

**SIGNATURE DOCUMENT FOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CONTRACT No. HHS000176500001
UNDER THE
MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID GRANT PROGRAM**

I. PURPOSE

The HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (“System Agency”), and ABILENE REGIONAL MHMR CENTER DBA BETTY HARDWICK CENTER (“Grantee”) (each a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”) enter into the following contract for the Mental Health First Aid Grant Program (the "Contract").

II. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This Contract is authorized by and in compliance with the provisions of Local Political Subdivisions, which includes but is not limited to Cities, Counties, School Districts, Local Health Departments – Texas Government Code Chapter 791.

III. DURATION

The Contract is effective on September 1, 2018 and terminates on August 31, 2023, 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.

IV. BUDGET

The total amount of this Contract will not exceed **FORTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$41,000.00)**. 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

Health and Human Services Commission
Mental Health Contracts Management Unit, MC 2058
909 W. 45th St., Building 552

Austin, TX 78751
Attention: Judith Tyler

Grantee

ABILENE REGIONAL MHMR CENTER DBA BETTY HARDWICK CENTER
2616 S. Clack
Abilene, TX 79606
Attention: Jenny Goode, CEO
jgoode@bettyhardwick.org

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

Health and Human Services Commission
Brown-Heatly Building
4900 N. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX 78751-2316
P.O. Box 13247
Attention: Karen Ray

Grantee

ABILENE REGIONAL MHMR CENTER DBA BETTY HARDWICK CENTER
2616 S. Clack
Abilene, TX 79606
Attention: Jenny Goode, CEO
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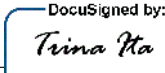
Notice given by Grantee will be deemed effective when received by the System Agency. Either Party may change its address for notice by written notice to the other Party.

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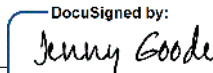
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DBA BETTY HARDWICK CENTER**

By  _____
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Associate Commissioner

Date August 7, 2018

By  _____
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Jenny Goode

CEO

Date August 7, 2018

**THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS TO SYSTEM AGENCY CONTRACT NO. HHS000176500001
ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

- ATTACHMENT A - STATEMENT OF WORK**
- ATTACHMENT B - INVOICE**
- ATTACHMENT C - MHFA COORDINATOR**
- ATTACHMENT D - UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS**
- ATTACHMENT E - SPECIAL CONDITIONS**
- ATTACHMENT F - GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS**

ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW

ATTACHMENT A STATEMENT OF WORK

I. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

A. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Training

1. In accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC) Section 1001.202, Grantee shall train and certify employee(s) and/or contracted provider(s) as trainers using the MHFA protocol established by MHFA Australia.
2. In accordance with THSC Section 1001.203, Grantee shall provide Adult MHFA or Youth MHFA training to public school district employees, public school resource officers, and university employees by MHFA certified instructors as a preventative measure to assist in early identification of children at risk of social-emotional disorders. The phrase university employees includes entities covered under the definition of "institution of higher education" in Education Code Section 61.003.
3. Grantee may contract with MHFA instructors certified by one of the MHFA-United States of America (USA) or MHFA Australia authorities to provide training as listed in this Statement of Work.
4. Grantee shall appoint an individual to act as Grantee's MHFA Coordinator. Grantee shall inform HHSC within two weeks of making new MHFA Coordinator appointments via Attachment C to MHCContracts@hhsc.state.tx.us and mentalhealthfirstaid@hhsc.state.tx.us. Grantee's MHFA Coordinator's contact information shall be made available to individuals inquiring about MHFA, or the availability of MHFA training.
5. Grantee shall include a link regarding availability of Grantee-sponsored MHFA training on Grantee's website.
6. Grantee shall contact local service area school districts and to notify them of Grantee-sponsored MHFA training. These contacts shall be documented using the MHFA tracking spreadsheet located on HHSC's MHFA SharePoint site. HHSC will provide access to the MHFA SharePoint site.
7. Grantee shall submit an invoice to HHSC every month even if there were no reimbursable training courses provided that month. Zero dollar (\$0.00) invoices need only be submitted to the assigned contract manager and the general Mental Health First Aid email box. This invoice is required for tracking monthly training activities and expenditures.
8. Grantee shall submit supporting documentation for each month's invoice via HHSC's MHFA SharePoint site. HHSC will provide access to the MHFA SharePoint site.
9. Grantee shall report the following information on all trainees, including employees and contracted providers, using the MHFA tracking spreadsheet located on HHSC's MHFA SharePoint Site. HHSC will provide access to the MHFA SharePoint site.
 - a. Names of school districts, universities, and community organizations represented; and

