

**SIGNATURE DOCUMENT FOR
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES
CONTRACT NO. 537-18-0173-00001**

I. PURPOSE

The Department of State Health Services (“System Agency”), an administrative agency within the executive department of the State of Texas and having its principal office in Austin, Texas, and Silliker, Inc, dba Mérieux NutriSciences (“Contractor”), having its principal office in Chicago, Illinois (each a “Party” and collectively “the Parties”) enter into the following contract for laboratory analyses of milk sampling services (the “Contract”).

II. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This Contract is authorized by and in compliance with the provisions of DSHS Contracting Authority, which is Texas Health and Safety Code Chapters 12 and 1001 and Texas Government Code Chapter 531, Subchapter D, to the extent applicable. This Contract is further authorized by and in compliance with the provisions of Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 435, Subchapter A, and Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Chapter 217.

III. DURATION

The Contract is effective on September 1, 2017 and terminates on August 31, 2019 unless renewed or terminated pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Contract. The Parties may extend this Contract subject to mutually agreeable terms and conditions.

IV. BUDGET

The total amount of this Contract will not exceed **FORTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$46,912.50)** per state fiscal year (September 1 through August 31) for a cumulative total not to exceed **NINETY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$93,825.00)** for the duration of the Contract. All expenditures under the Contract will be in accordance with **ATTACHMENT A, STATEMENT OF WORK.**

V. 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
P.O Box 149347, MC 1982

Austin, TX 78714-9347
Attention: Frank Rivera
frank.rivera@dshs.state.tx.us

Contractor

Silliker, Inc.
1421 Dixie Street
Amarillo, TX 79102
Attention: Noella Finley
noella.finley@mxns.com

VI. 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

Contractor

Silliker, Inc.
111E. Wacker Dr. Suite 2300
Chicago, IL 60601
Attention: Legal Affairs
legal.affairs@mxns.com

Legal notice given by Contractor shall be deemed effective when received by the System Agency. Either Party may change its address for notice by written notice to the other Party.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

SIGNATURE PAGE FOR SYSTEM AGENCY CONTRACT NO. 537-18-0173-00001

DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

SILLIKER, INC.

DocuSigned by:
Jonathan R. Huss
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DocuSigned by:
Noella Finley
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Jonathan R.Huss

Name: Noella Finley

Interim Associate Commissioner,
Division for Regulatory Services

Title: Operations Manager

Date of execution: 6/27/2017 | 4:53 PM CDT

Date of execution: 6/23/2017 | 10:53 AM CDT

THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS TO SYSTEM AGENCY CONTRACT NO. 537-18-0173-00001 ARE HEREBY ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

- ATTACHMENT A - STATEMENT OF WORK**
- ATTACHMENT B - UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS**
- ATTACHMENT C - SUPPLEMENTAL & SPECIAL CONDITIONS**
- ATTACHMENT D - GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS**

ATTACHMENT A STATEMENT OF WORK

I. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. System Agency will submit milk samples to Contractor, who will provide accurate laboratory analyses of each submitted milk sample and submit the results of the laboratory analyses to System Agency.
- B. Contractor will ensure that analyses of any milk samples submitted by System Agency will meet laboratory proficiency standards as set by the National Conference of Interstate Milk Shipments and the current U.S. Public Health Service Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.
- C. Contractor will comply with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 435, on Dairy Products.
- D. Contractor will comply with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 440, the Frozen Dessert Manufacturer Licensing Act.
- E. Contractor will comply with Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Chapter 217, on Milk and Dairy.
- F. Contractor will immediately notify System Agency staff when a sample is in violation of the set limits.
- G. Contractor will perform the tests requested by System Agency for each sample submitted and will transmit by mail, fax, or email the final results of each test within 24 hours from the date and time the sample is received by Contractor's laboratory or the close of the next business day, whichever is later, to:
Department of State Health Services
Environmental and Consumer Safety Section
Policy/Standards/QA Unit, Milk Group
PO Box 149347, MC 1987
Austin, Texas 78714-9347
Fax: (512) 834-6756

II. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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

