

**SIGNATURE DOCUMENT FOR  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
CONTRACT NO. HHS000539700233  
UNDER THE  
PREVENTION AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROMOTION  
GRANT PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, Health and Human Services Commission solicited grant contracts for Prevention Grant Program services under Solicitation No. HHS0000776 on March 11, 2019.

**WHEREAS**, Health and Human Services Commission entered into Contract(s) with Grantee on September 1, 2019. These Contracts were numbered HHS000539700162, HHS000539700115, HHS000539700066.

**WHEREAS**, Health and Human Services Commission determined it is more efficient to consolidate all Contracts with Grantee into one Contract number. This consolidation will not change Contract term, amount, or any substantive requirements in the Statement of Work.

**I. PURPOSE**

The Health and Human Services Commission (“System Agency”), a pass-through entity, and Connections Individual and Family Services, Inc. (“Grantee”) (each a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”) enter into the following grant contract to provide funding for Prevention Grant Program services (the “Contract”).

**II. LEGAL AUTHORITY**

This Contract is authorized by and in compliance with the provisions of Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 12, and 1001; Texas Government Code Chapter 531; Section 1921 of Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II and III of the Public Health Services (PHS) Act, which established the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) Program; and 45 CFR §96.125.

**III. DURATION**

The Contract is effective on September 1, 2021 and terminates on August 31, 2024, unless extended or terminated pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Contract.

**IV. BUDGET**

- A. System Agency Share total reimbursements will not exceed \$1,937,673.00 for the period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024. Fiscal year allocations are documented in **Attachment B, Fiscal Requirements**.
- B. Grantee is required to contribute a 5% match requirement, per fiscal year, in accordance with Attachment B. Grantee’s budgeted match requirement for the period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024 is \$83,523.00.
- C. The total amount of this Contract including applicable match will not exceed \$2,021,196.00. Grantee’s Prevention Grant Program(s), fiscal year allocations are as follows:

- 1. Fiscal Year FY2022 Allocations are as follows:

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<b>Program ID</b>	<b>FY22 System Agency Share</b>	<b>FY22 Match Requirement</b>	<b>FY22 Total Contract Value</b>
SA/YPS	\$225,000.00	\$11,250.00	\$236,250.00
SA/YPU	\$200,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$210,000.00
SA/YPI	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
SA/CCP	\$131,832.00	\$6,591.00	\$138,423.00
SA/CCP-COV	\$173,665.00	\$0.00	\$173,665.00
SA/PRC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$730,497.00</b>	<b>\$27,841.00</b>	<b>\$758,338.00</b>

2. Fiscal Year FY2023 allocations are as follows:

<b>Program ID</b>	<b>FY23 System Agency Share</b>	<b>FY23 Match Requirement</b>	<b>FY23 Total Contract Value</b>
SA/YPS	\$225,000.00	\$11,250.00	\$236,250.00
SA/YPU	\$200,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$210,000.00
SA/YPI	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SA/CCP	\$131,832.00	\$6,591.00	\$138,423.00
SA/CCP-COV	\$93,512.00	\$0.00	\$93,512.00
SA/PRC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$650,344.00</b>	<b>\$27,841.00</b>	<b>\$678,185.00</b>

3. Fiscal Year FY2024 allocations are as follows:

<b>Program ID</b>	<b>FY24 System Agency Share</b>	<b>FY24 Match Requirement</b>	<b>FY24 Total Contract Value</b>
SA/YPS	\$225,000.00	\$11,250.00	\$236,250.00
SA/YPU	\$200,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$210,000.00
SA/YPI	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SA/CCP	\$131,832.00	\$6,591.00	\$138,423.00
SA/CCP-COV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SA/PRC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$556,832.00</b>	<b>\$27,841.00</b>	<b>\$584,673.00</b>

NOTE: A System Agency Share value of \$0 in the tables above signifies that either no funding is associated with the terms outlined in the Statement of Work, or that the Statement of Work is not currently applicable to this Contract.

D. All expenditures under the Contract will be in accordance with **ATTACHMENT B, FISCAL REQUIREMENTS** and **ATTACHMENT B-1, APPROVED CATEGORICAL BUDGET.**

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- E. If an Indirect Cost Rate Letter is required but it is not issued at the time of Contract execution, the Parties agree to amend the Contract to include the Indirect Cost Rate Letter as **ATTACHMENT J** and revise **ATTACHMENT B-1** once the Indirect Cost Rate Letter is issued.

If the System Agency, at its sole discretion, approves or acknowledges an updated indirect cost rate, the new rate, together with the revised ICR Acknowledgement Letter, ICR Acknowledgement Letter – Ten Percent De Minimis, or the ICR Agreement Letter, will be included in the revised **ATTACHMENT J** and amended **ATTACHMENT B-1**.

Indirect Cost Rate: 13.30%

**V. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Grantee shall submit all documents identified below, in accordance with **ATTACHMENT A, GENERAL STATEMENT OF WORK** and **ATTACHMENT C – DELIVERABLES & PERFORMANCE MEASURES**:
1. Program Staffing Form
  2. CMBHS Security Attestation Form
  3. Implementation Plan
  4. General Ledger (for each funded program)
  5. Financial Status Report (FSR) (for each funded program)
  6. Performance Measures (for each funded program)
  7. Invoices (for each funded program) in CMBHS
  8. Contract Closeout Document (for each funded program)
- B. In accordance with Article IV (D), if Grantee is allocated funding for **YPS, YPU, or YPI** Programs, Grantee is required to submit all documents identified below, which is documented in **Attachment A-1, Youth Prevention Statement of Work**.
1. Curriculum Outcome Measure Reports
- C. In accordance with Article IV (D), if Grantee is allocated funding for **CCP** and **CCP-COV** Programs, Grantee is required to submit all documents identified below, which is documented in **Attachment A-2, Community Coalitions Partnership Statement of Work**.
1. Community Needs Assessment (CNA)
  2. Logic Model
  3. Five-Year Strategic Plan
  4. Initial Evaluation Plan
  5. Quarterly Reports
- D. In accordance with Article IV (D), if Grantee is allocated funding for **PRC** Program, Grantee is required to submit all documents identified below, which is

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documented in **Attachment A-3, Prevention Resource Centers Statement of Work.**

1. Mid-year Report
2. Regional Needs Assessment
3. Post Regional Needs Assessment to website

**VI. CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**System Agency**

Health and Human Services  
Commission  
P.O. Box 149347  
Austin, TX 78714  
Attention: Bryan Hunter,  
Contract Manager

**Grantee**

Connections Individual and Family  
Services, Inc.  
PO Box 311268  
New Braunfels, TX 78131-1268  
Jacob Huereca

**VII. LEGAL NOTICES**

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

**System Agency**

Health and Human Services  
Commission  
1100 W. 49th Street, MC 1911  
Austin, TX 78756  
Attention: General Counsel

**Grantee**

Connections Individual and Family  
Services, Inc.  
PO Box 311268  
New Braunfels, TX 78131-1268  
Jacob Huereca

**VIII. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

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

- A. Include the Contract number;
- B. Be sent to the person(s) identified in the Contract; and,
- C. Comply with all terms and conditions of the Contract.

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**IX. ADDITIONAL GRANT INFORMATION**

Grantee Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number:	834394645
Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN):	B08TI083478-01
Assisted Listing Name and Number: Substance Abuse Treatment Block Grant Assistance Listing Number	93.959
Federal Award Date:	02/02/2021
Federal Award Period:	10/01/2020 – 09/30/2022
Name of Federal Awarding Agency:	Department of Health and Human Services
Awarding Official Contact Information:	Wendy Pang, Grants Management Specialist Center for Substance Abuse Treatment <a href="mailto:wendy.pang@samhsa.hhs.gov">wendy.pang@samhsa.hhs.gov</a> 240-276-1419

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS**

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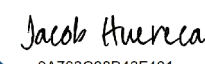
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COMMISSION**

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Sonja Gaines

SG

Date of Signature: August 9, 2021

**CONNECTIONS INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY  
SERVICES, INC.**

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Jacob Huereca

CEO

Date of Signature: August 9, 2021

**THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED TO HHSC CONTRACT NO.  
HHS000539700233 AND THEIR TERMS ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

- ATTACHMENT A - GENERAL STATEMENT OF WORK**
- ATTACHMENT A-1 - YOUTH PREVENTION STATEMENT OF WORK**
- ATTACHMENT A-2 - COMMUNITY COALITION PARTNERSHIP STATEMENT OF WORK**
- ATTACHMENT A-3 - PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTERS STATEMENT OF WORK**
- ATTACHMENT B - FISCAL REQUIREMENTS**
- ATTACHMENT B-1 - APPROVED CATEGORICAL BUDGET**
- ATTACHMENT C - DELIVERABLES & PERFORMANCE MEASURES**
- ATTACHMENT D - HHSC UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS - GRANT VERSION  
2.16.1, MARCH 26, 2019**
- ATTACHMENT E - CONTRACT AFFIRMATIONS v.1.7, NOVEMBER 2020**
- ATTACHMENT F - HHSC ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS VERSION 1.0, SEPTEMBER  
2021**
- ATTACHMENT G - FEDERAL ASSURANCES/CERTIFICATIONS**
- ATTACHMENT H - FEDERAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND TRANSPARENCY ACT  
(FFATA)**
- ATTACHMENT I - DATA USE AGREEMENT v.8.5, OCTOBER 23, 2019**
- ATTACHMENT J - INDIRECT COST RATE LETTER**
- ATTACHMENT K - HHSC SOLICITATION No. HHS0000776 INCLUDING ANY  
CLARIFICATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS MADE IN RESPONSE TO  
QUESTIONS SUBMITTED DURING POSTING AND ANY ADDENDUM**
- ATTACHMENT L - GRANTEE'S APPLICATION AND PROPOSAL FOR SOLICITATION  
No. HHS0000776**

**ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW**

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## **ATTACHMENT A GENERAL STATEMENT OF WORK**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To provide prevention and behavioral health promotion strategies for programs referenced in Contract Signature Document, Article IV (D), Grantee's Prevention Grant Program(s). Grantee is required to adhere to the requirements within the following documents:

- A. Grantee Implementation Plan, as approved by System Agency and incorporated into the Contract thereafter by reference; and
- B. Prevention and Behavioral Health Promotion Program Guidance document (hereafter referred to as the "Program Guide") <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/process-improvement/improving-services-texans/behavioral-health-services/substance-use-misuse-prevention>.

### **II. GOAL**

To prevent substance use and misuse and promote behavioral health and wellness in youth, families, and communities across Texas. Grantees will implement the following strategies as outlined in the Program Guide:

- A. Prevention Education,
- B. Information Dissemination,
- C. Positive Alternatives,
- D. Problem Identification and Referral,
- E. Community-Based Processes,
- F. Environmental and Social Policies.

### **III. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Grantee shall:

- A. Provide prevention services and activities in accordance with the rules in Title 26 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 321(A) and as outlined in this agreement, the Program Guide and the System-Agency approved grantee Implementation Plan.
- B. Submit an annual Implementation Plan for review and approval by System Agency that details how all required services and strategies will be implemented locally. Any changes to the Implementation Plan must receive prior approval of System Agency. The Implementation Plan template is located in the Program Guide.
- C. Develop policies and procedures as required by 1 TAC §392.511 and outlined within the Program Guide, "Policy and Procedures Guidance" and make them available for inspection by the System Agency.
- D. Follow the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care (The National CLAS Standards, 2013) and demonstrate



## **ATTACHMENT A GENERAL STATEMENT OF WORK**

- good-faith efforts to reach out to under-served populations as detailed within the Program Guide, “Adherence to CLAS Standards’.
- E. Secure and maintain community agreements with partners that adhere to the Program Guide, “Community Agreements”. Agreements may include a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), a Letter of Agreement (LOA), Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or other agreement as approved by System Agency.
  - F. Appropriate level staff shall participate in System Agency meetings, trainings, and state-scheduled calls per requirements in the Program Guide, “Required HHS Meetings and Communication”.
  - G. Submit additional documentation as requested by the System Agency.
  - H. Post in a prominent location, legible prohibitions against firearms, weapons, alcohol, and illegal drugs, illegal activities, and violence at program sites that do not have the existing prohibitions posted.
  - I. Conduct and document quarterly fidelity and quality assurance checks of all required activities.
  - J. System Agency requires all deliverables excluding the CMBHS deliverables be submitted within Globalscape EFT, and/or any alternative method required by System Agency. Grantee is required to maintain access to required systems or platforms for the term of this contract.

### **IV. STAFFING AND STAFF COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Grantee shall designate two media representatives to assist with the statewide media campaign as described in the Program Guide. Grantee’s participation is required.
- B. The Prevention Program Director and all other prevention program staff must complete the general required trainings as specified in the Program Guide, Section General Staff Training Requirements. All training and certification documentation must be maintained within the employees’ file for System Agency review upon request.

### **V. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Grantee shall establish and adhere to policies on conducting criminal background checks of potential employees, volunteers and/or subcontractors, which at a minimum must include:

- A. A pre-employment criminal background check for any individual that will have direct contact with youth, families, or other participants;
- B. Standards detailing hiring decisions for employees with a background check finding; and,
- C. Requirements for employees to report post-employment instances that would negatively impact subsequent background checks.



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GENERAL STATEMENT OF WORK**

**VI. CONSENT**

Grantees are required to obtain consent from participants and their parents/legal guardians in accordance with applicable laws. This includes obtaining consent for any youth prevention program services as well as any activities, including Positive Alternatives, that occur off-site or involve participant travel. Grantee will document consent using a form or process created by Grantee. Grantee will maintain all relevant consent documentation on file.

**VII. DOCUMENTATION OF STRATEGIES AND SERVICES**

Grantee shall utilize the Prevention Activity Tracking Tool (PATT), or other electronic tools as required by the System Agency, to document prevention activities as outlined in the Program Guide, "Documentation of Strategies and Services".