- b. Specific roles each trainee occupies within the school system, institute of higher learning, or organization (e.g. teacher, counselor, bus driver).

B. MHFA Instructor Certification

1. Grantee shall identify and submit to Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) a list of employees and contracted providers currently certified by MHFA-USA or MHFA Australia as an MHFA Instructor. Grantee shall provide proof of certification (including but not limited to, training curricula and copies of certificate of completion) of MHFA trainer training for each employee or contracted provider identified.
2. Grantee shall require all employee(s) and/or contracted provider(s) who will be trained under this grant to become a certified MHFA instructor through one of the MHFA certifying authorities listed below. Documentation of completion of the MHFA Instructor Training must include a training certificate from one of these authorities.
 - a. MHFA-USA; or
 - b. MHFA Australia.
3. Grantee shall train individuals:
 - a. In a broad-based manner across the region to maximize the number of children having direct contact with individuals trained in MHFA;
 - b. In accordance with the greatest needs in the region as identified by Grantee; and
 - c. In a manner that complements existing resources and does not duplicate established MHFA training efforts.

C. Public School District Employee/Public School Resource Officers, and University Employee Training

Grantee shall provide MHFA training to public school district employees, public school resource officers, and university employees within their service area. The training must:

1. Be conducted by an MHFA instructor certified by one of the MHFA-USA or MHFA-Australia authorities;
2. Provide public school district employees, public school resource officers, and university employees with the skills necessary to help an individual experiencing a mental health crisis until the individual is able to obtain appropriate professional care, including instruction in the following the MHFA five-step plan for individuals in mental health crisis:
 - a. Assessing risk of suicide or harm;
 - b. Listening nonjudgmentally;
 - c. Give reassurance and information;
 - d. Encourage appropriate professional help; and
 - e. Encourage self-help and other support strategies;
3. Provide an introduction to potential risk factors and warning signs for various mental illnesses (including depression, anxiety, trauma, psychosis, eating disorders, substance use disorders, and self-injury);
4. Provide an introduction to the prevalence of various mental health disorders in the United States and the need for reduced stigma in their communities;

5. Provide experiential activities to increase attendees' understanding of the impact of mental illness on individuals and families; and
 6. Provide a presentation of the evidence-based professional, peer, social, and self-help resources available to help someone with a mental health issue.
- D. Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA)/Local Behavioral Health Authorities (LBHA) Collaboration
1. Two or more LMHAs/LBHAs may collaborate and share resources to provide MHFA training to public school district employees, public school resource officers, and university employees. In collaborating, only one center is recognized as the "Grantee" and shall be recipient of the funding by HHSC and responsible for all reporting to HHSC. HHSC approval is not required on contracts made between LMHAs/LBHAs for this purpose.
 2. Grantee shall provide MHFA instructors and coordinate trainings in all the service areas included in the collaborative group. These trainings may be regional trainings, however, Grantee must clearly represent collaboration between the groups and all public school district employees, public school resource officers, and university employees within the service areas covered by the collaboration's participants must have access to training.
- E. Community Stakeholder Collaboration
- Grantee shall collaborate with community stakeholders such as National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Education Service Centers (ESCs), Prevention Resource Centers (PRCs), School Health Advisory Councils (SHACs) and Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs), to prevent duplication of prevention services.
- F. Annual Report
- Grantee shall provide HHSC an annual report that includes:
1. The number of Grantee employees and contractors who were certified as instructors of MHFA as specified in I.A. during the contract term;
 2. The number of public school district employees, public school resource officers, and university employees who completed an MHFA training program offered by the Grantee as specified in I.A. and I.C. during the contract term;
 3. The number of individuals who are not public school district employees, public school resource officers, and university employees who completed an MHFA training program offered by the Grantee during the contract term;
 4. A list of the public school districts and universities trained within the service area;
 5. A description of the steps the Grantee took to comply with its plan to maximize the number of children in its respective area(s) who have direct contact with an individual who has successfully completed an MHFA training program provided by the Grantee;
 6. A description of the steps the Grantee took to comply with its plan to identify and meet the greatest needs for MHFA in its respective service area(s) and a description of the success or challenges encountered in implementing the plan;
 7. A description of the steps the Grantee took to comply with its plan to identify and complement existing resources and the success or challenges encountered in implementing the plan.

