

**SIGNATURE DOCUMENT FOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CONTRACT NO. HHS000804500001
UNDER THE
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN'S NUTRITION GRANT PROGRAM**

I. PURPOSE

The Health and Human Services Commission ("HHSC" or "System Agency"), a pass-through entity, and Hidalgo County dba Hidalgo County Health & Human Services ("Grantee") (each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties") enter into the following grant contract to provide funding for the Women, Infants and Children's Nutrition Program (the "Contract").

II. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This Contract is authorized by and in compliance with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 1786, 7 CFR Part 246, and Chapter 32 of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

III. DURATION

The Contract is effective on October 01, 2020, and terminates on September 30, 2025, unless renewed, extended, or terminated pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Contract. Notwithstanding the limitation in the preceding sentence, System Agency, at its sole discretion, also may extend the Contract beyond five years as necessary to ensure continuity of service, for purposes of transition, or as otherwise determined by System Agency to serve the best interest of the State.

IV. BUDGET

HHSC will issue an annual funding letter ("Notice of Award") to Grantee by July 1 setting the award amount for the corresponding fiscal year. HHSC will notify Grantee of any changes to annual funding amounts by issuing a revised Notice of Award.

Grantee acknowledges and understands awards under this Contract are subject to federal funding to HHSC to facilitate the WIC program

All expenditures under the Contract will be in accordance with **ATTACHMENT A, STATEMENT OF WORK.**

Indirect Cost Rate: The Grantee's acknowledged or approved Indirect Cost Rate (ICR) and either the ICR Acknowledgement Letter, ICR Acknowledgement Letter – Ten Percent De Minimis, or the ICR Agreement Letter is incorporated into this contract by reference.

If the System Agency, at its sole discretion, approves or acknowledges an updated indirect cost rate, the new rate, together with the revised ICR Acknowledgement Letter, ICR Acknowledgement Letter – Ten Percent De Minimis, or the ICR Agreement Letter, will be incorporated into this contract by reference.

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V. CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVES

The following will act as the representative authorized to administer activities under this Contract on behalf of their respective Party.

System Agency	Grantee
Health and Human Services Commission P.O. Box 149347 Austin, TX 78714-9347 Attention: Cynthia Wright, HHSC Contract Manager cynthia.wright@hhsc.state.tx.us	Hidalgo County dba Hidalgo County Health & Human Services 100 E. Cano St. 2nd Floor Edinburg, TX 78539 Attention: Richard F. Cortez, County Judge richard.cortez@co.hidalgo.tx.us

VI. LEGAL NOTICES

Any legal notice required under this Contract shall be deemed delivered when deposited by the System Agency either in the United States mail, postage paid, certified, return receipt requested; or with a common carrier, overnight, signature required, to the appropriate address below:

System Agency	Grantee
Health and Human Services Commission 4900 N. Lamar Blvd., Mail Code 1100 Austin, TX 78751-2316 Attention: Office of Chief Counsel	Hidalgo County dba Hidalgo County Health & Human Services 100 E. Cano St. 2nd Floor Edinburg, TX 78539 Attention: Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

VII. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Notice given by Grantee will be deemed effective when received by the System Agency. Either Party may change its address for notices by providing written notice to the other Party. All notices submitted to System Agency must:

- A. include the Contract number;
- B. be sent to the person(s) identified in the Contract; and,
- C. comply with all terms and conditions of the Contract.

VIII. ADDITIONAL GRANT INFORMATION

- A. Grantee Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number: 80-678-1373
- B. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Name and Number:
 - Name - Number: 10-557 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (FOOD, ADMIN and PEER)
 - Name - Number: 10-561 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- C. Federal Award Period: October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021

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D. Name of Federal Awarding Agency: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

E. Awarding Official Contact Information: FNS Southwest Regional Office
Food and Nutrition Service
1100 Commerce Street Room 522
Dallas, TX 75242-9980
(214) 290-9810

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

**HIDALGO COUNTY DBA HIDALGO COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

**THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS TO SYSTEM AGENCY CONTRACT NO. HHS000804500001
ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

ATTACHMENT A – STATEMENT OF WORK

ATTACHMENT B – UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS - GRANT

ATTACHMENT C – CONTRACT AFFIRMATIONS

ATTACHMENT D – SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

ATTACHMENT E – FEDERAL ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

ATTACHMENT F – FFATA

ATTACHMENT G – DATA USE AGREEMENT

ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW

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ATTACHMENT A STATEMENT OF WORK

I. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Grantee will:

- 1.1 Perform professional, administrative and clerical services necessary to determine eligibility, provide food benefits, and provide appropriate nutrition education and counseling to qualified women, infants and children in a specified geographic area. Grantee shall ensure adequate staff coverage and uninterrupted delivery of services. Services shall be performed according to the statutes, rules, policies, and directives of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and/or as directed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as referenced in this Contract. During the term of this Contract, the USDA may issue regulations, instructions, policies and/or directives, which may be incorporated into the current System Agency WIC Program Policy and Procedures Manual and program rules.
- 1.2 Determine eligibility of applicants through assessment of their categorical criteria, income, residence and nutritional status, and provide nutrition education and counseling to eligible participants.
- 1.3 Review the immunization records of WIC Program applicants/participants to ensure that immunizations are current. Make appropriate referrals to health care providers for necessary immunizations according to WIC Program policy.
- 1.4 Determine participants' access to health care, medical care and other human services, and make appropriate referrals. Grantee shall have a system in place to provide participants with appropriate health services or make appropriate referrals to health care providers under written agreements that ensure confidentiality of participants' personal information.
- 1.5 Issue pre-numbered WIC Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards furnished by System Agency to qualified participants who shall use such EBT cards to obtain specified food items from participating vendors; maintain complete accountability and security of all WIC EBT cards received from System Agency. Grantee shall be held financially responsible for all unaccounted WIC EBT cards and/or for the redeemed value of those issued to ineligible participants. In addition, Grantee shall be held financially liable for issuance of infant formula instruments that are not authorized or prescribed according to the System Agency WIC Policy and Procedures Manual.
- 1.6 Provide services within the state boundaries of Texas and in the approved clinic locations described in Grantee's approved application which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Contract.
- 1.7 Appoint a Grantee WIC Director/Supervisor.

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- 1.8 Offer services during extended hours of operation outside the traditional times of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m., Monday through Friday, according to the Grantee's System Agency-approved Annual Plan of Operations, which incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.
- 1.9 Assist System Agency or USDA in the collection of data that will identify benefits of this nutrition intervention program and furnish financial, health, nutrition education and any other special reports in a timely manner as required by System Agency's WIC Program policies and procedures for the compilation of such data.
- 1.10 Become and maintain designation as a Mother-Friendly Worksite in accordance with 25 Tex. Admin. Code§ 31.1.
- 1.11 Implement or expand Grantee Breastfeeding Peer Counseling program to provide training and salary of peer counselors who assist pregnant and breastfeeding WIC program participants in normal breastfeeding situations. Provide clients with after-hours peer counseling services. Funding for this activity will be contingent on availability and written approval by System Agency.
- 1.12 If selected by the System Agency, implement or expand Grantee Breastfeeding Peer Dad Program.
 - A. The Peer Dad Program is separate from the Peer Counselor program.
 - B. If selected, Grantee shall submit to System Agency for review and approval a quarterly activity report in a format designated by System Agency. The activity report shall include goals and objectives, strategies, activities, timeline of events and performance measures for implementing and evaluating the program. Grantee shall submit the activity report to System Agency within thirty (30) calendar days after the end of each quarter during the Contract term.
- 1.13 Stock System Agency provided manual pumps, single-user electric breast pumps and multi-user electric breast pumps, collection kits, and purchase additional sized flanges. Distribute the appropriate pumps, kits, and/or additional sized flanges to eligible WIC participants. System Agency reserves the right to withhold payment if Grantee fails to accurately complete and submit online breast pump receiving reports within three (3) business days of receiving a System Agency breast pump delivery as documented in the current WIC Local Agency policy and procedure manual.
- 1.14 Implement or expand Grantee's use of a Registered Dietitian (RD) who is registered with the Commission on Dietetic Registration to provide for Grantee that includes, but not limited to: high-risk individual counseling, developing and conducting facilitated discussion nutrition education classes, consultation regarding the appropriate issuance of special formulas, nutrition publications and visual aids for on the job use, implementing staff training, assisting with the Annual Nutrition Education and Breastfeeding plan, and plan and assist with special projects.

