

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION CONTRACT
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CONTRACT No. HHS000437900001
UNDER THE TEXAS TARGETED OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT
SAFE DRUG DISPOSAL AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAM

THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ("Receiving Agency" or the "System Agency") and UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON – COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, State Agency Number 730 ("Performing Agency"), each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties," enter into the following contract for Safe Drug Disposal and Community Awareness services (the "Contract") pursuant to the provisions of "The Interagency Cooperation Act," Chapter 771 of the Texas Government Code.

I. CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVES

The following will act as the Representative authorized to act on behalf of their respective Party.

Performing Agency

Receiving Agency

Name: University of Houston

Name: Health and Human Services
Commission

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Agency Number: 730

Agency Number: 529

II. STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The Parties agree to cooperate to provide necessary and authorized services and resources in accordance with the terms of this Contract as described in **Attachment A -- Statement of Work, Attachment A-1 – Statement of Work Supplemental, and Attachment B-Budget.**

III. CONTRACT PERIOD AND RENEWAL

The Contract is effective on the signature date of the latter of the Parties to sign this agreement and terminates on September 29, 2020, unless renewed, extended, or terminated pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Contract. The Parties may extend this Contract subject to mutually agreeable terms and conditions.

IV. AMENDMENT

The Parties to this Contract may modify this contract only through the execution of a written amendment signed by both parties.

V. CONTRACT AMOUNT AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

The total amount of this Contract shall not exceed **Three Million, Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars** (\$3,340,000.00), as provided for in **Attachment B -- Budget**.

VI. LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notices under this Contract shall be deemed delivered when deposited 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
Attention: General Counsel
1100 W. 49th Street, MC 1911
Austin, TX 78756

Performing Agency

University of Houston – College of Pharmacy
Attention: Jennifer R. Potocki, CRA
4302 University Drive, 316 E. Cullen Bldg.
Houston, TX 77001-2015

Notice given in any other manner shall be deemed effective only if and when received by the Party to be notified. Either Party may change its address for receiving legal notice by notifying the other Party in writing.

VII. CERTIFICATIONS

The undersigned Parties certify that:

- A. The services specified above are necessary and essential for activities that are properly within the statutory functions and programs of the affected agencies of state government;
- B. Each Party executing this Contract on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Contract;
- C. The proposed arrangements serve the interest of efficient and economical administration of state government; and
- D. The services contracted for are not required by Section 21, Article XVI of the Constitution of Texas to be supplied under a contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

The Receiving Agency further certifies that it has statutory authority to contract for the services described in this contract under Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 12 and 1001; Texas Government Code, Chapters 531 and 2155.

The Performing Agency further certifies that it has statutory authority to contract for the services described in this contract under Texas Education Code, Chapter 111.

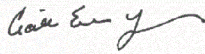
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION


UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

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Chief Deputy Executive Commissioner

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Executive Director
Title

April 27, 2019
Date

**THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS TO SYSTEM AGENCY CONTRACT No. HHS000437900001 ARE
HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

ATTACHMENT A	STATEMENT OF WORK
ATTACHMENT A-1	STATEMENT OF WORK SUPPLEMENTAL
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ATTACHMENT C	GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS
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ATTACHMENT E	SUPPLEMENTAL AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS
ATTACHMENT F	DATA USE AGREEMENT
ATTACHMENT G	FEDERAL ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

ATTACHMENT A STATEMENT OF WORK

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Safe Drug Disposal and Community Awareness (SDD/CA) Project of the Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR) program is to improve the lives of Texans by preventing the non-medical use of prescription medications through increased access to safe disposal methods, assessment of health care provider practices relating to disposal methods, and providing prevention education to high-risk individuals in Texas.

The opioid crisis is a public health emergency requiring unique, multi-faceted efforts to prevent non-medical prescription drug use in the United States. Methods for individuals to safely dispose of controlled substance medications is a critical component to an overall strategy, with environmental and individual-focused components, to prevent non-medical prescription drug use. Texas has previously distributed single-use disposal pouches (SUDPs) with positive anecdotal evidence of their use from both state-funded Prevention Programs and the end-users. In an effort to enhance disposal efforts statewide, TTOR proposes to increase the reach of SUDP distribution and improve the processes for data collection and reporting to evaluate the impact of the project.

II. TARGET POPULATION

1. System Agency substance abuse prevention programs funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG).
2. Primary care physicians in one Houston-area clinical health system.
3. One large health-system in a to-be-identified, high need community of Texas.

III. PERFORMING AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

Task 1: Texas Improved Distribution and Evaluation of Single-use disposal pouches (TIDES)

Performing Agency shall:

1. Assess previous SUDP distribution efforts to inform future SUDP dissemination and evaluation strategies.
 - a. Previous data will be provided by System Agency.
 - b. In the first 60 days post-contract start date or September 29, 2019, whichever is sooner, compile previous data, create, and submit a Baseline Report for System Agency review. The report will include previous methods for SUDP distribution, end-user groups who received SUDPs, SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) strategies implemented along with SUDP distribution, and categorized Prevention Programs based on their served target population. This information will also help the Performing Agency to estimate the need for SUDPs (quantity and size [small, medium, or large]) for each distributor.
 - i. The CSAP strategies are Information Dissemination, Prevention Education, Positive Alternatives, Environmental Strategies, Community-Based Process, and Identification of Problems and Referral to Services.
 - ii. Additional information about the prevention and CSAP strategies can be found in

the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Focus on Prevention, HHS Publication No. (SMA10–4120). Rockville, MD: Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Revised 2017: <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Focus-on-Prevention/sma10-4120>.