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.

- A. Grantee shall provide the Annual Report to HHSC no later than 30 days following each fiscal year.
- B. Grantee shall provide Attachment C no later than September 15 of each fiscal year, and within two weeks of any updates to the MHFA Coordinator contact information.
- C. Grantee shall provide monthly reporting on:
 - a. the number of employee and/or contracted provider trained and certified;
 - b. the number of public school district employees, public school resource officers, and university employees trained;
 - c. specific roles each trainee occupies within the school system or institute of higher learning; and
 - d. names of school districts, the universities, and the community organizations that are represented.
- D. Grantee will not be reimbursed for conducting training above the contract amount. HHSC's approval of amendment to increase funding requests is contingent on the continued availability of funding to support MHFA training and sufficient time to process an amendment prior to the proposed training date or end of the fiscal year, whichever is earlier.

III. INVOICE AND PAYMENT

- A. HHSC will pay Grantee at the following rates:
 - 1. The total number of employees/contracted providers certified as instructors at a rate of \$1,000.00 per employee/contracted provider.
 - 2. The total number of public school district employees, public school resource officers, and university employees trained at a rate of \$100.00 per public school district employee, public school resource officer, or university employee.
- B. Grantee shall request monthly payments using the State of Texas Purchase Voucher, Attachment B. At a minimum, the Voucher shall include:
 - 1. Vendor Identification Number entered into field 9 (payee identification number).
 - 2. Amount being invoiced entered into field 13 (document amount);
 - 3. Vendor name and address entered into field 14 (payee name/address);
 - 4. Month of service range entered into field 19 (ser/del date);
 - 5. The total number of employees/contracted providers certified, the total number of public school district employees, public school resource officers, university employees, and non-educators/community members trained entered into field 21 (quantity);
 - 6. The calculated amount for employees/contracted providers certified and public school district employees, public school resource officers trained, and

- university employees as well as, the total invoice amount entered into field 23 (amount);
7. An attachment of supporting documentation, to include, sign-in sheets, and certificates for trainings (a pass/fail course record from the National Council for Behavioral Health may be submitted in lieu of certificates) during the month;
 8. The contact name, phone number, and data entry contact as appropriate entered into fields 24-25 (contact name, phone number and entered by); and
 9. School districts and universities that received training during the service month, and the number and category of employees that received training in each school district/university must be documented on the sign-in sheet.
- C. Grantee shall electronically submit invoices greater than zero dollars (\$0.00) with supporting documentation to the Claims Processing Unit at HHSC_AP@hhsc.state.tx.us, with a copy to MHContracts@hhsc.state.tx.us, the assigned System Agency Contract Manager, and System Agency Program Liaison mentalhealthfirstaid@hhsc.state.tx.us, no later than 15 days following the month of service.