**VIII. CLINICAL MANAGEMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (CMBHS) COMPONENTS**

- A. Grantee shall use the CMBHS components/functionality specified below, in accordance with the System Agency instructions:
1. Request/maintain user access for appropriate staff, (including access control and credential maintenance);
  2. Provider detail;
  3. Performance Measures;
  4. Financial Status Reports (FSR);
  5. Invoices; and
  6. Curriculum Outcome Measures (YPS, YPU, and YPI Programs only).
- B. Designate a Security Administrator and a back-up Security Administrator. The Security Administrator is required to implement and maintain a system for management of user accounts/user roles to ensure that all the CMBHS user accounts are current.
- C. Notify the CMBHS Helpdesk within 10 business days of any change to the designated Security Administrator or the back-up Security Administrator.
- D. In addition to CMBHS Helpdesk notification, Grantee shall submit a signed CMBHS Security Attestation Form and a list of Grantee's employees, contracted laborers and sub-Grantees authorized to have access to secure data. The CMBHS Security Attestation Form shall be submitted electronically on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September and March 15<sup>th</sup>, to the designated folder in Globalscape EFT.
- E. Establish and maintain a security policy that ensures adequate system security and protection of confidential information.
- F. Ensure that access to CMBHS is restricted to only authorized users. Grantee shall, within 24 hours, remove access to users who are no longer authorized to have access to secure data.

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF WORK**

- G. Attend System Agency training on CMBHS documentation.
- H. Use other CMBHS components and meet CMBHS training requirements per request by the System's Agency. (The use of CMBHS is not limited to the components and functionality listed above.)

**IX. DELIVERABLE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Grantee shall submit all required reports of monitoring activities to System Agency by the applicable due dates outlined in **Attachment C, Deliverables and Performance Measures**.
- B. The following reports must be submitted to System Agency via GlobalScape EFT (<https://sftp.hhs.texas.gov>) by the required due dates and report name described in the **Attachment C, Deliverables and Performance Measures**.
  - 1. In addition to Clinical Management for Behavioral Health Services (CMBHS), Grantees are required to submit data, reports, performance measures, and any other requested information into data systems designated by the System Agency.
  - 2. Grantee will submit the Program Staffing Form within 10 business days of a revision using the System-Agency process outlined in the Program Guide.
  - 3. Grantee shall submit an annual Implementation Plan for System Agency approval. The approved Implementation Plan shall be incorporated as part of the Contract.
  - 4. Grantee shall submit a Financial Status Report (FSR), for each awarded program referenced in the Signature Page, Section IV, (D), Grantee's Prevention Grant Program(s).
  - 5. Grantee shall submit a General Ledger for each awarded program referenced in the Signature Page, Section IV, (D), Grantee's Prevention Grant Program(s) to support each Program's FSR.
  - 6. Grantee shall submit monthly invoices in Clinical Management for Behavioral Health Services (CMBHS) for each awarded program referenced in the Signature Page, Section IV, (D), Grantee's Prevention Grant Program(s).
  - 7. Grantee shall submit annual Contract Closeout documentation, for each awarded program referenced in the Signature Page, Section IV, (D) Grantee's Prevention Grant Program(s), this is required each fiscal year, and a final contract closeout will be due October 15.
  - 8. Grantee shall submit a CMBHS Security Attestation Form twice a fiscal year.
  - 9. Grantee will report the performance measures for the previous month's activities in CMBHS by the 15th of the current month, for each awarded program referenced in the Signature Page, Section IV, (D) Grantee's Prevention Grant Program(s).
  - 10. Grantee's duty to submit documents will survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF WORK**

**X. PERFORMANCE MEASURE DEFINITIONS AND GUIDANCE**

- A. Grantee shall reference Program Guide, “Performance Measure Definitions and Guidance” for the YP, PRC, and CCP performance measure definitions and guidance regarding the data to report.
- B. Grantee shall report the performance measures required by each funded program documented in **Attachment C, Deliverables and Performance Measures**.
- C. System Agency will monitor Grantee’s performance of the requirements in **Attachment A**, specific program Statements of Work as applicable, and **Attachment C Deliverables and Performance Measures**.

**XI. SYSTEM AGENCY INFORMATION**

Name:	Bryan Hunter
Email:	Bryan.Hunter@hhs.texas.gov
Telephone:	512-206-5927
Address:	909 W 45 <sup>th</sup> Street, Bldg. 555 (MC 2058)
City/Zip:	Austin TX 78751

**XII. RENEWALS**

No renewal options available for this contract.

**XIII. PROCUREMENT INFORMATION**

This contract is awarded from the System Agency’s Request for Application, No. HHS0000776, posted on 3/11/2019. Grantee is awarded the following contracts as a result of the RFA:

Fiscal Year	Program	Contract Number
FY2020-2021	SA/CCP, SA/YPS, SA/YPU	HHS000539700162, HHS000539700115, HHS000539700066
FY2022-2024	SA/CCP, SA/YPS, SA/ YPU, SA/CCP-COV	HHS000539700233

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**XIV. GRANTEE INFORMATION**

Grantee TIN	17421791694
Contract Detremination	Subrecipient
Payment Method:	Cost Reimbursement

**ATTACHMENT A-1  
YOUTH PREVENTION SERVICES  
STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)**

**I. PURPOSE**

To provide Youth Prevention (YP) program strategies in accordance with the Grantee Implementation Plan and the Prevention and Behavioral Health Promotion Program Guide (hereafter referred to as the Program Guide, found at <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/process-improvement/improving-services-texans/behavioral-health-services/substance-use-misuse-prevention>).

Strategies will focus on the areas listed in the Program Guide and/or approved by the system agency including but not limited to: prevention education, information dissemination, community-based processes, positive alternatives, environmental and social policies, and information and referral.

Each strategy above will seek to reduce use or misuse of substances, prioritizing the following: underage alcohol use, marijuana and cannabinoid use, tobacco and other nicotine product use, prescription drug misuse, or other strategies as identified by the System Agency. Strategies should address underlying factors that lead to substance use and misuse including but not limited to: adverse childhood experiences, social determinants of health, and/or other youth, family and community risk and protective factors.

**II. GOAL**

To address health and wellness for youth, families, and communities by: enhancing protective factors that increase knowledge, skills, and attitudes; take a public health approach to behavioral health-related issues such as Social Determinants of Health, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), social emotional learning; and to enhance community awareness and mobilization around behavioral health as described in the Program Guide “Adverse Childhood Experiences”.

**III. SERVICE AREA**

- A. Grantee shall provide services and focus YP strategies in the counties (service area) listed below, as approved by System Agency:  
Region: 8  
Counties: Atascosa, Comal, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, Wilson, Zavala
- B. Grantee may request to add and/or delete counties referenced in Section III (A); however, all requests for additional counties must be within the same region. The counties per HHS region are documented at the following link:  
<https://hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/about-hhs/hhs-regional-map.pdf>
- C. Grantee’s request to revise the service area shall comply with the following requirements:

**ATTACHMENT A-1  
YOUTH PREVENTION SERVICES  
STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)**

1. Submit email requests to the assigned contract manager and the SA Mailbox, [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhs.texas.gov).
  2. The requests must include the following information:
    - i. Legal Entity Name;
    - ii. Contract number;
    - iii. Program ID;
    - iv. Current service area;
    - v. Revised service area;
    - vi. Justification for service area change.
- D. System Agency may revise the Service area in accordance with **Attachment F, HHSC Additional Provisions**, Section 4. Miscellaneous Provisions, A. Minor Administrative Changes. All revisions to the service area are considered a minor administrative change and do not require an amendment. System Agency shall provide a written notification to document revisions to the service area.

**IV. TARGET POPULATION**

- A. Grantee shall serve the population awarded in the original solicitation and documented in the System-Agency approved Implementation Plan, which includes:
1. The primary population is youth Pre-Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade from one of the following target populations:
    - i. Universal population includes the general or broad population without consideration of individual differences in risk for substance use and misuse or other behavioral health issues;
    - ii. Selected population includes subgroups of the general population determined to be at risk for substance use and misuse or other behavioral health related issues; and
    - iii. Indicated population includes individuals in high-risk environments who have minimal but detectable signs or symptoms foreshadowing disorder or have biological markers indicating predispositions for disorder but do not yet meet diagnostic levels.
  2. The secondary population may include:
    - i. Parents, grandparents, guardians, and siblings of youth participants, and
    - ii. Community members in the funded service area.

**V. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. General Responsibilities for Youth Prevention Programs are provided below. In addition to the **Attachment A, General Statement of Work** responsibilities, Grantee shall:

**ATTACHMENT A-1  
YOUTH PREVENTION SERVICES  
STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)**

1. Implement the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) strategies at the percentage effort approved by the System Agency and specified in the Program Guide focusing primarily on:
  - i. Prevention Education: a two-way approach to teaching participants important social skills which shall include providing evidence-based curriculum education with fidelity to the program model unless otherwise approved by curriculum developer and the System Agency;
  - ii. Information Dissemination: a one-way approach to increasing knowledge and changing attitudes through communications; and,
  - iii. Positive Alternatives: providing fun, challenging, and structured activities with supervision so people have constructive and healthy ways to enjoy free time and learn skills.
  - iv. Identification of Problems and Referral to Services: determines when the needs of the participant require additional education or intensive services outside the scope of prevention and refer individuals to community resources for appropriate services.
2. Implement an evidence-based curriculum from the System Agency-approved list described in the Program Guide, unless otherwise approved by System Agency. The curricula to be utilized will be approved by System Agency and documented in the Implementation Plan. Any proposed changes to curricula must be submitted to System Agency and approved within the Implementation Plan prior to implementation. The grantee is responsible for purchasing and utilizing the most up-to-date curricula materials required by the program model developer and should adhere to all copyright laws.
3. Report all performance measures as required by the System Agency as well as other requested data utilizing agency-approved systems.
4. Report information related to Curriculum Outcome Measures for each group cycle provided throughout the fiscal year as described in the Program Guide.
  - i. Provide the Participants Rights document that includes the right to make a complaint to Grantee or the System Agency at any time. The Participant Rights document is in the Program Guide.

**VI. POLICY/PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

A. Grantee shall:

1. Develop and maintain current written policies and procedures, available for System Agency review, for employees, contracted labor, and volunteers who work directly with participants as outlined in the Program Guide. The written policies and procedures will address participant safety and ensure that all activities with participants are conducted in a respectful, non-threatening, non-judgmental, and confidential manner;



**ATTACHMENT A-1  
YOUTH PREVENTION SERVICES  
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2. Document informed consent of participant rights prior to delivery of Prevention Education using the provided Participant Rights Form
3. Develop and implement written confidentiality policies and procedures and securely store and maintain privacy and confidentiality of information and records concerning participants and their family members. This must be developed prior to serving individual youth and family members.

**VII. STAFFING/TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

A. Grantee shall:

1. In addition to adhering to the requirements outlined in **Attachment A, General Statement of Work**, Youth Prevention Programs must:
  - a. Hire a Prevention Program Director at a minimum of .25 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) per YP program type funded. For example, if an agency has a YPU and a YPS program, the Program Director must hire a minimum of one .50 FTE. The System Agency may require grantees to allocate additional time to the Program Director role, depending on the size and scope of the program, to ensure proper oversight.
  - b. Hire a minimum of one FTE Prevention Specialist per YP program type funded who will conduct prevention program services for this Contract. For example, if an agency has a YPU and a YPS program, 2 FTEs are required.
2. The Youth Prevention program staff must additionally receive Evidence-based Curriculum Training, as outlined in the Program Guide, “Youth Prevention Program Staffing Requirements”.

**VIII. PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

- A. Grantee’s performance will be measured in part on the achievement of the following key performance measures captured in **Attachment C. Deliverables and Performance Measures**.
- B. Grantee shall report these performance measures monthly through CMBHS under the Measures component.
- C. Each report is due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month for the month being reported. *\*If the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend, the report is due the next business day following the 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**IX. DELIVERABLE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Grantee shall provide the deliverables for each awarded YP Program in accordance with **Attachment C, Deliverables and Performance Measures**.

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COMMUNITY COALITION PARTNERSHIP  
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**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Community Coalition Partnership (CCP) is to mobilize the community to implement evidence-based environmental strategies related to substance use and misuse prevention and behavioral health promotion. Grantee may take an approach that addresses the Social Determinants of Health with an effort to produce outcomes that change policies and influence social norms.

**II. GOALS**

- A. To increase citizen participation and commitment among all sectors of the community towards reducing substance use and misuse and promoting behavioral health.
- B. To create community environments that foster behavioral health and wellness and address environmental factors that lead to substance use and misuse.
- C. To increase community awareness regarding substance use and misuse through the dissemination of information through community-based processes that includes presentations, media campaigns, and other distribution networks.

**III. SERVICE AREA**

- A. Grantee shall provide services and focus CCP strategies in the counties (service area) listed below, as approved by System Agency:  
Region: 8  
Counties: Comal , Gonzales, Zavala
- B. Grantee may request to add and/or delete counties referenced in Section III (A); however, all requests for additional counties must be within the same region. The counties per HHS region are documented at the following link: <https://hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/about-hhs/hhs-regional-map.pdf>
- C. Grantee's request to revise the service area shall comply with the following requirements:
  - 1. Submit email requests to the assigned contract manager and the SA Mailbox, [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhs.texas.gov).
  - 2. The requests must include the following information:
    - i. Legal Entity Name;
    - ii. Contract number;
    - iii. Program ID;
    - iv. Current service area;
    - v. Revised service area;
    - vi. Justification for service area change.
- D. System Agency may revise the Service area in accordance with **Attachment F, HHSC Additional Provisions**, Section 4. Miscellaneous Provisions, A. Minor Administrative Changes. All revisions to the service area are considered a minor administrative change

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and do not require an amendment. System Agency shall provide a written notification to document revisions to the service area.

**IV. TARGET POPULATION**

The coalition's sector representation should strategically align with the targeted strategies as outlined in the Program Guide, <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/process-improvement/improving-services-texans/behavioral-health-services/substance-use-misuse-prevention>.

