

Contractual Agreement
For the
City of Texas City

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§
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COUNTY OF GALVESTON	§
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CITY OF TEXAS CITY	§

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the City of Texas City (hereinafter "CITY"), with its principal office at 1801 9th Avenue North, Texas City, Galveston County, Texas 77592 and the Galveston County Health District, Office of Environmental Health Programs (hereinafter "PERFORMING PARTY"), with its principal office at 9850-D Emmett F. Lowry Expressway, Texas City, Texas 77591.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act of the State of Texas provides that political subdivisions of the State may contract or agree with another local government to perform governmental functions and services in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the PERFORMING PARTY and the CITY have agreed to contract water pollution control and abatement services; and

WHEREAS, the PERFORMING PARTY organized the Water Pollution Control and Abatement Program in 1972 and is charged with performing water quality monitoring and pollution abatement activities for Galveston County and its contracted political subdivisions, and is supported through the county general fund and contracted political subdivision contributions; and

WHEREAS, the CITY is a member of the Galveston County Health District and responsible for the quality of the water within its jurisdiction and has elected to contract for water quality services with the PERFORMING PARTY.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants expressed herein, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

STATEMENT OF SERVICES

The PERFORMING PARTY agrees to perform the following services for the CITY as indicated by a check mark for each activity:

Investigations - Complaint Response

- (1) The PERFORMING PARTY will respond to all water quality related complaints within jurisdictional limits of the CITY whether received from a citizen or referred by employees of the CITY, as expeditiously as possible.
- (2) The PERFORMING PARTY will document each and every complaint received. Documentation will include information relative to the nature of the complaint, investigative findings, corrective actions taken, and enforcement actions, if necessary.
- (3) The PERFORMING PARTY will protect from disclosure information regarding the identity of a complainant to the extent allowed by the Texas Public Information Act, Govt. Code Chapter 552. In the event that information, which tends to identify a complainant, is requested pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, the PERFORMING PARTY will seek to protect that information through a request for opinion from the Legal Services Division of the County of Galveston.
- (4) The PERFORMING PARTY will immediately coordinate with the CITY as necessary, in regards to action to when responding to any complaints deemed reasonably substantial in terms of concentration, duration, or potential health impacts.
- (5) In cases posing or potentially posing imminent and substantial danger to the health and welfare of persons or the environment, the PERFORMING PARTY may utilize its authority to seek enforcement action(s) through the court systems in Galveston County.
- (6) The PERFORMING PARTY will cooperate with both state and federal agencies, as necessary; however, the PERFORMING PARTY will function independently under the scope of this AGREEMENT and will not serve as state or federal agents.

☒ Source Inspections - Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)

- (7) The PERFORMING PARTY will conduct a scheduled comprehensive compliance inspection(s) at any or all POTWs within the jurisdictional boundaries of the CITY. The inspection will be consistent with the most current version of the POTW inspection protocol currently used by the Region 12 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Water Quality Section. The comprehensive inspection will include the collection of an influent and effluent sample. The collected samples will be split with the appropriate wastewater treatment plant personnel and the contracted NELAC accredited laboratory.
- (8) The PERFORMING PARTY will conduct a scheduled non-comprehensive compliance inspection(s) at any or all POTWs within the jurisdictional boundaries of the CITY. This non-comprehensive inspection will include the collection of an influent and effluent sample. The collected samples can be split amongst the appropriate wastewater treatment plant personnel and the contracted NELAC accredited laboratory for testing.
- (9) The PERFORMING PARTY will immediately coordinate with the CITY, when responsive action through the inspection process yields test results substantial in terms of concentration, duration, and/or potential health impacts.

☒ Source Inspections - Grease Traps and Grit Traps

- (10) The PERFORMING PARTY will conduct one (1) unannounced inspection at identified grease traps associated with Galveston County Health District permitted food establishments and one (1) unannounced inspection at identified grit traps associated with car washes within the jurisdictional boundaries of the CITY.
- (11) The PERFORMING PARTY will immediately coordinate with the RESPONSIBLE PERSON, as necessary, on action to respond to any problems identified during the inspection process that are substantial in terms of concentration, duration, or potential health impacts.

