

**SAVNS MAINTENANCE GRANT CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AND HIDALGO COUNTY**

**OAG Contract No. 1336924**

**THIS GRANT CONTRACT** is executed between the Office of the Attorney General of Texas (OAG) and Hidalgo County (GRANTEE) for certain grant funds. The Office of the Attorney General and GRANTEE may be referred to in this contract individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE OF THE CONTRACT**

The purpose of the OAG Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) grant program is to maintain Texas counties and other entities in a statewide system that will provide relevant offender release information, notification of relevant court settings or events, promote public safety and support the rights of victims of crime. To ensure a standard statewide service to all interested entities, including GRANTEE, the OAG make grant funds available for eligible expenses related to services delivered to GRANTEE by the vendor, certified by the OAG, to provide certain SAVNS services to the GRANTEE.

The OAG published a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Statewide Automated Victim Services May 15, 2009. After an evaluation of proposals, the OAG identified and certified a single vendor to provide statewide automated victim notification services. The initial term of the Vendor Certification is from September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2011. The OAG exercised its option to extend and extended the term until August 31, 2012. In July 2012, the OAG extended the term again until August 31, 2013; however, that extension modified the existing pricing model and methodology in reimbursing entities for eligible expenses. The Vendor Certification includes a “Detail of Services”, containing a detailed description of services to be provided by the Certified Vendor as well as the Pricing Model, as modified, all comprising the “Vendor Certification Documents.” The vendor certified to provide the services is Appriss, Inc., (“Certified Vendor”), a Kentucky corporation authorized to do business in Texas.

**SECTION 2. SERVICE PERIOD (TERM) OF THE CONTRACT**

**2.1 Service Period (Term).** The Service Period (Term) of this contract shall commence on September 1, 2012, and unless terminated earlier as provided by another provision of this contract, this contract will terminate August 31, 2013.

**2.2 Option to Extend Term.** This contract may be extended for an additional term by a written amendment executed with the same formalities as this contract. Extending the term does not increase the contract amount. Any increase in the contract amount must also be by written amendment executed with the same formalities as this contract.

### **SECTION 3. GRANTEE'S CONTRACTUAL SERVICES**

**3.1. Grantee Services Agreement.** GRANTEE will execute a "Services Agreement," a contractual agreement, with the Certified Vendor to provide services consistent with the OAG Vendor Certification documents. The Services Agreement will include terms and conditions that are intended to provide the GRANTEE such rights and remedies as are necessary to ensure the delivery of the services from the Certified Vendor in accordance with the Scope of Services as stated in this contract and the OAG Vendor Certification documents.

**3.2 Grantee Maintenance Plan.** GRANTEE agrees to establish and follow a "Maintenance Plan." The Maintenance Plan, at a minimum, will be designed to accomplish the following: make available offender information that is timely, accurate and relevant to support the SAVNS services; verify the Certified Vendor's performance according to Services Agreement; satisfactorily discharge GRANTEE's obligations as described in the Services Agreement; and identify and dedicate GRANTEE staff, resources and equipment necessary to maintain the SAVNS services in the Services Agreement.

**3.3 GRANTEE Service Levels.** In addition to other service levels that the GRANTEE may impose, GRANTEE will inspect, monitor and verify the performances required of the Certified Vendor. GRANTEE will inspect, monitor and verify the performances required of the Certified Vendor as provided in the Services Agreement as well as this contract. GRANTEE will execute a Services Agreement or a Service Agreement (Renewal Notice) with the Certified Vendor, for the term of this contract, GRANTEE will verify that input data (the jail and court data elements used by the SAVNS system) is entered accurately and in a timely basis.

GRANTEE will allow on-site monitoring visits to be conducted by OAG or its authorized representative.

**3.4 Cooperation with Statewide Stakeholders.** GRANTEE will reasonably cooperate with and participate in Statewide Stakeholders meetings and efforts to monitor and improve the SAVNS services on a statewide basis. GRANTEE may reasonably agree to designate third-parties to assist the OAG, GRANTEE and the other Statewide Stakeholders, in the overall monitoring, inspection and verification of the Certified Vendor's performances.

**3.5 Data Extract.** To the extent permitted by law, GRANTEE agrees to provide the OAG with a copy of data transmitted by GRANTEE to the Certified Vendor. GRANTEE authorizes the Certified Vendor to directly provide such data to the OAG. The Parties agree that this data may be used to monitor GRANTEE performance and the Certified Vendor's performance. This data may be used for such other purposes allowed by law. The data will be provided in such electronic format (including, but not limited to, an XML extract) as requested by the OAG.

**3.6 Scope of Services.** For the purpose of this contract, the requirements, duties and obligations contained in Section 3 of this contract are collectively referred to as the "Scope of Services". As a condition of reimbursement, GRANTEE agrees to faithfully, timely and in a good and workman-like manner implement and maintain the services in compliance with the

Scope of Services. GRANTEE shall bear full and sole responsibility for the integrity of the fiscal and programmatic management of its SAVNS program.

