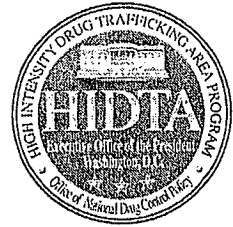


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April 6, 2009

Will R. Glaspy
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
Drug Enforcement Administration
1200 North Commerce Center
McAllen, TX 78240

Dear Mr. Glaspy,

Reference is made to your letter dated December 19, 2009, whereby you request funding for overtime pay for a Task Force Officer from the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) under the McAllen DEA HIDTA Initiative. On February 3, 2009, the South Texas HIDTA Executive Committee authorized the requested overtime funding in the amount of \$16,328.75. The STX Director's Office is currently in the process of reprogramming this amount. You are hereby authorized to commence expending overtime allotments as needed. You are reminded that the maximum Federal grant overtime for individual personnel shall not exceed the lower of the applicable local regulations of the HCSO, or 25% of the Federal GS-12 Step 1 pay scale for Federal law enforcement officers ("Rest of U.S."), in any 12-month period.

Please contact me should you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Saldana".

Rick Saldana
Deputy Director
South Texas HIDTA

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AND
DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

This agreement is made this 1st day of October, 2008, between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (hereinafter "DEA"), and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (hereinafter "HCSO").

WHEREAS there is evidence that trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs exists in the McAllen, Texas area and that such illegal activity has a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the people of that area, the parties hereto agree to the following:

1. The McAllen High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force will perform the activities and duties described below:

a. disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the McAllen, Texas area by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations;

b. gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs; and

c. conduct undercover operations where appropriate and engage in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the Task Force's activities will result in effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the State of Texas.

2. To accomplish the objectives of the McAllen HIDTA Task Force, the HCSO agrees to detail one (1) experienced officer(s) to the McAllen HIDTA Task Force for a period of not less than two years. During this period of assignment, the officer(s) will be under the direct supervision and control of DEA supervisory personnel assigned to the Task Force.

3. The officer(s) assigned to the Task Force shall adhere to DEA policies and procedures. Failure to adhere to DEA policies and procedures shall be grounds for dismissal from the Task Force.

4. The officer(s) assigned to the Task Force shall be deputized as Task Force Officers of DEA pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 878.

5. To accomplish the objectives of the McAllen HIDTA Task Force, DEA will assign five (5) Special Agents to the Task Force. HIDTA will also, subject to the availability of annually appropriated funds or any continuing resolution thereof, provide necessary funds and equipment to support the activities of the DEA Special Agents and the officer(s) assigned to the Task Force. This support will include: office space, office supplies, travel funds, funds for the purchase of evidence and information, investigative equipment, training, and other support items.

6. During the period of assignment to the McAllen HIDTA Task Force, the HCSO will remain responsible for establishing the salary and benefits, including overtime, of the officers assigned to the Task Force, and for making all payments due them.

7. In no event will the HCSO charge any indirect cost rate to DEA for the administration or implementation of this agreement.

8. The HCSO shall maintain on a current basis complete and accurate records and accounts of all obligations and expenditures of funds under this agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and instructions provided by DEA to facilitate on-site inspection and auditing of such records and accounts.

9. The HCSO shall permit and have readily available for examination and auditing by DEA, the United States Department of Justice, the Comptroller General of the United States, and any of their duly authorized agents and representatives, any and all records, documents, accounts, invoices, receipts or expenditures relating to this agreement. The HCSO shall maintain all such reports and records until all audits and examinations are completed and resolved, or for a period of three (3) years after termination of this agreement, whichever is sooner.

10. The HCSO shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the regulations of the United States Department of Justice implementing those laws, 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subparts C, F, G, H and I.

11. The HCSO agrees that an authorized officer or employee will execute and return to DEA the attached OJP Form 4061/6, Certification Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements. The HCSO acknowledges that this agreement will not take effect and no Federal funds will be awarded to the HCSO by DEA until the completed certification is received.

12. When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, the HCSO shall clearly state: (1) the percentage of the total cost of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money and (2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program.

13. The term of this agreement shall be from the date of signature by representatives of both parties to September 30, 2009. This agreement may be terminated by either party on thirty days' advance written notice. Billings for all outstanding obligations must be received by DEA within 90 days of the date of termination of this agreement. DEA will be responsible only for obligations incurred by HCSO during the term of this agreement.

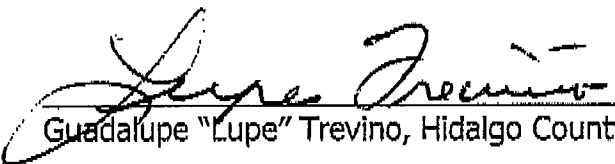
For the Drug Enforcement Administration:



Zoran B. Jankovich, Special Agent-In-Charge

Date: 11/03/08

For the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office:



Guadalupe "Lupe" Trevino, Hidalgo County Sheriff

Date: 10-08-08