

STATE OF TEXAS
HIDALGO COUNTY §

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**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
HIDALGO COUNTY HIGH INTENSITY DRUG
TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) TASK FORCE
AND
HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, this agreement is entered into by and between the **HIDALGO COUNTY HIDTA TASK FORCE** and the **HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** hereinafter referred to as "**HIDTA**" and "**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**."

WHEREAS, the **HIDTA** and the **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** are located in close proximity and have law enforcement, crime prevention and close government ties; and

WHEREAS, the **HIDTA** and the **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** have heretofore entered into an agreement providing for the exchange of governmental services relating to the **HIDTA** and

WHEREAS, the **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** has and will continue to assist the **HIDTA** during law-enforcement operations.

THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** will provide K9 narcotic detecting services when and if possible during law-enforcement operations conducted by the **HIDTA** whenever canine services are required.
2. **HIDTA** agrees to and shall pay the **OVERTIME** incurred by the assigned **K-9 DEPUTY SHERIFF** while working **HIDTA** investigations and approved by **HIDTA** command staff.
 - a. Actual hourly overtime cost shall not exceed \$10,000 per fiscal year and shall be calculated in accordance with the overtime provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.
3. **HIDTA** shall present to the **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** an annual sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).
 - a. The amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) shall solely be used for law enforcement purposes by the **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** as set forth under the U.S. Department of Justice "*A Guide to Equitable Sharing of Federally Property for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies.*"

4. **HIDTA** may conduct investigation that may result in asset forfeitures, the proceeds of which may be distributed among participating agencies in shared cases.
 - a. For investigations initiated by **HIDTA**, where the assigned **DEPUTY SHERIFF K-9 UNIT** provided assistance, the sharing of proceeds will be based on a percentage of man-hours contributed by **DEPUTY SHERIFF** in the investigation. The percentage of shared assets shall be determined from liquidated assets by **HIDTA** commander.
 - b. For investigation initiated by the **DEPUTY SHERIFF K-9 UNIT** as part of his/her responsibilities with **HIDTA**, and where other task force members provided assistance in the investigation, the sharing of proceeds will be based on the percentage of task force man-hours contributed by the participating agency in the investigation. The percentage of shared assets in these cases shall be determined from liquidated assets by the **HIDTA** commander.
 - b. The terms apply only to the distribution of property and proceeds awarded in connection with the **DEPUTY SHERIFF K-9 UNIT** participation in investigation conducted by **HIDTA**, and do not bind **HIDTA** or **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** to any other matters involving the sharing and distribution of proceeds of contraband forfeitures.

This agreement becomes effective on the Date it is signed by both parties. It remains in effect unless terminated, by either party. This agreement can be terminated upon thirty (30) days written notice.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

By: _____
 Ramon Garcia, County Judge

 Date

By: _____
 Ricardo Rodriguez, District Attorney

 Date

By: _____
 J.E. "Eddie" Guerra, Sheriff

 Date

By: _____
 Jose V. Delgado, HIDTA Commander

 Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM
 Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office

By : _____ Date: _____