ATTACHMENT B INVOICE
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1. Archive Reference Number	2. Agency No. 537	3. Agency Name Health and Human Services Commission			4. Current Document Number
5. Effective Date	6. DOC Date	7. Due Date	8. Doc Agency 529		
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19. SER/DEL DATE	20. DESCRIPTION OF GOODS OR SERVICES	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT PRICE	23. AMOUNT
<i>Provide Month Range</i>	1. Number of employees/contracted providers certified as Instructors.		\$1,000	\$0.00
	2. Number of school district employees and school resource officers trained.		\$100	\$0.00
	3. Number of employees of institutions of higher learning trained.		\$100	\$0.00
	4. Number of non-educators/community members trained.		\$0	\$0.00
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	Training Needs:			
	Number of Adult Instructors <input type="text"/>			
	Number of Youth Instructors <input type="text"/>			
	Number to be Cross-Trained in Adult <input type="text"/>			
	Number to be Cross-Trained in Youth <input type="text"/>			
24. Contact Name	Phone (Area Code and Number)	25. Entered By		
26. I approve this voucher for payment. The above goods or services correspond in every particular with the contract under which they were purchased. The invoice for the goods or services is correct. This payment complies with the General Appropriations Act.				
Approved (Sign below)	Phone (Area Code and Number)	Date		
Fiscal Approved (Sign below)	Phone (Area Code and Number)	Date		

ATTACHMENT C - MHFA COORDINATOR

Comp Code	Contractor Name	MHFA Coordinator Name	Title	Email Address	Phone Number

ATTACHMENT D - UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions Version 2.15
Published and Effective: September 1, 2017
Responsible Office: Chief Counsel



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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 the work product(s) required to be submitted to the System Agency including all reports and project documentation.

“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.

“Grantee” means the Party receiving funds under this Contract, if any. May also be referred to as “Contractor” in certain attachments.

“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 or "RFA"” 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” or “Application” 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 Travel” means Texas Administrative Code, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.22, relative to travel reimbursements under this Contract, if any.

“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: HHSC 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 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 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 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. The audit must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant and in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Government Auditing Standards, and UGMS. 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. HHSC Single Audit Services will notify Grantee to complete the Single Audit Determination Form. If Grantee fails to complete the Single Audit Determination Form within thirty (30) calendar days after notification by HHSC Single Audit Services to do so, Grantee shall be subject to the System Agency sanctions and remedies for non-compliance with this Contract. Each Grantee that is required to obtain a single audit must competitively re-procure single audit services once every six years. 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

Due the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the independent certified public accountant's report or nine months after the end of the fiscal year, Grantee shall submit electronically, one copy of the Single Audit or Program-Specific Audit to the System Agency as directed in this Contract and another copy to: single_audit_report@hhsc.state.tx.us

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.**

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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;

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- 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 contractors 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

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- 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://hhscx.hhsc.texas.gov/system-support-services/civil-rights/publications>
- 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

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HHSC SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions of these Special Conditions are incorporated into and made a part of the Contract. Capitalized items used in these Special Conditions and not otherwise defined have the meanings assigned to them in HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions -Grant- Version 2.15

Article I. Special Definitions

"**Conflict of Interest**" means a set of facts or circumstances, a relationship, or other situation under which Contractor, a Subcontractor, or individual has past, present, or currently planned personal or financial activities or interests that either directly or indirectly: (1) impairs or diminishes the Contractor's, or Subcontractor's ability to render impartial or objective assistance or advice to the HHSC; or (2) provides the Contractor or Subcontractor an unfair competitive advantage in future HHSC procurements.

"**Contractor Agents**" means Contractor's representatives, employees, officers, Subcontractors, as well as their employees, contractors, officers, and agents.

"**Data Use Agreement**" means the agreement incorporated into the Contract to facilitate creation, receipt, maintenance, use, disclosure or access to Confidential Information.

"**Item of Noncompliance**" means Contractor's acts or omissions that: (1) violate a provision of the Contract; (2) fail to ensure adequate performance of the Work; (3) represent a failure of Contractor to be responsive to a request of HHSC relating to the Work under the Contract.

"**Minor Administrative Change**" refers to a change to the Contract that does not increase the fees or term and done in accordance with Section 4.02 of these Special Conditions.

"**Confidential System Information**" means any communication or record (whether oral, written, electronically stored or transmitted, or in any other form) provided to or made available to Contractor; or that Contractor may create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to on behalf of HHSC or through performance of the Work, which is not designated as Confidential Information in a Data Use Agreement.