The CCP should implement strategies to enhance outcomes for the following populations:

- A. The primary population is adolescents (ages 12-17) and young adults (ages 18-25) within the approved service area.
- B. The secondary population is the general population across the lifespan within the approved service area.

**V. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Grantee shall:

- A. Conduct prevention services and activities through the operation of one or more coalition(s) that utilize(s) the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) process as a guide.
- B. Implement the combination of Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) strategies identified in the Program Guide including: information dissemination, alternative activities; community-based processes; and environmental strategies to shift related policies, practices, norms and community conditions.
- C. Develop, implement, and maintain a policy to reflect the CCP coalition's cultural competency efforts; maintain current policies and procedures and make them available for System Agency review upon request.
- D. Document application of CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) standards by completing the CLAS section of the Quarterly Reporting form.
- E. Collaborate with the PRCs (Prevention Resource Centers) on Tobacco Retail Education endeavors as needed to prevent tobacco use.
- F. Use supplemental block grant funds awarded to address the negative impact of COVID-19 on behavioral health, in accordance to the guidance provided by System Agency in the Program Guide. The COVID-19 funding will be managed under the Program ID (CCP-COV) and require separate invoicing and FSR submissions. At minimum, Grantee shall:
  - 1. Develop and implement community-wide activities that reduce stress, address trauma, or promote behavioral health and wellness;

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2. Develop and implement projects that change physical environment, build community resilience, or improve systemic processes to enhance behavioral health and wellness;
  3. Document strategies as documented above in Section V. (F 1-2) in the Implementation Plan for review and approval by System Agency. Grantee will not implement strategies prior to receiving System Agency approval. Any changes to strategies will be submitted to System Agency and approved in the Implementation Plan prior to implementation;
  4. Use data to prioritize strategies as documented above in Section V. (F 1-2), detailed in Program Guide, "COVID-19 Supplemental Funding Guidance";
  5. Prioritize behavioral health equity; and
  6. Focus services and resources in areas disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.
- G. All proposed strategies must be approved by System Agency prior to implementation and documented in the Implementation Plan.

**VI. POLICY/PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

Grantee shall:

- A. Operate in accordance with the rules in Title 26 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 321  
([https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac\\_view=4&ti=26&pt=1&ch=321](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=26&pt=1&ch=321)).
- B. Ensure all program staff for this contract shall be registered with and have access to the CCP forum. Staff must request access using procedures outlined in the Program Guide, "Community Coalition Partnership Program Specific Staffing Requirements".
- C. Follow the submission schedule and reporting requirements detailed in **Attachment C, Deliverables and Performance Measures**.
- D. Submit required reports to System Agency by the applicable due dates outlined in **Attachment C, Deliverables and Performance Measures**.
- E. If the due date for all required deliverables is on a weekend or holiday, the due date is the following business day.

**VII. COMMUNITY COALITION PARTNERSHIP STAFFING REQUIREMENTS**

- A. In addition to the staffing requirements outlined in the **Attachment A, General Statement of Work**, Community Coalition Partnership Programs must:
  - a. Employ a minimum of one Program Director at .25 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) per coalition funded.
  - b. Employ a minimum of one Coalition Coordinator at 1.0 FTE per coalition funded.
- B. CCP staff shall receive coalition competency training as outlined in the Program Guide.

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**VIII. PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Grantee shall report in CMBHS all required performance measures documented on **Attachment C, Deliverables and Performance Measures**. Grantee shall ensure all performance measures are submitted by the due date.

**IX. DELIVERABLE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Grantee shall submit the CCP program report/deliverables in accordance with **Attachment C, Deliverables and Performance Measures**.
- B. The CCP program deliverables described above are as follows:
  - 1. **Quarterly Reports:** Using approved System Agency template, the Grantee will document accomplishments and barriers during the implementation of programmatic activities.

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## ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

### 1.1 DEFINITIONS

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

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

“Attachment” means documents, terms, conditions, or information added to this Contract following the Signature Document or included by reference, and made a part of this Contract.

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

“Deliverable” means the work product(s), including all reports and project documentation, required to be submitted by Grantee to the System Agency.

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

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

“GAAP” means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

“GASB” means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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

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

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

“Intellectual Property Rights” means the worldwide proprietary rights or interests, including patent, copyright, trade secret, and trademark rights, as such right may be evidenced by or embodied in:

- i. any idea, design, concept, personality right, method, process, technique, apparatus, invention, discovery, or improvement;
- ii. any work of authorship, including any compilation, computer code, website or web page design, literary work, pictorial work, or graphic work;
- iii. any trademark, service mark, trade dress, trade name, branding, or other indicia of source or origin;
- iv. domain name registrations; and
- v. any other proprietary or similar rights. The Intellectual Property Rights of a Party include all worldwide proprietary rights or interests that the Party may have acquired by assignment, by exclusive license, or by license with the right to grant sublicenses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Solicitation” or “Request for Applications (RFA)” means the document (including all amendments and attachments) issued by the System Agency under which applications for Program funds were requested, which is incorporated by reference for all purposes in its entirety.

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

“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.

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

“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, authorized representatives and designees of those agencies. These agencies include: HHSC and the Department of State Health Services.

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

“Work Product” means any and all works, including work papers, notes, materials, approaches, designs, specifications, systems, innovations, improvements, inventions, software, programs, source code, documentation, training materials, audio or audiovisual recordings, methodologies, concepts, studies, reports, whether finished or unfinished, and whether or not included in the deliverables, that are developed, produced, generated or provided by Grantee in connection with Grantee’s performance of its duties under the Contract or through use of any funding provided under this Contract.

“Uniform Grant Management Standards” or “UGMS” means uniform grant and contract administration procedures, developed under the authority of Chapter 783 of the Texas

Government Code, to promote the efficient use of public funds in local government and in programs requiring cooperation among local, state, and federal agencies.

## **1.2 INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS**

- A. The meanings of defined terms include the singular and plural forms.
- 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, but only to the extent that such Amendments and other modifications are not prohibited by the terms of this Contract, and (ii) references to any statute or regulation are to be construed as including all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, or interpreting the statute or regulation.
- D. Any references to “sections,” “appendices,” or “attachments” are references to sections, appendices, or attachments of the Contract.
- E. Any references to agreements, contracts, statutes, or administrative rules or regulations in the Contract are references to these documents as amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time during the term of the Contract.
- F. The captions and headings of this Contract are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Contract.
- G. All Attachments, including those incorporated by reference, and any Amendments are considered part of the terms of this Contract.
- H. This Contract may use several different limitations, regulations, or policies to regulate the same or similar matters. All such limitations, regulations, and policies are cumulative and each will be performed in accordance with its terms.
- I. Unless otherwise expressly provided, reference to any action of the System Agency or by the System Agency by way of consent, approval, or waiver will be deemed modified by the phrase “in its sole discretion.”
- J. Time is of the essence in this Contract.

## **ARTICLE II. PAYMENT METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS**

### **2.1 PAYMENT METHODS**

- A. Except as otherwise provided by this Contract, the payment method will be one or more of the following:
  - i. Cost Reimbursement. This payment method is based on an approved budget and submission of a request for reimbursement of expenses Grantee has incurred at the time of the request;
  - ii. Unit rate/fee-for-service. This payment method is based on a fixed price or a specified rate(s) or fee(s) for delivery of a specified unit(s) of service and acceptable submission of all required documentation, forms and/or reports; or
  - iii. Advance payment. This payment method is based on disbursement of the minimum necessary funds to carry out the Program or Project where the Grantee has

implemented appropriate safeguards. This payment method will only be utilized in accordance with governing law, state and federal regulations, and at the sole discretion of the System Agency.

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

## **2.2 FINAL BILLING SUBMISSION**

Unless otherwise provided by the System Agency, Grantee shall submit a reimbursement or payment request as a final close-out invoice not later than forty-five (45) calendar days following the end of the term of the Contract. Reimbursement or payment requests received after the deadline may not be paid.

## **2.3 FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS (FSRs)**

Except as otherwise provided, for contracts with categorical budgets, Grantee shall submit quarterly FSRs to System Agency by the last business day of the month following the end of each quarter for System Agency review and financial assessment. Grantee shall submit the final FSR no later than forty-five (45) calendar days following the end of the applicable term.

## **2.4 USE OF FUNDS**

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

## **2.5 USE FOR MATCH PROHIBITED**

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

## **2.6 PROGRAM INCOME**

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

## **2.7 NONSUPPLANTING**

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

## **2.8 ALLOWABLE COSTS**

Allowable Costs are restricted to costs that comply with the Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS) and applicable state and federal rules and law. The Parties agree that all the requirements of the UGMS apply to this Contract, including the criteria for Allowable Costs. Additional federal requirements apply if this Contract is funded, in whole or in part, with federal funds.

## **2.9 INDIRECT COST RATES**

The System Agency may acknowledge an indirect cost rate for Grantees that is utilized for all applicable contracts. Grantee will provide the necessary financial documents to determine the indirect cost rate in accordance with the Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) and Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS).

# **ARTICLE III. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING**

## **3.1 FUNDING**

This Contract is subject to termination or cancellation, without penalty to System Agency, either in whole or in part, subject to the availability of state funds. System Agency is a state agency whose authority and appropriations are subject to actions of the Texas Legislature. If System Agency becomes subject to a legislative change, revocation of statutory authority, or lack of appropriated funds that would render either System Agency's or Grantee's delivery or performance under the Contract impossible or unnecessary, the Contract will be terminated or cancelled and be deemed null and void. In the event of a termination or cancellation under this Section, System Agency will not be liable to Grantee for any damages, that are caused or associated with such termination, or cancellation, and System Agency will not be required to give prior notice.

## **3.2 NO DEBT AGAINST THE STATE**

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

## **3.3 DEBT AND DELINQUENCIES**

Grantee agrees that any payments due under the Contract shall be directly applied towards eliminating any debt or delinquency it has to the State of Texas including, but not limited to, delinquent taxes, delinquent student loan payments, and delinquent child support.

## **3.4 RECAPTURE OF FUNDS**

A . At its sole discretion, the System Agency may i) withhold all or part of any payments to Grantee to offset overpayments, unallowable or ineligible costs made to the Grantee, or if any required financial status report(s) is not submitted by the due date(s), or ii) require Grantee to promptly refund or credit - within thirty (30) calendar days of written notice -



any funds erroneously paid by System Agency which are not expressly authorized under the Contract.

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

#### ARTICLE IV. ALLOWABLE COSTS AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

##### 4.1 ALLOWABLE COSTS

- A. System Agency will reimburse the allowable costs incurred in performing the Project that are sufficiently documented. Grantee must have incurred a cost prior to claiming reimbursement and within the applicable term to be eligible for reimbursement under this Contract. At its sole discretion, the System Agency will determine whether costs submitted by Grantee are allowable and eligible for reimbursement. The System Agency may take repayment (recoup) from funds available under this Contract in amounts necessary to fulfill Grantee's repayment obligations. Applicable cost principles, audit requirements, and administrative requirements include, but are not limited to:

Applicable Entity	Applicable Cost Principles	Audit Requirements	Administrative Requirements
State, Local, and Tribal Governments	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
Educational Institutions	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
Non-Profit Organizations	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS



For-profit Organization other than a hospital and an organization named in OMB Circular A-122 (2 CFR Part, 230) as not subject to that circular.	48 CFR Part 31, Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, or Uniform cost accounting standards that comply with cost principles acceptable to the federal or state awarding agency	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
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- B. OMB Circulars will be applied with the modifications prescribed by UGMS with effect given to whichever provision imposes the more stringent requirement in the event of a conflict.

## 4.2 AUDITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### A. Audits

- i. HHS Single Audit Unit will notify Grantee to complete the Single Audit Determination Form. If Grantee fails to complete the form within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of notice, Grantee will be subject to the sanctions and remedies for non-compliance with this Contract.
- ii. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in federal funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with 2 CFR 200. The federal threshold amount includes federal funds passed through by way of state agency awards.
- iii. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in state funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with UGMS, State of Texas Single Audit Circular. The audit must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant and in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Government Auditing Standards, and UGMS.
- iv. For-profit Grantees whose expenditures meet or exceed the federal or state expenditure thresholds stated above shall follow the guidelines in 2 CFR 200 or UGMS, as applicable, for their program-specific audits.
- v. Each Grantee that is required to obtain a single audit must competitively re-procure single audit services once every six years. Grantee shall procure audit services in compliance with this section, state procurement procedures, as well as with the provisions of UGMS.

### B. Financial Statements

Each Grantee that does not meet the expenditure threshold for a single audit or program-specific audit, must provide financial statements.

### **4.3 SUBMISSION OF AUDITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **A. Audits**

Due the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the independent certified public accountant's report or nine months after the end of the fiscal year, Grantee shall submit electronically one copy of the single audit or program-specific audit to the System Agency via:

- i. HHS portal at: or,  
<https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/heartwebextr/hhscSau>
- ii. Email to: [single\\_audit\\_report@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:single_audit_report@hhsc.state.tx.us).

#### **B. Financial Statements**

Due no later than nine months after the Grantee's fiscal year end, Grantees which are not required to submit an audit, shall submit electronically financial statements via:

- i. HHS portal at:  
<https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/heartwebextr/hhscSau>; or,
- ii. Email to: [single\\_audit\\_report@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:single_audit_report@hhsc.state.tx.us).

## **ARTICLE V. AFFIRMATIONS, ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

### **5.1 GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS**

Grantee certifies that, to the extent General Affirmations are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, the Grantee has reviewed the General Affirmations and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements.

### **5.2 FEDERAL ASSURANCES**

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent Federal Assurances are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, the Grantee has reviewed the Federal Assurances and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements.

