

HHSC Contract No.HHS000202900007

**SIGNATURE DOCUMENT FOR
TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT
UNDER THE
CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANT PROGRAM**

I. PURPOSE

The **Health and Human Services Commission** (“HHSC” or “System Agency”), an administrative agency within the executive branch of the State of Texas, and **Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center , Inc.**(“Grantee” or “Provider”), a nonprofit corporation and having its principle office at 222 E. Central Avenue, Belton, Texas, 76513, each a “Party” and collectively “the Parties”, enter into the following contract for Centers for Independent Living Program (the “Contract”).

II. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This Contract is authorized by and in compliance with the provisions of the *Texas Government Code* Chapter 531.

III. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

Grantee shall perform or cause to be performed Independent Living Purchased Services (“ILS”) in accordance with the Statement of work and Payment for Services, attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Attachments A and B**, respectively.

IV. DURATION

The Contract is effective on September 1, 2018, and terminates on **August 31, 2019**. Thereafter, subject to the availability of funds, this contract shall **automatically renew for two (2) successive two (2) year terms**, unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Contract.

V. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED

All cost reimbursement and advance requests under this Contract will be paid in accordance with **Attachment B, Payment for Services Provided**.

VI. NOTICE TO PROCEED

No work may begin and no expenses may be incurred for each proceeding Texas state fiscal year prior to issuance of a written Notice to Proceed by HHSC. Notwithstanding the preceding, at the discretion of HHSC, Grantee may be eligible to receive reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred during the period of performance as defined by 2 CFR §200.309.

VII. CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVES

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

Grantee

Heart of Central Texas Independent
Living Center, Inc.
Attn: Peggy Cosner
222 E. Central Avenue
Belton, Texas 76513

HHSC

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Austin, Texas 78751
(512) 438-5741
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Either Party may change its designated contract Representative by providing written notice to the other Party.

VIII. 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:

Grantee

Heart of Central Texas Independent Living
Center, Inc.
Attn: Peggy Cosner
222 E. Central Avenue
Belton, Texas 76513

System Agency

Health and Human Services Commission
Attn: Office of Chief Counsel
4900 N. Lamar Boulevard; MC 1100
Austin, Texas 78751

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.

IX. ADDITIONAL GRANT INFORMATION

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN): **1801TXILSG**
Federal Award Date: **May 17, 2018**
Name of Federal Awarding Agency: **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**
CFDA Name and Number: **Independent Living State Grant 93.369**
Awarding Official Contact Information: **Administration for Community Living, Washington, D.C. 20201**

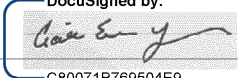
X. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOR THIS
HHSC CONTRACT No. HHS000202900007**


**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMISSION**

By: 
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Cecile Young

Acting Executive Commissioner

Date of Execution: August 31, 2018

**HEART OF CENTRAL TEXAS INDEPENDENT
LIVING CENTER, INC.**

By: 
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Peggy Cosner

Executive Director

Date of execution: August 31, 2018

**THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS TO THIS CONTRACT ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY
REFERENCE:**

- ATTACHMENT A – STATEMENT OF WORK**
- ATTACHMENT B – PAYMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED**
- ATTACHMENT C – HHSC UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS - GRANTS (VERSION 2.15)**
- ATTACHMENT D – GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS (GRANT VERSION 1.2)**
- ATTACHMENT E – FEDERAL ASSURANCES FOR NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS**
- ATTACHMENT F – FEDERAL LOBBYING FORM**
- ATTACHMENT G – TX HHS DATA USE AGREEMENT (VERSION 8.4 MARCH 15, 2018)**
- ATTACHMENT H – BUDGET WORKBOOK**

ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW

Attachment A

Statement of Work

1. Program Purpose

The purpose of this program is to provide Independent Living Purchased Services that promote to the fullest extent the integration and inclusion of individuals with significant disabilities into society.

