objection to personal jurisdiction or the laying of venue or based on the grounds of forum non conveniens, which it may now or hereafter have to the bringing of any action or proceeding in such jurisdiction in respect of this Contract or any document related hereto.

9.10 Severability

If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract will be construed as if such provision did not exist and the non-enforceability of such provision will not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Contract unenforceable.

9.11 Survivability

Termination or expiration of this Contract or a Contract for any reason will not release either party from any liabilities or obligations in this Contract that the parties have expressly agreed will survive any such termination or expiration, remain to be performed, or by their nature would be intended to be applicable following any such termination or expiration, including maintaining confidentiality of information and records retention.

9.12 Force Majeure

Except with respect to the obligation of payments under this Contract, if either of the Parties, after a good faith effort, is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this Contract by reason of war; terrorism; rebellion; riots; strikes; acts of God; any valid order, rule, or regulation of governmental authority; or similar events that are beyond the control of the affected Party (collectively referred to as a “Force Majeure”), then, while so prevented, the affected Party’s obligation to comply with such covenant will be suspended, and the affected Party will not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenant. In any such event, the Party claiming Force Majeure will promptly notify the other Party of the Force Majeure event in writing and, if possible, such notice will set forth the extent and duration thereof.

9.13 No Waiver of Provisions

Neither failure to enforce any provision of this Contract nor payment for services provided under it constitute waiver of any provision of the Contract.

9.14 Publicity

Except as provided in the paragraph below, Grantee must not use the name of, or directly or indirectly refer to, the System Agency, the State of Texas, or any other State agency in any media release, public announcement, or public disclosure relating to the Contract or its subject matter, including in any promotional or marketing materials, customer lists, or business presentations.

Grantee may publish, at its sole expense, results of Grantee performance under the Contract with the System Agency’s prior review and approval, which the System Agency may exercise at its sole discretion. Any publication (written, visual, or sound) will acknowledge the support received from the System Agency and any Federal agency, as appropriate.

9.15 Prohibition on Non-compete Restrictions

Grantee will not require any employees or Subcontractors to agree to any conditions, such as non-compete clauses or other contractual arrangements that would limit or restrict such persons or entities from employment or contracting with the State of Texas.

9.16 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

Nothing in the Contract will be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the System Agency.

9.17 Entire Contract and Modification

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms in any future document incorporated into the Contract will be harmonized with this Contract to the extent possible by the System Agency.

9.18 Counterparts

This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, and all such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Contract.

9.19 Proper Authority

Each Party hereto represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Contract. Any Services or Work performed by Grantee before this Contract is effective or after it ceases to be effective are performed at the sole risk of Grantee with respect to compensation.

9.20 Employment Verification

Grantee will confirm the eligibility of all persons employed during the contract term to perform duties within Texas and all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the contractor to perform work pursuant to the Contract.

9.21 Civil Rights

- a. Grantee agrees to comply with state and federal anti-discrimination laws, including:
 1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000d *et seq.*);
 2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794);
 3. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.*);
 4. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107);
 5. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1688);
 6. Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. §2011 *et seq.*); and
 7. The System Agency's administrative rules, as set forth in the Texas Administrative Code, to the extent applicable to this Agreement.

Grantee agrees to comply with all amendments to the above-referenced laws, and all requirements imposed by the regulations issued pursuant to these laws. These laws provide in part that no persons in the United States may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, or religion, be excluded from participation in or denied any aid, care, service or other benefits provided by Federal or State funding, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.

