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THIS LEASE is made and entered into by and between, **Richard A. Garza dba BIC Investments** of Hidalgo County, Texas, referred to in this Lease as Lessor, and **THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY**, referred to in this Lease as Lessee.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth in this Lease, and other good and valuable consideration, Lessor demises and leases to Lessee, and Lessee leases from Lessor, that certain real property described on Exhibit "A", attached hereto. The premises leased hereunder are referred to in this Lease as "the Premises" or "the Leased Premises."

ARTICLE 1. TERM

Term of Lease

1.1 Except as otherwise herein provided, the term of this Lease shall be for three (3) years commencing on _____ and ending on _____ with the option to extend an additional one (1) year.

Termination

1.2 Lessee may declare this Lease, and all rights and interest created by it, to be terminated without cause upon giving the Lessor thirty (30) days written notice. Upon a Lessee's electing to terminate, this Lease shall cease and come to an end as if the day of the termination party's election were the day originally fixed in the Lease for its expiration.

Lessor's Warranty of Quiet Enjoyment

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1.3 Lessor covenants and agrees that Lessee on paying the rent and other charges herein provided for and observing and keeping the covenants, conditions, and terms of this Lease on Lessee's part to be kept or performed, shall lawfully and quietly hold, occupy, and enjoy the Leased Premises during the term of this Lease without hindrance or molestation of Lessor or any person claiming under Lessor except such portion of the Leased Premises, if any, as shall be taken under the power of eminent domain.

ARTICLE 2. RENT

Base Rent

2.1 Lessee agrees to pay to Lessor, during the term hereof, a monthly rental equal to **\$13,500.00** per month. In the event the Commencement Date is a day other than the first day of the month, the rent for the period from the commencement date to the last day of the month shall be prorated by dividing the monthly rental by thirty days, and multiplying the result by the number of days remaining in the month that includes the Commencement Date.

Time and Manner of Payment

2.2 All rent due under this article shall be paid by Lessee on a monthly basis and in advance, on the 1st business day of each month commencing on the Commencement Date. All installments of rent shall be paid in lawful money of the United States to the Lessor at 3910 W. Freddy Gonzalez, Edinburg, Texas 78539 or other such other location or locations as Lessor shall from time to time designate by written notice to Lessee. Any rent due for any partial month at the beginning or the end of the term hereof shall be prorated on the basis of a thirty day month.

Taxes

2.4 Lessor is responsible for rendering and paying all real estate taxes on the Property.

Lessee shall be responsible for taxes, if any, on lessee's personal property located on the Premises.

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ARTICLE 3. USE OF PREMISES

Permitted Use

3.1 Lessee may use the premises for office space and for any other lawful purpose.

Waste, Nuisance, or Illegal Use

3.2 Lessee shall not use, or permit the use of, the Premises in any manner that results in waste of the Premises or constitutes a nuisance or violates any statute, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to the premises or for any illegal purpose.

ARTICLE 4. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Lessee's Duty to Repair

4.1 Lessee shall be responsible for providing general janitorial service. Lessee shall be responsible for all repairs and maintenance in connection with damage to the Premises, and damage to fixtures and improvements resulting from negligent or willful acts of the Lessee, or the Lessee's employees, agents, licensees or invitees. In addition, Lessee shall repair all injury caused by the installation or removal of furniture, fixtures or property permitted under this Lease to be removed from the Leased Premises. All such repairs shall be made in a good, workmanlike manner using high quality materials.

Lessor's Duties to Repair

4.2 Lessor shall maintain the foundation, roof, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems ("HVAC") and structural integrity of the Leased Premises and shall make all such necessary repairs to the foundation, roof, plumbing, HVAC and structural integrity of the Leased Premises, except that Lessee shall make those repairs occasioned by Lessee's negligent use

of the Leased Premises.

Additional Duties of Lessor

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4.3 Lessor shall construct, repair and maintain the Leased Premises so that the Premises will have:

- (1) Effective waterproofing and weather protection of the contents of the Leased Premises by watertight roof, exterior walls, windows, and doors.
- (2) Plumbing facilities that conform to applicable law, maintained in good working order.
- (3) A water supply approved under applicable law that is under the control of Lessee, capable of producing hot and cold running water, or a system that is under the control of Lessor that produces hot and cold u\running water furnished to Lessee and connected to a sewage disposal system conforming to applicable law.
- (4) Heating, ventilation and air conditioning facilities conforming to applicable law which are more than adequate to heat, ventilate and air condition the improvements on the Leased Premises, and are maintained in good working order.
- (5) Electrical lighting, with wiring and electrical equipment that conform to applicable law, maintained in good working order.
- (6) Building, grounds, and appurtenances in every part clean, sanitary, and free from all accumulations of debris, and all areas under control of Lessor kept in every part clean, sanitary, and free from all accumulations of debris.
- (7) Floor, stairways, and railings maintained in good repair.