#### **SECTION 4. GRANTEE'S OBLIGATIONS AND REQUIRED REPORTS**

##### **4.1 General Matters**

**4.1.1 Required Reports; Form of Reports; Filings with OAG.** GRANTEE shall forward to the OAG, the applicable reports on forms as specified by the OAG. GRANTEE shall establish procedures to ensure that it files each document or form required by the OAG in an accurate and timely manner. Unless filing dates are given herein, all other reports and other documents that GRANTEE is required to forward to the OAG shall be promptly forwarded. From time to time, the OAG may require additional reports or statistical information from GRANTEE.

**4.1.2. Cooperation; Additional Information.** GRANTEE shall cooperate fully with the OAG. In addition to the information contained in the required reports, other information, including but not limited to information relating to the services rendered by the Certified Vendor, may be required as requested by the OAG.

**4.1.3 Notification of Changes in Organization; Changes in Authorized Official, Grant Contact and Project Financial Officer.** GRANTEE shall submit within ten (10) business days notice to the OAG of any change of the following: GRANTEE's name; contact information; key personnel, officer, director or partner; organizational structure; legal standing; or authority to do business in Texas. GRANTEE shall promptly notify the OAG, preferably in advance, of a change in address or main telephone number of GRANTEE. A change in GRANTEE's name requires an amendment to this contract.

GRANTEE shall name an Authorized Official, Grant Contact and Project Financial Officer. GRANTEE must submit a written request by the governing body on GRANTEE's letterhead, with original signature, to change an Authorized Official. GRANTEE, by an email, fax or GRANTEE letterhead signed by the Authorized Official, may request a change to the Grant Contact or the Project Financial Officer.

**4.1.4 Standards for Financial and Programmatic Management.** GRANTEE and its governing body shall bear full and sole responsibility for the integrity of the fiscal and programmatic management of the organization.

Such fiscal and programmatic management shall include accountability for all funds and materials received from the OAG; compliance with OAG rules, policies and procedures, and applicable federal and state laws and regulations; and correction of fiscal and program deficiencies identified through self-evaluation and/or the OAG's monitoring processes. Ignorance of any contract provisions or other requirements referenced in this contract shall not constitute a defense or basis for waiving or failing to comply with such provisions or requirements.

GRANTEE shall develop, implement, and maintain financial management and control systems

that include appropriate financial planning, including the development of budgets that adequately reflect all functions and resources necessary to carry out authorized activities and the adequate determination of costs; financial management systems, including accurate and complete payroll, accounting, and financial reporting records; cost source documentation; effective internal and budgetary controls; determination of reasonableness; allocation of costs; and timely and appropriate audits and resolution of any findings; and annual financial statements, including statements of financial position, activities, and cash flows, prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) or other recognized accounting principle.

**4.1.5. Security and Confidentiality of Records.** GRANTEE shall establish a method to secure the confidentiality of records and other information relating to services provided in accordance with applicable federal and state law, rules and regulations. This provision shall not be construed as limiting the OAG's access to such records and other information.

## **4.2 Programmatic Reports**

**4.2.1 Service Reports.** GRANTEE shall submit service delivery reports, programmatic performance reports and other reports, in the appropriate format and on a timely basis, as established by the OAG. GRANTEE will submit other reports as requested by the OAG.

**4.2.2 Written Explanation of Variance.** GRANTEE is required to provide a written explanation to the OAG for any variances on service delivery reports, programmatic performance reports or other reports. In addition to the written explanation, GRANTEE shall promptly answer any questions of the OAG, whether in writing or otherwise, in connection with the reports presented to the OAG.

**4.2.3 Other Program Reports.** GRANTEE shall cooperate fully in any fiscal or programmatic monitoring, auditing, evaluating, and other reviews pertaining to services rendered by GRANTEE which may be conducted by the OAG or its designees. GRANTEE shall submit service delivery reports, contract or self-evaluations of performance and other reports requested by the OAG in appropriate format and on a timely basis and make available at reasonable times and for reasonable periods, records, books, reports, and supporting documents for reviewing and copying by the OAG or its designees.

**4.2.4 "Problem Log."** GRANTEE shall establish a "Problem Log" that records all problems noted with the SAVNS system, including, but not limited to, system down time, system outages, and equipment failure. The Problem Log will provide when the problem was identified, to whom the problem was referred, and steps taken to resolve the problem and when the problem was resolved.

## **4.3 Financial Matters**

**4.3.1 Annual Budgets.** With regard to the use of funds pursuant to this contract, GRANTEE will immediately review the budget for the fiscal year and the allowable expenditures, as shown on Exhibit A.

**4.3.2 Requests for Reimbursement. REFER TO SECTION 4.3.6. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON REIMBURSEMENT RIGHTS AND PROCESSES.** OAG grant funds are paid on a cost reimbursement basis. Any payments made by the OAG shall not exceed the actual and allowable allocable costs of GRANTEE to obtain services from the Certified Vendor for services within the “scope of services” of this contract. GRANTEE will submit to the OAG requests for reimbursement for the actual and allowable allocable costs incurred by GRANTEE to obtain services from the Certified Vendor for services within the “scope of services” of this contract. GRANTEE is responsible for submitting its invoices to the OAG in an accurate and timely manner. The requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by supporting documentation as required by the OAG. The OAG may from time to time require different or additional supporting documentation.