HHSC awards contracts, whether by grant or other form of agreement, to service as providers for, including but not limited to, centers for independent living and other organizations or persons skilled in the delivery of independent living services

2. Grantee Requirements

To participate as a provider under this Contract, the Grantee must:

- 2.1 Ensure compliance with this Contract, including these Grantee Requirements.
- 2.2 Ensure compliance with all rules governing the Texas ILS Program included in 40 *Texas Administrative Code* (TAC), Part 2, Chapter 104, that is available online and can currently be accessed at: [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=40&pt=2&ch=104](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=40&pt=2&ch=104).
- 2.3 Comply with the HHSC Independent Living Services Standards for Providers that is available online and can currently be accessed at: <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/independent-living-services-standards-providers>.
- 2.4 Comply with all revisions to the HHSC Independent Living Services Standards for Providers by the effective date of the notice, which may be revised at any time, in HHSC's sole discretion, as deemed necessary.
- 2.5 Ensure and maintain compliance with the most recent version of the HHSC Independent Living Services Standards for Providers.
- 2.6 Perform all services and conduct all communications to consumers, sub-contractors and HHSC staff in a professional and respectful manner.
- 2.7 Ensure and maintain the performance measure for Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center, Inc. is **888** consumers served (i.e. consumers determined eligible with an independent living plan completed) per fiscal year.
 - 2.7.1 The service provider must meet at least 90 percent of this goal as determined by HHSC's data reporting system.
 - 2.7.2 The service provider must provide a written explanation of the reason for a variance either below or above the performance measure target within 45 days of the contract period end.

2.8 Comply with all ILS Program reporting requirements, including the following:

2.8.1 Records must support all data reported, including that amounts in fiscal reports match amounts in accounting records.

2.8.2 Program Reporting:

2.8.2.1 The service provider is required to enter or upload data into the Independent Living Services (“ILS”) Data Reporting System by the fifth day of the following month in accordance with the user guide instructions. The ILS Data Reporting System captures program performance and financial data about each ILS Program contract, including data on waiting lists, monthly consumer participation, financial information, successful and unsuccessful case closures, and consumer purchases service records.

2.8.2.2 HHSC will use information in this data reporting system to monitor the ILS Program contracts. Key performances measures and work plan targets.

2.8.2.3 By the fifth day after the end of the previous month, service providers will be required to enter consumer success stories into the Independent Living Services Data Reporting System. These consumer success stories should include examples of consumers served with different disabilities, including consumers who are deaf or hard of hearing and blind or visually impaired.

2.8.3 Financial Reporting:

2.8.3.1 The service provider is required to complete financial reports for the Independent Living Services Program contract, to include the following:

- a. original annual budget;
- b. HHSC3001 Quarterly Financial Report;
- c. 3001-Quarterly-Financial-Report ;
- d. HHSC3003 Quarterly Program Income Report;
- e. 3003-Quarterly-Program-Income-Report;
- f. HHSC3000 Budget Revision Request; and
- g. 3000-Budget-Revision-Request.

2.8.3.2 A service provider submits a HHSC3001 Quarterly Financial Report, 3001-Quarterly-Financial-Report, to the HHSC contract manager within 30 days after the end of the quarter. The HHSC3001 for the fourth quarter will be due within 45 days after the end of the year.

2.8.3.3 The financial reports support ongoing budget oversight, including a comparison of actual-to-budgeted funds. When a financial report is completed, it should be saved separately, named appropriately, and submitted to the contract manager according to the instructions.

2.8.3.4 Request for Payment, the HHSC ILS Invoice is used to request funds for contract costs. The HHSC ILS Invoice must be completed and submitted within 5 days after the end of the reporting month and must be approved before the advance is paid. The service provider can receive advance funds (that is, funds received before the expense is incurred) for an amount equal to 90 days of operating funds or less, if the contract requirements are met.

2.8.3.5 Reimbursement request costs should reflect allowable costs for the period billed. The request for reimbursement should be submitted within ten days after the end of the reporting month and must be approved before the reimbursement is paid.

2.8.4 Grievance and Complaint Reporting

2.8.4.1 Based on HHSC Office of the Ombudsman requirements, the grantees are required to report all grievances or complaints related to ILS program in a format determined by HHSC.

3. HHSC Monitoring Results with Findings

3.1 HHSC awards and monitors contracts with providers that provide ILS pursuant to 1 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Part 15, Chapter 392, that is available online and can currently be accessed at: [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=1&pt=15&ch=392](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=1&pt=15&ch=392) and other applicable federal and state statutes.

3.2 In the event that HHSC or its representatives or agents develop a report with findings based on HHSC's monitoring of Grantee's performance under this Contract, the Grantee must submit a written response to the findings within the timeframe specified by HHSC explaining the actions the Grantee has taken or plans to take to address the findings.

3.3 If the Grantee fails to address or willfully refuses to address any finding within a reasonably negotiated timeline, the Grantee is subject to the appropriate remedies available under this Agreement or provided by law, as determined by HHSC.