III. INVOICE AND PAYMENT

- A. Contractor will request monthly payments using the State of Texas Purchase Voucher (Form B-13) at <http://www.SystemAgency.state.tx.us/grants/forms/b13form.doc>. 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. Contractor will be paid on a Fee-for-Service/Unit Rate basis and in accordance with the fee schedule listed in Section III.C. of this Attachment A, Statement of Work.
- C. Laboratory analyses will be performed at a rate per test not to exceed the following schedule:

Analysis	Test or Method	Max. Price
Standard Plate Count	SPC/PCA	\$11.25
Direct Microscopic Somatic Cell Count	DMSCC	\$15.00
Electronic Somatic Cell Count	ESCC	\$15.00
Added Water	Cryoscope	\$3.75
Antibiotics Inhibitor (Disk Assay)	Disc/Inhibitor (Delvo)	\$8.43
Antibiotics Confirmation Rapid Test	Charm I, II, SNAP, etc.	\$45.00
Aflatoxin	Aflatoxin	\$45.00
Phosphatase	Fluorophos	\$14.06
Coliform	Coli	\$10.31
Water Supply	Water	\$28.12
Cooling Water	Glycol-Sweet Water	\$28.12



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ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

1.1 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, purchase orders, Work Orders, or Technical Guidance Letters that may be issued by the System Agency, to be incorporated by reference herein for all purposes if issued.

“Contractor” means the Party selected to provide the goods or services under this Contract, if any.

“Deliverable” means a work product prepared, developed, or procured by Contractor 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.

“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.

“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 patents, rights to apply for patents, trademarks, trade names, service marks, domain names, copyrights and all applications and worldwide registration of such, schematics, industrial models, inventions, know-how, trade secrets, computer software programs, and other intangible proprietary information.

“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 Contractor, collectively.

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

“[Project](#)” means the goods or Services described in the Signature Document or a Work Order of this Contract.

“[Public Information Act](#)” or “[PIA](#)” means Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

“[Scope of Work](#)” means the description of Services and Deliverables specified in the Contract as may be amended.

“[Services](#)” means the tasks, functions, and responsibilities assigned and delegated to Contractor under the Contract.

“[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 the goods or services provided under the Contract were initially requested, which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes in its entirety, including all Amendments and Attachments.

“[Solicitation Response](#)” means Contractor’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.

“[Subcontract](#)” means any written agreement between Contractor and a third party to fulfill the requirements of the Contract. All Subcontracts are required to be in writing.

“[Subcontractor](#)” means any individual or entity that enters a contract with the Contractor to perform part or all of the obligations of Contractor under this Contract.

“[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 Family and Protective Services, and the Department of State Health Services.

“[Technical Guidance Letter](#)” or “[TGL](#)” means an instruction, clarification, or interpretation of the requirements of the Contract, issued by the System Agency to the Contractor.

“[Work](#)” means all Services to be performed, goods to be delivered, and any appurtenant actions performed and items produced, conceived, or developed, including Deliverables.

“[Work Order](#)” means an individually negotiated document that is executed by both Parties and which authorizes a Project, if any, in an indefinite quantity Contract.

1.2 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. CONSIDERATION

2.1 PROMPT PAYMENT

The System Agency will pay Contractor in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251.

2.2 EXPENSES

Except as otherwise provided in the Contract, no ancillary expenses incurred by the Contractor in connection with its provision of the Services or Deliverables will be reimbursed by the System Agency. Ancillary expenses include, but are not limited to costs associated with transportation, delivery, and insurance for each Deliverable.

When the reimbursement of travel expenses is authorized by the Contract, all such expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the rates set by the State of Texas Textravel.

2.3 WORK ORDERS

To the extent the Contract is for indefinite quantities of services, as specified in the Signature Document, all Work will be performed in accordance with Work Orders.

- a. Upon identification of a Project, the System Agency will request that Contractor submit a proposal, including pricing and a project plan, to System Agency.
- b. If Contractor is selected to carry out an individual Project, a Work Order will be issued. Multiple Work Orders may be issued during the term of this Contract, all of which will be in writing and signed by the Parties. Each Work Order will include a scope of services; a list of tasks required; a time schedule; a list of Deliverables, if any; a detailed Project budget; and such other information or special conditions as may be necessary for the work assigned.
- c. Nothing in this Contract expresses or guarantees that the System Agency will issue Work Orders to Contractor for any of the tasks set forth in the Signature Document. All work requested under this Contract will be required on an irregular and as needed basis throughout the Contract term, and the System Agency makes no guarantee of volume or usage under this Contract.

