

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT
FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE
TEXAS TRANSNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER**

I. Parties and Purpose

This Interlocal Cooperation Contract (ILC) is entered into under the authority of Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 791 by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS), the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), and the City of McAllen through the McAllen Police Department (MPD). The purpose of the ILC is to formalize the agreement between DPS, HCSO, and MPD regarding the operation of the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center (TTIC).

II. Background

Under Tex. Local Gov't Code § 362.005, HCSO and MPD are to jointly establish and operate the TTIC and DPS is to assist HCSO and MPD in the establishment and operation of TTIC.

DPS was again appropriated funds for the purpose of the TTIC in the General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, 86th R.S. (2019), Article V, Strategy B.1.12., Rider No. 45. Texas Transnational Intelligence Center, and Article IX, Sec. 17.07, Border Security.

DPS is a state agency under the executive branch and is authorized to enter into this ILC under Tex. Gov't Code Chapters 411 and 421.

HCSO is an organized county of the State of Texas and authorized to enter into this ILC under its enabling legislation, Tex. Local Gov't Code Chapter 362.

MPD is an organized municipality and political subdivision of the State of Texas and authorized to enter into this ILC under its enabling legislation, Tex. Local Gov't Code Chapter 362.

Prior to entering into this ILC, HCSO, and MPD have obtained all requisite approvals and complied with applicable law to enter into this ILC to operate the TTIC.

III. Scope

DPS, HCSO, and MPD agree as follows.

A. HCSO's and MPD's duties

1. Through this ILC and the applicable law, HCSO and MPD jointly established and now operate the TTIC as a central repository of real-time intelligence relating to: (1) autopsies in which the person's death is likely connected to transnational criminal activity; (2) criminal activity in the counties along the Texas-Mexico border and certain other counties; and (3) other transnational criminal activity in Texas.
2. HCSO and MPD have established and continue to operate the TTIC and will work with DPS in accordance with this ILC, Tex. Local Gov't Code § 362.005, Tex. Gov't Code § 421.085, and other applicable law.

3. HCSO and MPD will assist each law enforcement agency in a county located along the Texas-Mexico border or in a county that contains a federal checkpoint in its reporting to the TTIC, specifically, intelligence regarding criminal activity in the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction, including details on kidnappings, home invasions, and incidents of impersonation of law enforcement officers.
4. HCSO and MPD will assist the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in their reporting to the TTIC, specifically, regarding transnational criminal activity in either agency's jurisdiction.
5. HCSO and MPD will ensure that the intelligence in the TTIC will be made available to each law enforcement agency in Texas, TABC, and TPWD.
6. HCSO and MPD will use all transferred funds solely for the TTIC purposes described in this ILC and the General Appropriations Act and will provide appropriate oversight to ensure they are used solely for these purposes. No later than 30 calendar days after August 31, 2021, MPD and HCSO will report in writing to DPS regarding any remaining funds and complete a transfer to DPS of all unencumbered funds remaining, if any, for deposit by DPS in the appropriate fund.
7. No later than the fifth calendar day of the first month of each quarter, HCSO and MPD will submit to DPS a detailed report on all expenditures during the prior quarter of the funds transferred by DPS under this ILC, any other information and documentation requested by DPS, and any other reporting and auditing requirements related to these funds or TTIC operations. In each quarterly report and in each ad hoc report requested by DPS, HCSO and MPD will report all expenditures of TTIC funds detailed by LBB object code, with certification from HCSO's Chief Financial Officer and MPD's Chief Financial Officer that all funds were expended in accordance with this ILC, Tex. Local Gov't Code § 362.005, and other applicable law.

B. DPS's duties

1. DPS will assist HCSO and MPD in the operation of TTIC.
2. DPS will transfer \$250,000 of fiscal year 2020 appropriate funds and \$250,000 of fiscal year 2021 appropriated funds to MPD and HCSO, for the sole purpose of MPD's and HCSO's use in operation of the TTIC.

IV. Terms

A. Effective Date and Term

This ILC is effective on the date it is fully executed and will remain in full force and effect until August 31, 2021, unless cancelled in writing by any party after at least 30 calendar days' prior written notice to the other parties. HCSO and MPD will have 30 calendar days after August 31, 2021, to allow for any final administrative issues to be resolved after the return of any funds and final accounting under this ILC.

B. Amendments

This contract may only be amended or extended by mutual written agreement of the parties.

The undersigned signatories have full authority to enter into this Contract on behalf of the respective Parties.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

City of McAllen, McAllen Police Department

J. E. Guerra
Sheriff

Victor Rodriguez
Police Chief

Date: _____

Date: _____

Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas

Steven C. McCraw
Director

Date: _____