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- 1.15 Train Local Agency staff. The term “Local Agency” is defined at 7 CFR § 246.2.
- 1.16 Develop an Outreach and Retention Plan and submit to the System Agency as part of the annual Nutrition and Breastfeeding Plan as required by WIC Local Agency Policy. Conduct outreach to potential participants and community partners and implement strategies to retain existing participants in accordance with Grantee outreach plan.
- 1.17 Complete surveys as requested.
- 1.18 Provide all WIC local agency employees providing services to WIC clients, a computer that has access to the WIC Management Information System (MIS) system and meets requirements set by the Texas WIC program.
- 1.19 Coordinate with System Agency to visit the physical address of a proposed grocery store outlet and determine if a store exists at the specified location and confirm the signage closely matches the indicated store name, if signage is present. Grantee shall send System Agency an email correspondence indicating findings on a form provided by System Agency, within five (5) business days of receipt of the form.
- 1.20 Resolve all possible dual participation records anytime the “duplicate detection” grid appears in the MIS. System Agency reserves the right to withhold payment if Grantee fails to accurately resolve all possible dual participation at the time of certification.
- 1.21 Implement special projects according to System Agency-approved plan related to nutrition education, outreach or breastfeeding if project is requested by Grantee and approved by System Agency. Funding for special projects is contingent upon availability and approval in writing by System Agency of the Grantee’s plan for the special project.
- 1.22 If selected by System Agency, provide meals to WIC participants as part of the WIC Summer Food Service Pilot Program in collaboration with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) as follows:
 - A. Implement WIC Summer Food Service Pilot Program according to System Agency-approved plan.
 - B. Submit meals served data to Contracting Entity (CE), a designated TDA contractor, in a frequency and format designated by the CE.
 - C. Submit requested updates and/or reports to System Agency in a frequency and format designated by System Agency.
- 1.23 Implement lactation services for WIC program participants who have breastfeeding problems that are beyond the scope of practice of Grantee’s WIC staff and/or peer counselors using International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC) or

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the most qualified equivalent. Lactation services may also include Local Agency staff training and the provision of lactation equipment. System Agency will provide written approval of Grantee's plan to use lactation funding.

- 1.24 If selected by System Agency, serve as:
- A. A lactation center for WIC program mothers with breastfeeding problems as outlined by System Agency;
 - B. A training center for WIC local agency staff and other health providers to receive clinical experience working with breastfeeding mothers; and
 - C. A statewide Lactation Resource Center for health providers to utilize for information and assistance when working with pregnant and breastfeeding women. To serve as the Lactation Resource Center Grantee must:
 - 1. Provide counseling services (to include in-person, phone, web-cam, and email consults) to at least 1000 breastfeeding mothers at Grantee's location every fiscal year.
 - 2. Ensure at least 40 students (i.e. WIC staff, dietetic interns, residents, nurses) complete the Clinical Lactation Practicum or other breastfeeding training at Grantee's location.
 - 3. Provide community education and track outreach activities to promote and support breastfeeding and the use of the lactation center in the community.
 - 4. Submit quarterly activity reports within thirty (30) calendar days after the end of each quarter of this Contract, in a format designated by System Agency. Activity reports will include, Grantee's activities to meet requirements stated within this section.
- 1.25 Ensure adequate staff coverage and uninterrupted delivery of WIC services if any member of Grantee's staff is approved in writing by System Agency to participate in the System Agency's dietetic Internship program. This internship will consist of no less than 1,200 hours of supervised learning experiences in a variety of nutrition-related facilities. Grantee is responsible for:
- A. Designating a WIC Nutritionist, preferably a registered dietitian, to be the Community Nutrition WIC Preceptor and oversee and evaluate intern's performance for the Community Nutrition (CN)/WIC portion of the System Agency dietetic internship.
 - B. The Community Nutrition Preceptor to ensure that the dietetic interns meet all requirements, standards and required supervised practice hours for the CN Supervised Practice as outlined by the System Agency's WIC Program.
 - C. Ensuring that the intern is not used for regular WIC duties during the internship period.

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D. Collecting pay-back monies from intern in the event that the intern does not fulfill dietetic internship local agency contract requirements. Monies must be returned to System Agency.

- 1.26 If selected by System Agency, implement or expand SNAP-Education (SNAP-Ed) projects. Snap-Ed projects will focus on obesity prevention, nutrition education or breastfeeding friendly community initiatives, or peer counselor services for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and WIC eligible populations within the community.

If selected, grantee shall appoint a project coordinator to oversee the implementation and evaluation of each initiative; participate in activities as requested by System Agency, including but not limited to, reports including budget status and evaluation results, collaboration on articles, participation in sharing sessions; follow the Snap-Ed guidance related to allowable costs for approved Snap-Ed projects; collect data and submit all requested reports in a frequency and format designated by Snap-Ed and System Agency for review and approval.

- 1.27 If selected by System Agency, implement or expand the Improving Participant Experience (IPE) initiative and strategies to improve the client experience and alleviate client “pain points,” thus improving the quality of services and client satisfaction. This may include clinic improvements or other improvements.

A. Grantee shall submit proposed initiatives and required reports in a frequency and format designated by System Agency for review and approval.

B. Grantee shall appoint a project coordinator to oversee the implementation and evaluation of each initiative.

C. Grantee shall participate in activities as requested by System Agency, including but not limited to, writing news articles, submitting mid-year and end of year reports and participating in sharing sessions.

D. Grantee shall spend funds related to clinic improvements on items that meet the Texas WIC Design Guidelines and Catalog or have received approval from the System Agency.

- 1.28 If selected by System Agency, serve as an Innovation Center to implement innovative approaches in nutrition education, with a focus on behavior change and retention projects as proposed to System Agency.

Grantee shall designate an Innovation Lead based on requirements from System Agency who is responsible for overseeing local agency training, support, and evaluation on innovative concepts for clinic staff in addition to the implementation and evaluation of Innovation Center projects.

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Grantee shall participate in additional activities as requested by System Agency, including but not limited to, observation and training on innovative techniques to staff from other WIC local agencies, collaboration on articles, reports including budget status and results, evaluation of innovative techniques, workgroup meetings at System Agency, and presentations at the Texas WIC Nutrition and Breastfeeding Conference. Grantee projects will comply with written Innovation Center plan submitted and approved by System Agency which is incorporated by reference. Grantee will submit reports in a frequency and in a format designated by System Agency.

- 1.29 If selected by System Agency, provide services to assist other WIC local agencies with management of participation growth, including, but not limited to, scheduling participants, clinic flow, and utilization of clinic space. Services are to include the following:
- A. Consultation with local agency staff regarding placement of equipment, clinic scheduling, clinic reconfiguration, changes in patient flow, and revision of staff duties;
 - B. Visits to local agency sites to ensure that changes are successfully implemented and to advise and make recommendations as needed;
 - C. Evaluation and assistance to WIC local agencies with processing applicants within federal timeframes;
 - D. Additional duties not listed but deemed necessary by either the local agency or System Agency;
 - E. Submit reports to System Agency in a format and frequency designated by System Agency documenting services provided to local agencies and local agency clinic efficiency; and
 - F. Consult with System Agency concerning design and implementation of a new computerized system for administering and tracking WIC program activity.
- 1.30 If selected by System Agency, Grantee will provide women's health, infant mortality, and WIC education and outreach in designated regions. These services to include the following:
- A. Schedule WIC training for all Community Health Workers who shall attend at least one (1) training session per fiscal year; and
 - B. Oversee Community Health Workers in conducting education and outreach at, but not limited to, libraries, parent groups, schools, churches, businesses, health fairs, WIC clinics, etc., to educate potentially eligible persons about the benefits of the WIC Program including nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and supplemental foods, and the location of WIC clinics.
 - C. Submit requested updates and/or reports to System Agency in a frequency and format designated by System Agency for review and approval.