- b. Grantee agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 80 or 7 C.F.R. Part 15, prohibiting a contractor from adopting and implementing policies and procedures that exclude or have the effect of excluding or limiting the participation of clients in its programs, benefits, or activities on the basis of national origin. State and federal civil rights laws require contractors to provide alternative methods for ensuring access to services for applicants and recipients who cannot express themselves fluently in English. Grantee agrees to take reasonable steps to provide services and information, both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, in order to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits, and activities.
- c. Grantee agrees to post applicable civil rights posters in areas open to the public informing clients of their civil rights and including contact information for the HHS Civil Rights Office. The posters are available on the HHS website at: http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/about_hhsc/civil-rights/brochures-posters.shtml

- d. Grantee agrees to comply with Executive Order 13279, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 87 or 7 C.F.R. Part 16. These provide in part that any organization that participates in programs funded by direct financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Health and Human Services shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.
- e. Upon request, Grantee will provide HHSC Civil Rights Office with copies of all of the Grantee's civil rights policies and procedures.
- f. Grantee must notify HHSC's Civil Rights Office of any civil rights complaints received relating to its performance under this Agreement. This notice must be delivered no more than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of a complaint. Notice provided pursuant to this section must be directed to:

HHSC Civil Rights Office
701 W. 51st Street, Mail Code W206
Austin, Texas 78751
Phone Toll Free: (888) 388-6332
Phone: (512) 438-4313
TTY Toll Free: (877) 432-7232
Fax: (512) 438-5885.

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SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

There are no supplemental condition for this contract that modify the HHS Uniform Terms and Conditions.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Section 1.01 Notice of Legal Matter or Litigation.

Grantee shall notify the contract manager assigned to this Contract of any litigation or legal matter related to or affecting this Contract within seven calendar days of becoming aware of the litigation or legal matter.

Section 1.02 Notice of a Contract Action.

Grantee shall notify their assigned contract manager assigned to the contract if Grantee has had any contract suspended or terminated for cause by any local, state or federal department or agency or nonprofit entity within five days of becoming aware of the action and include the following:

- a. Reason for such action;
- b. Name and contact information of the local, state or federal department or agency or entity;
- c. Date of the contract;
- d. Date of suspension or termination; and
- e. Contract or case reference number.

Section 1.03 Notice of Bankruptcy.

Grantee shall notify in writing their assigned contract manager assigned of its plan to seek bankruptcy protection within five days of such action by Grantee.

Section 1.04 Notice of Criminal Activity and Disciplinary Actions.

- a. Grantee shall immediately report in writing their contract manager when the Grantee has knowledge or reason to believe any that they or any person with ownership or controlling interest in the organization/business, or their agent, employee, subcontractor or volunteer that is providing services under this Contract has engaged in any activity that:
 1. Would constitute a criminal offense equal to or greater than a Class A misdemeanor; and
 2. Reasonably would constitute grounds for disciplinary action by a state or federal regulatory authority; or
 3. Has been placed on community supervision, received deferred adjudication, or been indicted for or convicted of a criminal offense relating to involvement in any financial matter, federal or state program or felony sex crime.
- b. Grantee shall not permit any person who engaged, or was alleged to have engaged, in any activity subject to reporting under this section to perform direct client services or have direct contact with clients, unless otherwise directed in writing by DSHS.

Section 1.05 Grantee's Notification of Change of Contact Person or Key Personnel.

Within ten days shall notify in writing the contract manager assigned to the Contract of any change enumerated in the Grantee's Contact Person or Key Personnel.

Section 1.06 Services and Information for Persons with Limited English Proficiency.

- a. Grantee shall take reasonable steps to provide services and information both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits and activities.
- b. Grantee shall identify and document on the client records the primary language/dialect of a client who has limited English proficiency and the need for translation or interpretation services and shall not

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require a client to provide or pay for the services of a translator or interpreter.

- c. Grantee shall make every effort to avoid use of any persons under the age of 18 or any family member or friend of the client as an interpreter for essential communications with a client with limited English proficiency unless the client has requested that person and using the person would not compromise the effectiveness of services or violate the client's confidentiality and the client is advised that a free interpreter is available.

Section 1.07 HIV/AIDS Model Workplace Guidelines.

Grantee shall implement Department's policies based on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS), AIDS Model Workplace Guidelines for Businesses at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/policy/policies.shtm>, State Agencies and State Grantees Policy No. 090.021.

Grantee shall also educate employees and clients concerning HIV and its related conditions, including AIDS, in accordance with the Texas Health & Safety Code §§ 85.112-114.