"**State**" means the State of Texas and, unless otherwise indicated or appropriate, will be interpreted to mean HHSC and other agencies of the State of Texas that may participate in the administration of HHSC Programs; provided, however, that no provision will be interpreted to include any entity other than HHSC as the contracting agency.

"**UTC**" means HHSC's Uniform Terms and Conditions -Grant- Version 2.15

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Article II. Contractors Personnel and Subcontractors

2.01 Qualifications

Contractor agrees to maintain the organizational and administrative capacity and capabilities proposed in its response to the Solicitation, as modified, to carry out all duties and responsibilities under the Contract. Contractor Agents assigned to perform the duties and responsibilities under the Contract must be and remain properly trained and qualified for the functions they are to perform. Notwithstanding the transfer or turnover of personnel, Contractor remains obligated to perform all duties and responsibilities under the Contract without degradation and in strict accordance with the terms of the Contract.

2.02 Conduct and Removal

While performing the Work under the Contract, Contractor Agents must comply with applicable Contract terms, State and federal rules, regulations, HHSC's policies, and HHSC's requests regarding personal and professional conduct; and otherwise conduct themselves in a businesslike and professional manner.

If HHSC determines in good faith that a particular Contractor Agent is not conducting himself or herself in accordance with the terms of the Contract, HHSC may provide Contractor with notice and documentation regarding its concerns. Upon receipt of such notice, Contractor must promptly investigate the matter and, at HHSC's election, take appropriate action that may include removing the Contractor Agent from performing any Work under the Contract and replacing the Contractor Agent with a similarly qualified individual acceptable to HHSC as soon as reasonably practicable or as otherwise agreed to by HHSC.

Article III. Performance

3.01 Measurement

Satisfactory performance of the Contract, unless otherwise specified in the Contract, will be measured by:

- (a) Compliance with Contract requirements, including all representations and warranties;
- (b) Compliance with the Work requested in the Solicitation and Work proposed by Contractor in its response to the Solicitation and approved by HHSC;
- (c) Delivery of Work in accordance with the service levels proposed by Contractor in the Solicitation Response as accepted by HHSC;

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- (d) Results of audits, inspections, or quality checks performed by the HHSC or its designee;
- (e) Timeliness, completeness, and accuracy of Work; and
- (f) Achievement of specific performance measures and incentives as applicable.

Article IV. Amendments and Modifications

4.01 Formal Procedure

No different or additional Work or contractual obligations will be authorized or performed unless contemplated within the Scope of Work and memorialized in an amendment or modification of the Contract that is executed in compliance with this Article. No waiver of any term, covenant, or condition of the Contract will be valid unless executed in compliance with this Article. Contractor will not be entitled to payment for Work that is not authorized by a properly executed Contract amendment or modification, or through the express written authorization of HHSC.

Any changes to the Contract that results in a change to either the term, fees, or significantly impacting the obligations of the parties to the Contract must be effectuated by a formal Amendment to the Contract. Such Amendment must be signed by the appropriate and duly authorized representative of each party in order to have any effect.

4.02 Minor Administrative Changes

HHSC's designee, referred to as the Contract Manager, Project Sponsor, or other equivalent, in the Contract, is authorized to provide written approval of mutually agreed upon Minor Administrative Changes to the Work or the Contract that do not increase the fees or term. Changes that increase the fees or term must be accomplished through the formal amendment procedure, as set forth in Section 4.01 of these Special Conditions. Upon approval of a Minor Administrative Change, HHSC and Contractor will maintain written notice that the change has been accepted in their Contract files.

Article V. Payment

5.01 Enhanced Payment Procedures

HHSC will be relieved of its obligation to make any payments to Contractor until such time as any and all set-off amounts have been credited to HHSC. If HHSC disputes payment of all or any portion of an invoice from Contractor, HHSC will notify the Contractor of the dispute and both Parties will attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute in accordance with these Special Conditions. HHSC will not be required to pay any disputed portion of a Contractor invoice unless, and until, the dispute is resolved. Notwithstanding any

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such dispute, Contractor will continue to perform the Work in compliance with the terms of the Contract pending resolution of such dispute so long as all undisputed amounts continue to be paid to Contractor.

