

 **AIA** Document B101™ – 2007

Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect

AGREEMENT made as of the 28th day of **September** in the year **2010**
(In words, indicate day, month and year.)

BETWEEN the Architect's client identified as the Owner:
(Name, legal status, address and other information)

County of Hidalgo
3100 South Business Highway 281, Suite D
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956)289-7850

and the Architect:
(Name, legal status, address and other information)

Dannenbaum Engineering Company
1109 Nolana Loop, Suite 208
McAllen, Texas 78504
(956) 682-3677

for the following Project:
(Name, location and detailed description)

Building Repairs and/or Additions and Renovations to the W.I.C. Offices located in
Edinburg, Texas on the North Side of Richardson Road and East of Doolittle Road within
Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:
The author of this document has added information needed for its completion. The author may also have revised the text of the original AIA standard form. An *Additions and Deletions Report* that notes added information as well as revisions to the standard form text is available from the author and should be reviewed. A vertical line in the left margin of this document indicates where the author has added necessary information and where the author has added to or deleted from the original AIA text.

This document has important legal consequences. Consultation with an attorney is encouraged with respect to its completion or modification.

The Owner and Architect agree as follows.

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EXHIBIT A INITIAL INFORMATION

ARTICLE 1 INITIAL INFORMATION

§ 1.1 This Agreement is based on the Initial Information set forth in this Article 1 and in optional Exhibit A, Initial Information:

(Complete Exhibit A, Initial Information, and incorporate it into the Agreement at Section 13.2, or state below Initial Information such as details of the Project's site and program, Owner's contractors and consultants, Architect's consultants, Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work, authorized representatives, anticipated procurement method, and other information relevant to the Project.)

§ 1.2 The Owner's anticipated dates for commencement of construction and Substantial Completion of the Work are set forth below:

.1 Commencement of construction date:

To be determined at a later date by mutual agreement

.2 Substantial Completion date:

To be determined at a later date by mutual agreement

§ 1.3 The Owner and Architect may rely on the Initial Information. Both parties, however, recognize that such information may materially change and, in that event, the Owner and the Architect shall negotiate adjustments in schedule, compensation and Changes in Work in accordance with Section 3.6.5 and 4 .

§ 1.4 This is a non-exclusive Contract. Owner is not precluded from retaining the service of other architects for projects within Precinct No.4. The purpose of the Architect's services shall include, but not be limited to, projects involving remodeling, alterations and repairs.

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earlier termination of this Agreement, Architect will revise drawings to reflect changes made during construction and he will promptly furnish the Owner with one complete set of reproducible record prints. All such reproductions shall be property of the Owner who may use them without Architect's permission for any proper purpose related to the Project, including, but not limited to additions to or completion of the Project. Submission or distribution of Instruments of Service to meet official regulatory requirements or for similar purposes in connection with the Project is not to be construed as publication in derogation of the reserved rights of the Architect and the Architect's consultants.

§ 7.3 Upon execution of this Agreement, the Architect grants to the Owner a nonexclusive license to use the Architect's Instruments of Service solely and exclusively for purposes of constructing, using, maintaining, altering and adding to the Project, provided that the Owner substantially performs its obligations, including prompt payment of all sums when due, under this Agreement. The Architect shall obtain similar nonexclusive licenses from the Architect's consultants consistent with this Agreement. The license granted under this section permits the Owner to authorize the Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and material or equipment suppliers, as well as the Owner's consultants and separate contractors, to reproduce applicable portions of the Instruments of Service solely and exclusively for use in performing services or construction for the Project. If the Architect rightfully terminates this Agreement for cause as provided in Section 9.4, the license granted in this Section 7.3 shall terminate. If and upon the date the Architect is adjudged in default of this Agreement, the foregoing license shall be deemed terminated and replaced by a second, nonexclusive license permitting the Owner to authorize other similarly credentialed design professionals to reproduce and, where permitted by law, to make changes, corrections or additions to the Instruments of Service for purposes of completing, using and maintaining the Project.

(Paragraphs deleted)

ARTICLE 8 CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

§ 8.1 GENERAL

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 8.1.2 To the extent damages are covered by property insurance, the Owner and Architect waive all rights against each other and against the contractors, consultants, agents and employees of the other for damages, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance as set forth in AIA Document A201-2007, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction. The Owner or the Architect, as appropriate, shall require of the contractors, consultants, agents and employees of any of them similar waivers in favor of the other parties enumerated herein.

§ 8.1.3 The Architect waives consequential damages for claims, disputes or other matters in question arising out of or relating to this Agreement. This waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all consequential damages due to either party's termination of this Agreement, except as specifically provided in Article 9.

§ 8.2 MEDIATION

§ 8.2.1 Any claim, dispute or other matter in question arising out of or related to this Agreement may, if agreed to by all parties after the claim or dispute has arisen, be submitted to mediation prior to the institution of legal or equitable proceedings by either party.

