

THE STATE OF TEXAS     §  
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO     §

**LEASE  
C-12-190A-01-22**

THIS LEASE is made and entered into by and between **Richard Cohrs**, a resident of Hidalgo County, Texas, referred to in this Lease as Lessor, and **THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO**, 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 one year (1) year commencing on **February 15, 2013** ("Commencement Date") and ending on **February 14, 2014** ("Termination Date") unless sooner terminated as provided in this Lease, or unless renewed and extended in accordance with Paragraph 1.2, hereof. If the Premises are sold to an unrelated third party (not affiliated by common ownership with Lessor) at a time when more than one (1) year remains on the unexpired portion of the term of this Lease, then the unexpired portion of this Lease may, at Lessee's option, be shortened to one (1) year from the date of such sale.

## **Renewal or Termination**

1.2. Lessee shall have the right and option to renew and extend the term of this Lease for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. If Lessee desires to renew and extend the term of this Lease for such renewal period, Lessee must give Lessor written notice of such renewal at least thirty (30) days prior to the termination of the initial lease term. Any renewal or extension of this Lease shall be on the same terms and conditions as provided herein. This Lease shall terminate and become null and void without further notice on the expiration of the term specified in Article 1.1, unless sooner terminated or renewed and extended in accordance with this Article 1.2; and any holding over by Lessee after the expiration of that term shall not constitute a renewal of the Lease or give Lessee any rights under the Lease in or to the Leased Premises.

### **Holdover**

1.3 If Lessee holds over and continues in possession of the Leased Premises after expiration of the term of this Lease, Lessee will be deemed to be occupying the Premises on the basis of a month to month tenancy, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Lease. The inclusion of this Article 1.2 shall not be construed as Lessor's consent for Lessee to hold over.

### **Termination**

1.4 Lessee may declare this Lease, and all rights and interest created by it, to be terminated upon giving the Lessor thirty (30) days written notice without cause. 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.

1.4.1 Any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.

### **Lessor's Warranty of Quiet Enjoyment**

1.5 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 in the sum of **\$400.00** per month as rent. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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**

2.3 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.

**ARTICLE 3. USE OF PREMISES**

**Permitted Use**

3.1 Lessee may use the premises for collection site 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.**

**INTENTIONALLY OMITTED**

**ARTICLE 5.**

**INTENTIONALLY OMITTED**

## **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.

## **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**

8.1 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 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, naming Lessor as additional insured. 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 Lessor 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 Lessee 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.

10.2 If the building on the Leased Premises should be totally destroyed by fire, tornado, or other casualty, or if they should be so damaged that rebuilding or repairs 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.

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 reasonably be completed with 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 the, Lessor shall not be required to rebuild or repair such damage. 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.

## **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.

## **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 less than the rental Lessee was obligated to pay under this Lease, or any renewal of this Lease, plus the expense of relenting, then Lessee shall pay the amount of such deficiency plus reasonable attorney's fees to Lessor.

### **Cumulative Remedies**

12.2 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**

12.3 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, and Lessee shall remain liable for every obligation 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:

Lessee: County of Hidalgo  
Attention: County Judge  
302 W. University Dr.  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Lessor: Richard Cohrs  
PO Box 698  
Donna, Texas 78537

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.

### **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.

### **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.**

14.12 In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of Lessee under this Agreement, Lessee may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to Lessor. Lessee agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of Buyer pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. § 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

**Time of Essence**

14.13 Time is of the essence of this agreement.

THE UNDERSIGNED Lessor and Lessee execute this Lease on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

LESSOR: Richard Cohrs

By:\_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

LESSEE:  
HIDALGO COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

Approved On Commissioners Court:\_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Atlas & Hall, L.L.P.

By:\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen L. Crain

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

EXHIBIT B  
FEE SCHEDULE

Exhibit C

Insurance

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

South of FM 493 and Mile West, Donna, Texas  
(1/2 Acre out of North East Corner of Lot 1 Block 31-La Donna  
Plat Subdivision, Donna, Hidalgo County, Texas)