2. Coordinate with System Agency to identify the target populations listed in Section II. Target Population. System Agency will provide contact information for each System Agency substance abuse prevention program funded by the SAMHSA SABG.
3. Collaborate with a manufacturer of SUDPs to discuss the specific needs for the project as they relate to distribution and data collection.
4. Coordinate the provision of SUDPs to distributors (e.g., Prevention Programs, physician offices, hospitals) with data collection questionnaires attached to each unit.
5. Cover all costs associated with SUDP delivery to distributors.
 6. After estimating need and target population, contact each distributor, by any means necessary to discuss distribution method, prevention strategies, and physical mailing address for the SUDP order. Create a Contact Log of each discussion to record the organization's name, phone number, address, staff contact name, staff position, and brief summary of the discussion. Make the Contact Log available by request of System Agency.
 7. Place regularly-scheduled (e.g., weekly) requests to the manufacturer to ship the orders to individual distributors throughout Texas.
 8. Interact with the distributors, by any means necessary, to disseminate SUDPs and educate on ways to improve end-user intention to use SUDPs. End-user is defined as the person actually using the SUDP to dispose of their medications. Performing Agency will refer HHSC substance abuse prevention program staff funded by the SAMHSA SABG to the System Agency for technical assistance regarding CSAP strategy implementation.
 9. Develop a data collection instrument for collecting distributor-level information. Distributors include System Agency substance abuse prevention programs funded by the SAMHSA SABG, primary care providers, and hospitals. All distributors will be evaluated based on their (1) target population, (2) geographic location, (3) staff interacting with end-users of the SUDPs, (4) previous knowledge of SUDPs, (5) number of SUDPs distributed, (6) location of distribution, (7) number of adults receiving SUDPs, (8) number of youth receiving SUDPs, and (9) CSAP strategy implemented during distribution. A 100% response rate is required from distributors that receive SUDPs.
 10. Compile distributor-level data into a monthly Distributor Report and submit to System Agency by the 15th day of the following month for the month being reported.
 11. Develop a data collection instrument for collecting end-user-level data that allows for multi-modal response. Performing Agency may work with SUDP manufacturer to coordinate instrument dissemination. The information to be collected will include (at minimum): type of medication(s) being disposed; number of pills (units) per type being disposed; and county of end-user. This will allow disposal of controlled substances to be estimated and attributed to specific distributor(s) throughout the state. All response data will be submitted to the Performing Agency, not SUDP manufacturer. By working with the distributors, data collection procedures will aim

for a response rate of 3% overall.

12. Compile end-user-level data into an End-User Report and submit to System Agency at six months and twelve months-post contract execution date, but not later than September 29, 2019. If the overall response rate for end-user-level data is not at least 3%, a section of the report will include information for how to improve data collection to improve response rate.

Task 2: Assessing current non-medical prescription drug use prevention practices by prescribers in Texas.

Performing Agency will:

1. Recruit, and coordinate with, controlled substance prescribers in a Houston-area clinical health system to evaluate the current methods of initial opioid regimen monitoring including the distribution of SUDPs by prescribers (or their delegates). All SUDPs distribution will follow the guidelines outlined in Task 1: TIDES.
2. Develop and distribute a cross-sectional survey to prescribers in the clinical health system to identify the goals of pain management, current opioid prescribing practices, and the strategies for non-medical prescription drug use prevention including opioid monitoring.
3. Compile a Prescriber Prevention Strategy Report summarizing the survey data and include recommendations to System Agency regarding prevention implementation at prescriber sites and/or clinical health systems. The recommendations will contain evidence-based strategies and sustainability practices.
4. Submit the Primary Care Physician Prevention Strategy Report to System Agency by August 1, 2019.

Task 3: Identifying prevention opportunities for high-risk inpatients receiving opioid therapy.

Performing Agency will:

1. Retrospectively, review patients' health records from 2015 to 2017 from a large health-system in a pre-identified high need community of Texas. Screen patients to determine opioid naïve status prior to admission (less than 30 days of opioid prescription fills the year prior to admission) and opioid exposure in the intensive care unit (ICU). Obtain baseline data from the electronic medical record that includes, at minimum, demographics, co-morbidities, medications, concurrent medications, medications given for analgesia and sedation in the ICU, and patient engagement in chronic opioid therapy.
2. Determine the incidence of long-term (greater than 90 days) opioid use in previously opioid naïve individuals who received opioids while hospitalized.
3. Identify patient risk factors for chronic opioid therapy.
4. Develop a prevention strategy to reduce the risk of non-medical prescription drug use among opioid naïve individuals receiving opioids while hospitalized. The plan will include safe medication storage and disposal practices and distribution of SUDPs to hospitalized patients being discharged with an opioid prescription.
5. Compile the information from Tasks 3.1 through 3.4 into an ICU Opioid Misuse Prevention Report and submit to System Agency by September 1, 2019.
6. Provide education to providers using the developed prevention strategy from Task 3.4. Performing Agency may implement the strategy through a peer-to-peer network of ICU

pharmacists within the health system. Education will also include continuing education for hospital pharmacists and physicians on results of the study and risk factors for identifying high risk hospitalized patients. All SUDPs distribution will follow the guidelines outlined in Task 1: TIDES.