4. Performance Measures

4.1 HHSC will monitor the performance of each service provider or grantee by various methods including the attainment of performance measures. The performance measure is based on the number of consumers served, which is the number of consumers who have been determined eligible and have an independent living plan during the current Contract period of service. This measure supports the service provider's ability to serve consumers throughout the current Contract period of service. The methodology for determining the service provider's individual number of consumers served performance measure is:

4.1.1 Current Contract period to date information of number of consumers served as available on April 30th.

- 4.1.2 Statistical projection of number of consumers served for the remainder of the Contract period, May - August.
- 4.1.3 Adjustments for underperforming service providers based on previous Contract period(s) data.

5. Service Delivery Area(s)

The service area for the ILS program is state-wide, but specific provider counties within the state are individually approved by HHSC. The approved service areas for the contract are listed online and can be accessed at <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/independent-living-services>.

6. Eligible Population

Any person with a significant disability who resides in the state of Texas.

7. Consumer Characteristics

Grantee must be prepared to service all individuals of the population addressing consumers' needs to achieve ILS program goals and mission.

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Attachment B

Payment for Services Provided

1. Basis for Calculating Reimbursement Costs

HHSC will reimburse or make an advance payment to the Grantee for charges determined to be in compliance with and invoiced in accordance with ILS program guidelines. The Grantee may request operating funds for no more than 90 days in advance or to be reimbursed for allowable costs already incurred.

Contractors that meet the contract requirements may request advance payments certifying that the amount requested will not exceed 90 days' operating funds. If advanced funds are not expended during the quarter of the request, they must be adjusted on the next request.

2. Payment for Services

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

2.1.1 **Cost Reimbursement** - Service providers classified as cost reimbursement contracts are reimbursed for allowable incurred costs. Every 30 days' expenses will be reported using the HHSC ILS Invoice Workbook. The HHSC ILS Invoice Workbook and a signed monthly invoice should be submitted by the 10th of the month following the month the expenses were paid. Service providers classified as cost reimbursement contracts are not eligible to receive advance payments.

2.1.2 **Advance Payment** - Service providers classified as advance payment, that meet the contract requirements, may request advance payments. Advance payment for operating funds for no more than 90 days in advance may be requested each quarter. If advanced funds are not expended during the quarter of the request, they must be adjusted on the next request. Advance requests will be made using the HHSC ILS Invoice Workbook. The HHSC ILS Invoice Workbook and a signed Quarterly Advance, printed from the workbook, should be submitted when requesting an advance. In addition, the HHSC ILS Invoice Workbook and a signed monthly invoice should be submitted by the 5th of each month.

2.2 If the service provider does not meet the requirements of the contract, HHSC may:

- a. adjust payments;
- b. reimburse based on actual costs already incurred;
- c. require additional supporting documentation to make payments; or
- d. take other action as appropriate.

2.3 If reimbursement funds are requested, the HHSC ILS Invoice must be submitted to HHSC within ten days after the end of the month for which reimbursement is requested.

- 2.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Contract to the contrary, the Parties acknowledge that Grantee has no right of reimbursement for Services performed and invoices are not properly payable under this Contract unless and until (i) System Agency has received funding approval from all funding sources for Services provided under this Contract and (ii) the Contract has been fully executed with signatures by an authorized representative of each Party. If System Agency does not receive the necessary approvals to fund this Contract in full or in part, System Agency will not be obligated to reimburse Contract for any and all Services performed by Contract during the Contract Term for which funding was not approved. Under those circumstances, System Agency will not be considered to be in default or breach under this Contract, nor will System Agency be liable for any damages or any expenses incurred by Contract due to System Agency's failure to reimburse.
- 2.5 Payment to Grantee shall be on a monthly basis. Grantee shall be paid only for Services and related expenses that are eligible for reimbursement under this Contract in accordance with federal and state laws and in accordance with the Contract's Budget.
- 2.6 Grantee shall ensure that:
- 2.6.1 Expenditures eligible for reimbursement under this Contract are expenses that have been:
- a. incurred in accordance with the Grantee's approved budget;
 - b. incurred within the Contract Term
 - c. deemed allowable in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as codified by HHS at 45 C.F.R. part 75; and
 - d. deemed allowable with the ILS Service Provider Standards; and
 - e. paid by or owed to the Grantee by the last day of the then-current Contract Term in accordance with the Grantee's method of accounting.
- 2.6.2 All costs are allocable, reasonable, necessary, and allowable under the federal cost principles governing nonprofits and incurred in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract, prior to charging those expenditures to this Contract.
- 2.7 All payments by the HHSC under this Contract will be made in accordance with the "Texas Prompt Payment Act," *Texas Government Code* Chapter 2251.