- (12) In cases which violate any rule, regulation, law or ordinance or any case which may present an imminent and substantial danger to the health and welfare of persons or the environment, the PERFORMING PARTY may utilize their authority to seek enforcement action(s) through the court system.

☒ Sample Local Waterways (Surface Water Sampling)

- (13) The PERFORMING PARTY will assure routine monitoring stations are sampled. Routine sampling typically includes field measurements, routine water chemistry and bacteriological analysis. The objectives of monitoring these parameters are to determine impacts of point and nonpoint sources, and detect and describe spatial and temporal changes. The monitoring of field measurements also provides complementary information necessary for evaluating chemical and biological data.
- (14) The PERFORMING PARTY will provide, upon request, a map to the CITY specifying the locations of all of the surface water sampling sites located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the CITY.
- (15) The PERFORMING PARTY will submit all surface water samples to laboratories performing analysis that are routinely audited by their primary National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) accrediting body to evaluate the laboratory's compliance with the current The NELAC Institute (TNI) Standard.
- (16) The PERFORMING PARTY will conduct investigations based upon results of surface water sampling results. The PERFORMING PARTY will review all sampling results to identify waterways that may be adversely impacted. The purpose of such investigations is to detect and eliminate sources of water pollution.

ARTICLE II

REPORTING

The PERFORMING PARTY agrees to provide reports to the CITY pertaining to investigations, inspections, surface water testing

at known or potential sources of water pollution located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the CITY.

A. Monthly Reports

A summary report of progress specifying the number and type of activities conducted for the month and a list of activities approved for the month to include sources investigated by name and type of investigation. The PERFORMING PARTY will submit the monthly report to the CITY by the seventh (7th) calendar day following the end of the month.

B. Annual Reports

The PERFORMING PARTY shall submit an annual summary of its activities within the CITY's jurisdiction completed during the fiscal year. A final draft of said summary will be due no later than the last day of January. A draft will be submitted to representative of the CITY for review prior to finalization. The annual report will provide a summary of all activities listed in this contract. Upon request, the PERFORMING PARTY will provide to the CITY a list of all facilities with state permitted discharges within the CITY's jurisdictional boundaries.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATION

Either party may request an "ad-hoc" meeting throughout the contract term, as necessary. The meeting can be the forum used to distribute and discuss annual summaries, contracts, other pertinent information, and to discuss any concerns identified by the PERFORMING PARTY. Communication can be conducted via email, phone, virtual meeting, etcetera.

ARTICLE IV

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

The PERFORMING PARTY agrees to assure the proper training of its staff and shall remain responsible for ensuring that staff is sufficiently qualified to perform any and all designated tasks that could foreseeably arise under the scope of this AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE V

COMPENSATION

For and in consideration of the services (Article I) to be rendered by the PERFORMING PARTY, the CITY shall pay, and the PERFORMING PARTY shall receive, compensation as hereinafter negotiated based on the amount of services chosen in Article I, Statement of Services (see Attachment A, Contract Pricing). All remittance by the CITY for such compensation shall either be mailed or delivered to the PERFORMING PARTY's principal office.

Compensation for all services rendered by the PERFORMING PARTY under the scope of this AGREEMENT shall be made to the PERFORMING PARTY by the CITY in accordance with the following terms:

Partial payments for services rendered by the PERFORMING PARTY shall be submitted quarterly to the PERFORMING PARTY and within thirty (30) days of the CITY's receipt of their quarterly statement. Final payment for services shall be due upon completion of these services.

ARTICLE VI

TERMINATION

In connection with all the services outlined under the scope of this AGREEMENT, the CITY or the PERFORMING PARTY by providing written notice to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the desired termination. Upon receipt of the contractual termination to the other party, all work being performed under this AGREEMENT shall immediately cease, unless such work can be completed within the thirty (30) days prior to the official date of termination.

Further, the PERFORMING PARTY shall be compensated in accordance with this AGREEMENT for all work provided to the date of the AGREEMENT's official termination.

All completed or partially completed reports prepared under this AGREEMENT shall be delivered to the CITY, which the CITY may subsequently use without constraint.

All rights, duties, liabilities and obligations accrued prior to such termination shall survive termination.

ARTICLE VII

ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS

This AGREEMENT shall not be assigned or subcontracted in whole or in part without the written consent of the CITY.

