

**AGREEMENT FOR ELECTION SERVICES  
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO  
AND SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE**

THIS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the College of College, Texas, acting by and through its President, Dr. Shirley Reed, (hereinafter referred to as the "College") and the County of Hidalgo, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "County") duly acting herein by and through its duly authorized representative, the County Elections Administrator, Teresa R. Navarro.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.092(a) of the Texas Election Code, the County Election Officer may contract with the governing body of a political subdivision situated wholly or partly in the county served by the officer to perform election services in any one or more elections ordered by an authority of the political subdivision;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.091(1) of the Texas Election Code, the County Election Officer means the Elections Administrator for Hidalgo County;

WHEREAS, the College is a political subdivision in Hidalgo County that desires the County to conduct and supervise the May 10, 2008 Trustee election (the "Election");

WHEREAS, the County agrees to perform election services for the College; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the College for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby contract, covenant and agree as follows:

1. The County shall be responsible for performing the following duties and shall furnish the following services and equipment:

- (a) Procure, provide and distribute all necessary election supplies, including:
  - (1) Ballots (preparation and distribution only);
  - (2) Election kits; and
  - (3) Ballot boxes and voting booths provided free of charge by the County.
  
- (b) Provide all necessary Direct Recording Electronic (DREs) voting systems (iVotronic 8.0.1.0) manufactured by Elections Systems and Software, and certified by the Secretary of State; and DRE ADA voting system equipped to make it accessible to persons with disabilities, including persons who are blind or have low vision, so that the individuals can vote independently and privately. Transport machines and equipment to and from the polling places, and prepare the DREs for use at the polling places.

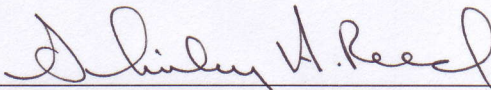
- (c) Serve as the Early Voting Clerk.
  - (d) Notify the election judges of the date, time and place of the election school and arrange for a facility for holding the school.
  - (e) Appoint deputy early voting clerks for main and temporary branch early voting polling places established by the School.
  - (f) Arrange for the use of a central counting station and for the tabulating personnel and equipment needed at the counting station and assist in the preparation of programs and the test materials for the tabulation of the ballots to be used with the voting equipment.
  - (g) Provide the general overall supervision of the Election and provide the advisory services in connection with the decisions to be made and the actions to be taken by the School.
  - (h) Preparation, distribution, and publication of all notices and newspaper advertisements.
  - (i) Preparation of U.S. Department of Justice pre-clearance for the general trustee election.
  - (j) Prepare any submission of voting changes to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice under the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended for the general trustee election.
  - (k) Notify the election presiding and alternate judges of their appointment by the School for each election precinct.
2. The College shall be responsible for performing the following duties and shall furnish the following services:
- (a) Payment of all necessary election supplies as required by the County, including but not limited to, ballots and election kits.
  - (b) Pay for the costs of judges and election workers directly from payment vouchers submitted by the County Elections Administrator and the College shall pay the election workers at \$9.00 per hour for Election Judge, \$8.00 per hour for Alternate Judge and \$8.00 per hour for clerks.
  - (c) Reimburse the County for liability insurance coverage for election workers employed for the Elections the school shall reimburse the County upon invoicing

for the liability insurance coverage rate.

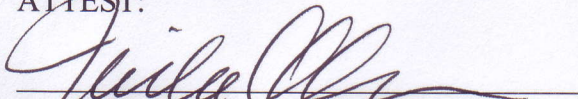
- (d) Canvassing of the Election results as required by the Texas Election Code.
3. As stated in Section 31.096 of the Texas Election Code, this Agreement may not change: (1) the authority with whom applications of candidates for a place on a ballot are filed; (2) the authority with whom documents are filed under Title 15; or (3) the authority to serve as custodian of voted ballots or other election records, except that a contract with a political subdivision other than a College may provide that the County Election Officer will be the custodian of voted ballots. Under this Agreement, the Hidalgo County Elections Administrator shall be the custodian of voted ballots.
  4. The County Election Administrator shall be the agent of the College for the purposes of contracting with third parties with respect to the election expenses within the scope of the County Election Administrator's duties.
  5. The County shall file copies of this Agreement with the County Treasurer and the County Auditor.
  6. In accordance with Section 31.100(b) of the Texas Election Code, only actual expenses directly attributable to this Agreement may be paid. The County Elections Administrator shall submit the actual costs for items contracted pursuant to this Agreement with the College no later than ten (10) days after the Elections. An estimate is attached hereto, Exhibit "A."
  7. The College shall submit to the County an administrative fee of ten percent (10%) of the entire cost of the Election. This payment shall be made by the College to the County thirty (30) days after the Elections. (The College agrees to provide the County with copies of all bills that the College paid directly, or a true and accurate certified statement of such bills in order to accurately determine the ten percent (10%) fee.) The payment shall be submitted along with a report of the expenses upon which the payment amount of ten percent (10%) was calculated.
  8. In the event any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, phrase or word herein is held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the balance of this Agreement shall stand, shall be enforceable and shall be read as if the parties intended at all times to delete said invalid section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, phrase and word. In such event there shall be substituted for such deleted provision as similar in terms and in effect to such deleted provision as may be valid, legal and enforceable.
  9. This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Texas and is performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

EXECUTED in duplicate this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2008.

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE, TEXAS

By:   
Dr. Shirley Reed, President

ATTEST:

  
South Texas College Board Secretary

Mike Allen  
Print Name

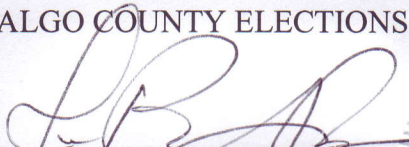
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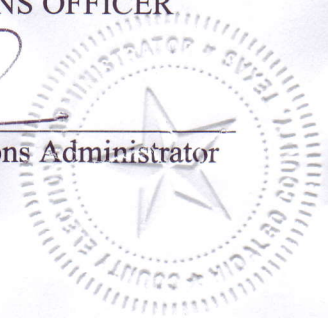
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HIDALGO COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICER

By:   
Teresa R. Navarro, Elections Administrator



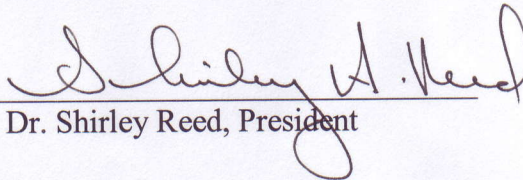
**ADDENDUM TO  
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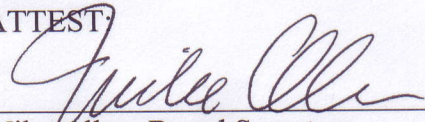
1. The County shall provide Worker's Compensation coverage to all of its election workers.
2. The amount of liability insurance premium coverage to be reimbursed by the College to the County shall be \$ 1.05% per hour per election worker
3. The College shall reimburse County the amount of \$100.00 leasing fee for each iVotronic DRE and \$100.00 leasing fee for each ADA iVotronic DRE, and a \$50.00 programming fee used in the initial Election. The above described fees for each machine and programming fee shall be additionally charged for any Runoff Election.

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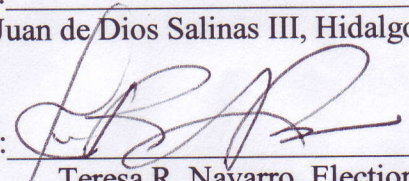
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