Lessee's Right to Repair for Lessor

4.4 (a) If after Lessee's notice to Lessor of repairs or maintenance which Lessor has a duty to undertake, Lessor neglects to make such repairs within reasonable time following written notice from Lessee, Lessee may make the repairs itself. In such a case, Lessee may deduct the expenses of the repairs from further payment of rent.

(b) For purposes of this Section 4.4, if Lessor make repairs at least fifteen (15) days following the date of Lessee's notice to Lessor, it will be presumed to have act in a reasonable time.

ARTICLE 5. UTILITIES

Utility Charges

Lessee shall pay all utility charges used in and about the Leased Premises during the term of this Lease, all such charges to be paid by Lessee directly to the utility company or municipality furnishing the same, before the same shall become delinquent.

ARTICLE 6. ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS, AND IMPROVEMENTS

Consent of Lessor

6.1 Lessee shall not make any alterations, additions, or improvements to the Leased Premises without the prior written consent of Lessor. Consent for nonstructural alterations, additions, or improvements shall not be unreasonably withheld by Lessor.

Property of Lessor

6.2 All alterations, additions, or improvements made by Lessee shall become the property of Lessor at the termination of this Lease. Lessor may, however, require that Lessee remove any or all alterations, additions, and improvements installed or made by Lessee, and any other property placed on the Premises by Lessee, upon termination of the Lease. In the event that Lessor requires

Lessee to remove such alterations, additions, or improvements, Lessee shall repair any damage to the Premises caused by such removal.

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ARTICLE 7. SIGNS

Signs

7.1 Subject to the written approval of Lessor, and further subject to applicable laws, ordinances and regulations, Lessee shall have the right to install a sign on the Leased Premises. Lessee must remove all signs at the termination of this Lease and repair any damage resulting from the erection or removal of the signs.

ARTICLE 8. MECHANIC'S LIEN

Lessee will not permit any mechanic's lien or liens to be placed upon the Leased Premises or improvements on the Premises, and if such lien is claimed as a result of the acts of Lessee, will promptly pay the lien. If default in payment of the lien continues for twenty (20) days after written notice from Lessor Lessee, Lessor may, at its option, pay the lien or any portion of it without inquiry as to its validity. Any amounts paid by the Lessor to remove a mechanic's lien caused to be filed against the Premises or improvements on the Premises by Lessee, including expenses and interest, shall be due from Lessee to Lessor and shall be repaid to Lessor immediately on rendition of notice, together with interest at ten percent (10%) per annum until repaid.

ARTICLE 9. INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY

Property Insurance

9.1 Lessor shall, at its own expense, during the term of this Lease, keep all buildings and improvements on the Leased Premises insured against loss or damage by fire with extended coverage to include direct loss by windstorm, hail, explosion, riot, or riot attending a strike, civil commotion, aircraft, vehicles, and smoke, in the aggregate amounts of not less than the full fair insurable value

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of the buildings and improvements. The insurance is to be carried by one or more insurance companies licensed to do business in Texas and approved by Lessee. The policies shall provide that any proceeds for loss or damage to buildings or to improvements shall be payable solely to Lessor, which sum Lessor shall use for repair and restoration purposes as provided herein. Lessee shall maintain all insurance on Lessee's personal property located within the Leased Premises and Lessee covenants and agrees that Lessor shall have no responsibility for damage or destruction of Lessee's personal property located within the Leased Premises.

General Liability Insurance

9.2 Lessee, at its own expense, shall provide and maintain in force during the term of this Lease liability insurance in the amounts deemed adequate by Lessor. Prior to occupancy of the Premises, Lessee shall provide Lessor with evidence of such insurance.

Remedy for Failure to Provide Insurance

9.3 Lessor shall furnish Lessee with the original of all insurance policies required by this Article. If Lessor does not provide such policies or proof of such insurance within ten (10) days of the execution of this Lease, or if Lessor allows any insurance required under this Article to lapse after receipt of notice of cancellation or of non-renewal, or if Lessor fails to deliver proof of insurance showing coverages to Lessee prior to the effective date of such insurance and the original insurance policy within thirty (30) days thereafter, such failure shall be a default of Lessor under this Lease; or Lessee may, but shall not be required, to take out such insurance and pay the premiums on the necessary insurance to comply with Lessor's obligations under the provisions of this Article. Lessor agrees to reimburse Lessee all amounts spent by Lessee to procure and maintain such insurance within fifteen (15) days after demand from Lessor. Failure to pay such amount when due shall be a default of Lessor under this Lease.