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- 1.31 If selected by System Agency, provide WIC outreach utilizing a subcontracted entity for a designated area of the state.

Subcontracted WIC program outreach services to include:

- A. Educate potentially eligible persons about the benefits of the WIC Program, including nutrition education, breastfeeding support and supplemental foods;
- B. Provide WIC application and appointment assistance;
- C. Promote WIC services at community events and through local media;
- D. Provide Medicaid, Food Stamps and Texas Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) application assistance to WIC participants;
- E. Track and reporting case outcome determination; including persons referred to WIC who subsequently participate in the WIC program; and
- F. Provide WIC clients and applicants with appointment reminders.
- G. Require at a minimum, one (1) in-person training per federal fiscal year (FFY) for all subrecipient subcontractor staff providing WIC program services outreach. Grantee will submit to System Agency training content for review and approval upon request.
- H. Provide System Agency with Grantee and Grantee subcontractor activity reports in the frequency and format designated by System Agency.
- I. Grantee shall maintain and provide to System Agency upon request, written policies and procedures for monitoring subrecipient subcontractors for both financial and programmatic performance.
- J. Grantee shall submit to System Agency upon request, results of ongoing monitoring and corrective actions in a format and frequency designated by System Agency.
- K. Grantee shall ensure a signed Data Use form is signed for every contract term and that all client and potential client identifying information forwarded to the subrecipient subcontractor is used only for the purposes stated in this section.

- 1.32 If selected by System Agency, serve as a Regional Training and Conference center for the Texas WIC program and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) staff.

- A. In addition to training implemented by Grantee, the Regional Training and Conference Center shall be used as a central site for conducting routine System Agency.
- B. Training center staff may be requested to develop specific courses as designated by the System Agency.

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- C. Training center staff may be required to travel to other agencies/sites to conduct trainings at the System Agency's request.
- D. Grantee shall submit proposed courses, initiatives and required reports in a frequency and format designated by System Agency for review and approval.
- E. The Regional Training and Conference Center will also be available for satellite video conferencing as needed by System Agency, USDA, and WIC local agencies.

II. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The System Agency will monitor the Grantee's performance of the requirements in this Attachment A and compliance with the Contract's terms and conditions.

The following performance measures will be used to assess, in part, Grantee's effectiveness in providing the services described in the Contract, without waiving the enforceability of any of the other terms of the contract.

2.1 Grantee shall ensure:

- A. Each quarter, an average of less than 5% of families who participate in the WIC Program by receiving food benefits will refuse nutrition education classes at the time of food instrument issuance.
- B. An average of 20% of all pregnant women who enter the WIC Program each quarter shall be certified as eligible during the period of the first trimester of their pregnancy;
- C. An average of 80% of clients a quarter who are enrolled in the WIC Program, excluding dual participants, transfer locked and/or migrant clients, shall participate as food benefit recipients each month (breast-feeding infants are also included in the client count); and
- D. 100% of participants who indicate during the enrollment process for the WIC Program that they have no source of health care shall be referred to an appropriate service.
- E. An average customer satisfaction percentage of no more than 10% below the statewide average.

III. INVOICE AND PAYMENT

- 3.1 HHSC will send Grantee an annual funding letter ("Notice of Award") setting the award amount for the corresponding fiscal year. Annual and funding adjustment Notices of Award will be incorporated into this Contract by reference.

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- 3.2 Grantee will request monthly payments using the State of Texas Purchase Voucher (invoice) and submit with any supporting documentation by electronic mail to HHSC WIC Program Services Branch at WicVouchers@hhsc.state.tx.us.
- A. Grantee shall indicate separately on the face of the State of Texas Purchase Voucher (invoice), the costs associated with nutrition education, breast-feeding, and other administrative costs.
- 3.3 Grantee shall submit a separate State of Texas Purchase Voucher (Invoice) for reimbursement of actual allowable costs associated with each special project.
- 3.4 Grantee will submit Financial Status Reports (FSR) by electronic mail to HHSC WIC Program Services Branch at WicVouchers@hhsc.state.tx.us by the last business day of the month following the end of each quarter of the Contract term for review and financial assessment.
- 3.5. Grantee will be paid on a cost categorical basis and in accordance with the terms of this Contract.
- 3.6 In order to claim indirect costs, Grantee must have an approved indirect cost rate or elect to use the de Minimis rate by December 31, 2020. The options for indirect cost recovery are as follows:
- A. Elect to use the de minimis;
- B. Grantee provides System Agency with an approved negotiated indirect cost rate agreement from a federal or state agency;
- C. Grantee requests a negotiated rate from a cognizant agency;
- D. Grantee requests a negotiated rate from System Agency directly; or
- E. Grantee waives indirect cost recovery.
- Indirect costs may be restricted or prohibited by legal statute or the grant terms and conditions. Any restrictions that are identified by legal, statute, or grant terms will limit the maximum amount of grant dollars available to recover indirect costs.
- 3.7 All payments made by System Agency to Grantee under this Contract will be reimbursements subject to the following requirements, conditions and stipulations:
- A. All categories of costs billed to System Agency and allocation of such costs, shall be in accordance with the Plan to Allocate Direct Costs (PADC) submitted by Grantee and accepted by the System Agency. This document is incorporated in the Contract by reference.
- B. System Agency will reimburse Grantee for administrative costs incurred when determining eligibility, providing appropriate nutrition education and counseling, issuing WIC Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards, making

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participant referrals, vendor evaluation, outreach, start-up costs and general administrative support.

- C. Administrative costs will be reimbursed based on actual costs, but not to exceed the “maximum reimbursement” based upon the sum of the participants who were issued WIC benefits each month plus infants who do not receive any WIC benefits whose breastfeeding mothers were participants to the extent that the total so derived does not exceed Grantee’s total assigned caseload within any given month. Surplus funds (the amount by which maximum reimbursements exceed actual costs) can be accumulated and carried forward within the Contract term.
- D. The participant caseload will be assigned by System Agency by giving written notice to Grantee. The participant caseload is subject to change upon written notice to Grantee from System Agency with Grantee’s concurrence. Grantee assumes liability for all food costs resulting from Grantee exceeding its assigned caseload. The number of individuals served in excess of assigned caseload are not to be included in the calculation of earned administrative funds as described below.
- E. Grantee will be allowed the option of receiving a two (2) month cash advance in accordance with current System Agency's WIC program policy and procedures.
- F. Grantee surplus encumbered by September 30 shall be billed and vouchers received by System Agency no later than sixty (60) calendar days following the fiscal year.
- G. Grantee shall identify and document separately not less than 19% of total administrative costs as expenditures directly related to nutrition education and counseling. Nutrition education and counseling expenditures shall be supported by documentation of participant attendance or non-attendance within the WIC Program.
- H. System Agency will reimburse Grantee for administrative expenses at a rate not greater than 5.26 times the amount of properly documented expenditures for nutrition education and counseling, but not more than is earned based on actual participation not to exceed Grantee’s assigned participant caseload, plus any incentive funds allocated to Grantee by System Agency.
- I. System Agency will identify annually to Grantee an amount of funds that shall be spent for breastfeeding promotion. The allocation of breast feeding funds to Grantee will be based on Grantee’s proportional share of the statewide combined total of pregnant and breastfeeding participants as reported to System Agency.

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- J. System Agency reserves the right to withhold a proportionate amount of earned administrative funds when evidence exists that nutrition education and/or breastfeeding promotion is not being provided by Grantee, or Grantee is not complying with the provisions of USDA and/or System Agency directives.
- K. System Agency may provide extended hours funding to Grantee for participants who are provided WIC services outside the normal traditional hours to the extent that federal funding is available.
- L. System Agency may amend or terminate the Contract if available funds become reduced, depleted, or unavailable during the term of the Contract to the extent that the WIC Program is unable to provide administrative funding at the rate(s) stated in the Notice of Award. System Agency will notify Grantee if a change in funding occurs and Grantee will have sixty (60) days to provide written notice to System Agency with intention to terminate this contract.
- M. System Agency may, at its sole discretion, pay for additional goods or services, as specified in this attachment, if provided by Grantee during the term of the Contract and not otherwise paid during the Contract term if it is in the best interest of System Agency. If Grantee exceeds the amount of earned administrative funds as stated above, Grantee shall continue to bill System Agency for the services provided. If additional funds become available at a later date for the provision of these services, System Agency may elect to pay Grantee a share of these funds.