Task 4: Safe Disposal and Community Awareness Presentation.

Performing Agency will present, in-person, the findings from all tasks to TTOR staff by September 29, 2019.

IV. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. System Agency will monitor Performing Agency's performance of the requirements in Attachment A and compliance with the Contract's terms and conditions.
- B. The following deliverables shall be submitted by the established due date to the Substance Abuse Contracts Mailbox at SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us and the assigned Contract Manager.

Requirement	Deliverable	Date
Section III. Task 1.1.b	Baseline Report	The first 60 days post-contract start date or September 29, 2019, whichever is sooner
Section III. Task 1.10	Distributor Report	Monthly - The 15th day of the following month for the month being reported
Section III. Task 1.12 End-User Report	End-User Report	Six months and twelve months post-contract start date, but not later than September 29, 2019
Section III. Task 2.4	Primary Care Physician Prevention Strategy Report	August 1, 2019
Section III. Task 3.5	ICU Opioid Misuse Prevention Report	September 1, 2019
Section III Task 4	Safe Disposal and Community Awareness Presentation	September 29, 2019
Section V.	Financial Status Report	Quarterly
Section VI. B.	Monthly Invoices	Invoice for previous months expenditures by the 15 th of the current month
Contract Closeout	Annual Closeout Documents	45 days after the end of the fiscal year

V. BUDGET

- A. Performing Agency shall bill for costs incurred in the performance of this Contract within the **Will Not Exceed** amount listed in **Attachment B-Budget**.
- B. Performing Agency shall submit quarterly Financial Status Reports based on the State Fiscal Year, for all expenses incurred in the performance of this Contract using Form #GC-4a (269a) located at: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/grants/forms.shtm>.
 1. FY 2019 March – May, due June 30
 2. FY 2019 June – August, due October 15 (Annual Contract Closeout)
 3. FY 2020 September – November, due December 31
 4. FY 2020 December – February, due March 31
 5. FY 2020 March – May, due June 30
 6. FY 2020 June – August, due September 30
 7. FY 2020 September, due November 15 (Annual Contract Closeout)

VI. INVOICE AND PAYMENT

A. PAYMENT METHOD: Cost Reimbursement

B. BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Performing Agency will provide System Agency itemized expenses for each project on a monthly basis.
2. Performing Agency will submit all bills on its own invoice(s) and all supporting documentation to the System Agency contract management unit for Substance Abuse on a monthly basis. Invoice(s) along with supporting documentation and all reports must be sent to the following email address:
E-mail: SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us
With a copy to: HHSC_ap@hhsc.state.tx.us and the assigned Contract Manager.
3. At a minimum, invoices will include:
 - a. Performing Agency letterhead;
 - b. Name, address, and telephone number of Performing Agency;
 - c. System Agency Contract or Purchase Order Number;
 - d. Identification of service(s) provided;
 - e. Billing period for service;
 - f. Total invoice amount; and
 - g. Any additional supporting documentation which is required by this Contract or as requested by System Agency.
4. Performing Agency will provide the services and deliverables described in this Contract in the time and manner prescribed within the not-to-exceed amount of this Contract.
5. Performing Agency will bill, and System Agency will pay Performing Agency, in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 771, Interagency Cooperation Act, and OMB Circular A-21 (2 CFR Part 220), up to the total amount of this Contract, and within the Will Not Exceed amount as detailed in the attached Budget. Performing Agency will maintain accounting records that adequately identify and support all costs incurred in the performance of this Contract.
6. All invoices will reference the Purchase Order Number.

ATTACHMENT A-1
STATEMENT OF WORK SUPPLEMENTAL

A. CONTRACT INFORMATION

Vendor ID:	1746001399
Grantee Name:	University of Houston
Contract Number:	HHS000437900001
Contract Type	Prevention
Payment Method:	Cost Reimbursement
DUNS Number:	036837920
Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	H79TI081729
Solicitation Document:	Exempt: Government Entity

B. SERVICE AREA:

Services or activities will be provided to individuals from the following counties:

Statewide

C. CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:	Norma Rios
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Telephone:	(512) 206-5226
Address:	909 W 45 th Street, Bldg 552 (MC 2058)
City/Zip:	Austin TX 78751