ARTICLE III. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

3.1 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. Contractor 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.

3.2 NO DEBT AGAINST THE STATE

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

3.3 DEBT TO STATE

If a payment law prohibits the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts from making a payment, the Contractor 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.

3.4 RECAPTURE OF FUNDS

The System Agency may withhold all or part of any payments to Contractor to offset overpayments made to the Contractor. 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. Contractor

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. Contractor further understands and agrees that reimbursement of such disallowed costs will be paid by Contractor from funds which were not provided or otherwise made available to Contractor under this Contract.

ARTICLE IV. WARRANTY, AFFIRMATIONS, ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

4.1 WARRANTY

Contractor warrants that all Work under this Contract will be completed in a manner consistent with standards under the terms of this Contract, in the applicable trade, profession, or industry; will conform to or exceed the specifications set forth in the Contract; and will be fit for ordinary use, of good quality, and with no material defects. If Contractor fails to complete Work timely or to perform satisfactorily under conditions required by this Contract, the System Agency may require Contractor, at its sole expense, to:

- a. Repair or replace all defective or damaged Work;
- b. Refund any payment received for all defective or damaged Work and, in conjunction therewith, require Contractor to accept the return of such Work; and
- c. Take necessary action to ensure that future performance and Work conform to the Contract requirements.

4.2 GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS

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

4.3 FEDERAL ASSURANCES

Contractor 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 Contractor is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein.

4.4 FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS

Contractor 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 Contractor is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein. **In addition, Contractor certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable federal laws, rules, or regulations, as they may pertain to this Contract.**

ARTICLE V. OWNERSHIP AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

5.1 OWNERSHIP

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

5.2 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- a. To the extent any Work results in the creation of Intellectual Property, all right, title, and interest in and to such Intellectual Property will vest in the System Agency upon creation and will be deemed to be a “work made for hire” and made in the course of the services rendered pursuant to this Contract.
- b. To the extent that title to any such Intellectual Property may not by law vest in the System Agency, or such Intellectual Property may not be considered a “work made for hire,” all rights, title, and interest therein are hereby irrevocably assigned to the System Agency. The System Agency will have the right to obtain and to hold in its name any and all patents, copyrights, trademarks, service marks, registrations, or such other protection as may be appropriate to the subject matter, including extensions and renewals thereof.
- c. Contractor must give the System Agency and the State of Texas, as well as any person designated by the System Agency or the State of Texas, all assistance required to perfect the rights defined herein without any charge or expense beyond the stated amount payable to Contractor for the services authorized under this Contract.

ARTICLE VI. RECORDS, AUDIT, AND DISCLOSURE

6.1 BOOKS AND RECORDS

Contractor 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, Contractor 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.

6.2 ACCESS TO RECORDS, BOOKS, AND DOCUMENTS

In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, Contractor and any of Contractor’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, Contractor 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. Contractor 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.

6.3 RESPONSE/COMPLIANCE WITH AUDIT OR INSPECTION FINDINGS

- a. Contractor 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 Contractor or its Subcontractor's sole expense. Whether Contractor's action corrects the noncompliance will be solely the decision of the System Agency.
- b. As part of the Services, Contractor must provide to HHSC upon request a copy of those portions of Contractor's and its Subcontractors' internal audit reports relating to the Services and Deliverables provided to the State under the Contract.

6.4 SAO AUDIT

Contractor 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. Contractor agrees to cooperate fully with the SAO or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Contractor will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by Subcontractors through Contractor and the requirement to cooperate is included in any Subcontract it awards.

6.5 CONFIDENTIALITY

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

6.6 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. Contractor 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 VII. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND EARLY TERMINATION

7.1 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 Contractor to take specific corrective actions in order to remain in compliance with term of the Contract;
- c. Recouping payments made to the Contractor found to be in error;
- d. Suspending, limiting, or placing conditions on the continued performance of Work;
- 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.

7.2 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The System Agency may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, 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.