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ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

1.1 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Contract, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms and conditions have the meanings assigned below:

“[Amendment](#)” means a written agreement, signed by the Parties, which documents changes to the Contract other than those permitted by Work Orders or Technical Guidance Letters.

“[Attachment](#)” means documents, terms, conditions, or information added to this Contract following the Signature Document or included by reference, and made a part of this Contract.

“[Contract](#)” means the Signature Document, these Uniform Terms and Conditions, along with any Attachments, and any Amendments, or Technical Guidance Letters that may be issued by the System Agency, to be incorporated by reference for all purposes.

“[Deliverable](#)” means the work product(s), including all reports and project documentation, required to be submitted by Grantee to the System Agency.

“[Effective Date](#)” means the date agreed to by the Parties as the date on which the Contract takes effect.

“[Federal Fiscal Year](#)” means the period beginning October 1 and ending September 30 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the United States government.

“[GAAP](#)” means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

“[GASB](#)” means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

“[Grantee](#)” means the Party receiving funds under this Contract. May also be referred to as "Contractor" in certain attachments.

“[Health and Human Services Commission](#)” or “[HHSC](#)” means the administrative agency established under Chapter 531, Texas Government Code, or its designee.

“[HUB](#)” means Historically Underutilized Business, as defined by Chapter 2161 of the Texas Government Code.

“[Intellectual Property Rights](#)” means the worldwide proprietary rights or interests, including patent, copyright, trade secret, and trademark rights, as such right may be evidenced by or embodied in:

- i. any idea, design, concept, personality right, method, process, technique, apparatus, invention, discovery, or improvement;
- ii. any work of authorship, including any compilation, computer code, website or web page design, literary work, pictorial work, or graphic work;
- iii. any trademark, service mark, trade dress, trade name, branding, or other indicia of source or origin;
- iv. domain name registrations; and
- v. any other proprietary or similar rights. The Intellectual Property Rights of a Party include all worldwide proprietary rights or interests that the Party may have acquired by assignment, by exclusive license, or by license with the right to grant sublicenses.

“[Mentor Protégé](#)” means the Comptroller of Public Accounts’ leadership program found at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/mentorprotege/>.

“[Parties](#)” means the System Agency and Grantee, collectively.

“[Party](#)” means either the System Agency or Grantee, individually.

“[Program](#)” means the statutorily authorized activities of the System Agency under which this Contract has been awarded.

“[Project](#)” means specific activities of the Grantee that are supported by funds provided under this Contract.

“[Public Information Act](#)” or “[PIA](#)” means Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

“[Signature Document](#)” means the document executed by both Parties that specifically sets forth all of the documents that constitute the Contract.

“[Solicitation](#)” or “[Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#)” means the document (including all amendments and attachments) issued by the System Agency under which applications for Program funds were requested, which is incorporated by reference for all purposes in its entirety.

“[Solicitation Response](#)” or “[Application](#)” means Grantee’s full and complete response (including any attachments and addenda) to the Solicitation, which is incorporated by reference for all purposes in its entirety.

“[State Fiscal Year](#)” means the period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the State of Texas.

“[State of Texas Textravel](#)” means Texas Administrative Code, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.22, relative to travel reimbursements under this Contract, if any.

“[Statement of Work](#)” means the description of activities performed in completing the Project, as specified in the Contract and as may be amended.

“[System Agency](#)” means HHSC or any of the agencies of the State of Texas that are overseen by HHSC under authority granted under State law and the officers, employees, authorized representatives and designees of those agencies. These agencies include: HHSC and the Department of State Health Services.

“[Technical Guidance Letter](#)” or “[TGL](#)” means an instruction, clarification, or interpretation of the requirements of the Contract, issued by the System Agency to the Grantee.

“[Work Product](#)” means any and all works, including work papers, notes, materials, approaches, designs, specifications, systems, innovations, improvements, inventions, software, programs, source code, documentation, training materials, audio or audiovisual recordings, methodologies, concepts, studies, reports, whether finished or unfinished, and whether or not included in the deliverables, that are developed, produced, generated or provided by Grantee in connection with Grantee’s performance of its duties under the Contract or through use of any funding provided under this Contract.

“[Uniform Grant Management Standards](#)” or “[UGMS](#)” means uniform grant and contract administration procedures, developed under the authority of Chapter 783 of the Texas

Government Code, to promote the efficient use of public funds in local government and in programs requiring cooperation among local, state, and federal agencies.

1.2 INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

- A. The meanings of defined terms include the singular and plural forms.
- B. The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereunder,” and similar words refer to this Contract as a whole and not to any particular provision, section, Attachment, or schedule of this Contract unless otherwise specified.
- C. The term “including” is not limiting and means “including without limitation” and, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Contract, (i) references to contracts (including this Contract) and other contractual instruments shall be deemed to include all subsequent Amendments and other modifications, but only to the extent that such Amendments and other modifications are not prohibited by the terms of this Contract, and (ii) references to any statute or regulation are to be construed as including all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, or interpreting the statute or regulation.
- D. Any references to “sections,” “appendices,” or “attachments” are references to sections, appendices, or attachments of the Contract.
- E. Any references to agreements, contracts, statutes, or administrative rules or regulations in the Contract are references to these documents as amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time during the term of the Contract.
- F. The captions and headings of this Contract are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Contract.
- G. All Attachments, including those incorporated by reference, and any Amendments are considered part of the terms of this Contract.
- H. This Contract may use several different limitations, regulations, or policies to regulate the same or similar matters. All such limitations, regulations, and policies are cumulative and each will be performed in accordance with its terms.
- I. Unless otherwise expressly provided, reference to any action of the System Agency or by the System Agency by way of consent, approval, or waiver will be deemed modified by the phrase “in its sole discretion.”
- J. Time is of the essence in this Contract.

ARTICLE II. PAYMENT METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS

2.1 PAYMENT METHODS

- A. Except as otherwise provided by this Contract, the payment method will be one or more of the following:
 - i. Cost Reimbursement. This payment method is based on an approved budget and submission of a request for reimbursement of expenses Grantee has incurred at the time of the request;
 - ii. Unit rate/fee-for-service. This payment method is based on a fixed price or a specified rate(s) or fee(s) for delivery of a specified unit(s) of service and acceptable submission of all required documentation, forms and/or reports; or
 - iii. Advance payment. This payment method is based on disbursal of the minimum necessary funds to carry out the Program or Project where the Grantee has

implemented appropriate safeguards. This payment method will only be utilized in accordance with governing law, state and federal regulations, and at the sole discretion of the System Agency.

- B. Grantee shall bill the System Agency in accordance with the Contract. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, Grantee shall submit requests for reimbursement or payment monthly by the last business day of the month following the month in which expenses were incurred or services provided. Grantee shall maintain all documentation that substantiates invoices and make the documentation available to the System Agency upon request.

2.2 FINAL BILLING SUBMISSION

Unless otherwise provided by the System Agency, Grantee shall submit a reimbursement or payment request as a final close-out invoice not later than forty-five (45) calendar days following the end of the term of the Contract. Reimbursement or payment requests received after the deadline may not be paid.

2.3 FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS (FSRs)

Except as otherwise provided, for contracts with categorical budgets, Grantee shall submit quarterly FSRs to System Agency by the last business day of the month following the end of each quarter for System Agency review and financial assessment. Grantee shall submit the final FSR no later than forty-five (45) calendar days following the end of the applicable term.

2.4 USE OF FUNDS

Grantee shall expend funds under this Contract only for approved services and for reasonable and allowable expenses directly related to those services.