ATTACHMENT B BUDGET

- A. Funding from the United States Health and Humans Services (HHS) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant.
- B. Match is not required utilizing the Texas Targeted Opioid Program, State Opioid Response SOR grant funds, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No. 93.788.
- C. Any unexpended balance associated with any other System Agency-funded contract may not be applied to this Contract.
- D. Funding:
This contract is funded with Texas Targeted Opioid Program, State Opioid Response SOR grant funds.
1. Total reimbursements will not exceed \$3,340,000.00 for the period from Contract execution through September 30, 2020.
 - a. Year 1 - Fiscal Year 2019, Contract execution through August 31, 2019 - \$1,670,000.
 - b. Year 2 – Fiscal Year 2020, September 1, 2019 through September 29, 2020 - \$1,670,000.
- E. System Agency Share contain funds from the Texas Targeted Opioid Response State Opioid Response (SOR) grant, CFDA number 93.788.
- F. Performing Agency is subject to the following restrictions, without prior approval, Performing Agency may transfer funds between direct budget categories, and must provide the System Agency Contract Manager with prior notification of this transfer. No budget category transfer or cumulative transfers may exceed 10% of the total contract value or \$100,000.00 whichever is less. If the budget transfer(s) exceeds \$100,000.00, alone or cumulatively, prior written approval from the System Agency is required. If the budget transfer(s) exceeds 10% of the total contract value, alone or cumulatively, a formal contract amendment is required.
- G. The budgeted indirect cost amount is provisional and subject to change. The System Agency reserves the right to negotiate Performing Agency's indirect cost amount, which may require Performing Agency to provide additional supporting documentation to the assigned contract manager.
- H. The Fiscal Years 2019-2020 cumulative budget from Contract execution through September 29, 2020 is as follows:

PERSONNEL	\$491,151.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$119,862.00

TRAVEL	\$17,560.00
EQUIPMENT	\$0.00
SUPPLIES	\$1,530,000.00
CONTRACTUAL	\$261,000.00
OTHER	\$147,870.00
TOTAL DIRECT CHARGES	\$2,567,443.00
INDIRECT CHARGES	\$772,557.00
TOTAL	\$3,340,000.00
SYSTEM AGENCY SHARE	\$3,340,000.00
MATCH	\$0.00

1. The Fiscal Year 2019 budget from Contract execution through September 30, 2019 is as follows:

PERSONNEL	\$283,567.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$74,084.00
TRAVEL	\$9,423.00
EQUIPMENT	\$0.00
SUPPLIES	\$655,000.00
CONTRACTUAL	\$106,800.00
OTHER	\$145,935.00
TOTAL DIRECT CHARGES	\$1,274,809.00
INDIRECT CHARGES	\$395,191.00
TOTAL	\$1,670,000.00
SYSTEM AGENCY SHARE	\$1,670,000.00
MATCH	\$0.00

2. The Fiscal Year 2020 budget from September 1, 2019 through September 29, 2019 is as follows:

PERSONNEL	\$207,584.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$45,778.00
TRAVEL	\$8,137.00
EQUIPMENT	\$0.00
SUPPLIES	\$875,000.00
CONTRACTUAL	\$154,200.00
OTHER	\$1,935.00
TOTAL DIRECT CHARGES	\$1,292,634.00
INDIRECT CHARGES	\$377,366.00
TOTAL	\$1,670,000.00
SYSTEM AGENCY SHARE	\$1,670,000.00
MATCH	\$0.00

ATTACHMENT C 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 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. 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/SAM/pages/public/index.jsf>, 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 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. 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 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. Contractor 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 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 System Agency ceased.
17. Contractor 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 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 System 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 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. 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 System 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 System 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 System Agency's consideration of entering into this Contract. In addition, Contractor 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. 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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Published and Effective: September 1, 2017
Responsible Office: Chief Counsel



Health and Human Services Commission
HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions -
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ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

1.01 Definitions

As used in this Contract, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise or defined in the Signature Document, 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 Technical Guidance Letters, as herein defined.

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

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

“Deliverables” means any item, report, data, document, photograph, or other submission required to be delivered under the terms of this Contract, in whatever form.

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

“Federal Assurances” means Standard Form 424B (Rev. 7-97), as prescribed by OMB Circular A-102 (non-construction projects); or Standard Form 424D (Rev. 7-97), as prescribed by OMB Circular A-102 (construction projects).

“Federal Certifications” means U.S. Department of Commerce Form CD-512 (12-04), “Certifications Regarding Lobbying – Lower Tier Covered Transactions.”

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

“GAAP” means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

“GASB” means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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

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

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

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

“Performing Agency” means the State Agency providing the goods or services defined in this Contract.

“Project” means the goods and/or Services described in the Signature Document or an Attachment to this Contract.

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

“[Receiving Agency](#)” means the State agency receiving the benefit of the goods or services provided under this Contract.

“[System Agency](#)” means HHSC or any of the agencies of the State of Texas that are overseen by HHSC under authority granted under State law and the officers, employees, and designees of those agencies. These agencies include: HHSC and the Department of State Health Services.

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

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

“[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.

“[Subcontractor](#)” means an individual or business that performs part or all of the obligations of Performing Agency under this Contract.

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

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

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 shall 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 shall 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 shall be deemed modified by the phrase "in its sole discretion."
- J. Time is of the essence in this Contract.