Article VI. Confidentiality

6.01 Consultant Disclosure

Contractor agrees that any consultant reports received by HHSC in connection with the Contract may be distributed by HHSC, in its discretion, to any other state agency and the Texas legislature. Any distribution may include posting on HHSC's website or the website of a standing committee of the Texas Legislature.

6.02 Confidential System Information

HHSC prohibits the unauthorized disclosure of Confidential System Information. Contractor and all Contractor Agents will not disclose or use any Confidential System Information in any manner except as is necessary for the Work or the proper discharge of obligations and securing of rights under the Contract. Contractor will have a system in effect to protect Confidential System Information. Any disclosure or transfer of Confidential System Information by Contractor, including information requested to do so by HHSC, will be in accordance with the Contract. If Contractor receives a request for Confidential System Information, Contractor will immediately notify HHSC of the request, and will make reasonable efforts to protect the Confidential System Information from disclosure until further instructed by the HHSC.

Contractor will notify HHSC promptly of any unauthorized possession, use, knowledge, or attempt thereof, of any Confidential System Information by any person or entity that may become known to Contractor. Contractor will furnish to HHSC all known details of the unauthorized possession, use, or knowledge, or attempt thereof, and use reasonable efforts to assist HHSC in investigating or preventing the reoccurrence of any unauthorized possession, use, or knowledge, or attempt thereof, of Confidential System Information.

HHSC will have the right to recover from Contractor all damages and liabilities caused by or arising from Contractor or Contractor Agents' failure to protect HHSC's Confidential Information as required by this section.

IN COORDINATION WITH THE INDEMNITY PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE UTC, CONTRACTOR WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS HHSC FROM ALL DAMAGES, COSTS, LIABILITIES, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING FROM CONTRACTOR OR CONTRACTOR AGENTS FAILURE TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIAL SYSTEM INFORMATION. CONTRACTOR WILL FULFILL THIS PROVISION WITH COUNSEL APPROVED BY HHSC.

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Article VII. Disputes and Remedies

7.01 Agreement of the Parties

The Parties agree that the interests of fairness, efficiency, and good business practices are best served when the Parties employ all reasonable and informal means to resolve any dispute under the Contract before resorting to formal dispute resolution processes otherwise provided in the Contract. The Parties will use all reasonable and informal means of resolving disputes prior to invoking a remedy provided elsewhere in the Contract, unless HHSC immediately terminates the Contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract.

Any dispute, that in the judgment of any Party to the Agreement, may materially affect the performance of any Party will be reduced to writing and delivered to the other Party within 10 business days after the dispute arises. The Parties must then negotiate in good faith and use every reasonable effort to resolve the dispute at the managerial or executive levels prior to initiating formal proceedings pursuant to the UTC and Texas Government Code §2260, unless a Party has reasonably determined that a negotiated resolution is not possible and has so notified the other Party. The resolution of any dispute disposed of by agreement between the Parties will be reduced to writing and delivered to all Parties within 10 business days of such resolution.

7.02 Operational Remedies

The remedies described in this section may be used or pursued by HHSC in the context of the routine operation of the Contract and are directed to Contractor's timely and responsive performance of the Work as well as the creation of a flexible and responsive relationship between the Parties. Contractor agrees that HHSC may pursue operational remedies for Items of Noncompliance with the Contract. At any time, and at its sole discretion, HHSC may impose or pursue one or more said remedies for each Item of Noncompliance. HHSC will determine operational remedies on a case-by-case basis which include, but are not, limited to:

- (a) Requesting a detailed Corrective Action Plan, subject to HHSC approval, to correct and resolve a deficiency or breach of the Contract;
- (b) Require additional or different corrective action(s) of HHSC's choice;
- (c) Suspension of all or part of the Contract or Work;
- (d) Prohibit Contractor from incurring additional obligations under the Contract;
- (e) Issue Notice to stop Work Orders;
- (f) Assessment of liquidated damages as provided in the Contract;
- (g) Accelerated or additional monitoring;
- (h) Withholding of payments; and
- (i) Additional and more detailed programmatic and financial reporting.