**4.3.3 Fiscal Year End Required Reports.** On or before October 15, 2013, GRANTEE will submit fiscal year end required reports.

a. **Record of Reimbursement.** GRANTEE will submit a reconciled record of its expenses for the prior fiscal year.

b. **Equipment Inventory Report.** GRANTEE will submit an Equipment Inventory Report which provides record of the current inventory of items purchased, disposed, replaced or transferred of any equipment purchased with grant funds.

**4.3.4 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report.** Unless otherwise noted in this contract, GRANTEE shall timely submit to the OAG a copy of its annual independent financial audit report – “timely” means on or before May 31, 2013; otherwise, the timely submission to the OAG is on or before nine (9) months after the end of GRANTEE’s accounting year. GRANTEE will contract an independent CPA firm to perform an annual financial audit engagement. GRANTEE’s independent CPA firm will determine the type of annual financial audit, which may include a compliance attestation in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133 (audits of State, Local Government, and Non-Profit Organizations) and/or Texas Single Audit Circular (Single Audit or non-Single Audit financial audit). If applicable, GRANTEE will provide the OAG with any and all annual independent financial audits or audited financial statements, related management letters, and management responses of GRANTEE.

**4.3.5 Submission of Requests for Reimbursement to the OAG. THE GRANTEE SPECIFICALLY UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES TO THE TERMS OF THE OAG’S NOTICE OF “SECOND EXTENSION OF VENDOR CERTIFICATION” DATED JUNE 20, 2012.**

**4.3.6 THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SPECIFICALLY APPLY TO THIS CONTRACT:**

4.3.6.1 GRANTEE agrees to allow the OAG to pay the Certified Vendor directly, instead of the GRANTEE, for any reimbursements due the GRANTEE under this contract. **GRANTEE EXPRESSLY ASSIGNS ANY AND ALL RIGHTS OF PAYMENT UNDER THIS CONTRACT TO THE CERTIFIED VENDOR.**

4.3.6.2 Any contractual rights, duties or liabilities between the Certified Vendor and the

GRANTEE, (that exist under a “Services Agreement” or other contract between Certified Vendor and the GRANTEE), are not intended to be affected or changed by this contract between the OAG and GRANTEE.

- 4.3.6.3 The Certified Vendor will send its “Service Agreement Renewal Notice” and invoice (either annually or quarterly which detail the amount due for each quarter) to GRANTEE by September 1, 2012. The Certified Vendor will notify the OAG within 20 days of the notices being sent that they were sent.
- 4.3.6.4 GRANTEE shall submit an invoice to the OAG for the prior quarter by the 5th of the next month following the end of each quarter. The quarters for FY2013 end on November 30, February 28, May 31, and August 31. GRANTEE shall include verification with its invoice to the OAG stating that the GRANTEE received the services from the Certified Vendor during the preceding quarter.
- 4.3.6.5 The OAG will reimburse the Certified Vendor for the payments due to the GRANTEE from the OAG for services provided by the Certified Vendor as required by this contract.
- 4.3.6.6 The OAG will only pay a quarterly reimbursement payment in arrears after verification from the GRANTEE that services from the Certified Vendor were provided.
- 4.3.6.7 The OAG will process payments to the Certified Vendor each quarter during FY2013 for invoices received from the GRANTEE that also include the appropriate verification along with its invoice. The quarterly payment will be made for invoices received by the OAG by the 5th day of the month following the end of the quarter, as defined above. The payment will be generated no later than the 30th day after the 5th day of the month following the end of the quarter, as defined above. The OAG will follow up at least once with any GRANTEE that has not returned its paperwork by the designated deadline for any quarter. The OAG will contact the GRANTEE by the 10th day of the next month following the end of each quarter.
- 4.3.6.8 If the GRANTEE does not submit the required invoice and verification prior to the quarterly deadline defined above, the OAG will initiate an additional payment to Certified Vendor after the required documentation is received by the OAG. For these late submissions, the OAG will process a payment for the documents received by the 5th of each additional month. The payment will be generated no later than the 30th day after the 5th day of the month.
- 4.3.6.9 If GRANTEE does not submit the required invoice and verification to the OAG within 45 days of the next month following the end of each quarter, the OAG will determine what steps will be taken next, including placing the grant contract on financial hold or terminating the grant contract. If an OAG grant contract is placed on financial hold or terminated, the GRANTEE remains responsible for any contractual obligation it has with Certified Vendor. The OAG will not be

responsible for collection efforts on behalf of the Certified Vendor.

**4.3.7 Close-Out Invoice.** GRANTEE shall submit a final invoice not later than the earlier of (1) forty-five (45) calendar days after termination of this contract; or (2) forty-five (45) calendar days after the end of each state fiscal year.

**4.3.8 Refunds and Deductions.** If the OAG determines that an overpayment of grant funds under this contract has occurred, such as payments made inadvertently or payments made but later determined to not be actual and allowable allocable costs, the OAG may seek a refund from GRANTEE and/or the Certified Vendor. The OAG may offset and deduct the amount of the overpayment from any amount due to be paid, but not yet paid by the OAG under this contract. The OAG may choose to require a payment directly from GRANTEE and/or the Certified Vendor rather than offset and deduct a specified amount. GRANTEE and/or the Certified Vendor shall refund any overpayment to the OAG within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the notice of the overpayment from the OAG unless an alternate payment plan is specified by the OAG.