ARTICLE II CONSIDERATION

2.01 Expenses

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

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

2.02 Funding

- A. This Contract shall not be construed as creating any debt on behalf of the State of Texas or the System Agency in violation of Article III, Section 49, of the Texas Constitution. In compliance with Article VIII, Section 6 of the Texas Constitution, it is understood that all obligations of the System Agency hereunder are subject to the availability of state funds. If such funds are not appropriated or become unavailable, this Contract may be terminated. In that event, the Parties shall be discharged from further obligations, subject to the equitable settlement of their respective interests, accrued up to the date of termination.
- B. Furthermore, any claim by Performing Agency for damages under this Contract may not exceed the amount of funds appropriated for payment, but not yet paid to Performing Agency, under the annual budget in effect at the time of the breach. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity.
- C. This Contract is contingent upon the availability of sufficient and adequate funds. If funds become unavailable through lack of appropriations, budget cuts, transfer of funds between programs or agencies, amendment of the Texas General Appropriations Act, agency consolidation, or any other disruptions of current funding for this Contract, the System Agency may restrict, reduce, or terminate funding under this Contract. This Contract is also subject to immediate cancellation or termination, without penalty to the System Agency, if sufficient and adequate funds are not available. Contractor will have no right of action against the System Agency if the System Agency cannot perform its obligations under this Contract as a result of lack of funding for any activities or functions contained within the scope of this Contract.

In the event of cancellation or termination under this Section, the System Agency shall not be required to give notice and shall not be liable for any damages or losses caused or associated with such termination or cancellation.

ARTICLE III WARRANTY, AFFIRMATIONS, ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

3.01 Federal Assurances

Performing Agency 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 Performing Agency is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein.

3.02 Federal Certifications

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

ARTICLE IV INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

4.01 Intellectual Property

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

ARTICLE V RECORDS, AUDIT, AND DISCLOSURE

5.01 Access to records, books, and documents

In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, Performing Agency and any of Performing Agency's affiliate or subsidiary organizations, or Subcontractors shall 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 shall 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 shall 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, Performing Agency shall produce original documents related to this Contract. The System Agency and any duly authorized authority shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment, and all documentation that substantiates the billings. Performing Agency shall include this provision concerning the right of access to, and examination of, sites and information related to this Contract in any Subcontract it awards.

5.02 Response/compliance with audit or inspection findings

- A. At Performing Agency's sole expense, Performing Agency must take action to ensure its or a Subcontractor's compliance with a correction of any finding of noncompliance with any law, regulation, audit requirement, or generally accepted accounting principle relating to the Services and Deliverables or any other deficiency contained in any audit, review, or inspection conducted under the Contract. Whether Performing Agency's action corrects the noncompliance shall be solely the decision of the System Agency.
- B. As part of the Services, Performing Agency must provide to HHSC upon request a copy of those portions of Performing Agency's and its Subcontractors' internal audit reports relating to the Services and Deliverables provided to the State under the Contract.

5.03 SAO Audit

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

5.04 Recapture of Funds

The System Agency may withhold all or part of any payments to Performing Agency to offset overpayments made to the Performing Agency. 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. Performing Agency understands and agrees that it shall be liable to the System Agency for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Contract. Performing Agency further understands and agrees that reimbursement of such disallowed costs shall be paid by Performing Agency from funds which were not provided or otherwise made available to Performing Agency under this Contract.

5.05 Public Information and Confidentiality

Information related to the performance of this Contract may be subject to the Public Information Act and will be withheld from public disclosure or released to the public only in

accordance therewith. Performing Agency shall make any information required under the Public Information Act available to the System Agency in portable document file (".pdf") format or any other format agreed between the Parties.

To the extent permitted by law, Performing Agency and the System Agency agree to keep all information confidential, in whatever form produced, prepared, observed, or received by Performing Agency or the System Agency. The provisions of this section remain in full force and effect following termination or cessation of the services performed under this Contract.

5.06 Data Security

Each Party and its Subcontractors will maintain reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of information exchanged in the performance of services pursuant to this Contract and protect against any reasonably anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of the information and unauthorized use or disclosure of the information in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations.

Upon notice, either Party will provide, or cause its subcontractors and agents to provide, the other Party or its designee prompt access to any information security records, books, documents, and papers that relate to services provided under this Contract.

ARTICLE VI CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND EARLY TERMINATION

6.01 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 Performing Agency to take specific corrective actions in order to remain in compliance with term of the Contract;
- C. recouping payments made to the Performing Agency found to be in error;
- D. suspending and/or limiting any services and placing conditions on any such suspensions and/or limitations of services;
- 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, rule.

6.02 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.

6.03 Termination for Cause

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 Performing Agency 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 Performing Agency's duties under the Contract.

6.04 Equitable Settlement

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

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

7.01 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 shall be incorporated into the Contract by reference herein for all purposes when it is issued.

7.02 Survivability

All obligations and duties of the Performing Agency not fully performed as of the expiration or termination of this Contract will survive the expiration or termination of the Contract.

7.03 No Waiver

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

7.04 Standard Terms and Conditions

- A. In the performance of this Contract, each Party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations. Each Party shall make itself familiar with and at all times shall observe and comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations that in any manner affect performance under this Contract. Each Party will be deemed to have knowledge of all applicable laws and regulations and be deemed to understand them.
- B. All records relevant to this Contract shall be retained for a minimum of seven (7) years. The period of retention begins at the date of final payment by the System Agency, or from the date of termination of the Contract, whichever is later. The period of retention shall be extended for a period reasonably necessary to complete an audit or to complete any administrative proceeding or litigation that may ensue.
- C. The System Agency shall own, and Performing Agency hereby assigns to the System Agency, all right, title, and interest in all tangible Work.
- D. Performing Agency shall 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/or 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.