ARTICLE VIII

NOTICES

All notices and communications under this AGREEMENT to be delivered to the CITY shall be sent via traditional postage, unless otherwise notified:

Attention: Corbin Ballast
Utilities Director
City of Texas City
PO Box 2608
Texas City, Texas 77592-2608

All notices and communications under this AGREEMENT to be delivered to the PERFORMING PARTY shall be sent traditional postage, unless otherwise notified:

Attention: Katie Wilson
Water Pollution Services Manager
Galveston County Health District
Office of Environmental Health Programs
PO Box 939
La Marque, Texas 77568

ARTICLE IX

INSURANCE

During the entirety of this AGREEMENT, the PERFORMING PARTY shall maintain, and shall require its subcontractors to maintain:

- (1) Adequate general liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage in amounts satisfactory to the CITY; and,
- (2) Worker's compensation coverage for all of the PERFORMING PARTY'S employees.

The PERFORMING PARTY agrees to indemnify and hold the CITY harmless from and against any and all courses of legal action resulting from or arising out of the PERFORMING PARTY'S failure to maintain adequate general liability insurance or worker's compensation coverage as required by this AGREEMENT or as required by governing law.

ARTICLE X

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

The PERFORMING PARTY agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, disability or national origin. The PERFORMING PARTY agrees to comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The CITY encourages the PERFORMING PARTY to provide equal opportunity to historically disadvantaged business enterprises if and when the PERFORMING PARTY is to subcontract services under the scope of this AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE XI

REPRESENTATION

The PERFORMING PARTY represents that no CITY officer, employee or agent has been compensated in any way with respect to this AGREEMENT and its consideration by the CITY. In no event will the PERFORMING PARTY pay a fee or provide any other form of compensation to any CITY officers, employees or agents in connection with the approval or performance of this AGREEMENT or terms herein. A breach of this ARTICLE shall result in automatic termination of the AGREEMENT and in accordance with this AGREEMENT. The CITY may use all reports prepared under this AGREEMENT as provided in ARTICLE VI, TERMINATION. Additionally, the PERFORMING

PARTY shall be liable for all damages to the CITY occasioned by a termination under this Article.

ARTICLE XII

PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED

This AGREEMENT constitutes the sole terms and conditions permissible of the parties hereto in regards to pertinent matter and supersedes any prior understanding, oral or written agreements between the parties regarding the subject matter of this AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE XIII

GOVERNING LAW

The validity of this AGREEMENT and any terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties hereunder, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

ARTICLE XIV

LAWS AND ORDINANCES

The PERFORMING PARTY shall at all times observe and comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public authority, which in any manner affect this AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE XV

VENUE

In the event that any legal proceeding is brought to enforce this AGREEMENT, or any provision hereof, Galveston County is the venue for said action.

ARTICLE XVI

AMENDMENT

This AGREEMENT shall not be amended without the written consent of the other party. The Mayor or designee has the authority to make amendments to this AGREEMENT without subsequent City Council approval.

ARTICLE XVII

TERM OF AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT shall be effective October 1, 2022 and shall continue in full force until September 30, 2023, but upon the CITY's determination, may be extended by written agreement. All payments and liabilities accrued prior to termination shall survive the termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties acting under the authority of their respective governing bodies have caused this AGREEMENT to be executed in several counterparts, each of which is deemed to be an original and as of the day and date first written above.

**GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH
DISTRICT**

CITY OF TEXAS CITY

Trish Bailey
Chief Financial Officer

Dedrick Johnson, Sr.
Mayor

Date

Date

Attachment A: Contract Pricing

City of Texas City October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023			
Activity	Number of Units	Cost per Unit	Total Cost
Complaint Investigations Flat Rate-Per Capita 2020 Census	51,898	\$0.33	\$17,126
Wastewater Treatment Plant Inspection (Spot)	0	\$0	\$0
Wastewater Treatment Plant Inspection (CCI)	1	\$446	\$446
Source Inspections - Grease Traps	126	\$98	\$12,348
Source Inspections - Grit Traps	10	\$98	\$980
Surface Water Sampling (collect and lab testing)	6	\$1,479	\$8,874
Total			\$39,774