7.3 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 Contractor 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 Contractor's duties under the Contract. Contractor's misrepresentation in any aspect of Contractor's Solicitation Response, if any, or Contractor'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 Contractor no longer maintains the financial

viability required to complete the Services and Deliverables, or otherwise fully perform its responsibilities under the Contract.

7.4 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSOCIATED COSTS.

If the System Agency terminates the Contract for Cause, the Contractor will be responsible to the System Agency for all costs incurred by the System Agency and the State of Texas to replace the Contractor. These costs include, but are not limited to, the costs of procuring a substitute vendor and the cost of any claim or litigation that is reasonably attributable to Contractor's failure to perform any Work in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

7.5 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 VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8.1 AMENDMENT

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

8.2 INSURANCE

Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Contractor 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. Contractor 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, Contractor 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, Contractor must produce renewal certificates for each type of coverage.

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

8.3 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Whenever, by any provision of the Contract, any right, power or duty is imposed or conferred on HHSC, the right power or duty so imposed or conferred is possessed and exercised by the System Agencies Executive Commissioner unless such is delegated to duly appointed agents or employees. The Executive Commissioner of the System Agency will reduce any delegation of authority to writing and provide a copy to Contractor on request. The authority delegated to Contractor by the System Agency is

limited to the terms of the Contract. Contractor may not reply upon implied authority and is not delegated authority under the Contract to:

- a. Make public policy;
- b. Promulgate, amend, or disregard administrative regulations or program policy decisions made by State and federal agencies responsible for administration of System Agency program; or
- c. Unilaterally communicate or negotiate with any federal or state agency or the Texas Legislature on behalf of the System Agency regarding the System Agency programs or the Contract. However, upon request and reasonable notice to the Contractor, Contract will assist the System Agency in communications and negotiations regarding the Work under the Contract with state and federal governments.

8.4 LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

Contractor 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. Contractor 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.

8.5 E-VERIFY

By entering into this Contract, Contractor certifies and ensures that it utilizes and will continue to utilize, for the term of this Contract, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's e-Verify system to determine the eligibility of:

- a. All persons employed during the contract term to perform duties within Texas; and
- b. All persons (including subcontractors) assigned by the contractor to perform Work pursuant to the Contract.

8.6 PERMITTING AND LICENSURE

At Contractor's sole expense, Contractor 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 Contractor to provide the goods or Services required by this Contract. Contractor will be responsible for payment of all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Contractor agrees to be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its Subcontractors during performance of this Contract.

8.7 INDEMNITY

TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, CONTRACTOR 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:

- **CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF CONTRACTOR, OR ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR SUPPLIER OF CONTRACTOR, OR ANY THIRD PARTY UNDER THE CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OF CONTRACTOR, IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT; OR**
- **ANY BREACH OR VIOLATION OF A STATUTE, ORDINANCE, GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION, STANDARD, RULE, OR BREACH OF CONTRACT BY CONTRACTOR, ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR SUPPLIER OF CONTRACTOR, OR ANY THIRD PARTY UNDER THE CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OF CONTRACTOR, IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT; OR**
- **EMPLOYMENT OR ALLEGED EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING CLAIMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS AGENTS; OR**
- **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.**

CONTRACTOR WILL COORDINATE ITS DEFENSE WITH THE SYSTEM AGENCY AND ITS COUNSEL. THIS PARAGRAPH IS NOT INTENDED TO AND WILL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE CONTRACTOR 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.

8.8 ASSIGNMENTS

Contractor 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 Contractor from its obligations under the Contract.

Contractor 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.

8.9 SUBCONTRACTS

Contractor will be responsible to the System Agency for any Subcontractor's performance under this Contract. Nothing in this Contract will be construed to relieve Contractor of the responsibility for ensuring that the goods delivered or services rendered by Contractor or any of its Subcontractors comply with all the terms and provisions of this Contract. Contractor will provide written notification to the System Agency of any Subcontractor receiving compensation of One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) or more of the Work under this Contract, including the name and taxpayer identification number of Subcontractor, the task(s) being performed, and the number of Subcontractor employees expected to perform Services. The System Agency reserves the right to:

- a. Reject the Subcontract or require changes to any provisions that do not comply with the requirements, duties, or responsibilities of the Contract or that create significant barriers for the System Agency to monitor compliance with the Contract;
- b. Object to the selection of the Subcontractor; or
- c. Object to the subcontracting of the Work proposed to be Subcontracted.