§ 8.2.2 The Owner and Architect shall endeavor to resolve claims, disputes and other matters in question between them by mediation. A request for mediation shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to the Agreement, and filed with the person or entity administering the mediation. However, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring mandatory mediation of claims, disputes or other matters in questions between the parties.

§ 8.2.3 The parties shall share the mediator's fee equally. The mediation shall be held in the place where the Project is located, unless another location is mutually agreed upon. Agreements reached in mediation shall be enforceable as settlement agreements in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

(Paragraphs deleted)

ARTICLE 9 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

§ 9.1 If the Owner fails to make payments to the Architect in accordance with this Agreement, such failure shall be considered substantial nonperformance and cause for termination or, at the Architect's option, cause for suspension of performance of services under this Agreement. If the Architect elects to suspend services, the Architect shall give seven days' written notice to the Owner before suspending services. In the event of a suspension of services, the Architect shall have no liability to the Owner for delay or damage caused the Owner because of such suspension of

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services. Before resuming services, the Architect shall be paid all sums due prior to suspension and any expenses incurred in the interruption and resumption of the Architect's services. The Architect's fees for the remaining services and the time schedules shall be equitably adjusted.

§ 9.2 If the Owner suspends the Project, for more than thirty (30) consecutive days, the Architect shall be compensated for services performed prior to notice of such suspension. The Architect's fees for the remaining services and the time schedules shall be equitably adjusted.

§ 9.3 If the Owner suspends the Project for more than 90 consecutive days for reasons other than the fault of the Architect, the Architect may terminate this Agreement by giving not less than seven days' written notice.

§ 9.4 Either party may terminate this Agreement upon not less than seven days' written notice should the other party fail substantially to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through no fault of the party initiating the termination.

§ 9.5 The Owner may terminate this Agreement upon not less than seven days' written notice to the Architect for the Owner's convenience and without cause.

§ 9.6 In the event of termination not the fault of the Architect, the Architect shall be compensated for services performed prior to termination, together with Reimbursable Expenses then due

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 9.8 The Owner's rights to use the Architect's Instruments of Service in the event of a termination of this Agreement are set forth in Article 7 and Section 11.9.

ARTICLE 10 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 10.1 This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the place where the Project is located.

§ 10.2 Terms in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those in AIA Document A201-2007, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction as modified by Owner.

§ 10.3 The Owner and Architect, respectively, bind themselves, their agents, successors, assigns and legal representatives to this Agreement. Neither the Owner nor the Architect shall assign this Agreement without the written consent of the other, except that the Owner may assign this Agreement to a lender providing financing for the Project if the lender agrees to assume the Owner's rights and obligations under this Agreement.

§ 10.4 If the Owner requests the Architect to execute certificates, the proposed language of such certificates shall be submitted to the Architect for review at least 14 days prior to the requested dates of execution. If the Owner requests the Architect to execute consents reasonably required to facilitate assignment to a lender, the Architect shall execute all such consents that are consistent with this Agreement, provided the proposed consent is submitted to the Architect for review at least 14 days prior to execution. The Architect shall not be required to execute certificates or consents that would require knowledge, services or responsibilities beyond the scope of this Agreement.

§ 10.5 Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of a third party against either the Owner or Architect.

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 10.7 The Architect shall have the right to include photographic or artistic representations of the design of the Project among the Architect's promotional and professional materials. The Architect shall be given reasonable access to the completed Project to make such representations. However, the Architect's materials shall not include the Owner's confidential or proprietary information if the Owner has previously advised the Architect in writing of the specific information considered by the Owner to be confidential or proprietary. The Owner shall provide professional credit for the Architect in the Owner's promotional materials for the Project.

§ 10.8 If the Architect or Owner receives Information specifically designated by the other party as "confidential" or "business proprietary," the receiving party shall keep such information strictly confidential and shall not disclose it to any other person except to (1) its employees, (2) those who need to know the content of such information in order to

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§ 13.2 This Agreement is comprised of the following documents listed below:

- .1 AIA Document B101™-2007, Standard Form Agreement between Owner and Architect
- .2 AIA Document A201™-2007, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- .3 Other documents:
(List other documents, if any, including Exhibit A, Initial Information, and additional scopes of service, if any, forming part of the Agreement.)

Exhibit A - Article 14 and 15, Additional Supplemental Conditions to the AIA Document B 101-2007

Exhibit B - 201 Terms and Conditions

Exhibit C - Insurance Certificate

Exhibit D - Rate Schedule

This Agreement entered into as of the day and year first written above.

OWNER



(Signature)

Rene A. Ramirez, County Judge

(Printed name and title)

DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING COMPANY -
MCALLEN, LLC



(Signature)

Louis H. Jones, P.E.

(Printed name and title)

10/28/10

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Atlas & Hall, LLP

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(Signature)

Stephen L. Crain

(Printed name and title)

ATTEST:



(Signature)

Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

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