2.5 USE FOR MATCH PROHIBITED

Grantee shall not use funds provided under this Contract for matching purposes in securing other funding without the written approval of the System Agency.

2.6 PROGRAM INCOME

Income directly generated from funds provided under this Contract or earned only as a result of such funds is Program Income. Unless otherwise required under the Program, Grantee shall use Program Income, as provided in UGMS Section III, Subpart C, .25(g)(2), to further the Program, and Grantee shall spend the Program Income on the Project. Grantee shall identify and report Program Income in accordance with the Contract, applicable law, and any programmatic guidance. Grantee shall expend Program Income during the Contract term, when earned, and may not carry Program Income forward to any succeeding term. Grantee shall refund Program Income to the System Agency if the Program Income is not expended in the term in which it is earned. The System Agency may base future funding levels, in part, upon Grantee's proficiency in identifying, billing, collecting, and reporting Program Income, and in using Program Income for the purposes and under the conditions specified in this Contract.

2.7 NONSUPPLANTING

Grant funds may be used to supplement existing, new or corresponding programming and related activities. Grant funds may not be used to supplant (replace) existing funds in place to support current programs and related activities.

2.8 ALLOWABLE COSTS

Allowable Costs are restricted to costs that comply with the Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS) and applicable state and federal rules and law. The Parties agree that all the requirements of the UGMS apply to this Contract, including the criteria for Allowable Costs. Additional federal requirements apply if this Contract is funded, in whole or in part, with federal funds.

2.9 INDIRECT COST RATES

The System Agency may acknowledge an indirect cost rate for Grantees that is utilized for all applicable contracts. Grantee will provide the necessary financial documents to determine the indirect cost rate in accordance with the Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) and Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS).

ARTICLE III. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

3.1 FUNDING

This Contract is subject to termination or cancellation, without penalty to System Agency, either in whole or in part, subject to the availability of state funds. System Agency is a state agency whose authority and appropriations are subject to actions of the Texas Legislature. If System Agency becomes subject to a legislative change, revocation of statutory authority, or lack of appropriated funds that would render either System Agency's or Grantee's delivery or performance under the Contract impossible or unnecessary, the Contract will be terminated or cancelled and be deemed null and void. In the event of a termination or cancellation under this Section, System Agency will not be liable to Grantee for any damages, that are caused or associated with such termination, or cancellation, and System Agency will not be required to give prior notice.

3.2 NO DEBT AGAINST THE STATE

This Contract will not be construed as creating any debt by or on behalf of the State of Texas.

3.3 DEBT AND DELINQUENCIES

Grantee agrees that any payments due under the Contract shall be directly applied towards eliminating any debt or delinquency it has to the State of Texas including, but not limited to, delinquent taxes, delinquent student loan payments, and delinquent child support.

3.4 RECAPTURE OF FUNDS

A . At its sole discretion, the System Agency may i) withhold all or part of any payments to Grantee to offset overpayments, unallowable or ineligible costs made to the Grantee, or if any required financial status report(s) is not submitted by the due date(s), or ii) require Grantee to promptly refund or credit - within thirty (30) calendar days of written notice -

any funds erroneously paid by System Agency which are not expressly authorized under the Contract.

- B. "Overpayments" as used in this Section include payments (i) made by the System Agency that exceed the maximum allowable rates; (ii) that are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, or regulations; or (iii) that are otherwise inconsistent with this Contract, including any unapproved expenditures. Grantee understands and agrees that it will be liable to the System Agency for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Contract. Grantee further understands and agrees that reimbursement of such disallowed costs shall be paid by Grantee from funds which were not provided or otherwise made available to Grantee under this Contract.

ARTICLE IV. ALLOWABLE COSTS AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

4.1 ALLOWABLE COSTS

- A. System Agency will reimburse the allowable costs incurred in performing the Project that are sufficiently documented. Grantee must have incurred a cost prior to claiming reimbursement and within the applicable term to be eligible for reimbursement under this Contract. At its sole discretion, the System Agency will determine whether costs submitted by Grantee are allowable and eligible for reimbursement. The System Agency may take repayment (recoup) from funds available under this Contract in amounts necessary to fulfill Grantee's repayment obligations. Applicable cost principles, audit requirements, and administrative requirements include, but are not limited to:

Applicable Entity	Applicable Cost Principles	Audit Requirements	Administrative Requirements
State, Local, and Tribal Governments	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
Educational Institutions	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
Non-Profit Organizations	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS

For-profit Organization other than a hospital and an organization named in OMB Circular A-122 (2 CFR Part, 230) as not subject to that circular.	48 CFR Part 31, Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, or Uniform cost accounting standards that comply with cost principles acceptable to the federal or state awarding agency	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
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- B. OMB Circulars will be applied with the modifications prescribed by UGMS with effect given to whichever provision imposes the more stringent requirement in the event of a conflict.

4.2 AUDITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Audits

- i. HHS Single Audit Unit will notify Grantee to complete the Single Audit Determination Form. If Grantee fails to complete the form within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of notice, Grantee will be subject to the sanctions and remedies for non-compliance with this Contract.
- ii. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in federal funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with 2 CFR 200. The federal threshold amount includes federal funds passed through by way of state agency awards.
- iii. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in state funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with UGMS, State of Texas Single Audit Circular. The audit must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant and in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Government Auditing Standards, and UGMS.
- iv. For-profit Grantees whose expenditures meet or exceed the federal or state expenditure thresholds stated above shall follow the guidelines in 2 CFR 200 or UGMS, as applicable, for their program-specific audits.
- v. Each Grantee that is required to obtain a single audit must competitively re-procure single audit services once every six years. Grantee shall procure audit services in compliance with this section, state procurement procedures, as well as with the provisions of UGMS.

B. Financial Statements

Each Grantee that does not meet the expenditure threshold for a single audit or program-specific audit, must provide financial statements.

4.3 SUBMISSION OF AUDITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Audits

Due the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the independent certified public accountant's report or nine months after the end of the fiscal year, Grantee shall submit electronically one copy of the single audit or program-specific audit to the System Agency via:

i. HHS portal at: or,

<https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/heartwebextr/hhscSau>

ii. Email to: single_audit_report@hhsc.state.tx.us.

B. Financial Statements

Due no later than nine months after the Grantee's fiscal year end, Grantees which are not required to submit an audit, shall submit electronically financial statements via:

i. HHS portal at:

<https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/heartwebextr/hhscSau>; or,

ii. Email to: single_audit_report@hhsc.state.tx.us.

ARTICLE V. AFFIRMATIONS, ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

5.1 GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS

Grantee certifies that, to the extent General Affirmations are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, the Grantee has reviewed the General Affirmations and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements.

5.2 FEDERAL ASSURANCES

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent Federal Assurances are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, the Grantee has reviewed the Federal Assurances and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements.

5.3 FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent Federal Certifications are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, the Grantee has reviewed the Federal Certifications and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements. In addition, Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable federal laws, rules, and regulations, as they may pertain to this Contract.

ARTICLE VI. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

6.1 OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT

All right, title, and interest in the Work Product, including all Intellectual Property Rights therein, is exclusively owned by System Agency. Grantee and Grantee's employees will have no rights in or ownership of the Work Product or any other property of System Agency. Any and all Work Product that is copyrightable under United States copyright law is deemed to be "work made for hire" owned by System Agency, as provided by Title 17 of the United States Code. To the extent that Work Product does not qualify as a "work made for hire" under applicable federal law, Grantee hereby irrevocably assigns and transfers to System Agency, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Work Product, including any and all Intellectual Property Rights embodied therein or associated

therewith, and in and to all works based upon, derived from, or incorporating the Work Product, and in and to all income, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect thereto, and in and to all causes of action, either in law or in equity for past, present or future infringement based on the copyrights, and in and to all rights corresponding to the foregoing. Grantee agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other property rights as System Agency may deem necessary to secure for System Agency or its designee the rights herein assigned. In the event that Grantee has any rights in and to the Work Product that cannot be assigned to System Agency, Grantee hereby grants to System Agency an exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, transferable, irrevocable, and perpetual license, with the right to sublicense, to reproduce, distribute, modify, create derivative works of, publicly perform and publicly display, make, have made, use, sell and offer for sale the Work Product and any products developed by practicing such rights.