### **5.3 FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS**

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

## **ARTICLE VI. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

### **6.1 OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT**

All right, title, and interest in the Work Product, including all Intellectual Property Rights therein, is exclusively owned by System Agency. Grantee and Grantee's employees will have no rights in or ownership of the Work Product or any other property of System Agency. Any and all Work Product that is copyrightable under United States copyright law is deemed to be "work made for hire" owned by System Agency, as provided by Title 17 of the United States Code. To the extent that Work Product does not qualify as a "work made for hire" under applicable federal law, Grantee hereby irrevocably assigns and transfers to System Agency, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Work Product, including any and all Intellectual Property Rights embodied therein or associated

therewith, and in and to all works based upon, derived from, or incorporating the Work Product, and in and to all income, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect thereto, and in and to all causes of action, either in law or in equity for past, present or future infringement based on the copyrights, and in and to all rights corresponding to the foregoing. Grantee agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other property rights as System Agency may deem necessary to secure for System Agency or its designee the rights herein assigned. In the event that Grantee has any rights in and to the Work Product that cannot be assigned to System Agency, Grantee hereby grants to System Agency an exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, transferable, irrevocable, and perpetual license, with the right to sublicense, to reproduce, distribute, modify, create derivative works of, publicly perform and publicly display, make, have made, use, sell and offer for sale the Work Product and any products developed by practicing such rights.

## **6.2 GRANTEE'S PRE-EXISTING WORKS**

To the extent that Grantee incorporates into the Work Product any works of Grantee that were created by Grantee or that Grantee acquired rights in prior to the Effective Date of this Contract ("**Incorporated Pre-existing Works**"), Grantee retains ownership of such Incorporated Pre-existing Works, and Grantee hereby grants to System Agency an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, transferable, worldwide right and license, with the right to sublicense, to use, modify, copy, create derivative works of, publish, publicly perform and display, sell, offer to sell, make and have made, the Incorporated Pre-existing Works, in any medium, with or without the associated Work Product. Grantee represents, warrants, and covenants to System Agency that Grantee has all necessary right and authority to grant the foregoing license in the Incorporated Pre-existing Works to System Agency.

## **6.3 AGREEMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES AND SUBCONTRACTORS**

Grantee shall have written, binding agreements with its employees and subcontractors that include provisions sufficient to give effect to and enable Grantee's compliance with Grantee's obligations under this **Article VI**.

## **6.4 DELIVERY UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION**

No later than the first calendar day after the termination or expiration of the Contract or upon System Agency's request, Grantee shall deliver to System Agency all completed, or partially completed, Work Product, including any Incorporated Pre-existing Works, and any and all versions thereof. Grantee's failure to timely deliver such Work Product is a material breach of the Contract. Grantee will not retain any copies of the Work Product or any documentation or other products or results of Grantee's activities under the Contract without the prior written consent of System Agency.

## **6.5 SURVIVAL**

The provisions and obligations of this **Article VI** survive any termination or expiration of the Contract.

## ARTICLE VII. RECORDS, AUDIT, AND DISCLOSURE

### 7.1 BOOKS AND RECORDS

Grantee 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 their authorized representatives sufficient information to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and all state and federal rules, regulations, and statutes. Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee shall maintain legible copies of this Contract and all related documents for a minimum of seven (7) years after the termination of the Contract period or seven (7) years after the completion of any litigation or dispute involving the Contract, whichever is later.

### 7.2 ACCESS TO RECORDS, BOOKS, AND DOCUMENTS

In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, Grantee and any of Grantee's affiliate or subsidiary organizations, or Subcontractors 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 Office of the Texas Attorney General, and any successor agencies. Each of these entities may be a duly authorized authority. If deemed necessary by the System Agency or any duly authorized authority, for the purpose of investigation or hearing, Grantee 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. Grantee 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.

### 7.3 RESPONSE/COMPLIANCE WITH AUDIT OR INSPECTION FINDINGS

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

## **7.4 SAO AUDIT**

- A. The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the Contract. The 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, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, 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 state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit.
- B. Grantee shall comply with any rules and procedures of the state auditor in the implementation and enforcement of Section 2262.154 of the Texas Government Code.

## **7.5 CONFIDENTIALITY**

Grantee shall maintain as confidential, and shall not disclose to third parties without System Agency's prior written consent, any System Agency information including but not limited to System Agency's business activities, practices, systems, conditions and services. This section will survive termination or expiration of this Contract.

# **ARTICLE VIII. CONTRACT REMEDIES AND EARLY TERMINATION**

## **8.1 CONTRACT REMEDIES**

To ensure Grantee's full performance of the Contract and compliance with applicable law, the System Agency reserves the right to hold Grantee accountable for breach of contract or substandard performance and may take remedial or corrective actions, including, but not limited to:

- i. suspending all or part of the Contract;
- ii. requiring the Grantee to take specific actions in order to remain in compliance with the Contract;
- iii. recouping payments made by the System Agency to the Grantee found to be in error;
- iv. suspending, limiting, or placing conditions on the Grantee's continued performance of the Project;
- v. imposing any other remedies, sanctions or penalties authorized under this Contract or permitted by federal or state statute, law, regulation or rule.

## **8.2 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. The System Agency's right to terminate the Contract for convenience is cumulative of all rights and remedies which exist now or in the future.

## **8.3 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

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

i. **Material Breach**

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

ii. **Failure to Maintain Financial Viability**

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

**ARTICLE IX. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**9.1 AMENDMENT**

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

**9.2 INSURANCE**

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

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

**9.3 LEGAL OBLIGATIONS**

Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations, including all federal and state accessibility laws relating to direct and indirect use of information and communication technology. Grantee shall be deemed to have knowledge of all applicable laws and regulations and be deemed to understand them.



#### 9.4 PERMITTING AND LICENSURE

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

#### 9.5 INDEMNITY

- A. GRANTEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND SYSTEM AGENCY, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF GRANTEE OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT AND ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE CONTRACT. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY GRANTEE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND GRANTEE MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL. GRANTEE AND SYSTEM AGENCY AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.**
- B. THIS PARAGRAPH IS NOT INTENDED TO AND SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE GRANTEE TO INDEMNIFY OR HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OR THE SYSTEM AGENCY FOR ANY CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE SYSTEM AGENCY OR ITS EMPLOYEES.**
- C. For the avoidance of doubt, System Agency shall not indemnify Grantee or any other entity under the Contract.**

#### 9.6 ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Grantee may not assign all or any portion of its rights under, interests in, or duties required under this Contract without prior written consent of the System Agency, which may be withheld or granted at the sole discretion of the System Agency. Except where otherwise agreed in writing by the System Agency, assignment will not release Grantee from its obligations under the Contract.
- B. Grantee understands and agrees the System Agency may in one or more transactions assign, pledge, or transfer the Contract. This assignment will only be made to another State agency or a non-state agency that is contracted to perform agency support.



## 9.7 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Grantee and Grantee's employees, representatives, agents, Subcontractors, suppliers, and third-party service providers shall serve as independent contractors in providing the services under the Contract. Neither Grantee nor System Agency is an agent of the other and neither may make any commitments on the other party's behalf. Should Grantee subcontract any of the services required in the Contract, Grantee expressly understands and acknowledges that in entering such subcontract(s), System Agency is in no manner liable to any Subcontractor(s) of Grantee. In no event shall this provision relieve Grantee of the responsibility for ensuring that the services performed under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with the Contract. Grantee shall have no claim against System Agency for vacation pay, sick leave, retirement benefits, social security, worker's compensation, health or disability benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, or employee benefits of any kind. The Contract shall not create any joint venture, partnership, agency, or employment relationship between Grantee and System Agency.

## 9.8 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 (TGL). A TGL must be in writing, and may be delivered by regular mail, electronic mail, or facsimile transmission. Any TGL issued by the System Agency will be incorporated into the Contract by reference for all purposes when it is issued.

## 9.9 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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

## 9.10 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. The venue of any suit arising under the Contract is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless the specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute which directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to the System Agency.

## 9.11 SEVERABILITY

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.

**9.12 SURVIVABILITY**

Expiration or termination of the Contract for any reason does not release Grantee from any liability or obligation set forth in the Contract that is expressly stated to survive any such expiration or termination, that by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such expiration or termination, or that is necessary to fulfill the essential purpose of the Contract, including without limitation the provisions regarding warranty, indemnification, confidentiality, and rights and remedies upon termination.

**9.13 FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither Grantee nor System Agency shall be liable to the other for any delay in, or failure of performance, of any requirement included in the Contract caused by force majeure. The existence of such causes of delay or failure shall extend the period of performance until after the causes of delay or failure have been removed provided the non-performing party exercises all reasonable due diligence to perform. Force majeure is defined as acts of God, war, fires, explosions, hurricanes, floods, failure of transportation, or other causes that are beyond the reasonable control of either party and that by exercise of due foresight such party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which, by the exercise of all reasonable due diligence, such party is unable to overcome.

**9.14 NO WAIVER OF PROVISIONS**

The failure of the System Agency to object to or to take affirmative action with respect to any conduct of the Grantee which is in violation or breach of the terms of the Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of the violation or breach, or of any future violation or breach.

**9.15 PUBLICITY**

- A. Except as provided in the paragraph below, Grantee must not use the name of, or directly or indirectly refer to, the System Agency, the State of Texas, or any other State agency in any media release, public announcement, or public disclosure relating to the Contract or its subject matter, including in any promotional or marketing materials, customer lists, or business presentations.
- B. Grantee may publish, at its sole expense, results of Grantee performance under the Contract with the System Agency’s prior review and approval, which the System Agency may exercise at its sole discretion. Any publication (written, visual, or sound) will acknowledge the support received from the System Agency and any Federal agency, as appropriate.
- C. Contractor is prohibited from using the Work for any Contractor or third party marketing, advertising, or promotional activities, without the prior written consent of System Agency. The foregoing prohibition includes, without limitation, the placement of banners, pop-up ads, or other advertisements promoting Contractor’s or a third party’s products, services, workshops, trainings, or other commercial offerings on any website portal or internet-based service or software application hosted or managed by Contractor as part of the Work.

## **9.16 PROHIBITION ON NON-COMPETE RESTRICTIONS**

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

## **9.17 NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

Nothing in the Contract will be construed as a waiver of the System Agency's or the State's sovereign immunity. This Contract shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the System Agency or the State of Texas. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the System Agency or the State of Texas under the Contract or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel. System Agency does not waive any privileges, rights, defenses, or immunities available to System Agency by entering into the Contract or by its conduct prior to or subsequent to entering into the Contract.

## **9.18 ENTIRE CONTRACT AND MODIFICATION**

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

## **9.19 COUNTERPARTS**

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

## **9.20 PROPER AUTHORITY**

Each Party represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Contract.

## **9.21 E-VERIFY PROGRAM**

Grantee certifies that it utilizes and will continue to utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to determine the eligibility of:

- i. all persons employed to perform duties within Texas during the term of the Contract; and
- ii. all persons, (including subcontractors) assigned by the Grantee to perform work pursuant to the Contract within the United States of America.

## **9.22 CIVIL RIGHTS**

- A. Grantee agrees to comply with state and federal anti-discrimination laws, including:
  - i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000d *et seq.*);
  - ii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794);
  - iii. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.*);
  - iv. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107);

- v. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1688);
  - vi. Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. §2011 *et seq.*); and
  - vii. The System Agency's administrative rules, as set forth in the Texas Administrative Code, to the extent applicable to this Contract.
- B. Grantee agrees to comply with all amendments to the above-referenced laws, and all requirements imposed by the regulations issued pursuant to these laws. These laws provide in part that no persons in the United States may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, or religion, be excluded from participation in or denied any aid, care, service or other benefits provided by Federal or State funding, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- C. Grantee agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 80 or 7 C.F.R. Part 15, prohibiting a contractor from adopting and implementing policies and procedures that exclude or have the effect of excluding or limiting the participation of clients in its programs, benefits, or activities on the basis of national origin. State and federal civil rights laws require contractors to provide alternative methods for ensuring access to services for applicants and recipients who cannot express themselves fluently in English. Grantee agrees to take reasonable steps to provide services and information, both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, in order to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits, and activities.
- D. Grantee agrees to post applicable civil rights posters in areas open to the public informing clients of their civil rights and including contact information for the HHS Civil Rights Office. The posters are available on the HHS website at: <http://hhscx.hhsc.texas.gov/system-support-services/civil-rights/publications>
- E. Grantee agrees to comply with Executive Order 13279, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 87 or 7 C.F.R. Part 16. These provide in part that any organization that participates in programs funded by direct financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Health and Human Services shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.
- F. Upon request, Grantee shall provide HHSC's Civil Rights Office with copies of the Grantee's civil rights policies and procedures.
- G. Grantee must notify HHSC's Civil Rights Office of any civil rights complaints received relating to its performance under this Contract. This notice must be delivered no more than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of a complaint. Notice provided pursuant to this section must be directed to:

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

### **9.23 SYSTEM AGENCY DATA**

As between the Parties, all data and information acquired, accessed, or made available to Contractor by or through System Agency or System Agency contractors, including all electronic data generated, processed, transmitted, or stored by Contractor in the course of providing data processing services in connection with Contractor's performance hereunder, (the "**System Agency Data**"), is owned solely by System Agency. Contractor has no right or license to use, analyze, aggregate, transmit, create derivatives of, copy, disclose, or process the System Agency Data except as required for Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the Contract or as authorized in advance in writing by System Agency. For the avoidance of doubt, Contractor is expressly prohibited from using, and from permitting any third party to use, System Agency Data for marketing, research, or other non-governmental or commercial purposes, without the prior written consent of System Agency.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**CONTRACT NO. HHS000539700233**  
**Attachment E CONTRACT AFFIRMATIONS**

For purposes of these Contract Affirmations, HHS includes both the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). System Agency refers to HHSC, DSHS, or both, that will be a party to this Contract. These Contract Affirmations apply to all Contractors regardless of their business form (e.g., individual, partnership, corporation).

By entering into this Contract, Contractor affirms, without exception, understands, and agrees to comply with the following items through the life of the Contract:

**1.** Contractor represents and warrants that these Contract 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 and any related Solicitation.

**2. Complete and Accurate Information**

Contractor represents and warrants that all statements and information provided to HHS are current, complete, and accurate. This includes all statements and information in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response.