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HHSC's pursuit or non-pursuit of an operational remedy does not constitute a waiver of any other remedy that HHSC may have at law or equity; excuse Contractor's prior substandard performance, relieve Contractor of its duty to comply with performance standards, or prohibit HHSC from assessing additional operational remedies or pursuing other appropriate remedies for continued substandard performance.

HHSC will provide notice to Contractor of the imposition of an operational remedy in accordance with this section, with the exception of accelerated monitoring, which may be unannounced. HHSC may require Contractor to file a written response as part of the operational remedy approach.

7.03 Equitable Remedies

Contractor acknowledges that if Contractor breaches, attempts, or threatens to breach, any obligation under the Contract, the State will be irreparably harmed. In such a circumstance, the State may proceed directly to court notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that Contractor breached, attempted, or threatened to breach any such obligations, Contractor will not oppose the entry of an order compelling performance by Contractor and restraining it from any further breaches, attempts, or threats of breach without a further finding of irreparable injury or other conditions to injunctive relief.

7.04 Continuing Duty to Perform

Neither the occurrence of an event constituting an alleged breach of contract, the pending status of any claim for breach of contract, nor the application of an operational remedy, is grounds for the suspension of performance, in whole or in part, by Contractor of the Work or any duty or obligation with respect to the Contract.

Article VIII. Damages

8.01 Availability and Assessment

HHSC will be entitled to actual, direct, indirect, incidental, special, and consequential damages resulting from Contractor's failure to comply with any of the terms of the Contract. In some cases, the actual damage to HHSC as a result of Contractor's failure to meet the responsibilities or performance standards of the Contract are difficult or impossible to determine with precise accuracy. Therefore, if provided in the Contract, liquidated damages may be assessed against Contractor for failure to meet any aspect of the Work or responsibilities of the Contractor. HHSC may elect to collect liquidated damages:

- (a) Through direct assessment and demand for payment to Contractor; or
- (b) By deducting the amounts assessed as liquidated damages against payments owed to Contractor for Work performed. In its sole discretion, HHSC may deduct amounts assessed as liquidated damages

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as a single lump sum payment or as multiple payments until the full amount payable by the Contractor is received by the HHSC.

8.02 Specific Items of Liability

Contractor bears all risk of loss or damage due to defects in the Work, unfitness or obsolescence of the Work, or the negligence or intentional misconduct of Contractor or Contractor Agents. Contractor will ship all equipment and Software purchased and Third Party Software licensed under the Contract, freight prepaid, FOB HHSC's destination. The method of shipment will be consistent with the nature of the items shipped and applicable hazards of transportation to such items. Regardless of FOB point, Contractor bears all risks of loss, damage, or destruction of the Work, in whole or in part, under the Contract that occurs prior to acceptance by HHSC. After acceptance by HHSC, the risk of loss or damage will be borne by HHSC; however, Contractor remains liable for loss or damage attributable to Contractor's fault or negligence.

Contractor will protect HHSC's real and personal property from damage arising from Contractor or Contractor Agents performance of the Contract, and Contractor will be responsible for any loss, destruction, or damage to HHSC's property that results from or is caused by Contractor or Contractor Agents' negligent or wrongful acts or omissions. Upon the loss of, destruction of, or damage to any property of HHSC, Contractor will notify HHSC thereof and, subject to direction from HHSC or its designee, will take all reasonable steps to protect that property from further damage. Contractor agrees, and will require Contractor Agents, to observe safety measures and proper operating procedures at HHSC sites at all times. Contractor will immediately report to the HHSC any special defect or an unsafe condition it encounters or otherwise learns about.