6.2 GRANTEE'S PRE-EXISTING WORKS

To the extent that Grantee incorporates into the Work Product any works of Grantee that were created by Grantee or that Grantee acquired rights in prior to the Effective Date of this Contract ("**Incorporated Pre-existing Works**"), Grantee retains ownership of such Incorporated Pre-existing Works, and Grantee hereby grants to System Agency an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, transferable, worldwide right and license, with the right to sublicense, to use, modify, copy, create derivative works of, publish, publicly perform and display, sell, offer to sell, make and have made, the Incorporated Pre-existing Works, in any medium, with or without the associated Work Product. Grantee represents, warrants, and covenants to System Agency that Grantee has all necessary right and authority to grant the foregoing license in the Incorporated Pre-existing Works to System Agency.

6.3 AGREEMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES AND SUBCONTRACTORS

Grantee shall have written, binding agreements with its employees and subcontractors that include provisions sufficient to give effect to and enable Grantee's compliance with Grantee's obligations under this **Article VI**.

6.4 DELIVERY UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION

No later than the first calendar day after the termination or expiration of the Contract or upon System Agency's request, Grantee shall deliver to System Agency all completed, or partially completed, Work Product, including any Incorporated Pre-existing Works, and any and all versions thereof. Grantee's failure to timely deliver such Work Product is a material breach of the Contract. Grantee will not retain any copies of the Work Product or any documentation or other products or results of Grantee's activities under the Contract without the prior written consent of System Agency.

6.5 SURVIVAL

The provisions and obligations of this **Article VI** survive any termination or expiration of the Contract.

ARTICLE VII. RECORDS, AUDIT, AND DISCLOSURE

7.1 BOOKS AND RECORDS

Grantee shall keep and maintain under GAAP or GASB, as applicable, full, true, and complete records necessary to fully disclose to the System Agency, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the United States Government, and their authorized representatives sufficient information to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and all state and federal rules, regulations, and statutes. Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee shall maintain legible copies of this Contract and all related documents for a minimum of seven (7) years after the termination of the Contract period or seven (7) years after the completion of any litigation or dispute involving the Contract, whichever is later.

7.2 ACCESS TO RECORDS, BOOKS, AND DOCUMENTS

In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, Grantee and any of Grantee's affiliate or subsidiary organizations, or Subcontractors shall permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized representatives, as well as duly authorized federal, state or local authorities, unrestricted access to and the right to examine any site where business is conducted or services are performed, and all records, which includes but is not limited to financial, client and patient records, books, papers or documents related to this Contract. If the Contract includes federal funds, federal agencies that shall have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the federal agency providing the funds, the Comptroller General of the United States, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, and any of their authorized representatives. In addition, agencies of the State of Texas that shall have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the System Agency, HHSC, HHSC's contracted examiners, the State Auditor's Office, the Office of the Texas Attorney General, and any successor agencies. Each of these entities may be a duly authorized authority. If deemed necessary by the System Agency or any duly authorized authority, for the purpose of investigation or hearing, Grantee shall produce original documents related to this Contract. The System Agency and any duly authorized authority shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment, and all documentation that substantiates the billings. Grantee shall include this provision concerning the right of access to, and examination of, sites and information related to this Contract in any Subcontract it awards.

7.3 RESPONSE/COMPLIANCE WITH AUDIT OR INSPECTION FINDINGS

- A. Grantee must act to ensure its and its Subcontractors' compliance with all corrections necessary to address any finding of noncompliance with any law, regulation, audit requirement, or generally accepted accounting principle, or any other deficiency identified in any audit, review, or inspection of the Contract and the services and Deliverables provided. Any such correction will be at Grantee's or its Subcontractor's sole expense. Whether Grantee's action corrects the noncompliance shall be solely the decision of the System Agency.
- B. As part of the services, Grantee must provide to HHSC upon request a copy of those portions of Grantee's and its Subcontractors' internal audit reports relating to the services and Deliverables provided to the State under the Contract.

7.4 SAO AUDIT

- A. The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the Contract. The acceptance of funds directly under the Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit.
- B. Grantee shall comply with any rules and procedures of the state auditor in the implementation and enforcement of Section 2262.154 of the Texas Government Code.

7.5 CONFIDENTIALITY

Grantee shall maintain as confidential, and shall not disclose to third parties without System Agency's prior written consent, any System Agency information including but not limited to System Agency's business activities, practices, systems, conditions and services. This section will survive termination or expiration of this Contract.

ARTICLE VIII. CONTRACT REMEDIES AND EARLY TERMINATION

8.1 CONTRACT REMEDIES

To ensure Grantee's full performance of the Contract and compliance with applicable law, the System Agency reserves the right to hold Grantee accountable for breach of contract or substandard performance and may take remedial or corrective actions, including, but not limited to:

- i. suspending all or part of the Contract;
- ii. requiring the Grantee to take specific actions in order to remain in compliance with the Contract;
- iii. recouping payments made by the System Agency to the Grantee found to be in error;
- iv. suspending, limiting, or placing conditions on the Grantee's continued performance of the Project;
- v. imposing any other remedies, sanctions or penalties authorized under this Contract or permitted by federal or state statute, law, regulation or rule.

8.2 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The System Agency may terminate the Contract at any time when, in its sole discretion, the System Agency determines that termination is in the best interests of the State of Texas. The termination will be effective on the date specified in HHSC's notice of termination. The System Agency's right to terminate the Contract for convenience is cumulative of all rights and remedies which exist now or in the future.

8.3 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

Except as otherwise provided by the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or any successor law, the System Agency may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, upon either of the following conditions:

i. **Material Breach**

The System Agency will have the right to terminate the Contract in whole or in part if the System Agency determines, in its sole discretion, that Grantee has materially breached the Contract or has failed to adhere to any laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction and such violation prevents or substantially impairs performance of Grantee's duties under the Contract. Grantee's misrepresentation in any aspect of Grantee's Solicitation Response, if any, or Grantee's addition to the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) will also constitute a material breach of the Contract.

ii. **Failure to Maintain Financial Viability**

The System Agency may terminate the Contract if, in its sole discretion, the System Agency has a good faith belief that Grantee no longer maintains the financial viability required to complete the services and Deliverables, or otherwise fully perform its responsibilities under the Contract.

ARTICLE IX. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.1 AMENDMENT

The Contract may only be amended by an Amendment executed by both Parties.

9.2 INSURANCE

- A. Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee shall acquire and maintain, for the duration of this Contract, insurance coverage necessary to ensure proper fulfillment of this Contract and potential liabilities thereunder with financially sound and reputable insurers licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance, in the type and amount customarily carried within the industry as determined by the System Agency. Grantee shall provide evidence of insurance as required under this Contract, including a schedule of coverage or underwriter's schedules establishing to the satisfaction of the System Agency the nature and extent of coverage granted by each such policy, upon request by the System Agency. In the event that any policy is determined by the System Agency to be deficient to comply with the terms of this Contract, Grantee shall secure such additional policies or coverage as the System Agency may reasonably request or that are required by law or regulation. If coverage expires during the term of this Contract, Grantee must produce renewal certificates for each type of coverage.
- B. These and all other insurance requirements under the Contract apply to both Grantee and its Subcontractors, if any. Grantee is responsible for ensuring its Subcontractors' compliance with all requirements.

9.3 LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations, including all federal and state accessibility laws relating to direct and indirect use of information and communication technology. Grantee shall be deemed to have knowledge of all applicable laws and regulations and be deemed to understand them.

9.4 PERMITTING AND LICENSURE

At Grantee's sole expense, Grantee shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Contract any state, county, city, or federal license, authorization, insurance, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by Grantee to provide the goods or services required by this Contract. Grantee shall be responsible for payment of all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Grantee shall be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its Subcontractors during performance of this Contract.