**3. Public Information Act**

Contractor understands that HHS will comply with the Texas Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code) as interpreted by judicial rulings and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. Information, documentation, and other material prepared and submitted in connection with this Contract or any related Solicitation may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act. In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor is required to make any information created or exchanged with the State pursuant to the Contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the State.

**4. Contracting Information Requirements**

Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of Section 552.372(a) of the Texas Government Code. Except as provided by Section 552.374(c) of the Texas Government Code, the requirements of Subchapter J (Additional Provisions Related to Contracting Information), Chapter 552 of the Government Code, may apply to the Contract and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.



**5. Assignment**

- A. Contractor shall not assign its rights under the contract or delegate the performance of its duties under the contract without prior written approval from System Agency. Any attempted assignment in violation of this provision is void and without effect.
- B. Contractor understands and agrees the System Agency may in one or more transactions assign, pledge, or transfer the Contract. Upon receipt of System Agency's notice of assignment, pledge, or transfer, Contractor shall cooperate with System Agency in giving effect to such assignment, pledge, or transfer, at no cost to System Agency or to the recipient entity.

**6. Terms and Conditions**

Contractor accepts the Solicitation terms and conditions unless specifically noted by exceptions advanced in the form and manner directed in the Solicitation, if any, under which this Contract was awarded. Contractor agrees that all exceptions to the Solicitation, as well as terms and conditions advanced by Contractor that differ in any manner from HHS' terms and conditions, if any, are rejected unless expressly accepted by System Agency in writing.

**7. HHS Right to Use**

Contractor agrees that HHS has the right to use, produce, and distribute copies of and to disclose to HHS employees, agents, and contractors and other governmental entities all or part of this Contract or any related Solicitation Response as HHS deems necessary to complete the procurement process or comply with state or federal laws.

**8. Release from Liability**

Contractor generally releases from liability and waives all claims against any party providing information about the Contractor at the request of System Agency.

**9. Dealings with Public Servants**

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 or any related Solicitation, or related Solicitation Response.

**10. Financial Participation Prohibited**

Under Section 2155.004, Texas Government Code (relating to financial participation in preparing solicitations), Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response is not ineligible to receive this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**11. Prior Disaster Relief Contract Violation**

Under Sections 2155.006 and 2261.053 of the Texas Government Code (relating to convictions and penalties regarding Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Katrina, and other disasters), the Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response is not ineligible to receive this Contract and



acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**12. Child Support Obligation**

Under Section 231.006(d) of the Texas Family Code regarding child support, Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response is not ineligible to receive the specified payment and acknowledges that the Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**13. Suspension and Debarment**

Contractor certifies that it and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the state or federal government as listed on the *State of Texas Debarred Vendor List* maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the *System for Award Management (SAM)* maintained by the General Services Administration. 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 any, if payment in whole or in part is from federal funds.

**14. Excluded Parties**

Contractor certifies that it is not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order 13224, "*Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism*," published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control.'

**15. Foreign Terrorist Organizations**

Contractor represents and warrants that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization, as prohibited by Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code.

**16. Executive Head of a State Agency**

In accordance with Section 669.003 of the Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with the executive head of a state agency, Contractor certifies that it is not (1) the executive head of an HHS agency, (2) a person who at any time during the four years before the date of this Contract was the executive head of an HHS agency, or (3) a person who employs a current or former executive head of an HHS agency.

**17. Human Trafficking Prohibition**

Under Section 2155.0061 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive this contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**18. Franchise Tax Status**

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.

**19. Debts and Delinquencies**

Contractor agrees that any payments due under this Contract shall be applied towards any debt or delinquency that is owed to the State of Texas.

**20. Lobbying Prohibition**

Contractor represents and warrants that payments to Contractor and Contractor's receipt of appropriated or other funds under this Contract or any related Solicitation 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).

**21. Buy Texas**

Contractor agrees to comply with Section 2155.4441 of the Texas Government Code, requiring the purchase of products and materials produced in the State of Texas in performing service contracts.

**22. Disaster Recovery Plan**

Contractor agrees that upon request of System Agency, Contractor shall provide copies of its most recent business continuity and disaster recovery plans.

**23. Computer Equipment Recycling Program**

If this Contract is for the purchase or lease of computer equipment, then Contractor certifies that it is in compliance with Subchapter Y, Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code related to the Computer Equipment Recycling Program and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules in 30 TAC Chapter 328.

**24. Television Equipment Recycling Program**

If this Contract is for the purchase or lease of covered television equipment, then Contractor certifies that it is compliance with Subchapter Z, Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code related to the Television Equipment Recycling Program.

**25. Cybersecurity Training**

- A. Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of Section 2054.5192 of the Texas Government Code relating to cybersecurity training and required verification of completion of the training program.
- B. Contractor represents and warrants that if Contractor or Subcontractors, officers, or employees of Contractor have access to any state computer system or database, the Contractor, Subcontractors, officers, and employees of Contractor shall complete cybersecurity training pursuant to and in accordance with Government Code, Section 2054.5192.

**26. Restricted Employment for Certain State Personnel**

Contractor acknowledges that, pursuant to Section 572.069 of the Texas Government Code, a former state officer or employee of a state agency who during the period of state service or employment participated on behalf of a state agency in a procurement or contract negotiation involving Contractor may not accept employment from Contractor before the second anniversary of the date the Contract is signed or the procurement is terminated or withdrawn.

**27. No Conflicts of Interest**

- A. Contractor represents and warrants that it has no actual or potential conflicts of interest in providing the requested goods or services to System Agency under this Contract or any related Solicitation and that Contractor's provision of the requested goods and/or services under this Contract and any related Solicitation will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create an appearance of impropriety.
- B. Contractor agrees that, if after 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 System Agency. 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 System Agency as a potential conflict. System Agency reserves the right to make a final determination regarding the existence of Conflicts of Interest, and Contractor agrees to abide by System Agency's decision.

**28. Fraud, Waste, and Abuse**

Contractor understands that HHS does not tolerate any type of fraud, waste, or abuse. Violations of law, agency policies, or standards of ethical conduct will be investigated, and appropriate actions will be taken. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 321.022, if the administrative head of a department or entity that is subject to audit by the state auditor has reasonable cause to believe that money received from the state by the department or entity or by a client or contractor of the department or entity may have been lost, misappropriated, or misused, or that other fraudulent or unlawful conduct has occurred in relation to the operation of the department or entity, the administrative head shall report the reason and basis for the belief to the Texas State Auditor's Office (SAO). All employees or contractors who have reasonable cause to believe that fraud, waste, or abuse has occurred (including misconduct by any HHS employee, Grantee officer, agent, employee, or subcontractor that would constitute fraud, waste, or abuse) are required to immediately report the questioned activity to the Health and Human Services Commission's Office of Inspector General. Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and System Agency policies regarding fraud, waste, and abuse including, but not limited to, HHS Circular C-027.

A report to the SAO must be made through one of the following avenues:

- SAO Toll Free Hotline: 1-800-TX-AUDIT
- SAO website: <http://sao.fraud.state.tx.us/>

All reports made to the OIG must be made through one of the following avenues:

- OIG Toll Free Hotline 1-800-436-6184

- **OIG Website:** ReportTexasFraud.com
- **Internal Affairs Email:** InternalAffairsReferral@hhsc.state.tx.us
- **OIG Hotline Email:** OIGFraudHotline@hhsc.state.tx.us.
- **OIG Mailing Address:** Office of Inspector General  
Attn: Fraud Hotline  
MC 1300  
P.O. Box 85200  
Austin, Texas 78708-5200

**29. Antitrust**

The undersigned affirms under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that:

- A. in connection with this Contract and any related Solicitation Response, neither I nor any representative of the Contractor has violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;
- B. in connection with this Contract and any related Solicitation Response, neither I nor any representative of the Contractor has violated any federal antitrust law; and
- C. neither I nor any representative of the Contractor has directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this Contract and any related Solicitation Response to a competitor of the Contractor or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Contractor.

**30. Legal and Regulatory Actions**

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 in numbered paragraph 1 of these Contract Affirmations within the five (5) calendar years immediately preceding execution of this Contract or the submission of any related Solicitation Response 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 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 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 System Agency's consideration of entering into this Contract. In addition, Contractor acknowledges this is a continuing disclosure requirement. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor shall notify 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 System Agency shall constitute breach of contract and may result in immediate contract termination.

**31. No Felony Criminal Convictions**

Contractor represents that neither Contractor nor any of its employees, agents, or representatives, including any subcontractors and employees, agents, or representative of such subcontractors, have been convicted of a felony criminal offense or that if such a conviction has occurred Contractor has fully advised System Agency in writing of the facts and circumstances surrounding the convictions.

**32. Unfair Business Practices**

Contractor represents and warrants that it has not been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations under Chapter 17 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, or allegations of any unfair business practice in any administrative hearing or court suit and that Contractor has not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings. Contractor certifies that it has no officers who have served as officers of other entities who have been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations or allegations of any unfair business practices in an administrative hearing or court suit and that such officers have not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings.

**33. Entities that Boycott Israel**

Contractor represents and warrants that (1) it does not, and shall not for the duration of the Contract, boycott Israel or (2) the verification required by Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the Contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the contract, Contractor shall promptly notify System Agency.

**34. E-Verify**

Contractor certifies that for contracts for services, Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system during the term of this Contract to determine the eligibility of:

1. all persons employed by Contractor to perform duties within Texas; and
2. all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by Contractor to perform work pursuant to this Contract within the United States of America.

**35. Former Agency Employees – Certain Contracts**

If this Contract is an employment contract, a professional services contract under Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, or a consulting services contract under Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with Section 2252.901 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor represents and warrants that neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's employees including, but not limited to, those authorized to provide services under the contract, were former employees of an HHS Agency during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of the execution of the contract.

**36. Disclosure of Prior State Employment – Consulting Services**

If this Contract is for consulting services,

A. In accordance with Section 2254.033 of the Texas Government Code, a Contractor providing consulting services who has been employed by, or employs an individual who has been employed by, System Agency or another State of Texas agency at any time during the two years preceding the submission of Contractor’s offer to provide services must disclose the following information in its offer to provide services. Contractor hereby certifies that this information was provided and remains true, correct, and complete:

1. Name of individual(s) (Contractor or employee(s));
2. Status;
3. The nature of the previous employment with HHSC or the other State of Texas agency;
4. The date the employment was terminated and the reason for the termination; and
5. The annual rate of compensation for the employment at the time of its termination.

B. If no information was provided in response to Section A above, Contractor certifies that neither Contractor nor any individual employed by Contractor was employed by System Agency or any other State of Texas agency at any time during the two years preceding the submission of Contractor’s offer to provide services.

**37. Abortion Funding Limitation**

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Article IX, Section 6.25 of the General Appropriations Act (the Act), to the extent allowed by federal and state law, money appropriated by the Texas Legislature may not be distributed to any individual or entity that, during the period for which funds are appropriated under the Act:

1. performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state’s Medicaid program;
2. is commonly owned, managed, or controlled by an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state’s Medicaid program; or
3. is a franchise or affiliate of an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state’s Medicaid program. The provision does not apply to a hospital licensed under Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, or an office exempt under Section 245.004(2), Health and Safety Code. Contractor represents and warrants that it is not ineligible, nor will it be ineligible during the term of this Contract, to receive appropriated funding pursuant to Article IX, Section 6.25.

**38. Funding Eligibility**

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Chapter 2272 of the Texas Government Code, except as exempted under that Chapter, HHSC cannot contract with an abortion provider or an affiliate of an abortion provider. Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to contract with HHSC under the terms of Chapter 2272 of the Texas Government Code.



**39. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (2 CFR 200.216)**

Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Response or contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract or funding pursuant to 2 CFR 200.216.

**40. False Representation**

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.

**41. False Statements**

Contractor represents and warrants that all statements and information prepared and submitted by Contractor in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response are current, complete, true, and accurate. Contractor acknowledges any false statement or material misrepresentation made by Contractor during the performance of this Contract or any related Solicitation is a material breach of contract and may void this Contract. Further, 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.

**42. Permits and License**

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.

**43. Drug-Free Workplace**

Contractor represents and warrants that it shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. §701 et seq.) and maintain a drug-free work environment.

**44. Equal Employment Opportunity**

Contractor represents and warrants its compliance with all applicable duly enacted state and federal laws governing equal employment opportunities.

**45. Federal Occupational Safety and Health Law**

Contractor represents and warrants that all articles and services shall meet or exceed the safety standards established and promulgated under the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended (29 U.S.C. Chapter 15).



**46. Signature Authority**

Contractor represents and warrants that the individual signing this Contract Affirmations document is authorized to sign on behalf of Contractor and to bind the Contractor.

**Authorized representative on behalf of Contractor must complete and sign the following:**

Connections Individual and Family Services, Inc.

**Legal Name of Contractor**

N/A

**Assumed Business Name of Contractor, if applicable (d/b/a or 'doing business as')**

**Texas County(s) for Assumed Business Name (d/b/a or 'doing business as')**

**Attach Assumed Name Certificate(s) filed with the Texas Secretary of State and Assumed Name Certificate(s), if any, for each Texas County Where Assumed Name Certificate(s) has been filed**

DocuSigned by:  
*Jacob Huereca*

Signature of Authorized Representative

Jacob Huereca

**Printed Name of Authorized Representative  
First, Middle Name or Initial, and Last Name**

1414 West San Antonio Street

**Physical Street Address**

N/A

**Mailing Address, if different**

830-629-6571

**Phone Number**

jhuereca@connectionsifs.org

**Email Address**

74-2179169

**Federal Employer Identification Number**

N/A

**Texas Franchise Tax Number**

August 9, 2021

**Date Signed**

CEO

**Title of Authorized Representative**

New Braunfels, Texas 78130

**City, State, Zip Code**

N/A

**City, State, Zip Code**

830-608-1262

**Fax Number**

834394645

**DUNS Number**

17421791694

**Texas Payee ID No. - 11 digits**

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Number**



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## Health and Human Services

**Health and Human Services (HHS)**  
**Additional Provisions**  
**Version 1.0**  
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The terms and conditions of these Additional Provisions are incorporated into and made a part of the Contract. Capitalized items used in these Additional Provisions and not otherwise defined have the meanings assigned to them in HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions.