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Attachment C

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



Health and Human Services Commission
HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions - Grant
Version 2.15

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

“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

Grant funds may be used to supplement existing, new, or corresponding programming and related activities. Grant funds may not be used to supplant (replace) existing funds in place to support current programs and related activities.

ARTICLE III. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

3.01 Funding

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

3.02 No debt Against the State

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

3.03 Debt to State

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

3.04 Recapture of Funds

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

ARTICLE IV ALLOWABLE COSTS AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

4.01 Allowable Costs.

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

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

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

4.02 Independent Single or Program-Specific Audit

If Grantee, within Grantee’s fiscal year, expends a total amount of at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in federal funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with 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;

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

8.02 Termination for Convenience

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

8.03 Termination for Cause

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

a. Material Breach

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

b. Failure to Maintain Financial Viability

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

8.04 Equitable Settlement

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

ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.01 Amendment

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

9.02 Insurance

Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee will acquire and maintain, for the duration of this Contract, insurance coverage necessary to ensure proper fulfillment of this Contract and potential liabilities thereunder with financially sound and reputable insurers licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance, in the type and amount customarily carried within the industry as determined by the System Agency. Grantee will provide evidence of insurance as required

under this Contract, including a schedule of coverage or underwriter’s schedules establishing to the satisfaction of the System Agency the nature and extent of coverage granted by each such policy, upon request by the System Agency. In the event that any policy is determined by the System Agency to be deficient to comply with the terms of this Contract, Grantee will secure such additional policies or coverage as the System Agency may reasonably request or that are required by law or regulation. If coverage expires during the term of this Contract, Grantee must produce renewal certificates for each type of coverage.

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

9.03 Legal Obligations

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

9.04 Permitting and Licensure

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

9.05 Indemnity

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

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

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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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TTY Toll Free: (877) 432-7232
Fax: (512) 438-5885.

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Attachment D

GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS (GRANT VERSION 1.2)

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

1. Grantee represents and warrants that these General Affirmations apply to Grantee and all of Grantee'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. Grantee represents and warrants that all statements and information provided to the System 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. Grantee 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), Grantee 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), Grantee 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), Grantee 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), Grantee 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. Grantee 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 Grantee's Subcontracts if payment in whole or in part is from federal funds.

9. Grantee 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. Grantee 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 Grantee may review in making this certification. Grantee acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate. This provision shall be included in its entirety in Grantee'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), Grantee certifies that it (1) is not the executive head of the System Agency; (2) was not at any time during the past four years the executive head of the System Agency; and (3) does not employ a current or former executive head of the System Agency.
12. Grantee 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. Grantee represents and warrants that payments to Grantee and Grantee'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. Grantee 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), Grantee will not allow any former employee of the System Agency to perform services under this Contract during the twelve (12) month period immediately following the employee's last date of employment at the System Agency.
16. Grantee acknowledges that, pursuant to Section 572.069 of the Texas Government Code, a former state officer or employee of the System Agency who during the period of state service or employment participated on behalf of the System Agency in a procurement or contract negotiation involving Grantee may not accept employment from Grantee before the second anniversary of the date the officer's or employee's service or employment with the System Agency ceased.
17. Grantee understands that the System Agency does not tolerate any type of fraud. The System 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 subcontractors 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. Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and System Agency policies regarding fraud including, but not limited to, HHS Circular C-027.

18. Grantee 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. Grantee hereby assigns to System 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. Grantee 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 Grantee 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 Grantee's performance under this Contract, relate to the contracted or similar goods or services, or otherwise be relevant to the System Agency's consideration of entering into this Contract. If Grantee is unable to make the preceding representation and warranty, then Grantee instead represents and warrants that it has provided to the System Agency a complete, detailed disclosure of any such court or governmental agency proceeding, investigation, or other action that would or could impair Grantee's performance under this Contract, relate to the contracted or similar goods or services, or otherwise be relevant to the System Agency's consideration of entering into this Contract. In addition, Grantee represents and warrants that it shall notify the System 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 System Agency shall constitute breach of contract and may result in immediate termination of this Contract.
20. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2270.002, Grantee affirms that it: (a) does not boycott Israel; and (b) will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract.
21. Grantee affirms that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization.
22. Grantee understands, acknowledges, and agrees that any false representation or any failure to comply with a representation, warranty, or certification made by Grantee is subject to all civil and criminal consequences provided at law or in equity including, but not limited to, immediate termination of this Contract.
23. Grantee 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.
24. Grantee represents and warrants that the individual signing this Contract is authorized to sign on behalf of Grantee and to bind Grantee.