8.10 HUB/MENTOR PROTÉGÉ

In accordance with State law, it is the System Agency's policy to assist HUBs whenever possible in providing goods and services to the System Agency. The System Agency encourages those parties with whom it contracts for the provision of goods and services to adhere to this same philosophy in selecting Subcontractors to assist in fulfilling their obligations with the System Agency. In addition to information required by this Contract, the contracting Party will provide the procurement department of the System Agency with pertinent details of any participation by a HUB in fulfilling the duties and obligations arising hereunder.

The System Agency encourages the Parties it contracts with to partner with certified HUBs that participate in the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' Mentor Protégé Program.

8.11 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

Contractor 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 Contractor or any other Party.

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

- a. Payment of Contractor'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.

8.12 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.

8.13 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. Contractor 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.

8.14 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.

8.15 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.

8.16 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.

8.17 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

If a contract dispute arises that cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the Parties, either Party may notify the other Party in writing of the dispute. If the Parties are unable to satisfactorily resolve the dispute within fourteen (14) days of the written notification, the Parties must use the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve the dispute. This provision will not apply to any matter with respect to which either Party may make a decision within its respective sole discretion.

8.18 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.

8.19 PUBLICITY

Except as provided in the paragraph below, Contractor 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.

Contractor may publish, at its sole expense, results of Contractor 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.

8.20 PROHIBITION ON NON-COMPETE RESTRICTIONS

Contractor 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.

8.21 NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

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

8.22 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.

8.23 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.

8.24 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 Contractor before this Contract is effective or after it ceases to be effective are performed at the sole risk of Contractor with respect to compensation.

8.25 CIVIL RIGHTS

- a. Contractor 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.

Contractor agrees to comply with all amendments to these 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 service or other benefit provided by Federal or State funding, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.

- b. Contractor 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. 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. Contractor agrees to take reasonable steps to provide services and information, both orally and in writing and electronically, 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.
- c. Contractor 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. Contractor agrees to comply with Executive Orders 13279 and 13559, and their 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. Contractor must provide written notice to beneficiaries of their rights.
- e. Upon request, Contractor will provide HHSC Civil Rights Office with copies of the Contractor's civil rights policies and procedures.
- f. Contractor 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. This notice 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.

8.26 ENTERPRISE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Contractor agrees that it will conform to HHSC standards for data management as described by the policies of the HHSC Office of the Chief Data Officer (OCDO). These include, but are not limited to, standards for documentation and communication of data models, metadata, and other data definition methods that are required by the HHSC for ongoing data governance, strategic portfolio analysis, interoperability planning, and valuation of HHS System data assets.

8.26 NOTICE OF LEGAL MATTER OR LITIGATION

Contractor 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.

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**ATTACHMENT C
SUPPLEMENTAL & SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

The following Supplemental Conditions for this Contract apply to this Contract and modify this Contract's HHS Uniform Terms and Conditions:

- 1. Section 3.4, RECAPTURE OF FUNDS, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:**

3.4 RECAPTURE OF FUNDS

The System Agency may withhold all or part of any payments to Contractor to offset overpayments made to Contract. 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. Contractor 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.

- 2. Section 4.1, WARRANTY, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:**

4.1 WARRANTY

Contractor warrants that all Work under this Contract will be completed in a manner consistent with standards under the terms of this Contract, in the applicable trade, profession, or industry; will conform to or exceed the specifications set forth in the Contract; and will be fit for ordinary use, of good quality, and with no material defects. If Contractor fails to complete Work timely or to perform satisfactorily under conditions required by this Contract, the System Agency may require Contractor, at its sole expense, to either:

- a. Repair, replace, or re-perform all defective or damaged Work at no additional charge to the System Agency;
- b. Refund any payment received for all defective or damaged Work and, in conjunction therewith, System Agency may require Contract to accept the return of such Work; or
- c. Take necessary action to ensure that future performance and Work conform to the Contract requirements.