Section 1.08 Electronic and Information Resources Accessibility and Security Standards.

a. **Applicability.**

The following Electronic and Information Resources (EIR) requirements apply to the Contract because the Grantee performs services that include EIR that DSHS employees are required or permitted to access or members of the public are required or permitted to access.

This Section does not apply to incidental uses of EIR in the performance of the Agreement, unless the Parties agree that the EIR will become property of the State of Texas or will be used by HHSC's clients or recipients after completion of the Agreement.

Nothing in this section is intended to prescribe the use of particular designs or technologies or to prevent the use of alternative technologies, provided they result in substantially equivalent or greater access to and use of a Product.

b. **Definitions.**

For purposes of this Section:

"Accessibility Standards" means accessibility standards and specifications for Texas agency and institution of higher education websites and EIR set forth in 1 TAC Chapter 206 and/or Chapter 213.

"Electronic and Information Resources" means information resources, including information resources technologies, and any equipment or interconnected system of equipment that is used in the creation, conversion, duplication, or delivery of data or information. The term includes telephones and other telecommunications products, information kiosks, transaction machines, Internet websites, multimedia resources, and office equipment, including copy machines and fax machines.

"Electronic and Information Resources Accessibility Standards" means the accessibility standards for electronic and information resources contained in 1 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 213.

"Product" means information resources technology that is, or is related to EIR.

"Web Site Accessibility Standards/ Specifications" means standards contained in Volume 1 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 206(c) Accessibility Requirements.

Under Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 2054, Subchapter M, and implementing rules of the Texas Department of

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Information Resources, DSHS must procure Products and services that comply with the Accessibility Standards when those Products are available in the commercial marketplace or when those Products are developed in response to a procurement solicitation. Accordingly, Grantee must provide electronic and information resources and associated Product documentation and technical support that comply with the Accessibility Standards.

c. Evaluation, Testing, and Monitoring.

1. DSHS may review, test, evaluate and monitor Grantee's Products and services, as well as associated documentation and technical support for compliance with the Accessibility Standards. Review, testing, evaluation and monitoring may be conducted before and after the award of a contract. Testing and monitoring may include user acceptance testing. Neither the review, testing (including acceptance testing), evaluation or monitoring of any Product or service, nor the absence of review, testing, evaluation or monitoring, will result in a waiver of the State's right to contest the Grantee's assertion of compliance with the Accessibility Standards.
2. Grantee agrees to cooperate fully and provide DSHS and its representatives timely access to Products, records, and other items and information needed to conduct such review, evaluation, testing, and monitoring.

d. Representations and Warranties.

1. Grantee represents and warrants that:
 - i. As of the Effective Date of the Contract, the Products and associated documentation and technical support comply with the Accessibility Standards as they exist at the time of entering the Agreement, unless and to the extent the Parties otherwise expressly agree in writing; and
 - ii. If the Products will be in the custody of the state or a DSHS client or recipient after the Contract expiration or termination, the Products will continue to comply with Accessibility Standards after the expiration or termination of the Contract Term, unless DSHS or its clients or recipients, as applicable, use the Products in a manner that renders it noncompliant.
2. In the event Grantee becomes aware, or is notified that the Product or service and associated documentation and technical support do not comply with the Accessibility Standards, Grantee represents and warrants that it will, in a timely manner and at no cost to DSHS, perform all necessary steps to satisfy the Accessibility Standards, including remediation, replacement, and upgrading of the Product or service, or providing a suitable substitute.
3. Grantee acknowledges and agrees that these representations and warranties are essential inducements on which DSHS relies in awarding this Contract.
4. Grantee's representations and warranties under this subsection will survive the termination or expiration of the Contract and will remain in full force and effect throughout the useful life of the Product.

e. Remedies.

1. Under Tex. Gov't Code § 2054.465, neither the Grantee nor any other person has cause of action against DSHS for a claim of a failure to comply with Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 2054, Subchapter M, and rules of the Department of Information Resources.
2. In the event of a breach of Grantee's representations and warranties, Grantee will be liable for direct, consequential, indirect, special, or liquidated damages and any other remedies to which DSHS may be entitled under this Contract and other applicable law. This remedy is cumulative of

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