If any provision contained in this HHSC Special Conditions is in conflict with, or inconsistent with the HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions (UTC), the provision contained in the UTCs shall prevail.

### 1. SPECIAL DEFINITIONS

- A. **“Conflict of Interest”** means a set of facts or circumstances, a relationship, or other situation under which Grantee, 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 Grantee’s, or Subcontractor’s ability to render impartial or objective assistance or advice to the HHSC; or (2) provides the Grantee or Subcontractor an unfair competitive advantage in future HHSC procurements.
- B. **“Grantee Agents”** means Grantee’s representatives, employees, officers, as well as any contractor or subgrantee’s employees, contractors, officers, principals and agents.
- C. **“Data Use Agreement”** means the agreement incorporated into the Contract to facilitate creation, receipt, maintenance, use, disclosure or access to Confidential Information.
- D. **“Item of Noncompliance”** means Grantee’s acts or omissions that: (1) violate a provision of the Contract; (2) fail to ensure adequate performance of the Project; (3) represent a failure of Grantee to be responsive to a request of HHSC relating to the Project under the Contract.
- E. **“Minor Administrative Change”** refers to a change to the Contract that does not increase the fees or term and done in accordance with Section 4.
- F. **“Other 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 Grantee; or that Grantee may create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to on behalf of HHSC or through performance of the Project, which is not designated as Confidential Information in a Data Use Agreement.
- G. **“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.
- H. **“Software”** means all operating system and applications software used or created by Grantee to perform the work under the Contract.
- I. **“Third Party Software”** refers to software programs or plug-ins developed by companies or individuals other than Grantee which are used in performance of the Project. It does not include items which are ancillary to the performance of the Project, such as internal systems

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of Grantee which were deployed by Grantee prior to the Contract and not procured to perform the Project.

J. “UTC” means the HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions – Grant, Version 2.16.1.

### 2. GRANTEES PERSONAL AND SUBCONTRACTORS

#### A. Qualifications

Grantee agrees to maintain the organizational and administrative capacity and capabilities to carry out all duties and responsibilities under the Contract. Grantee 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, Grantee remains obligated to perform all duties and responsibilities under the Contract without degradation and in strict accordance with the terms of the Contract.

#### A. Conduct and Removal

While performing the Project, Grantee 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 Grantee Agent is not conducting himself or herself in accordance with the terms of the Contract, HHSC may provide Grantee with notice and documentation regarding its concerns. Upon receipt of such notice, Grantee must promptly investigate the matter and, at HHSC’s election, take appropriate action that may include removing the Grantee Agent from performing the Project.

#### B. Contracts with Subcontractors

1. Grantee may enter into contracts with subcontractors unless restricted or otherwise prohibited in the Contract.
2. Grantees are prohibited from subcontracting with for-profit organizations under this Contract.
3. Prior to entering into a subcontract agreement equaling or exceeding \$100,000, Grantee will obtain written approval from the System Agency.
4. Grantee will obtain written approval from System Agency before modifying any subcontract agreement to cause the agreement to exceed \$100,000.
5. Grantee will establish written policies and procedures for competitive procurement and monitoring of subcontracts and will develop a subcontracting monitoring plan.
6. Monitor subcontractors for both financial and programmatic performance and will maintain pertinent records.
7. Submit quarterly subcontracting monitoring reports to the System Agency in a format determined by the System Agency.
8. Ensure all subcontracts, must be in writing and include the following:
  - i. Name and address of all parties and subcontractor’s Vendor Identification Number (VIN) or Employee Identification Number (EIN);
  - ii. Detailed description of the services to be provided;
  - iii. Measureable method and rate of payment and total not-to-exceed amount of the contract;

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- iv. Clearly defined and executable termination clause; and
- v. Beginning and ending dates that coincide with the dates of the Contract.
9. Ensure and be responsible for the performance of the subcontractor(s).
10. Not contract with a subcontractor, at any tier, that is debarred, suspended, or excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs or if the subcontractor would be otherwise ineligible to abide by the terms of this Contract.

### C. Status of Subcontractors

Grantees will require that all subcontractors certify that they are/have:

1. In good standing with all state and federal funding and regulatory agencies;
2. Not currently debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from participation in federal grant programs;
3. Not delinquent on any repayment agreements;
4. Not had a required license or certification revoked;
5. Not ineligible under the terms of the Contract; and
6. Not had a System Agency contract terminated for cause.

### D. Incorporation of Terms in Subcontracts

1. Grantee will include in all its contracts with subrecipient subcontractors and solicitations for subrecipient subcontracts, without modification (except as required to make applicable to the subcontract) the following provisions:
  - i. Statements of Work
  - ii. Uniform Terms and Conditions
  - iii. Special Conditions
  - iv. Federal Assurances and Certifications
  - v. Non-Exclusive List of Applicable Laws
  - vi. A provision granting to the System Agency, State Auditor's Office (SAO), Office of Inspector General (OIG), and the Comptroller General of the United States, and any of their representatives, the right of access to inspect the work and the premises on which any work is performed, and the right to audit the subcontractor.
2. Grantee will ensure that all written agreements with subcontractors incorporate the terms of this Contract so that all terms, conditions, provisions, requirements, duties and liabilities under this Contract applicable to the services provided or activities conducted by a subcontractor are passed down to that subcontractor.
3. No provision of this Contract creates privity of contract between the System Agency and any subcontractor of Grantee.

### E. Notice of Legal Matter or Litigation

Grantee will send notice to the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) email box, [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us) of any litigation or legal matter related to or affecting this Contract within seven calendar days of becoming aware of the litigation or legal matter.

### F. Unilateral Amendment



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The System Agency reserves the right to amend this Contract through execution of a unilateral amendment signed by the contract manager for this Contract and provided to the Grantee with ten days notice prior to execution of the amendment under the following circumstances to:

1. To comply with a court order or judgement
2. Incorporate new or revised federal or state laws, regulations, rules or policies
3. Correct an obvious clerical error in this Contract;
4. Change the name of the Contractor in order to reflect the Contractor's name as recorded by the Texas Secretary of State.
5. To correct the name, mailing address, or contact information for persons name in the Contract;
6. To update service descriptions or rates (if applicable);

### **3. CONFIDENTIALITY – CONFIDENTIAL SYSTEM INFORMATION**

HHSC prohibits the unauthorized disclosure of Other Confidential Information. Grantee and all Grantee Agents will not disclose or use any Other Confidential Information in any manner except as is necessary for the Project or the proper discharge of obligations and securing of rights under the Contract. Grantee will have a system in effect to protect Other Confidential Information. Any disclosure or transfer of Other Confidential Information by Grantee, including information requested to do so by HHSC, will be in accordance with the Contract. If Grantee receives a request for Other Confidential Information, Grantee 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.

Grantee 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 Grantee. Grantee 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 Grantee all damages and liabilities caused by or arising from Grantee or Grantee Agents' failure to protect HHSC's Other Confidential Information as required by this section.

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

### **4. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

#### **A. Minor Administrative Changes**

System Agency is authorized to provide written approval of mutually agreed upon Minor Administrative Changes to the Project or the Contract that do not increase the fees or term.

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Upon approval of a Minor Administrative Change, HHSC and Grantee will maintain written notice that the change has been accepted in their Contract files.

### **B. Conflicts of Interest**

Grantee 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 Grantee or Grantee 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. Grantee will, and require Grantee 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. Grantee and Grantee 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.

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

If HHSC determines that Grantee 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.

### **C. Flow Down Provisions**

Grantee 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.

## **5. HHSC VENDOR ACCESS**

At HHSC's request, Grantee 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 Grantee's facilities. Grantee 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.

## **6. HHSC APPROVAL OF STAFFING**

A. Grantee shall not employ or contract with or permit the employment of unfit or unqualified persons or persons not skilled in the tasks assigned to them. Grantee shall at all times employ sufficient labor to carry out functions and services in the manner and time prescribed by the Contract. Grantee shall be responsible to HHSC for the acts and omissions of Grantee's employees, agents (including, but not limited to, lobbyists) and Subcontractors and Grantee shall enforce strict discipline among Grantee's employees,

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agents (including, but not limited to, lobbyists) and Subcontractors performing the services under the Contract.

- B. Any person employed by Grantee shall, at the written request of HHSC, and within HHSC's sole discretion, be removed immediately by the Contractor from work relating to the Contract.

### **7. TURNOVER PLAN**

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

- A. The least disruption in the delivery of 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.

### **8. TURNOVER ASSISTANCE**

Grantee 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. Grantee 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.

### **9. TRADEMARK LICENSE**

HHSC grants to Contractor, for the term of the Contract, a limited non-exclusive, royalty-free, non-assignable, non-transferable license to reproduce HHSC's trademarks on published materials in the United States related to the performance of the Contract, provided that such license is expressly conditional upon, and subject to, the following:

- A. Grantee is in compliance with all provisions of the Contract;
- B. Grantee's use of the trademarks is strictly in accordance with the quality standards and in conformance with the reproduction requirements set forth or as otherwise communicated by HHSC;
- C. Grantee takes no action to damage the goodwill associated with the trademarks, and refrains from any attempt to contest, attack, dispute, challenge, cancel and/or oppose HHSC's right, title and interest in the trademarks or their validity;
- D. Grantee makes no attempt to sublicense any rights under this trademark license; and
- E. Grantee complies with any marking requests HHSC may make in relation to the trademarks, including without limitation to use the phrase "Registered Trademark," the registered trademark symbol "®" for registered trademarks, and the system "™" for unregistered trademarks.

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**10. TRADEMARK OWNERSHIP**

Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the trademarks remain the exclusive property of HHSC, that all right, title and interest in and to the trademarks is exclusively held by HHSC, and all goodwill associated with such trademarks inures solely to HHSC.

**11. NOTICE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

A. Grantee shall immediately report in writing to its assigned HHSC contract manager when Grantee learns of or has any reason to believe it or any person with ownership or controlling interest in Grantee, or their agent, employee, subcontractor or volunteer who is providing services under this Contract has:

1. Engaged in any activity that could constitute a criminal offense equal to or greater than a Class A misdemeanor or grounds for disciplinary action by a state or federal regulatory authority; or
2. Been placed on community supervision, received deferred adjudication, or been indicted for or convicted of a criminal offense relating to involvement in any financial matter, federal or state program or felony sex crime.

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

**12. NOTICE OF IRS OR TWC INSOLVENCY**

Grantee shall notify in writing its assigned HHSC contract manager of any insolvency, incapacity or outstanding unpaid obligations of Grantee owed to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or the State of Texas, or any agency or political subdivision of the State of Texas within five days of the date of Grantee's becoming aware of such.

**13. 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 declared by the appropriate federal official, Grantee may be called upon to assist the System Agency in providing the following services:

- A. Expand, increase, or modify service delivery in impacted areas;
- B. Community evacuation;
- C. Health and medical assistance;
- D. Assessment of health and medical needs;
- E. Health surveillance;
- F. Medical care personnel;
- G. Health and medical equipment and supplies;
- H. Patient evacuation;
- I. In-hospital care and hospital facility status;
- J. Food, drug and medical device safety;

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- K. Worker health and safety;
- L. Mental health and substance abuse;
- M. Public health information;
- N. Vector control and veterinary services; and
- O. Victim identification and mortuary services.

Disaster related services may not commence, or expenditures incurred, until System Agency provides Grantee with a written Notification to Proceed. The contract may be amended to incorporate additional funds and performance or reporting requirements to support disaster services in the event services must be expanded, increased, or modified.

**14. NOTICE OF A LICENSE ACTION**

Grantee shall notify its assigned HHSC contract manager of any action impacting Grantee's license to provide services under this Contract within five days of becoming aware of the action and include the following:

- A. Reason for such action;
- B. Name and contact information of the local, state or federal department or agency or entity;
- C. Date of the license action; and
- D. License or case reference number.

**15. NOTION OF A CONTRACT ACTION**

Grantee will send notice to the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) email box, [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us) if Grantee has had any contract suspended or terminated for cause by any local, state or federal department or agency or nonprofit entity within five (5) business days of becoming aware of the action and include the following:

- A. Reason for such action;
- B. Name and contact information of the local, state or federal department or agency or entity;
- C. Date of the contract;
- D. Date of suspension or termination; and
- E. Contract or case reference number.

**16. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Grantee will:

- A. Comply with child abuse and neglect reporting requirements in Texas Family Code Chapter 261. This section is in addition to and does not supersede any other legal obligation of the Grantee to report child abuse.
- B. Develop, implement and enforce a written policy that includes at a minimum the System Agency's Child Abuse Screening, Documenting, and Reporting Policy for Grantees/Providers and train all staff on reporting requirements.

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1. Use the System Agency Child Abuse Reporting Form located at [https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Contact\\_Us/report\\_abuse.asp](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Contact_Us/report_abuse.asp) as required by the System Agency.

C. Retain reporting documentation on site and make it available for inspection by the System Agency.

**17. ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION**

Grantee will;

A. Take all steps necessary, to protect the health, safety and welfare of its clients and participants.

B. Develop and implement written policies and procedures for abuse, neglect and exploitation.

C. Notify appropriate authorities of any allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation as required by 25 TAC § 448.703.

**18. GRANTEE'S NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF CONTACT PERSON OR KEY PERSONNEL**

Within 10 business days, Grantee will submit notice to the SUD email box, [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us) and [Substance\\_Use\\_Disorder@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Substance_Use_Disorder@hhsc.state.tx.us) of any change in the Grantee's Contact Persons or Key Personnel.

**19. NOTION OF ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE**

Grantee will submit notice to the SUD email box, [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us) and [Substance\\_Use\\_Disorder@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Substance_Use_Disorder@hhsc.state.tx.us) within ten (10) business days of any change to Grantee's name, contact information, organizational structure, such as merger, acquisition, or change in form of business, legal standing, or authority to do business in Texas.