- 3. Section 5.1, OWNERSHIP, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:**

5.1 OWNERSHIP

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

4. Subsection c of Section 8.3, DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

c. Unilaterally communicate or negotiate with any federal or state agency or the Texas Legislature on behalf of the System Agency regarding the System Agency programs or the Contract. However, upon request and reasonable notice to Contractor, Contractor will assist the System Agency in communications and negotiations regarding the Work under the Contract with state and federal governments.

5. Section 8.7, INDEMNITY, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

8.7 INDEMNITY

TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, CONTRACTOR 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:

- **CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF CONTRACT, OR ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, OR SUBCONTRACTOR OF CONTRACTOR, OR ANY THIRD PARTY UNDER THE CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OF CONTRACT, IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT; OR**
- **ANY BREACH OR VIOLATION OF A STATUTE, ORDINANCE, GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION, STANDARD, RULE, OR BREACH OF CONTRACT BY CONTRACTOR, ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, OR SUBCONTRACTOR OF CONTRACTOR, OR ANY THIRD PARTY UNDER THE CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OF CONTRACTOR, IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT; OR**
- **EMPLOYMENT OR ALLEGED EMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, INCLUDING CLAIMS OF DISCRIMINATION, AGAINST CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS AGENTS; OR**
- **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.**

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6. Section 8.20, PROHIBITION ON NON-COMPETE RESTRICTIONS, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

8.20 PROHIBITION ON NON-COMPETE RESTRICTIONS

Contractor will not require 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 contracting with the State of Texas.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

SECTION 1.01 NOTICE OF CONTRACT ACTION

Contractor shall notify their assigned contract manager if Contractor 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 1.02 NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY

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

SECTION 1.03 NOTICE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

- a. Contractor shall immediately report in writing to their contract manager when Contractor has knowledge or any reason to believe 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:
 1. Engaged in any activity that could constitute a criminal offense equal to or greater than a Class A misdemeanor or grounds for disciplinary action by a state or federal regulatory authority; or
 2. 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. Contractor 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 the System Agency.

SECTION 1.04 CONTRACTOR'S NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF CONTACT PERSON OR KEY PERSONNEL

The Contractor shall notify in writing their contract manager assigned within ten days of any change to the Contractor's Contact Person or Key Personnel.

ATTACHMENT D

GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS

By entering into this Contract, Contractor affirms, without exception, as follows:

1. Contractor represents and warrants that these General Affirmations apply to Contractor and all of Contractor's principals, officers, directors, shareholders, partners, owners, agents, employees, Subcontractors, independent contractors, and any other representatives who may provide services under, who have a financial interest in, or otherwise are interested in this Contract.
2. Contractor represents and warrants that all statements and information provided to the Enterprise Agency are current, complete, and accurate. This includes all statements and information relating in any manner to this Contract and any solicitation resulting in this Contract.
3. Contractor has not given, has not offered to give, and does not intend to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with this Contract.
4. Under Section 2155.004, Texas Government Code (relating to financial participation in preparing solicitations), Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to receive this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
5. Under Section 2155.006, Texas Government Code (relating to convictions and penalties regarding Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Katrina, and other disasters), Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to receive this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
6. Under Section 2261.053, Texas Government Code (relating to convictions and penalties regarding Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Katrina, and other disasters), Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to receive this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
7. Under Section 231.006, Texas Family Code (relating to delinquent child support), Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
8. Contractor certifies that: (a) the entity executing this Contract; (b) its principals; (c) its Subcontractors; and (d) any personnel designated to perform services related to this Contract are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal Department or Agency. This certification is made pursuant to the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549 and Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, 2 C.F.R. Part 376, and any relevant regulations promulgated by the Department or Agency funding this project. This provision shall be included in its entirety in Contractor's Subcontracts if payment in whole or in part is from federal funds.
9. Contractor certifies that it, its principals, its Subcontractors, and any personnel designated to perform services related to this Contract are eligible to participate in this transaction and have not been subjected to suspension, debarment, or similar ineligibility determined by any federal, state, or local governmental entity.
10. Contractor certifies it is in compliance with all State of Texas statutes and rules relating to procurement; and that (a) the entity executing this Contract; (b) its principals; (c) its Subcontractors; and (d) any personnel designated to perform services related to this Contract are not listed on the federal government's terrorism watch list described in Executive Order 13224. Entities ineligible for federal procurement are listed at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>, which Contractor may

review in making this certification. Contractor acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate. This provision shall be included in its entirety in Contractor's Subcontracts if payment in whole or in part is from federal funds.