9.5 INDEMNITY

- A. GRANTEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND SYSTEM AGENCY, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF GRANTEE OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT AND ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE CONTRACT. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY GRANTEE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND GRANTEE MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL. GRANTEE AND SYSTEM AGENCY AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.**
- B. THIS PARAGRAPH IS NOT INTENDED TO AND SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE GRANTEE TO INDEMNIFY OR HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OR THE SYSTEM AGENCY FOR ANY CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE SYSTEM AGENCY OR ITS EMPLOYEES.**
- C. For the avoidance of doubt, System Agency shall not indemnify Grantee or any other entity under the Contract.**

9.6 ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Grantee may not assign all or any portion of its rights under, interests in, or duties required under this Contract without prior written consent of the System Agency, which may be withheld or granted at the sole discretion of the System Agency. Except where otherwise agreed in writing by the System Agency, assignment will not release Grantee from its obligations under the Contract.
- B. Grantee understands and agrees the System Agency may in one or more transactions assign, pledge, or transfer the Contract. This assignment will only be made to another State agency or a non-state agency that is contracted to perform agency support.

9.7 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Grantee and Grantee's employees, representatives, agents, Subcontractors, suppliers, and third-party service providers shall serve as independent contractors in providing the services under the Contract. Neither Grantee nor System Agency is an agent of the other and neither may make any commitments on the other party's behalf. Should Grantee subcontract any of the services required in the Contract, Grantee expressly understands and acknowledges that in entering such subcontract(s), System Agency is in no manner liable to any Subcontractor(s) of Grantee. In no event shall this provision relieve Grantee of the responsibility for ensuring that the services performed under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with the Contract. Grantee shall have no claim against System Agency for vacation pay, sick leave, retirement benefits, social security, worker's compensation, health or disability benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, or employee benefits of any kind. The Contract shall not create any joint venture, partnership, agency, or employment relationship between Grantee and System Agency.

9.8 TECHNICAL GUIDANCE LETTERS

In the sole discretion of the System Agency, and in conformance with federal and state law, the System Agency may issue instructions, clarifications, or interpretations as may be required during work performance in the form of a Technical Guidance Letter (TGL). A TGL must be in writing, and may be delivered by regular mail, electronic mail, or facsimile transmission. Any TGL issued by the System Agency will be incorporated into the Contract by reference for all purposes when it is issued.

9.9 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- A. The dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code must be used to attempt to resolve any dispute arising under the Contract.
- B. If a contract dispute arises that cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the Parties, either Party may notify the other Party in writing of the dispute. If the Parties are unable to satisfactorily resolve the dispute within fourteen (14) days of the written notification, the Parties must use the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve the dispute. This provision will not apply to any matter with respect to which either Party may make a decision within its respective sole discretion.

9.10 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. The venue of any suit arising under the Contract is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless the specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute which directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to the System Agency.

9.11 SEVERABILITY

If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract shall be construed as if such provision did not exist and the non-

enforceability of such provision shall not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Contract unenforceable.

9.12 SURVIVABILITY

Expiration or termination of the Contract for any reason does not release Grantee from any liability or obligation set forth in the Contract that is expressly stated to survive any such expiration or termination, that by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such expiration or termination, or that is necessary to fulfill the essential purpose of the Contract, including without limitation the provisions regarding warranty, indemnification, confidentiality, and rights and remedies upon termination.

9.13 FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Grantee nor System Agency shall be liable to the other for any delay in, or failure of performance, of any requirement included in the Contract caused by force majeure. The existence of such causes of delay or failure shall extend the period of performance until after the causes of delay or failure have been removed provided the non-performing party exercises all reasonable due diligence to perform. Force majeure is defined as acts of God, war, fires, explosions, hurricanes, floods, failure of transportation, or other causes that are beyond the reasonable control of either party and that by exercise of due foresight such party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which, by the exercise of all reasonable due diligence, such party is unable to overcome.

9.14 NO WAIVER OF PROVISIONS

The failure of the System Agency to object to or to take affirmative action with respect to any conduct of the Grantee which is in violation or breach of the terms of the Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of the violation or breach, or of any future violation or breach.

9.15 PUBLICITY

- A. Except as provided in the paragraph below, Grantee must not use the name of, or directly or indirectly refer to, the System Agency, the State of Texas, or any other State agency in any media release, public announcement, or public disclosure relating to the Contract or its subject matter, including in any promotional or marketing materials, customer lists, or business presentations.
- B. Grantee may publish, at its sole expense, results of Grantee performance under the Contract with the System Agency's prior review and approval, which the System Agency may exercise at its sole discretion. Any publication (written, visual, or sound) will acknowledge the support received from the System Agency and any Federal agency, as appropriate.
- C. Contractor is prohibited from using the Work for any Contractor or third party marketing, advertising, or promotional activities, without the prior written consent of System Agency. The foregoing prohibition includes, without limitation, the placement of banners, pop-up ads, or other advertisements promoting Contractor's or a third party's products, services, workshops, trainings, or other commercial offerings on any website portal or internet-based service or software application hosted or managed by Contractor as part of the Work.

9.16 PROHIBITION ON NON-COMPETE RESTRICTIONS

Grantee shall not require any employees or Subcontractors to agree to any conditions, such as non-compete clauses or other contractual arrangements that would limit or restrict such persons or entities from employment or contracting with the State of Texas.

9.17 NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Nothing in the Contract will be construed as a waiver of the System Agency's or the State's sovereign immunity. This Contract shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the System Agency or the State of Texas. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the System Agency or the State of Texas under the Contract or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel. System Agency does not waive any privileges, rights, defenses, or immunities available to System Agency by entering into the Contract or by its conduct prior to or subsequent to entering into the Contract.

9.18 ENTIRE CONTRACT AND MODIFICATION

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms in any future document incorporated into the Contract will be harmonized with this Contract to the extent possible.

9.19 COUNTERPARTS

This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, and all such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Contract.

9.20 PROPER AUTHORITY

Each Party represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Contract.

9.21 E-VERIFY PROGRAM

Grantee certifies that it utilizes and will continue to utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to determine the eligibility of:

- i. all persons employed to perform duties within Texas during the term of the Contract; and
- ii. all persons, (including subcontractors) assigned by the Grantee to perform work pursuant to the Contract within the United States of America.

9.22 CIVIL RIGHTS

- A. Grantee agrees to comply with state and federal anti-discrimination laws, including:
 - i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000d *et seq.*);
 - ii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794);
 - iii. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.*);
 - iv. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107);

- v. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1688);
 - vi. Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. §2011 *et seq.*); and
 - vii. The System Agency's administrative rules, as set forth in the Texas Administrative Code, to the extent applicable to this Contract.
- B. Grantee agrees to comply with all amendments to the above-referenced laws, and all requirements imposed by the regulations issued pursuant to these laws. These laws provide in part that no persons in the United States may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, or religion, be excluded from participation in or denied any aid, care, service or other benefits provided by Federal or State funding, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- C. Grantee agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 80 or 7 C.F.R. Part 15, prohibiting a contractor from adopting and implementing policies and procedures that exclude or have the effect of excluding or limiting the participation of clients in its programs, benefits, or activities on the basis of national origin. State and federal civil rights laws require contractors to provide alternative methods for ensuring access to services for applicants and recipients who cannot express themselves fluently in English. Grantee agrees to take reasonable steps to provide services and information, both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, in order to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits, and activities.
- D. Grantee agrees to post applicable civil rights posters in areas open to the public informing clients of their civil rights and including contact information for the HHS Civil Rights Office. The posters are available on the HHS website at: <http://hhscx.hhsc.texas.gov/system-support-services/civil-rights/publications>
- E. Grantee agrees to comply with Executive Order 13279, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 87 or 7 C.F.R. Part 16. These provide in part that any organization that participates in programs funded by direct financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Health and Human Services shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.
- F. Upon request, Grantee shall provide HHSC's Civil Rights Office with copies of the Grantee's civil rights policies and procedures.
- G. Grantee must notify HHSC's Civil Rights Office of any civil rights complaints received relating to its performance under this Contract. This notice must be delivered no more than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of a complaint. Notice provided pursuant to this section must be directed to:

HHSC Civil Rights Office
 701 W. 51st Street, Mail Code W206
 Austin, Texas 78751
 Phone Toll Free: (888) 388-6332
 Phone: (512) 438-4313
 TTY Toll Free: (877) 432-7232
 Fax: (512) 438-5885.