- E. This Contract and the rights and obligations of the Parties hereto shall 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 shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas. Performing Agency 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. **NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE SYSTEM AGENCY.**
- F. If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract shall be construed as if such provision did not exist and the non-enforceability of such provision shall not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Contract unenforceable.
- G. 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 shall be suspended, and the affected Party shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenant. In any such event, the Party claiming Force Majeure shall promptly notify the other Party of the Force Majeure event in writing and, if possible, such notice shall set forth the extent and duration thereof. The Party claiming Force Majeure shall exercise due diligence to prevent, eliminate, or overcome such Force Majeure event where it is possible to do so and shall resume performance at the earliest possible date. However, if non-performance continues for more than thirty (30) days, the System Agency may terminate this Contract immediately upon written notification to Performing Agency.
- H. This Contract, its integrated Attachment(s), and any purchase order issued in conjunction with this Contract constitute the entire agreement of the Parties and are 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 such Attachment(s) and/or purchase order shall be harmonized with this Contract to the extent possible. Unless such integrated Attachment or purchase order specifically displays a mutual intent to amend a particular part of this Contract, general conflicts in language shall be construed consistently with the terms of this Contract.
- I. Neither party shall assign or subcontract the whole nor any part of the contract, including any right or duty required under it, without the other party's prior written consent. Any assignment made contrary to this shall be void.

- J. This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same Contract. If the Contract is not executed by the System Agency within thirty (30) days of execution by the other Party, this Contract shall be null and void.
- K. Pursuant to Chapter 2259 of the Texas Government Code entitled, "Self-Insurance by Governmental Units," Each Party is self-insured and, therefore, is not required to purchase insurance.

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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 –State Government - Version 2.14

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.

"Custom Software" means Software developed as a Deliverable or in connection with the Agreement.

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

"Federal Financial Participation" is a program that allows states to receive partial reimbursement for activities that meet certain objectives of the federal government. It is also commonly referred to as the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP).

"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 **5.02** 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.

"Software" means all operating system and applications software used or created by Contractor to perform the Work under the Contract.

"Third Party Software" refers to software programs or plug-ins developed by companies or individuals other than Contractor which are used in performance of the Work. It does not include items which are ancillary to the performance of the Work, such as internal systems of Contractor which were deployed by Contractor prior to the Contract and not procured to perform the Work.

"Turnover" means the effort necessary to enable HHSC, or its designee, to effectively close out the Contract and move the Work to another vendor or to perform the Work by itself.

"Turnover Plan" means the written plan developed by Contractor, approved by HHSC, and to be employed when the Work described in the Contract transfers to HHSC, or its designee, from the Contractor.

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

ARTICLE II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.01 OTHER SYSTEM AGENCIES PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTRACT

In addition to providing the Work specified for HHSC, Contractor agrees to allow other System Agencies the option to participate in the Contract under the same terms and conditions. Each System Agency that elects to obtain Work under this section will issue a purchase or Work order to Contractor, referring to, and incorporating by reference, the terms and conditions specified in the Contract.

System Agencies have no authority to modify the terms of the Contract. However, additional System Agency terms and conditions that do not conflict with the Contract, and are acceptable to the Contractor, may be added in a purchase or Work order and given effect. No additional term or condition added in a purchase or Work order issued by a System Agency can conflict with or diminish a term or condition of the Contract. In the event of a conflict between a System Agency's purchase or Work order and the Contract, the Contract terms control.

2.02 MOST FAVORED CUSTOMER

Contractor agrees that if during the term of the Contract, Contractor enters into any agreement with any other governmental customer, or any non-affiliated commercial customer by which it agrees to provide equivalent services at lower prices, or additional services at comparable prices, Contractor will notify HHSC within (10) business days from the date Contractor executes any such agreement. Contractor agrees, at HHSC's option, to amend the Contract to accord equivalent advantage to HHSC.

2.03 COOPERATION WITH HHSC VENDORS

At HHSC's request, Contractor will allow parties interested in responding to other HHSC solicitations to have reasonable access during normal business hours to the Work, software, systems documentation, and site visits

to the Contractor's facilities. Contractor may elect to have such parties inspecting the Work, facilities, software or systems documentation to agree to use the information so obtained only in the State of Texas and only for the purpose of responding to the relevant HHSC solicitation.

2.04 RENEGOTIATION AND REPROCUREMENT RIGHTS

Notwithstanding anything in the Contract to the contrary, HHSC may at any time during the term of the Contract exercise the option to notify Contractor that HHSC has elected to renegotiate certain terms of the Contract. Upon Contractor's receipt of any notice under this section, Contractor and HHSC will undertake good faith negotiations of the subject terms of the Contract.

HHSC may at any time issue solicitation instruments to other potential contractors for performance of any portion of the Work covered by the Contract, including services similar or comparable to the Work, performed by Contractor under the Contract. If HHSC elects to procure the Work, or any portion thereof, from another vendor in accordance with this section, HHSC will have the termination rights set forth in the UTC.

ARTICLE III. CONTRACTORS PERSONNEL AND SUBCONTRACTORS

3.01 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.