**20. SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS**

In addition to notifying the appropriate authorities, Grantee will submit notice to the SUD email box, [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.ts.us](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.ts.us) and [Substance\\_Use\\_Disorder@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Substance_Use_Disorder@hhsc.state.tx.us) significant incidents involving substantial disruption of Grantee's program operation or affecting or potentially affecting the health, safety or welfare of the System Agency funded clients or participants within three calendar days of discovery.

**21. RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING GOVERNING BODY, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

Grantee and its governing body will:

A. Bear full responsibility for the integrity of the fiscal and programmatic management of the organization.

B. Be accountable for all funds and materials received from the System Agency. The responsibility of Grantee's governing body will also include accountability for compliance with the System Agency Rules, policies, procedures, and applicable federal and state laws and regulations; and correction of fiscal and program deficiencies identified through self-evaluation and the System Agency's monitoring processes.

C. Ensure separation of powers, duties, and functions of governing body members and staff. No member of Grantee's governing body, or officer or employee of Grantee will vote for,



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confirm or act to influence the employment, compensation or change in status of any person related within the second degree of affinity or the third degree of consanguinity (as defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 573) to the member of the governing body or the officer or any employee authorized to employ or supervise such person. This prohibition does not prohibit the continued employment of a person who has been continuously employed for a period of two years prior to the election, appointment or employment of the officer, employee, or governing body member related to such person in the prohibited degree. These restrictions also apply to the governing body, officers, and employees of Grantee's subcontractors.

### 22. DIRECT OPERATION

System Agency may temporarily assume operations of a Grantee's program or programs funded under this Contract when the continued operation of the program by Grantee puts, at risk, the health or safety of clients and/or participants served by Grantee.

### 23. 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, subject to the availability of funding.
- B. The System Agency will provide written notice of interim extension amendment to the Grantee 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 to clients continue without interruption.
- C. The System Agency will provide written notice of the interim extension amendment that specifies the reason and length of time for the extension.
- D. Grantee will provide and invoice for services in the same manner as stated in the Contract.
- E. An interim extension under Section (b)(1) above will 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 will be a one-time extension for time determined by the System Agency.

### 24. MEDICAL RECORDS RETENTION

Grantee will;

- A. Retain medical records in accordance with 22 TAC §165.1(b) or other applicable statutes, rules and regulations governing medical information.
- B. Retain and preserve records in accordance with applicable state and federal statutes, rules and regulations.
- C. Maintain all non-financial records that are generated or collected by Grantee under the provisions of this Contract for a period of at least seven years after the termination of this Contract.
- D. Retain the records in accordance with the federal retention period, if the federal retention period for services funded through Medicaid is more than seven years.



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- E. Retain all records pertaining to this Contract that are the subject of litigation or an audit until the litigation has ended or all questions pertaining to the audit are resolved.
- F. Include this provision concerning records retention in any subcontract it awards.
- G. Ensure that records relating to this Contract are securely stored and are accessible by the System Agency upon System Agency's request for at least seven years from the date Grantee ceases business or from the date this Contract terminates, whichever is sooner.
- H. Provide and update as necessary, the name and address of the party responsible for storage of records to the SUD email box, SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us.

**25. GRANTEE'S CERTIFICATION OF MEETING OR EXCEEDING TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY MINIMUM STANDARDS**

Grantee certifies that it has adopted and enforces a Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy that meets or exceeds all of the following minimum standards of:

- A. Prohibiting the use of all forms of tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco;
- B. Designating the property to which this Policy applies as a "designated area," which must at least comprise all buildings and structures where activities funded under this Contract are taking place, as well as Grantee owned, leased, or controlled sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and attached parking structures immediately adjacent to this designated area;
- C. Applying to all employees and visitors in this designated area; and
- D. Providing for or referring its employees to tobacco use cessation services.

If Grantee cannot meet these minimum standards, it must obtain a waiver from the System Agency.

**26. ELECTRONIC AND INFORMATION RESOURCES ACCESSIBILITY AND SECURITY STANDARDS**

**A. Applicability**

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

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

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

**B. Definitions**

- 1. "**Accessibility Standards**" means accessibility standards and specifications for Texas agency and institution of higher education websites and EIR set forth in 1 TAC Chapter 206 and/or Chapter 213.
- 2. "**Electronic and Information Resources**" means information resources, including information resources technologies, and any equipment or interconnected system of

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equipment that is used in the creation, conversion, duplication, or delivery of data or information. The term includes telephones and other telecommunications products, information kiosks, transaction machines, Internet websites, multimedia resources, and office equipment, including copy machines and fax machines.

3. **“Electronic and Information Resources Accessibility Standards”** means the accessibility standards for electronic and information resources contained in 1 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 213.
4. **“Product”** means information resources technology that is, or is related to EIR.
5. **“Web Site Accessibility Standards/Specifications”** means standards contained in Volume 1 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 206(c) Accessibility Requirements. Under Tex. Gov’t Code Chapter 2054, Subchapter M, and implementing rules of the Texas Department of Information Resources, the System Agency must procure Products and services that comply with the Accessibility Standards when those Products are available in the commercial marketplace or when those Products are developed in response to a procurement solicitation. Accordingly, Grantee must provide electronic and information resources and associated Product documentation and technical support that comply with the Accessibility Standards.

### C. Evaluation, Testing and Monitoring

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

### D. Representations and Warranties

1. Grantee represents and warrants that:
  - i. As of the Effective Date of the Contract, the Products and associated documentation and technical support comply with the Accessibility Standards as they exist at the time of entering the Agreement, unless and to the extent the Parties otherwise expressly agree in writing; and
  - ii. If the Products will be in the custody of the state or a System Agency's client or recipient after the Contract expiration or termination, the Products will continue to comply with Accessibility Standards after the expiration or termination of the Contract Term, unless the System Agency or its clients or recipients, as applicable, use the Products in a manner that renders it noncompliant.
2. In the event Grantee becomes aware, or is notified that the Product or service and associated documentation and technical support do not comply with the Accessibility Standards, Grantee represents and warrants that it will, in a timely manner and at no cost to the System Agency, perform all necessary steps to satisfy the Accessibility

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Standards, including remediation, replacement, and upgrading of the Product or service, or providing a suitable substitute.

- i. Grantee acknowledges and agrees that these representations and warranties are essential inducements on which the System Agency relies in awarding this Contract.
- ii. Grantee's representations and warranties under this subsection will survive the termination or expiration of the Contract and will remain in full force and effect throughout the useful life of the Product.

### E. Remedies

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

## 27. EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND PROPERTY

### A. Equipment

Equipment is defined as tangible personal property having a useful lifetime of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost that exceeds \$5,000 or more.

Grantee will:

1. Inventory all equipment and report the inventory on the Grantees Property Inventory Form.
2. Initiate the purchase of all equipment, approved in writing by the System Agency, in the first quarter of the Contract or Contract term, as applicable. Failure to initiate purchase of equipment may result in the loss of availability of funds for the purchase of equipment. Requests to purchase previously approved equipment after the first quarter in the Contract must be submitted to the SUD email box, [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us).

### B. Equipment List

1. All items of equipment to be purchased with funds under this Contract must be itemized in Grantee's equipment list as finally approved by the System Agency in the executed Contract.

The equipment list must include:

- i. Description of the property;
- ii. Serial number or other identification number;
- iii. Source of funding for the property (including the Federal Assistance Identification Number);
- iv. Who holds title,
- v. Acquisition date and cost of the property;
- vi. Percentage of Federal participation of the project costs for the Federal award under which the property was acquired;

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- vii. Location use and condition of the property; and
- viii. Any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of property.
2. Any changes to the approved equipment list in this Contract must be approved in writing by the System Agency prior to the purchase of equipment.
3. Grantee will submit to the assigned contract manager, a written description including complete product specifications and need justification prior to purchasing any item of unapproved equipment. If approved, the System Agency will acknowledge its approval by means of a written amendment.

### C. Supplies

1. Supplies are defined as consumable items necessary to carry out the services under this Contract including medical supplies, drugs, janitorial supplies, office supplies, patient educational supplies, software, and any items of tangible personal property other than those defined as equipment above.
2. Tangible personal property includes controlled assets, including firearms, regardless of the acquisition cost, and the following assets with an acquisition cost of \$500 or more, but less than \$5,000, which includes desktop and laptop computers (including notebooks, tablets and similar devices), non-portable printers and copiers, emergency management equipment, communication devices and systems, medical and laboratory equipment, and media equipment are also considered Supplies.
3. Prior approval by the System Agency of the purchase of Controlled Assets is not required, but such purchases must be reported on the Grantees Property Inventory Form.

### D. Property Inventory and Protection of Assets

Grantee will;

1. Maintain an inventory of equipment, supplies defined as controlled assets, and property described in this Contract and submit to the assigned contract manager, upon request.
2. Maintain, repair and protect assets under this Contract to assure their full availability and usefulness.
3. If Grantee is indemnified, reimbursed or otherwise compensated for any loss of, destruction of, or damage to the assets provided or obtained under this Contract, use the proceeds to repair or replace those assets.

### E. Assets as Collateral Prohibited

Grantees will not encumber equipment purchased with System Agency funds without prior written approval from the System Agency.

### F. Bankruptcy

In the event of bankruptcy, Grantee will;

1. Sever the System Agency property, equipment, and supplies in possession of Grantee from the bankruptcy, and title must revert to the System Agency.
2. When directed by the System Agency, return all such property, equipment and supplies to the System Agency.
3. Ensure that its subcontracts, if any, contain a specific provision requiring that in the

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event of the subcontractor's bankruptcy, the subcontractor must sever the System Agency property, equipment, and supplies in possession of the subcontractor from the bankruptcy, and title must revert to the System Agency, who may require that the property, equipment and supplies be returned to the System Agency.

### **G. Title to Property**

At the expiration or termination of this Contract for any reason, title to any remaining equipment and supplies purchased with funds under this Contract reverts to System Agency. Title may be transferred to any other party designated by System Agency. The System Agency may, at its option and to the extent allowed by law, transfer the reversionary interest to such property to Grantee.

### **H. Disposition of Property**

1. Grantee will follow the procedures in the American Hospital Association's (AHA) "Estimated Useful Lives of Depreciable Hospital Assets" in disposing, at any time during or after the Contract term, of equipment purchased with the System Agency funds, except when federal or state statutory requirements supersede or when the equipment requires licensure or registration by the state, or when the acquisition price of the equipment is equal to or greater than \$5,000.
2. All other equipment not listed in the AHA reference (other than equipment that requires licensure or registration or that has an acquisition cost equal to or greater than \$5,000) will be controlled by the requirements of UGMS.
3. If, prior to the end of the useful life, any item of equipment is no longer needed to perform services under this Contract, or becomes inoperable, or if the equipment requires licensure or registration or had an acquisition price equal to or greater than \$5,000, Grantee will request disposition approval and instructions in writing from the contract manager assigned to this Contract.
4. After an item reaches the end of its useful life, Grantee will ensure that disposition of any equipment is in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and any applicable federal guidance.

### **I. Closeout of Equipment**

1. At the end of the term of a Contract that has no additional renewals or that will not be renewed (Closeout), or when a Contract is otherwise terminated, Grantee will submit to the SUD email box, [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us) an inventory of equipment purchased with System Agency funds and request disposition instructions for such equipment.
2. All equipment purchased with System Agency funds must be secured by Grantee at the time of Closeout, or termination of this Contract, and must be disposed of according to the System Agency's disposition instructions, which may include return of the equipment to System Agency or transfer of possession to another System Agency Grantee, at Grantee's expense.

### **J. Insurance**

In addition to the Insurance provision of the Uniform Terms and Conditions, Grantee will:

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1. Maintain insurance or other means of repairing or replacing assets purchased with System Agency funds.
2. Repair or replace with comparable equipment any such equipment not covered by insurance that is lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed. If any insured equipment purchased with System Agency funds is lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.
3. Notify the contract manager assigned to this Contract within 5 business days of learning of the loss, to obtain instructions whether to submit and pursue an insurance claim.
4. Use any insurance proceeds to repair the equipment or replace the equipment with comparable equipment or remit the insurance proceeds to System Agency.

### K. Travel

The System Agency's travel policy will apply to all travel reimbursement if Grantee does not have a formal Travel Policy. If Grantee has a formal Travel Policy,

Grantee will:

1. Submit Grantee's formal travel policy to be approved by the assigned contract manager.
2. Ensure travel policy specifies reimbursement limits for meals, lodging, and the mileage rate.
3. Ensure all travel costs are reasonable and necessary.
4. Ensure all out-of-state travel is approved by the assigned contract manager prior to travel.
5. Submit all out-of-state travel requests to the SUD email box, [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us), at least, thirty (30) days prior to travel.

### L. Management and Control Systems

Grantee will:

1. Maintain an appropriate contract administration system to ensure that all terms, conditions, and specifications are met during the term of the contract through the completion of the closeout procedures.
2. Develop, implement, and maintain financial management and control systems that meet or exceed the requirements of Uniform Statewide Accounting System (UGMS). Those requirements and procedures include, at a minimum, the following:
  - i. Financial planning, including the development of budgets that adequately reflect all functions and resources necessary to carry out authorized activities and the adequate determination of costs;
  - ii. Financial management systems that include accurate accounting records that are accessible and identify the source and application of funds provided under each Contract of this Contract, and original source documentation substantiating that costs are specifically and solely allocable to a Contract and its Contract and are traceable from the transaction to the general ledger;
  - iii. Effective internal and budgetary controls;
  - iv. Comparison of actual costs to budget; determination of reasonableness, allowableness, and allocability of costs;
  - v. Timely and appropriate audits and resolution of any findings;
  - vi. Billing and collection policies; and
  - vii. Mechanism capable of billing and making reasonable efforts to collect from



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clients and third parties.

**M. Property Acquisitions**

System Agency funds must not be used to purchase buildings or real property. Any costs related to the initial acquisition of the buildings or real property are not allowable.