**4.3.9 Purchase of Equipment; Maintenance and Repair; Title upon Termination.** GRANTEE shall not give any security interest, lien or otherwise encumber any item of equipment purchased with contract funds. GRANTEE shall permanently identify all equipment purchased under this contract by appropriate tags or labels affixed to the equipment. GRANTEE shall maintain a current inventory of all equipment or assets, which is available to the OAG at all times upon request.

GRANTEE will administer a program of maintenance, repair, and protection of equipment or assets under this contract so as to ensure the full availability and usefulness of such equipment or assets. In the event GRANTEE is indemnified, reimbursed, or otherwise compensated for any loss of, destruction of, or damage to the assets provided under this contract, it shall use the proceeds to repair or replace said equipment or assets.

To the extent that the OAG reimburses GRANTEE for its purchase of equipment and supplies with funds from this contract, GRANTEE agrees that upon termination of the contract, title to or ownership of all such purchased equipment and supplies, at the sole option of the OAG, shall remain with the OAG.

## **5. OBLIGATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**5.1 Monitoring.** The OAG is responsible for closely monitoring GRANTEE to ensure the effective and efficient use of grant funds to accomplish the purposes of this contract.

**5.2 Maximum Liability of OAG.** The maximum liability of the OAG in this contract is contained in the attached Exhibit A. Any change to the maximum liability must be supported by a written amendment to this contract. The OAG and GRANTEE agree that any act, action or representation by either party, their agents or employees that purports to increase the maximum liability of the OAG is void, without first executing a written amendment to this contract. GRANTEE agrees that nothing in this contract will be interpreted to create an obligation or

liability of the OAG in excess of the funds as stated in the attached Exhibit A.

**5.3 Payment of Authorized Costs.** In accordance with the terms of this contract, the OAG will pay costs pursuant to this contract. The OAG is not obligated to pay unauthorized costs.

**5.4 Contract Not Entitlement or Right.** Reimbursement with contract funds is not an entitlement or right. Reimbursement depends, among other things, upon strict compliance with all terms, conditions and provisions of this contract.

**5.5 Funding Limitation.** GRANTEE agrees that funding for this contract is subject to the actual receipt of grant funds (state and/or federal) appropriated to the OAG and such funds are sufficient to satisfy all of OAG's duties, responsibilities, obligations, liability, and for reimbursement of all expenses, if any, as set forth in this contract or arising out of any performance pursuant to this contract. GRANTEE agrees that the grant funds, if any, received from the OAG are limited by the term of each state biennium and by specific appropriation authority to the OAG for the purpose of this contract. **GRANTEE agrees that notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, if the OAG is not appropriated the funds or if the OAG does not receive the appropriated funds for the purpose of this grant program, or if the appropriated funds made for the purposes of this grant program, are deemed, in the sole discretion of the OAG, required to be reallocated to fund other state programs or purposes, the OAG is not liable to pay the GRANTEE any remaining balance on this contract.**

## SECTION 6. TERMINATION

**6.1 Termination for Convenience.** Either Party may, at its sole discretion, terminate this contract in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) calendar days notice to the other party.

**6.2 Termination for Cause.** In the event that GRANTEE fails to perform or comply with an obligation of the terms, conditions and provisions of this contract, the OAG may, upon written notice of the breach to GRANTEE, immediately terminate all or any part of this contract.

**6.3 Termination Not Exclusive Remedy; Survival of Terms and Conditions.** Termination is not an exclusive remedy, but will be in addition to any other rights and remedies provided in equity, by law, or under this contract.

Termination of this contract for any reason or expiration of this contract shall not release the Parties from any liability or obligation set forth in this contract that is expressly stated to survive any such termination or by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such termination. The following terms and conditions, (in addition to any others that could reasonable be interpreted to survive but are not specifically identified), survive the termination or expiration of this contract: Sections 4; Section 7; Section 11; and Section 12.

**6.4 Refunds to OAG by GRANTEE.** If the GRANTEE terminates for convenience under Section 6.1, or if the OAG terminates under Sections 6.1 or 6.2 before the purpose of this contract is accomplished, then the OAG may require the GRANTEE and/or the Certified Vendor to refund all or some of the grant funds paid under this contract, for the funds representing the number of months of SAVNS services previously invoiced and paid by the OAG under this contract.

**6.5 Notices to Certified Vendor.** Any termination of this contract will also be forwarded by the terminating party to the Certified Vendor.

## **SECTION 7. RECORDS RETENTION AND ACCESS; AUDIT RIGHTS.**

**7.1 Duty to Maintain Records.** GRANTEE shall maintain adequate records to support its charges, procedures, and performances to OAG for all work related to this Contract. GRANTEE also shall maintain such records as are deemed necessary by the OAG, OAG's auditor, the OAG and auditors of the State of Texas, the United States, or such other persons or entities designated by the OAG, to ensure proper accounting for all costs and performances related to this contract.