11. In accordance with Texas Government Code Section 669.003 (relating to contracting with the executive head of a state agency), Contractor certifies that it (1) is not the executive head of the Enterprise Agency; (2) was not at any time during the past four years the executive head of the Enterprise Agency; and (3) does not employ a current or former executive head of the Enterprise Agency.
12. Contractor represents and warrants that it is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise taxes owed the State of Texas under Chapter 171 of the Texas Tax Code.
13. Contractor represents and warrants that payments to Contractor and Contractor's receipt of appropriated or other funds under this Contract are not prohibited by Sections 556.005, 556.0055, or 556.008 of the Texas Government Code (relating to use of appropriated money or state funds to employ or pay lobbyists, lobbying expenses, or influence legislation).
14. Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with Texas Government Code Section 2155.4441, relating to the purchase of products produced in the State of Texas under service contracts.
15. Pursuant to Section 2252.901, Texas Government Code (relating to prohibitions regarding contracts with and involving former and retired state agency employees), Contractor will not allow any former employee of the Enterprise Agency to perform services under this Contract during the twelve (12) month period immediately following the employee's last date of employment at the Enterprise Agency.
16. Contractor acknowledges that, pursuant to Section 572.069 of the Texas Government Code, a former state officer or employee of the Enterprise Agency who during the period of state service or employment participated on behalf of the Enterprise Agency in a procurement or contract negotiation involving Contractor may not accept employment from Contractor before the second anniversary of the date the officer's or employee's service or employment with the Enterprise Agency ceased.
17. Contractor understands that the Enterprise Agency does not tolerate any type of fraud. The Enterprise Agency's policy is to promote consistent, legal, and ethical organizational behavior by assigning responsibilities and providing guidelines to enforce controls. Violations of law, agency policies, or standards of ethical conduct will be investigated, and appropriate actions will be taken. All employees or contractors who suspect fraud, waste or abuse (including employee misconduct that would constitute fraud, waste, or abuse) are required to immediately report the questionable activity to both the Health and Human Services Commission's Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-436-6184 and the State Auditor's Office. Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and Enterprise Agency policies regarding fraud including, but not limited to, HHS Circular C-027.
18. Contractor represents and warrants that it has not violated state or federal antitrust laws and has not communicated its bid for this Contract directly or indirectly to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business. Contractor hereby assigns to Enterprise Agency any claims for overcharges associated with this Contract under 15 U.S.C. § 1, *et seq.*, and Texas Business and Commerce Code § 15.01, *et seq.*
19. Contractor represents and warrants that it is not aware of and has received no notice of any court or governmental agency proceeding, investigation, or other action pending or threatened against Contractor or any of the individuals or entities included numbered paragraph 1 of these General Affirmations within the five (5) calendar years immediately preceding the execution of this Contract that would or could impair Contractor's performance under this Contract, relate to the contracted or similar goods or services, or otherwise be relevant to the Enterprise Agency's consideration of entering

into this Contract. If Contractor is unable to make the preceding representation and warranty, then Contractor instead represents and warrants that it has provided to the Enterprise Agency a complete, detailed disclosure of any such court or governmental agency proceeding, investigation, or other action that would or could impair Contractor's performance under this Contract, relate to the contracted or similar goods or services, or otherwise be relevant to the Enterprise Agency's consideration of entering into this Contract. In addition, Contractor represents and warrants that it shall notify the Enterprise Agency in writing within five (5) business days of any changes to the representations or warranties in this clause and understands that failure to so timely update the Enterprise Agency shall constitute breach of contract and may result in immediate termination of this Contract.

20. Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that any false representation or any failure to comply with a representation, warranty, or certification made by Contractor is subject to all civil and criminal consequences provided at law or in equity including, but not limited to, immediate termination of this Contract.
21. Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with all applicable laws and maintain all permits and licenses required by applicable city, county, state, and federal rules, regulations, statues, codes, and other laws that pertain to this Contract.
22. Contractor represents and warrants that the individual signing this Contract is authorized to sign on behalf of Contractor and to bind Contractor.

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