IN COORDINATION WITH THE INDEMNITY PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE UTC, CONTRACTOR WILL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS INCURRED THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH INDEMNIFYING THE STATE OF TEXAS OR HHSC WITH RESPECT TO INTELLECTUAL, REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY. ADDITIONALLY, HHSC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO APPROVE COUNSEL SELECTED BY CONTRACTOR TO DEFEND HHSC OR THE STATE OF TEXAS AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

Article IX. Miscellaneous Provisions

9.01 Conflicts of Interest

Contractor warrants to the best of its knowledge and belief, except to the extent already disclosed to HHSC, there are no facts or circumstances that could give rise to a Conflict of Interest and further that Contractor or Contractor Agents have no interest and will not acquire any direct or indirect interest that would conflict in any manner or degree with their performance under the Contract. Contractor will, and require Contractor

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Agents, to establish safeguards to prohibit Contract Agents from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational Conflict of Interest, or for personal gain. Contractor and Contractor Agents will operate with complete independence and objectivity without actual, potential or apparent Conflict of Interest with respect to the activities conducted under the Contract.

Contractor agrees that, if after Contractor's execution of the Contract, Contractor discovers or is made aware of a Conflict of Interest, Contractor will immediately and fully disclose such interest in writing to HHSC. In addition, Contractor will promptly and fully disclose any relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict after its discovery by Contractor or by HHSC as a potential conflict. HHSC reserves the right to make a final determination regarding the existence of Conflicts of Interest, and Contractor agrees to abide by HHSC's decision.

If HHSC determines that Contractor was aware of a Conflict of Interest and did not disclose the conflict to HHSC, such nondisclosure will be considered a material breach of the Contract. Furthermore, such breach may be submitted to the Office of the Attorney General, Texas Ethics Commission, or appropriate State or federal law enforcement officials for further action.

9.02 Flow Down Provisions

Contractor must include any applicable provisions of the Contract in all subcontracts based on the scope and magnitude of Work to be performed by such Subcontractor. Any necessary terms will be modified appropriately to preserve the State's rights under the Contract.

Article X. DSHS Legacy Provisions

10.01 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:

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

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

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contact with clients, unless otherwise directed in writing by the System Agency.

10.02 Services and Information for Persons with Limited English Proficiency

- (a) Contractor 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) Contractor 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 require a client to provide or pay for the services of a translator or interpreter.
- (c) Contractor 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.

10.03 HIV/AIDS Model Workplace Guidelines

Contractor shall implement System Agency'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 Contractors Policy No. 090.021.

Contractor 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.

10.04 Interim Extension Amendment

- (a) Prior to or on the expiration date of this Contract, the Parties agree that this Contract can be extended as provided under this Section.
- (b) The System Agency shall provide written notice of interim extension amendment to the Contractor under one of the following circumstances:
 - 1. Continue provision of services in response to a disaster declared by the governor; or
 - 2. To ensure that services are provided to clients without interruption.
- (c) The System Agency will provide written notice of the interim extension amendment that specifies the reason for it and period of time for the extension.
- (d) Contractor will provide and invoice for services in the same manner that is stated in the Contract.
- (e) An interim extension under Section (b)(1) above shall extend the term of the contract not longer than 30 days after governor's disaster declaration is declared unless the Parties agree to a shorter period of time.
- (f) An interim extension under Section (b)(2) above shall be a one-time extension for a period of time determined by the System Agency.

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10.05 Child Abuse Reporting Requirement

- (a) Contractors shall comply with child abuse and neglect reporting requirements in Texas Family Code Chapter 261. This section is in addition to and does not supersede any other legal obligation of the Contractor to report child abuse.
- (b) Contractor shall develop, implement and enforce a written policy that includes at a minimum the System Agency's Child Abuse Screening, Documenting, and Reporting Policy for Contractors/Providers and train all staff on reporting requirements.
- (c) Contractor shall use the System Agency's Child Abuse Reporting Form located at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/childabusereporting/> as required by the System Agency. Contractor shall retain reporting documentation on site and make it available for inspection by the System Agency.

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ATTACHMENT F - GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS

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, statutes, 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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