**7.2 Records Retention** GRANTEE shall maintain and retain for a period of four (4) years after the submission of the final expenditure report, or until full and final resolution of all audit or litigation matters which arise after the expiration of the four (4) year period after the submission of the final expenditure report, whichever time period is longer, such records as are necessary to fully disclose the extent of services provided under this contract, including but not limited to any daily activity reports and time distribution and attendance records, and other records that may show the basis of the charges made or performances delivered.

**7.3 Audit Trails.** GRANTEE shall maintain appropriate audit trails to provide accountability for updates to mission critical information, charges, procedures, and performances. Audit trails maintained by GRANTEE will, at a minimum, identify the supporting documentation prepared by GRANTEE to permit an audit of the system by tracing the activities of individuals through the system. GRANTEE's automated systems must provide the means whereby authorized personnel have the ability to audit and to verify contractually required performances and to establish individual accountability for any action that can potentially cause access to, generation of, or modification of confidential information. GRANTEE agrees that GRANTEE's failure to maintain adequate audit trails and corresponding documentation shall create a presumption that the services or performances were not performed.

**7.4 Access.** GRANTEE shall grant access to and make available copies of all data extracts described in Section 3.5, as well as all paper and electronic records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices, and any other items relevant to the performance of this contract and the operation and management of GRANTEE to the OAG, the State of Texas, the United States, or such other persons or entities designated by OAG for the purposes of inspecting, auditing, or copying such items. All records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices, and any other items, in whatever form or media, relevant to the performance of this contract shall be subject to examination or audit in accordance with all

contract performances and duties, all applicable state and federal laws, regulations or directives, by the OAG, the State of Texas, the United States, or such other persons or entities designated by OAG. GRANTEE will direct any contractor to discharge GRANTEE's obligations to likewise permit access to, inspection of, and reproduction of all books and records of the subcontractor(s) that pertain to this contract.

GRANTEE shall provide physical access, without prior notice, and shall direct any contractor and subcontractor to likewise grant physical access to all program delivery sites to representatives of the State of Texas and/or the OAG and its designees.

**7.5 Location.** Any audit of documents listed in Section 7.4 shall be conducted at the GRANTEE's principal place of business and/or the location(s) of the GRANTEE's operations during the GRANTEE's normal business hours and at the OAG's expense. GRANTEE shall provide to OAG and such auditors and inspectors as OAG may designate in writing, on GRANTEE's premises (or if the audit is being performed of a subcontractor, the subcontractor's premises if necessary) space, office furnishings (including lockable cabinets), telephone and facsimile services, utilities and office-related equipment and duplicating services as OAG or such auditors and inspectors may reasonably require to perform the audits described in this Section 7.

## **SECTION 8. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION TO THE OAG**

The OAG will designate methods for submission of information to the OAG by GRANTEE. The OAG generally requires submission of information via email or hard copy format. Some reporting requirements must occur via the internet and/or a web-based data collection method.

**8.1 Programmatic Reports and Information (excluding Financial Reports).** All quarterly statistical reports, annual performance reports, correspondence, reports or notices, except financial reports specified below, must be submitted via email to:

OAG-Grants@texasattorneygeneral.gov.

If requested or approved by the OAG, other programmatic reports, may be submitted to:

Program Manager – Grants Administration Division  
Office of the Attorney General  
Mail Code 005  
Post Office Box 12548  
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

**8.2 Financial Reports (excluding Programmatic Reports and Information).** All financial status reports, requests for reimbursement, audits, and equipment inventory reports, must be submitted in hard copy format to:

Financial Manager – Grants Administration Division  
Office of the Attorney General

Mail Code 005  
Post Office Box 12548  
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

The Annual Independent Financial Audit and related documents, as well as any other reports, if requested or approved by the OAG, may be submitted to:

OAG-Grants@texasattorneygeneral.gov

## **SECTION 9. CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS AND SANCTIONS**

The Parties agree to make a good faith effort to identify, communicate and resolve problems found by either the OAG or GRANTEE.

**9.1 Corrective Action Plans.** If the OAG finds deficiencies with GRANTEE's performance under this contract, the OAG, at its sole discretion, may impose one or more of the following remedies as part of a corrective action plan: increase monitoring visits; require additional or more detailed financial and/or programmatic reports be submitted; require prior approval for expenditures; require additional technical or management assistance and/or make modifications in business practices; reduce the contract amount; and/or terminate this contract. The foregoing are not exclusive remedies, and the OAG may impose other requirements that the OAG determines will be in the best interest of the State.

**9.2 Financial Hold.** Failure to comply with the terms of this contract may result in the OAG, at its sole discretion, placing GRANTEE on immediate financial hold without further notice to GRANTEE and without first requiring a corrective action plan. No reimbursements will be processed until the requested information is submitted. If GRANTEE is placed on financial hold, the OAG, at its sole discretion, may deny reimbursement requests associated with expenses incurred during the time GRANTEE was placed on financial hold.

**9.3 Sanctions.** In addition to financial hold, the OAG, at its sole discretion, may impose other sanctions without first requiring a corrective action plan. The OAG, at its sole discretion, may impose sanctions, including, but not limited to, withhold or suspend funding, offset previous reimbursements, require repayment, disallow claims for reimbursement, reduce funding, terminate this contract and/or any other appropriate sanction.