ARTICLE 10. DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF PREMISES

Notice to Lessor

10.1 If the Leased Premises, or any structures or improvements on the Leased Premises, should be damaged or destroyed by fire, tornado, or other casualty, Lessee shall give immediate written notice of the damage or destruction to Lessor, including a description of the damage and, as far as known to Lessee, the cause of the damage.

Total Destruction

10.2 If the building on the Leased Premises should be totally destroyed by fire, tornado, or other casualty, or if it should be so damaged that rebuilding or repairs can not reasonably be completed within thirty (30) working Days from the date of the occurrence of the damage, this Lease, at the option of the Lessee, shall terminate and rent shall be abated for the unexpired portion of this Lease, effective as of the date of said occurrence.

Partial Damage or Destruction

10.3 If the Leased Premises should be damaged by fire, tornado, or other casualty, but not to such an extent that rebuilding or repairs can not reasonably be completed within thirty (30) working days from the date of the occurrence of the damage, this Lease shall not terminate, but Lessor shall, if the casualty has occurred prior to the final twelve (12) months of the lease term, at Lessor's sole cost and risk proceed forthwith to rebuild or repair the Leased Premises to substantially the condition in which they existed prior to such damage. If the casualty occurs during the final twelve (12) months of the lease term, Lessor shall not be required to rebuild or repair such damage and this Lease shall terminate and rent shall be abated for the unexpired portion of the Lease, effective as of the date of said occurrence. If the Leased Premises are to be rebuilt or repaired and are untenable in whole or in part following such damage, the rent payable hereunder during the

period in which they are untenable shall be adjusted equitably. In the working days from the date of the occurrence of the damage, Lessee may at its option terminate this Lease by written notification as such time to Lessor, whereon all rights and obligations hereunder shall cease.

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ARTICLE 11. CONDEMNATION

Total Condemnation

11.1 If during the term of this Lease all of the Leased Premises should be taken for any public or quasi-public use under any governmental law, ordinance, or regulation, or by right of eminent domain, or should be sold to the condemning authority under threat of condemnation, the Lease shall terminate, and the rent shall be abated during the unexpired portion of this Lease, effective as of the date of the taking of the Premises by the condemning authority.

Partial Condemnation

11.2 If less than all, but more than ten percent (10%) of the Leased Premises is taken for any public or quasi-public use under any governmental law, ordinance, or regulation, or by right of eminent domain, or should be sold to the condemning authority under threat of condemnation, Lessee may terminate the Lease by giving written notice to Lessor within thirty (30) days after possession of the condemned portion is taken by the entity exercising the power of condemnation.

If the Leased Premises are partially condemned and Lessee fails to exercise the option to terminate the Lease under this section, or if less than ten percent (10%) of the Leased Premises are condemned, this Lease shall not terminate, but Lessor may, at its sole expense, restore and reconstruct the building and other improvements situated on the Leased Premises to make them reasonably tenantable and suitable for the uses for which the Premises are Leased. The rent payable under Sections 2.1 of this Lease shall be decreased equitably during the period of such restoration or reconstruction.

Condemnation Award

11.3 Lessor and Lessee shall each be entitled to receive and retain such separate awards, and portions of lump sum awards, as may be allocated to their respective interest in any condemnation proceedings. The termination of this Lease shall not affect the rights of the respective parties to such awards.

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ARTICLE 12. DEFAULT

Default by Lessee

12.1 If Lessee shall allow the rent to be in arrears more than ten (10) days after written notice of such delinquency, or shall remain in default under any other condition of this Lease for a period of fifteen (15) days after written notice from Lessor, Lessor may at its option, without notice to Lessee, terminate this Lease or, in the alternative, Lessor may re-enter and take possession of the Premises and remove all persons and property without being deemed guilty of any manner of trespass and relent the Premises, or any part of the Premises, for all or any part of the remainder of the Lease term, to a party satisfactory to Lessor and at such monthly rental as Lessor may with reasonable diligence be able to secure. Should Lessor be unable to relent after reasonable efforts to do so, or should such monthly rental be at a commercially reasonable rate which is less than the rental Lessee was obligated to pay under this Lease, or any renewal of this Lease, plus the expense of reletting, then Lessee shall pay the amount of such deficiency plus reasonable attorney's fees to Lessor.

Default by Lessor

12.2 If Lessor defaults in the performance of any terms, covenants, or conditions required to be performed by it under this Lease, in addition to other remedies afforded Lessee under this Lease or at law, Lessee may, following reasonable Notice to and opportunity to cure by Lessor, elect to vacate the Premises, in which case it shall be discharged from further payment of rent, the performance of all other terms and conditions of this Lease, and this Lease shall terminate as of the

date Lessee vacates the Premises and any rental shall be abated for the unexpired term of this Lease.