**N. Condition Precedent to Requesting Payment**

Grantee will disburse program income, rebates, refunds, contract settlements, audit recoveries, and interest earned on such funds before requesting cash payments including any advance payments from the System Agency.

**O. Overtime Compensation**

1. Except as provided in this section, Grantee will be responsible for any obligations of premium overtime pay due employees. Premium overtime pay is defined as any compensation paid to an individual in addition to the employee's normal rate of pay for hours worked in excess of normal working hours.
2. Funds provided under this Contract may be used to pay the premium portion of overtime only under the following conditions:
  - i. With the prior written approval of System Agency;
  - ii. Temporarily, in the case of an emergency or an occasional operational bottleneck;
  - iii. When employees are performing indirect functions, such as administration, maintenance, or accounting;
  - iv. In performance of tests, laboratory procedures, or similar operations that are continuous in nature and cannot reasonably be interrupted or otherwise completed; or
  - v. When lower overall cost to System Agency will result.

**P. Fidelity Bond**

For the benefit of System Agency, Grantee is required to carry a fidelity bond or insurance coverage equal to the amount of funding provided under this Contract up to \$100,000 that covers each employee of Grantee handling funds under this Contract, including person(s) authorizing payment of such funds.

1. The fidelity bond or insurance must provide for indemnification of losses occasioned by any fraudulent or dishonest act or acts committed by any of Grantee's employees, either individually or in concert with others, and/or failure of Grantee or any of its employees to perform faithfully his/her duties or to account properly for all monies and property received by virtue of his/her position or employment. The bond or insurance acquired under this section must include coverage for third party property.
2. Grantee will notify, and obtain prior approval from, the System Agency Contract Oversight and Support Section before settling a claim on the fidelity bond or insurance.

**Q. Liability Coverage**

For the benefit of System Agency, Grantee will at all times maintain liability insurance coverage, referred to in Tex. Gov. Code § 2261.102, as "director and officer liability coverage" or similar coverage for all persons in management or governing positions within Grantee's



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organization or with management or governing authority over Grantee's organization (collectively "responsible persons").

Grantee will:

1. Maintain copies of liability policies on site for inspection by System Agency and will submit copies of policies to System Agency upon request.
2. Maintain liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than the total value of this Contract and that is sufficient to protect the interests of System Agency in the event an actionable act or omission by a responsible person damages System Agency's interests.
3. Notify, and obtain prior approval from, the System Agency Contract Oversight and Support Section before settling a claim on the insurance.

### R. Quality Management

Grantee will:

1. Comply with quality management requirements as directed by the System Agency.
2. Develop and implement a Quality Management Plan (QMP) that conforms with 25 TAC § 448.504 and make the QMP available to System Agency upon request. The QMP must be developed no later than the end of the first quarter of the Contract term.
3. Update and revise the QMP each biennium or sooner, if necessary. Grantee's governing body will review and approve the initial QMP, within the first quarter of the Contract term, and each updated and revised QMP thereafter. The QMP must describe Grantee's methods to measure, assess, and improve -
  - i. Implementation of evidence-based practices, programs and research-based approaches to service delivery;
  - ii. Client/participant satisfaction with the services provided by Grantee;
  - iii. Service capacity and access to services;
  - iv. Client/participant continuum of care; and
  - v. Accuracy of data reported to the state.
4. Participate in continuous quality improvement (CQI) activities as defined and scheduled by the state including, but not limited to data verification, performing self-reviews; submitting self-review results and supporting documentation for the state's desk reviews; and participating in the state's onsite or desk reviews.
5. Submit plan of improvement or corrective action plan and supporting documentation as requested by System Agency.
6. Participate in and actively pursue CQI activities that support performance and outcomes improvement.
7. Respond to consultation recommendations by System Agency, which may include, but are not limited to the following:
  - i. Staffing training;
  - ii. Self-monitoring activities guided by System Agency, including use of quality management tools to self-identify compliance issues; and
  - iii. Monitoring of performance reports in the System Agency electronic clinical management system

### S. Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation

Grantee will:

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1. Take all steps necessary, to protect the health, safety and welfare of its clients and participants.
2. Develop and implement written policies and procedures for abuse, neglect and exploitation.
3. Notify appropriate authorities of any allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation as required by 25 TAC § 448.703.

**T. Personnel Requirements and Documentation**

Grantee will;

1. Maintain current personnel documentation on each employee. All documents must be factual and accurate. Health-related information must be stored separately with restricted access as appropriate under Tex. Gov. Code §552.102. training records may be stored separately from the main personnel file but must be easily accessible upon request. Required documentation includes the following, as applicable:
  - i. A copy of the current job description signed by the employee;
  - ii. Application or resume with documentation of required qualifications and verification of required credentials;
  - iii. Verification of work experience;
  - iv. Annual performance evaluations;
  - v. Personnel data that includes date hired, rate of pay, and documentation of all pay increases and bonuses;
  - vi. Documentation of appropriate screening and/or background checks, to include probation or parole documentation;
  - vii. Signed documentation of initial and other required training; and
  - viii. Records of any disciplinary actions.
2. Document authentication must include signature, credentials when applicable, and date. If the document relates to past activity, the date of the activity must also be recorded. Documentation must be permanent and legible. When it is necessary to correct a required document, the error must be marked through with a single line, dated, and initialed by the writer.

**28. CLINICAL MANAGEMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (CMBHS) SYSTEM**

The CMBHS is the official record of documentation by System Agency.

Grantee shall:

1. request access to CMBHS via the CMBHS Helpline at (866) 806-7806.
2. use the CMBHS time frames specified by System Agency.
3. use System Agency-specified functionality of the CMBHS in its entirety.
4. submit all bills and reports to System Agency through the CMBHS, unless otherwise instructed

**A. Resources**

Grantee shall ensure that Grantee's employees have appropriate Internet access and an adequate number of computers of sufficient capabilities to use the CMBHS. Equipment purchased with System Agency funds must be inventoried, maintained in working order, and secured.

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### B. Security Administrator and Authorized Users

Grantee shall:

1. Designate a Security Administrator and a back-up Security Administrator. The Security Administrator is required to implement and maintain a system for management of user accounts/user roles to ensure that all the CMBHS user accounts are current.
2. Have a security policy that ensures adequate system security and protection of confidential information.
3. Notify the CMBHS Help-desk within ten (10) business days of any change to the designated Security Administrator or the back-up Security Administrator.

Grantee will:

- i. Ensure that access to CMBHS is restricted to only currently authorized users.
  - ii. Within 24 hours, remove access to users who are no longer authorized to have access to secure data in CMBHS.
  - iii. Maintain the CMBHS Authorized Users List which includes former and current Grantee's employees, contracted labor, subcontractors or any other users authorized to have access to secure data in CMBHS. The CMBHS Authorized Users List shall document whose authority has been added and terminated; and the date the authority was added and terminated.
4. Submit the CMBHS Security Attestation Form and the CMBHS Authorized Users List as stated in Attachment A, to the following e-mail address: [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us).
  5. continually maintain the current CMBHS Authorized Users List on file and make available to System Agency upon request within five business days.
  6. immediately block access to CMBHS of any person who should no longer have access to CMBHS, due to severance of employment with Grantee or otherwise,
    - i. immediately modify access when there is a change in a user's job responsibilities that affects the user's need for access to CMBHS,
    - ii. update records on a daily basis to reflect any changes in account status.

### C. Security Violations and Accounts Updates

Grantee will adhere to the Confidentiality Article requirements and HHS Data Usage Agreement of this contract and immediately contact System Agency if a security violation is detected, or if Grantee has any reason to suspect that the security or integrity of the CMBHS data has been or may be compromised in any way.

### D. Electronic Transfer of Information

Grantee will establish and maintain adequate internal controls, security, and oversight for the approval and electronic transfer of information regarding payments and reporting requirements. Grantee certifies that the electronic payment requests and reports transmitted will contain true, accurate, and complete information.

### E. Access

System Agency reserves the right to limit or deny access, to the CMBHS by Grantee, at any time for any reason deemed appropriate by System Agency. Grantee access to CMBHS will

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be placed in inactive status when the Grantee ceases to have an executed contract with System Agency Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division.

### **F. Customer Support and Training**

System Agency will provide support for the CMBHS, including problem tracking and problem resolution. System Agency will provide telephone numbers for Grantees to obtain access to expert assistance for CMBHS-related problem resolution. System Agency will provide initial CMBHS training. Grantee shall provide subsequent ongoing end-user training.

### **29. HIV/AIDS MODEL WORKPLACE GUIDELINES**

Grantee will:

- A. Implement the 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 Grantees Policy No. 090.021.
- B. Educate employee and clients concerning HIV and its related conditions, including AIDS, in accordance with the Texas Health & Safety Code §§ 85.112-114.

### **30. MEDICAID ENROLLMENT**

Treatment Grantees shall enroll as a provider with Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) and all Medicaid Managed Care organizations in Grantee's service region within the first quarter of this procurement term and maintain through the procurement term.

### **31. BILLING FOR TREATMENT AND PAYMENT RESTRICTIONS**

Grantees will;

- A. Bill for only one intensity of service and service type (either outpatient or residential) per client per day
- B. Not bill for an intensity of service and service type if another System Agency-funded Treatment Grantee is providing and billing System Agency for another intensity of service and service type.

The following are the exception to item b.:

A client may receive;

- i. co-occurring psychiatric / substance use disorder services,
- ii. ambulatory detoxification, or
- iii. opioid substitution therapy services, at the same time the client receives SUD outpatient or residential treatment services or items 1-3 listed above.

If two Grantees provide services to the same client under this exception, the Grantees must coordinate services and both Grantees must document the service coordination in CMBHS.

### **32. SUBSTANCE ABUSE BLOCK GRANT (SABG) REQUIREMENTS**

Grantee will comply with the requirements of the SABG, including the restrictions on expenditure of grant funds, stated in 45 CFR § 96.135 and the Notice of Grant Award:

The [State](#) shall not expend the [Block Grant](#) on the following activities:

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- A. To provide inpatient hospital services, except as provided in [paragraph \(c\)](#) of this section;
- B. To make cash payments to intended recipients of health services;
- C. To purchase or improve land, purchase, construct, or permanently improve (other than minor remodeling) any building or other facility, or purchase major medical equipment;
- D. To satisfy any requirement for the expenditure of non-Federal funds as a condition for the receipt of Federal funds;
- E. To provide financial assistance to any entity other than a public or nonprofit private entity; or
- F. To provide individuals with hypodermic needles or syringes so that such individuals may use illegal drugs, unless the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service determines that a demonstration needle exchange program would be effective in reducing drug abuse and the risk that the public will become infected with the etiologic agent for AIDS.

**33. MATCH AND PROGRAM INCOME**

Grantee will:

- A. Contribute match that is, at minimum, the percentage, stated on Attachment B, of Total System Agency Share unless otherwise stated on Attachment B.
- B. Report match on each Financial Status Report (FSR) or Quarterly Match Report, including description, source, and dollar amount in the FSR comment section for the non-System Agency funding and in-kind contributions for the program or as directed by System Agency.
- C. Adhere to the Program Income requirements in Uniform Grants Management Standards (UGMS) or Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) as appropriate.
- D. Not use program income as match without prior approval of the contract manager assigned to the Contract.
- E. If the match ratio requirement is not met by the beginning of the last three months of the term of the Contract, System Agency may withhold or reduce payments to satisfy match insufficiency or demand a refund of the amount of the match insufficiency.

**34. CONTRACT RECONCILIATION**

Grantee, within 45 calendar days after the end of each fiscal term year, will submit to the System Agency email box, [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us), financial and reconciliation reports required by System Agency in forms as determined by System Agency.

**35. BREACH OF CONTRACT AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

- A. Contract Monitoring

System Agency:

- 1. Will monitor Grantee for programmatic and financial compliance with this Contract and;

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2. May impose liquidated damages for any breach of this Contract.
3. But its discretion, may place Grantee on accelerated monitoring, which entails more frequent or more extensive monitoring than ordinarily conducted by System Agency.
4. May allow the Grantee the opportunity to correct identified deficiencies prior to imposing actions stated in this section.

### B. Liquidated Damages.

Grantee agrees that noncompliance with the requirements specified in the Contract causes damages to System Agency that are difficult to ascertain and quantify.

Grantee further agrees that System Agency may impose liquidated damages each month for so long as the noncompliance continues. Failure to comply with any of the Contract requirements, System Agency may impose liquidated damages of:

1. \$500 for the first occurrence of noncompliance during a fiscal year;
2. \$750 for the second occurrence of noncompliance with the same requirement during the same fiscal year; and
3. \$1,000 for the third and subsequent occurrence(s) of noncompliance with the same requirement during the same fiscal year.

### C. Grantee Repayment

System Agency may withhold payments to Grantee to satisfy any recoupment or liquidated damage imposed by System Agency under this Article. System Agency may take repayment from funds available under this Contract, active or expired, or any subsequent renewal, in amounts necessary to fulfill Grantee's repayment obligations.

### D. Notice of Liquidated Damages

System Agency will formally notify Grantee in writing when liquidated damages action is imposed, stating the nature of the action, the reasons for imposing, and the method of appealing. Grantee must submit a written appeal, within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the notice, to the SUD email box, [SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:SubstanceAbuse.Contracts@hhsc.state.tx.us).

A submitted appeal must;

1. Include documented proof that Grantee submitted the information by the due date or received an exemption from the assigned contract manager.
2. Demonstrate the findings on which the Liquidated Damage is based are either invalid or do not warrant the action(s).

If System Agency determines the liquidated damage is warranted, System Agency's decision is final and the remedy or sanction shall be imposed.

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**TEXAS**  
Health and Human Services

**FEDERAL ASSURANCES FOR NON-CONSTRUCTION  
PROJECT AND FEDERAL LOBBYING FORM**

## ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0040), Washington, DC 20503.


**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.**

**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.

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.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL DocuSigned by:  <small>0A703C88B48F401...</small>	TITLE CEO
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Connections IFS, Inc.	DATE SUBMITTED August 9, 2021

### 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.

<b>* APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATION</b> Connections IFS, Inc.	
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