**9.4 No Waiver.** Notwithstanding the imposition of corrective actions, financial hold and/or sanctions, GRANTEE remains responsible for complying with the contract terms and conditions. Corrective action plans, financial hold and/or sanctions do not excuse or operate as a waiver of prior failure to comply with this contract.

## **SECTION 10. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**10.1 Federal and State Laws, Rules and Regulations, Directives, Guidelines, OMBs, and Other Relevant Authorities.** GRANTEE agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state

laws, rules and regulations, directives, guidelines, OMB circulars, or any other authorities relevant to the performance of GRANTEE under this contract.

**10.2 Uniform Grant Management Act, UGMS and Applicable Standard Federal and State Certifications and Assurances.** GRANTEE agrees to comply with applicable laws, executive orders, regulations and policies as well as the Uniform Grant Management Act of 1981 (UGMA), Texas Government Code, Chapter, 783, as amended, GRANTEE agrees to comply with Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS), as promulgated by the Governor's Budget and Planning Office.

**10.3 Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or Other Recognized Accounting Principles.** GRANTEE shall adhere to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, unless other recognized accounting principles are required by GRANTEE, and follow OAG fiscal management policies and procedures in processing and submitting for reimbursement GRANTEE's billing and maintaining financial records related to this contract.

**10.4 Conflicts of Interest; Disclosure of Conflicts.** GRANTEE has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant or employee of the OAG, at any time during the negotiation of this contract or in connection with this contract, except as allowed under relevant state or federal law. GRANTEE will establish safeguards to prohibit its employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain. GRANTEE will operate with complete independence and objectivity without actual, potential or apparent conflict of interest with respect to their performance under this contract. GRANTEE must disclose, in writing, within fifteen (15) calendar days of discovery, any existing or potential conflicts of interest relative to their performance under this contract. GRANTEE certifies: No federal/state appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress or the Texas Legislature, or an employee of a member of Congress or the Texas Legislature in connection with the awarding, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of this contract; and if any non-federal/state funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress or the Texas Legislature, an officer or employee of Congress or the Texas Legislature, or an employee of a member of Congress or the Texas Legislature in connection with this contract, the undersigned shall contact the OAG for the "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying."

**10.5 Compliance with Regulatory and Licensing Bodies.** GRANTEE agrees that it has obtained all licenses, certifications, permits and authorizations necessary to perform the responsibilities of this contract and currently is in good standing with all regulatory agencies that regulate any or all aspects of GRANTEE's business or operations. GRANTEE agrees to remain in good standing with the Texas Secretary of State, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and related Federal governmental bodies related to GRANTEE's right to conduct it business in Texas. GRANTEE agrees to comply with all applicable licenses, legal certifications, inspections, and any other applicable local ordinance, state, or federal laws. If

GRANTEE is a law enforcement agency regulated by Chapter 1701, Texas Occupations Code, GRANTEE agrees that it is in compliance with all rules developed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

**10.6 Certifications and Assurances.** Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and is applicable to this contract. GRANTEE agrees to strictly comply with the requirements and obligation described in Exhibit B.

## **SECTION 11. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**11.1 Independent Contractor Status; Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement.** GRANTEE agrees that it is an independent contractor and under no circumstances shall any owners, incorporators, officers, directors, employees, or volunteers of GRANTEE be considered a state employee, agent, servant, joint venturer, joint enterpriser or partner of the OAG or the State of Texas. GRANTEE agrees to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that any contractor of GRANTEE performing services related to this contract will be deemed to be an independent contractor and will not be considered or permitted to be an agent, servant, joint venturer, joint enterpriser or partner of OAG.

All persons furnished, used, retained, or hired by or on behalf of GRANTEE or any of GRANTEE's contractors shall be considered to be solely the employees or agents of GRANTEE or GRANTEE's contractors. GRANTEE shall be responsible for ensuring that there is payment of any and all appropriate payments, such as unemployment, workers compensation, social security, and other payroll taxes for such persons, including any related assessments or contributions required by law.

**To the extent allowed by law, GRANTEE or GRANTEE's contractors are responsible for all types of claims whatsoever due to the actions or performance under this contract, including, but not limited to, the use of automobiles or other transportation, taken by its owners, incorporators, officers, directors, employees, volunteers or any third parties; further, to the extent allowed by law, that GRANTEE and/or GRANTEE's contractors will indemnify and hold harmless the OAG and/or the State of Texas from and against any and all claims arising out of the actions or performance of GRANTEE or GRANTEE's contractors under this contract. To the extent allowed by law, GRANTEE agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the OAG and/or the State of Texas from any and all liability, actions, claims, demands, or suits, and all related costs, attorney fees, and expenses, that arise from or are occasioned by the negligence, misconduct, or wrongful act or omission of the GRANTEE, its employees, representatives, agents, or GRANTEE's contractors in their performance under this contract.**

**11.2 Publicity.** GRANTEE shall not use the OAG's name or refer to the OAG directly or indirectly in any media release, public service announcement or public service disclosure relating to this contract or any acquisition pursuant hereto, including in any promotional or marketing materials, without first obtaining the written consent from the OAG. This section is not intended and does not limit GRANTEE's ability to comply with its obligations and duties under the Texas Open Meetings Act and/or the Texas Public Information Act.