Cumulative Remedies

12.3 All rights and remedies of Lessor and Lessee under this Article shall be cumulative, and none shall exclude any other right or remedy provided by law or by any other provision of this Lease. All such rights and remedies may be exercised and enforced concurrently and whenever, and as often, as occasion for their exercise arises.

Waiver of Breach

12.4 A waiver by either Lessor or Lessee of a breach of this Lease by the other party does not constitute a continuing waiver or a waiver of any subsequent breach of the Lease.

ARTICLE 13. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING

Assignment and Subletting by Lessee

13.1 Lessee may not sublet, assign, encumber, or otherwise transfer this Lease, or any right or interest in this Lease or in the Leased Premises or the improvements on the Leased Premises, without the written consent of Lessor. If Lessee sublets, assigns, encumbers, or otherwise transfers its rights or interest in this Lease or in the Leased Premises or the improvements on the Leased Premises, other than as specified herein, without the written consent of Lessor, Lessor may, at its option, declare this Lease terminated and Lessee and Lessor shall have no further obligation to each other under this Lease. In the event Lessor consents in writing to an assignment, sublease or other transfer of all or any of Lessee's rights under this Lease, the assignee or sublessee must assume all of Lessee's obligations under this Lease, in which event Lessee shall be released from its obligations under the Lease. Lessor's consent under this section will not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld.

Assignment by Lessor

13.2 Lessor may assign or transfer any or all of its interests under the terms of this Lease.

ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS

Notices and Addresses

14.1 All notices required under this Lease will be deemed delivered when deposited in certified or registered mail, addressed to the proper party, at the following addresses:

Lessor:
Mr. Richard A. Garza
BIC Investments
3910 W. Freddy Gonzalez
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Lessee:
County of Hidalgo
Attn: County Judge
100 E. Cano, 2nd Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78540

Either party may change the address to which notices are to be sent it by giving the other party notice of the new address in the manner provided in this section.

Parties Bound

14.2 This agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties to the Lease and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns when permitted by this agreement.

Texas Law to Apply

14.3 This agreement shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created by this Lease are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

Legal Construction

14.4 In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this agreement shall for any reason be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of the agreement, and this agreement shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been included in the agreement.

Prior Agreements Superseded

14.5 This agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties to the agreement and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the subject matter of this agreement.

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Amendment

14.6 No amendment, modification, or alteration of the terms of this agreement shall be binding unless it is in writing, dated subsequent to the date of this agreement, and duly executed by the parties to this agreement.

Rights and Remedies Cumulative

14.7 The rights and remedies provided by this lease agreement are cumulative, and the use of any one right or remedy by either party shall not preclude or waive that party's right to use any or all other remedies. The rights and remedies provided in this Lease are in addition to any other rights the parties may have by law, statute, ordinance or otherwise.

Attorneys' Fees and Costs

14.8 If, as a result of a breach of this agreement by either party, the other party employs an attorney or attorneys to enforce its rights under this Lease, then the breaching or defaulting party agrees to pay the other party the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred to enforce the Lease.

Force Majeure

14.9 Neither Lessor nor Lessee shall be required to perform any term, conditions, or covenant in this Lease so long as such performance is delayed or prevented by force majeure, which shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, material or labor restrictions by any governmental authority, civil riot, floods, and any other cause not reasonably within the control of Lessor or Lessee and which by the exercise of due diligence Lessor or Lessee is unable, wholly or in part, to prevent or overcome.

Real Estate Commission and Finder's Fees

14.10 Neither Lessor nor Lessee has entered into any real estate commission or finder's fee agreements with any broker, agent or finder in respect of this transaction, and Lessor and Lessee each agree to indemnify and hold harmless the other from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, costs or expenses of any kind, or arrangement or understanding alleged to have been made by the indemnifying party or on its behalf with any broker, salesman or finder in connection with this Lease or the transactions contemplated hereby.

Estoppel Information

14.11 Lessee shall, at the request of Lessor, provide any and all information with respect to this Lease to any person designated by Lessor.

Time of Essence

14.12 Time is of the essence of this agreement.

THE UNDERSIGNED Lessor and Lessee execute this Lease on the ____ day of _____ 200__

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LESSOR:

BIC INVESTMENTS

BY: _____

ATTEST:

LESSEE:
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

Arturo Guajardo, Jr. County Clerk

By: _____
Juan D. Salinas, III, County Judge

Approved on Commissioners' Court _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Atlas & Hall, L.L.P.

By: _____