3.02 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 IV. PERFORMANCE

4.01 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;
- (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 V. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

5.01 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.

5.02 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 5.01 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 VI. PAYMENT

6.01 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 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 VII. CONFIDENTIALITY

7.01 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.

7.02 CONFIDENTIAL SYSTEM INFORMATION

HHSC prohibits the unauthorized disclosure of Other Confidential Information. Contractor and all Contractor Agents will not disclose or use any Other Confidential 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 Other Confidential Information. Any disclosure or transfer of Other Confidential Information by Contractor, including information requested to do so by HHSC, will be in accordance with the Contract. If Contractor receives a request for Other Confidential Information, Contractor will immediately notify HHSC of the request, and will make reasonable efforts to protect the Other Confidential 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 Other Confidential 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 Other Confidential 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 OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. Contractor WILL FULFILL THIS PROVISION WITH COUNSEL APPROVED BY HHSC.

ARTICLE VIII. DISPUTES AND REMEDIES

8.01 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.

8.02 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.

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.

8.03 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.

8.04 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 IX. DAMAGES

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

9.02 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 X. TURNOVER

10.01 TURNOVER PLAN

HHSC may require Contractor to develop a Turnover Plan at any time during the term of the Contract in HHSC's sole discretion. Contractor must submit the Turnover Plan to HHSC for review and approval. The Turnover Plan must describes Contractor's policies and procedures that will ensure:

- (a) The least disruption in the delivery the Work during Turnover to HHSC or its designee; and
- (b) Full cooperation with HHSC or its designee in transferring the Work and the obligations of the Contract.

10.02 TURNOVER ASSISTANCE

Contractor will provide any assistance and actions reasonably necessary to enable HHSC or its designee to effectively close out the Contract and transfer the Work and the obligations of the Contract to another vendor or to perform the Work by itself. Contractor agrees that this obligation survives the termination, regardless of whether for cause or convenience, or the expiration of the Contract and remains in effect until completed to the satisfaction of HHSC.

ARTICLE XI. ADDITIONAL LICENSE AND OWNERSHIP PROVISIONS

11.01 HHSC ADDITIONAL RIGHTS

HHSC will have ownership and unlimited rights to use, disclose, duplicate, or publish all information and data developed, derived, documented, or furnished by Contractor under or resulting from the Contract. Such data will include all results, technical information, and materials developed for or obtained by HHSC from Contractor in the performance of the Work. If applicable, Contractor will reproduce and include HHSC's copyright, proprietary notice, or any product identifications provided by Contractor.

11.02 THIRD PARTY SOFTWARE

Contractor grants HHSC a non-exclusive, perpetual, license for HHSC to use Third Party Software and its associated documentation for its internal business purposes. HHSC will be entitled to use Third Party Software on the equipment or any replacement equipment used by HHSC, and with any replacement Third Party Software chosen by HHSC, without additional expense.

Terms in any licenses for Third Party Software will be consistent with the requirements of this section. Prior to utilizing any Third Party Software product not identified in the Solicitation Response, Contractor will provide HHSC copies of the license agreement from the licensor of the Third Party Software to allow HHSC to, in its discretion, object to the license agreement that must, at a minimum, provide HHSC with necessary rights consistent with the short and long-term goals of the Contract. Contractor will assign to HHSC all licenses for the Third Party Software as necessary to carry out the intent of this section.

Contractor will, during the Contract, maintain any and all Third Party Software at their most current version or no more than one version back from the most current version. However, Contractor will not maintain any Third Party Software versions, including one version back, if notified by HHSC that any such version would prevent HHSC from using any functions, in whole or in part, of HHSC systems or would cause deficiencies in HHSC systems.

11.03 SOFTWARE AND OWNERSHIP RIGHTS

In accordance with 45 C.F.R. Part 95.617, all appropriate federal agencies will have a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, translate, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use for government purposes all Work, materials, Custom Software and modifications thereof, source code, associated documentation designed, developed, or installed with Federal Financial Participation under the Contract, including but not limited to those materials covered by copyright.

ARTICLE XII. UNIFORM ICT ACCESSIBILITY CLAUSE

12.01 APPLICABILITY

This Section applies to the procurement or development of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for HHSC, or any changes to HHSC's ICT. This Section also applies if the Contract requires Contractor to perform a service or supply a goods that include ICT that: (i) HHSC employees are required or permitted to access; or (ii) members of the public are required or permitted to access. This Section does not apply to incidental uses of ICT in the performance of a contract, unless the parties agree that the ICT will become property of the state or will be used by HHSC's Client/Recipient after completion of the Contract.

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

12.02 DEFINITIONS

The legacy term "Electronic and Information Resources" (EIR) and the term "Information and Communication Technology" (ICT) are considered equivalent in meaning for the purpose of applicability of HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions, policies, accessibility checklists, style guides, contract specifications, and other contract management documents. To the extent that any other of the following definitions conflict with definitions elsewhere in this Contract, the following definitions are applicable to this Section only.