**11.3 Intellectual Property.** GRANTEE agrees that where funds obtained under this contract may be used to produce original books, manuals, films, or other original material and intellectual property, GRANTEE may copyright such material subject to the royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license which is hereby reserved by the OAG and GRANTEE hereby grants to the OAG or the state (or federal government, if federal funds are expended in this grant) government. The OAG is granted the unrestricted right to use, copy, modify, prepare derivative works, publish and distribute, at no additional cost to the OAG, in any manner the OAG deems appropriate in its sole discretion, any component of such intellectual property made the subject of this contract.

**11.4 Program Income.** Gross income directly generated from the grant funds through a project or activity performed under this contract are considered program income. Unless otherwise required under the terms of this contract, any program income shall be used by GRANTEE to further the program objectives of the project or activity funded by this grant, and the program income shall be spent on the same project or activity in which it was generated. GRANTEE shall identify and report this income in accordance with the OAG's reporting instructions. GRANTEE shall expend program income during this contract term; program income not expended in this contract term shall be refunded to the OAG.

**11.5 No Supplanting.** GRANTEE shall not supplant or otherwise use funds from this contract to replace or substitute existing funding from other sources that also supports the activities that are the subject of this contract.

**11.6 No Solicitation or Receipt of Funds on Behalf of OAG.** It is expressly agreed that any solicitation for or receipt of funds of any type by GRANTEE is for the sole benefit of GRANTEE and is not a solicitation for or receipt of funds on behalf of the OAG or the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

**11.7 No Subcontracting or Assignment Without Prior Written Approval of OAG. OTHER THAN AS SPECIFICALLY ALLOWED IN THIS CONTRACT IN THAT GRANTEE UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES TO ASSIGN ITS RIGHT TO RECEIVE ANY AND ALL REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS TO THE CERTIFIED VENDOR,** GRANTEE may not subcontract or assign any of its rights or duties under this contract without the prior written approval of the OAG. It is within the OAG's sole discretion to approve any subcontracting or assignment.

**11.8 No Grants to Certain Organizations.** GRANTEE confirms that by executing this contract that it does not make contributions to campaigns for elective office or endorse candidates.

**11.9 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.** To the extent allowed by law, the Parties agree that no provision of this contract is in any way intended to constitute a waiver by the OAG or the State of Texas of any immunities from suit or from liability that the OAG or the State of Texas may have by operation of law.

**11.10 Governing Law; Venue.** This contract is made and entered into in the State of Texas.

This contract and all disputes arising out of or relating thereto shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to any otherwise applicable conflict of law rules or requirements.

Except where state law establishes mandatory venue, and to the extent allowed by law, GRANTEE agrees that any action, suit, litigation or other proceeding (collectively "litigation") arising out of or in any way relating to this contract shall be commenced exclusively in the Travis County District Court or the United States District Court in the Western District, Austin Division, and to the extent allowed by law, hereby irrevocably and unconditionally consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of those courts for the purpose of prosecuting and/or defending such litigation. To the extent allowed by law, GRANTEE hereby waives and agrees not to assert by way of motion, as a defense, or otherwise, in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that GRANTEE is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts, the suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum and/or the venue is improper.

## **SECTION 12. CONSTRUCTION OF CONTRACT AND AMENDMENTS**

**12.1 Construction of Contract.** To the extent the terms and conditions of this contract do not address a particular circumstance or are otherwise unclear or ambiguous, such terms and conditions are to be construed consistent with the general objectives, expectations and purposes of this contract.

**12.2 Entire Agreement, Including All Exhibits.** This contract, including all exhibits reflects the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter therein described, and there are no other representations (verbal or written), directives, guidance, assistance, understandings or agreements between the Parties relative to such subject matter. Any exhibit mentioned in this contract that is attached is incorporated herein. By executing this contract, GRANTEE agrees to strictly comply with the requirements and obligations of this contract, including all exhibits.

**12.3 Amendment.** This contract shall not be modified or amended except in writing, signed by both parties. Any properly executed amendment of this contract shall be binding upon the Parties and presumed to be supported by adequate consideration.

**12.4 Partial Invalidity.** If any term or provision of this contract is found to be illegal or unenforceable, such construction shall not affect the legality or validity of any of its other provisions. The illegal or invalid provision shall be deemed severable and stricken from the contract as if it had never been incorporated herein, but all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

**12.5 Non-waiver.** The failure of any Party to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms or conditions herein, irrespective of the length of time of such failure, shall not be a waiver of that party's right to demand strict compliance in the future. No consent or waiver, express or implied, to or of any breach or default in the performance of any obligation under this contract shall constitute a consent or waiver to or of any breach or default in the performance of the same or any other obligation of this contract.

**12.6. Official Capacity.** The Parties stipulate and agree that the signatories hereto are signing, executing and performing this contract only in their official capacity.

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL**

**HIDALGO COUNTY**

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**Attorney General or designee**

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**Authorized Official**

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**Printed Name**

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**Printed Name**

**EXHIBIT A**

**SAVNS MAINTENANCE GRANT CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AND HIDALGO COUNTY**

**OAG Contract No. 1336924**

**Population Size: Large**

The total liability of the OAG for any type of liability directly or indirectly arising out of this contract and in consideration of GRANTEE'S full, satisfactory and timely performance of all its duties, responsibilities, obligations, liability, and for reimbursement by the OAG for expenses, if any, as set forth in this contract or arising out of any performance herein shall not exceed the following:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Cost for Jail</b>	<b>Cost for Courts</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Months</b>	<b>Total Grant Funds SHALL NOT EXCEED</b>
<b>Standard Maintenance Phase</b>	\$25,016	\$4,158	12	\$29,174

**AS PROVIDED BY THIS CONTRACT, GRANTEE SPECIALLY UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES TO ASSIGN ITS RIGHT TO RECEIVE ANY AND ALL REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS UNDER THIS CONTRCT TO THE CERTIFIED VENDOR.**

The maximum number of months is provided above. The OAG is not obligated to pay for services prior to the commencement or after the termination of this contract.

## EXHIBIT B

### SAVNS MAINTENANCE GRANT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HIDALGO COUNTY

OAG Contract No. 1336924

#### OAG CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

**A. The Uniform Grant Management Standards (“UGMS”), Part III, Section \_\_\_\_ .14;  
Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, State of Texas,  
Establish the following assurances applicable to recipients of state grant funds:**

- (1) GRANTEE must comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 573, Vernon's 1994, by ensuring that no officer, employee, or member of the applicant's governing body or of the applicant's contractor shall vote or confirm the employment of any person related within the second degree of affinity or the third degree of consanguinity to any member of the governing body or to any other officer or employee authorized to employ or supervise such person. This prohibition shall not prohibit the employment of a person who shall have been continuously employed for a period of two years, or such other period stipulated by local law, prior to the election or appointment of the officer, employee, or governing body member related to such person in the prohibited degree.
- (2) GRANTEE must insure that all information collected, assembled or maintained by the applicant relative to a project will be available to the public during normal business hours in compliance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, Vernon's 1994, unless otherwise expressly prohibited by law.
- (3) GRANTEE must comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Vernon's 1994, which requires all regular, special or called meeting of governmental bodies to be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law or specifically permitted in the Texas Constitution.
- (4) GRANTEE must comply with Section 231.006, Texas Family Code, which prohibits payments to a person who is in arrears on child support payments.
- (5) No health and human services agency or public safety or law enforcement agency may contract with or issue a license, certificate or permit to the owner, operator or administrator of a facility if the license, permit or certificate has been revoked by another health and human services agency or public safety or law enforcement agency.
- (6) GRANTEE that is a law enforcement agency regulated by Texas Government Code, Chapter 415, must be in compliance with all rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education pursuant to Chapter 415, Texas Government Code or must provide the grantor agency with a certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education that the agency is in the process of achieving compliance with such rules.
- (7) When incorporated into a grant award or contract, the standard assurances become terms or conditions for receipt of grant funds. GRANTEE shall maintain an appropriate contract administration system to insure that all terms, conditions, and specifications are met.

8) GRANTEE must comply with the Texas Family Code, Section 261.101 which requires reporting of all suspected cases of child abuse to local law enforcement authorities and to the Texas Department of Child Protective and Regulatory Services. GRANTEE shall also ensure that all program personnel are properly trained and aware of this requirement.

(9) GRANTEE will comply with all federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to the nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

(10) GRANTEE, as applicable, will comply, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. § § 276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. § § 276c and 18 U.S.C. § § 874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. § § 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction sub agreements.

(11) GRANTEE, as applicable, will comply with requirements of the provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (P. L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

(12) GRANTEE will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Political Activity Act (5 U.S.C. § 7321-29) which limit the political activity of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

(13) GRANTEE will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970, as applicable.

(14) GRANTEE, as applicable, will insure that the facilities under its ownership, lease or supervision which shall be utilized in the accomplishment of the project are not listed on the Environmental Protections Agency's (EPA) list of Violating Facilities and that it will notify the Federal grantor agency of the receipt of any communication from the Director of the EPA Office of Federal Activities indicating that a facility to be used in the project is under consideration for listing by the EPA. (EO 11738).

(15) GRANTEE, as applicable, will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, Public Law 93-234. Section 102 (a) requires the purchase of flood insurance in communities where such insurance is available as a condition for the receipt of any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition proposed for use in any area that has been

identified by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development as an area having special flood hazards.

(16) GRANTEE, as applicable, will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).

(17) GRANTEE, as applicable, will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

(18) GRANTEE, as applicable, will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.).

(19) GRANTEE, as applicable, will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.

(20) GRANTEE, as applicable, will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residential structures.

(21) GRANTEE, as applicable, will comply with Public Law 103-277, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), which prohibits smoking within any portion of any indoor facility used for the provision of services for children as defined by the Act.

(22) GRANTEE, as applicable, will comply with all federal tax laws and are solely responsible for filing all required state and federal tax forms.

(23) GRANTEE, as applicable, will comply with all applicable requirements of all other federal and state laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

(24) GRANTEE, as a signatory party to the grant contract, must certify that they are not debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs.

(25) GRANTEE must adopt and implement applicable provisions of the model HIV/AIDS work place guidelines of the Texas Department of Health as required by the Texas Health and Safety Code, Ann., Sec. 85.001, et seq.