1. **"Accessibility Standards"** refers to the Information and Communication Technology Accessibility Standards and the Web Accessibility Standards/Specifications under the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.0 Level AA, (WCAG 2.0).
2. **"Information and Communication Technology (ICT)"** is any information technology, equipment, or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment for which the principal function is the creation, conversion, duplication, automatic acquisition, storage, analysis, evaluation, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, reception, or broadcast of data or information. Examples of ICT are electronic content, telecommunications products, computers and ancillary equipment, software, information kiosks and transaction machines, videos, IT services, and multifunction office machines which copy, scan, and fax documents.
3. **"Information and Communication Technology Accessibility Standards"** refers to the accessibility standards for information and communication technology contained in the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.0 Level AA.
4. **"Web Accessibility Standards/Specifications"** refers to the web standards contained in WCAG 2.0 Level AA.
5. **"Products"** means information resources technologies that are, or are related to, ICT.
6. **"Service"** means the act of delivering information or performing a task for employees, clients, or members of the public through a method of access or delivery that uses ICT.

12.03 ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Under Texas Government Code Chapter 2054, Subchapter M, and implementing rules of the Texas Department of Information Resources, HHSC must procure Products or Services that comply with the Accessibility Standards when such Products or Services are available in the commercial marketplace or when such Products or Services are developed in response to a procurement solicitation. Accordingly, Contractor must provide ICT and associated Product and/or Service documentation and technical support that comply with the Accessibility Standards.

12.04 EVALUATION, TESTING AND MONITORING

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

12.05 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

1. Contractor represents and warrants that: (i) as of the effective date of the contract, the Products, Services and associated documentation and technical support comply with the Accessibility Standards as they exist at the time of entering the contract, unless and to the extent the Parties otherwise expressly agree in writing; and (ii) if the Products will be in the custody of the state or an HHS agency's client or recipient after the contract expiration or termination, the Products will continue to comply with such Accessibility Standards after the expiration or termination of the contract term, unless HHSC and/or Client/Recipient, as applicable uses the Products in a manner that renders it noncompliant.
2. In the event Contractor should have known, becomes aware, or is notified that the Product and associated documentation and technical support do not comply with the Accessibility Standards, Contractor represents and warrants that it will, in a timely manner and at no cost to HHSC, perform all necessary steps to satisfy the Accessibility Standards, including but not limited to remediation, repair, replacement, and upgrading of the Product, or providing a suitable substitute.
3. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that these representations and warranties are essential inducements on which HHSC relies in awarding this contract.
4. Contractor's representations and warranties under this subsection will survive the termination or expiration of the contract and will remain in full force and effect throughout the useful life of the Product.

12.06 REMEDIES

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 2054.465, neither Contractor nor any other person has cause of action against HHSC for a claim of a failure to comply with Texas Government Code Chapter 2054, Subchapter M, and rules of the Department of Information Resources.
2. In the event of a breach of Contractor's representations and warranties, Contractor will be liable for direct and consequential damages and any other remedies to which HHSC may be entitled. This remedy is cumulative of any and all other remedies to which HHSC may be entitled under this contract and other applicable law.

ARTICLE XIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

13.01 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 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.

13.02 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.

13.03 MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTIES

Contractor assigns to HHSC all of the manufacturers' warranties and indemnities relating to the Work, including without limitation, Third Party Software, to the extent Contractor is permitted by the manufacturers to make such assignments to HHSC.

ARTICLE XIV. DSHS LEGACY PROVISIONS

14.01 NOTICE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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.

Contractor shall not permit any person who engaged, or was alleged to have engaged, in any activity subject to reporting under this section to perform direct client services or have direct contact with clients, unless otherwise directed in writing by the System Agency.

14.02 NOTICE OF IRS OR TWC INSOLVENCY

Contractor shall notify in writing their assigned contract manager their insolvency, incapacity or outstanding unpaid obligations to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or Texas Workforce Commission within five days of the date of becoming aware of such.

14.03 EDUCATION TO PERSONS IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Contractor shall ensure that all persons, who are housed in System Agency licensed or funded residential facilities and are 22 years of age or younger, have access to educational services as required by Texas Education Code § 29.012.

Contractor shall notify the local education agency or local early intervention program as prescribed by this Section not later than the third calendar day after the date a person who is 22 years of age or younger is placed in Contractor's residential facility

14.04 DISASTER SERVICES

In the event of a local, state, or federal emergency, including natural, man-made, criminal, terrorist, and/or bioterrorism events, declared as a state disaster by the Governor, or a federal disaster by the appropriate federal official, Contractor may be called upon to assist the System Agency in providing the following services:

- (a) Community evacuation;
- (b) Health and medical assistance;
- (c) Assessment of health and medical needs;
- (d) Health surveillance;
- (e) Medical care personnel;
- (f) Health and medical equipment and supplies;
- (g) Patient evacuation;
- (h) In-hospital care and hospital facility status;
- (i) Food, drug and medical device safety;
- (j) Worker health and safety;
- (k) Mental health and substance abuse;
- (l) Public health information;
- (m) Vector control and veterinary services; and
- (n) Victim identification and mortuary services.

14.05 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.

14.06 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.

14.07 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

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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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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

*** APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATION**

university of Houston

*** PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**Prefix: * First Name: Beverly Middle Name: * Last Name: Rymer Suffix:

* Title: Executive Director

*** SIGNATURE:**

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Beverly Rymer
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* DATE: April 27, 2019

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

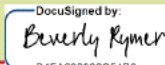
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9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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