9.23 SYSTEM AGENCY DATA

As between the Parties, all data and information acquired, accessed, or made available to Contractor by or through System Agency or System Agency contractors, including all electronic data generated, processed, transmitted, or stored by Contractor in the course of providing data processing services in connection with Contractor's performance hereunder, (the "**System Agency Data**"), is owned solely by System Agency. Contractor has no right or license to use, analyze, aggregate, transmit, create derivatives of, copy, disclose, or process the System Agency Data except as required for Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the Contract or as authorized in advance in writing by System Agency. For the avoidance of doubt, Contractor is expressly prohibited from using, and from permitting any third party to use, System Agency Data for marketing, research, or other non-governmental or commercial purposes, without the prior written consent of System Agency.

Attachment C

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT AFFIRMATIONS

The term “System Agency” used in these affirmations means HHS or any of the agencies of the State of Texas that are overseen by HHSC under authority granted under Texas law and the officers, employees, authorized representatives, and designees of those agencies. These agencies include: HHSC and the Department of State Health Services.

By entering into this Contract, Contractor affirms, without exception, understands, and agrees to comply with the following items through the life of the Contract:

1. Contractor represents and warrants that these Contract Affirmations apply to Contractor and all of Contractor's principals, officers, directors, shareholders, partners, owners, agents, employees, subcontractors, independent contractors, and any other representatives who may provide services under, who have a financial interest in, or otherwise are interested in this Contract and any related Solicitation.

2. **Complete and Accurate Information**

Contractor represents and warrants that all statements and information provided to System Agency are current, complete, and accurate. This includes all statements and information in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response.

3. **Public Information Act**

Contractor understands that System Agency will comply with the Texas Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code) as interpreted by judicial rulings and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. Information, documentation, and other material prepared and submitted in connection with this Contract or any related Solicitation may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act. In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor is required to make any information created or exchanged with the State pursuant to the Contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the State.

4. **Contracting Information Requirements**

Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of Section 552.372(a) of the Texas Government Code. Except as provided by Section 552.374(c) of the Texas Government Code, the requirements of Subchapter J (Additional Provisions Related to Contracting Information), Chapter 552 of the Government Code, may apply to the Contract and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

5. Assignment

- A. Contractor shall not assign its rights under the contract or delegate the performance of its duties under the contract without prior written approval from HHSC. Any attempted assignment in violation of this provision is void and without effect.
- B. Contractor understands and agrees the System Agency may in one or more transactions assign, pledge, or transfer the Contract. This assignment will only be made to another State agency or a non-state agency that is contracted to perform agency support. Upon receipt of System Agency's notice of assignment, pledge, or transfer, Contractor shall cooperate with System Agency in giving effect to such assignment, pledge, or transfer, at no cost to System Agency or to the recipient entity

6. Terms and Conditions Attached to Response

Contractor accepts the Solicitation terms and conditions unless specifically noted by exceptions advanced in the form and manner directed in the Solicitation, if any, under which this Contract was awarded. Contractor agrees that all exceptions to the Solicitation, as well as terms and conditions advanced by Contractor that differ in any manner from System Agency's terms and conditions, if any, are rejected unless expressly accepted by System Agency in writing.

7. System Agency Right to Use

Contractor agrees that System Agency has the right to use, produce, and distribute copies of and to disclose to System Agency employees, agents, and contractors and other governmental entities all or part of this Contract or any related Solicitation Response as System Agency deems necessary to complete the procurement process or comply with state or federal laws.

8. Release from Liability

Contractor generally releases from liability and waives all claims against any party providing information about the Contractor at the request of System Agency.

9. Dealings with Public Servants

Contractor has not given, has not offered to give, and does not intend to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with this Contract or any related Solicitation, or related Solicitation Response.

10. Financial Participation Prohibited

Under Section 2155.004, Texas Government Code (relating to financial participation in preparing solicitations), Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response is not ineligible to receive this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

11. Prior Disaster Relief Contract Violation

Under Sections 2155.006 and 2261.053 of the Texas Government Code (relating to convictions and penalties regarding Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Katrina, and other disasters), the Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response is not ineligible to receive this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

12. Child Support Obligation

Under Section 231.006(d) of the Texas Family Code regarding child support, Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response is not ineligible to receive the specified payment and acknowledges that the Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

13. Suspension and Debarment

Contractor certifies that it and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the state or federal government as listed on the *State of Texas Debarred Vendor List* maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the *System for Award Management (SAM)* maintained by the General Services Administration. This certification is made pursuant to the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549 and Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, 2 C.F.R. Part 376, and any relevant regulations promulgated by the Department or Agency funding this project. This provision shall be included in its entirety in Contractor's subcontracts, if any, if payment in whole or in part is from federal funds.

14. Excluded Parties

Contractor certifies that it is not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order 13224, "*Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism*," published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control.'

15. Foreign Terrorists Organizations

Contractor represents and warrants that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization, as prohibited by Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code.

16. Executive Head of a State Agency

In accordance with Section 669.003 of the Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with the executive head of a state agency, Contractor certifies that it is not (1) the executive head of an HHS agency, (2) a person who at any time during the four years before the date of this Contract was the executive head of an HHS agency, or (3) a person who employs a current or former executive head of an HHS agency.

17. Human Trafficking Prohibition

Under Section 2155.0061 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive this contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

18. Franchise Tax Status

Contractor represents and warrants that it is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise taxes owed the State of Texas under Chapter 171 of the Texas Tax Code.

19. Debts and Delinquencies

Contractor agrees that any payments due under this Contract shall be applied towards any debt or delinquency that is owed to the State of Texas.

20. Lobbying Prohibition

Contractor represents and warrants that payments to Contractor and Contractor's receipt of appropriated or other funds under this Contract or any related Solicitation are not prohibited by Sections 556.005, 556.0055, or 556.008 of the Texas Government Code (relating to use of appropriated money or state funds to employ or pay lobbyists, lobbying expenses, or influence legislation).

21. Buy Texas

Contractor agrees to comply with Section 2155.4441 of the Texas Government Code, requiring the purchase of products and materials produced in the State of Texas in performing service contracts.

22. Disaster Recovery Plan

Contractor agrees that upon request of System Agency, Contractor shall provide copies of its most recent business continuity and disaster recovery plans.

23. Technology Access

- A. Contractor expressly acknowledges that state funds may not be expended in connection with the purchase of an automated information system unless that system meets certain statutory requirements relating to accessibility by persons with visual impairments. Accordingly, Contractor represents and warrants to System Agency that the technology provided to System Agency for purchase (if applicable under this Contract or any related Solicitation) is capable, either by virtue of features included within the technology or because it is readily adaptable by use with other technology, of:
 - i. providing equivalent access for effective use by both visual and non-visual means;
 - ii. presenting information, including prompts used for interactive communications, in formats intended for non-visual use; and
 - iii. being integrated into networks for obtaining, retrieving, and disseminating information used by individuals who are not blind or visually impaired.
- B. For purposes of this Section, the phrase "equivalent access" means a substantially similar ability to communicate with or make use of the technology, either directly by features incorporated within the technology or by other reasonable means such as

assistive devices or services which would constitute reasonable accommodations under the Americans With Disabilities Act or similar state or federal laws. Examples of methods by which equivalent access may be provided include, but are not limited to, keyboard alternatives to mouse commands and other means of navigating graphical displays, and customizable display appearance.

- C. In accordance with Section 2157.005 of the Texas Government Code, the Technology Access Clause contract provision remains in effect for any contract entered into before September 1, 2006.

24. Computer Equipment Recycling Program

If this Contract is for the purchase or lease of computer equipment, then Contractor certifies that it is in compliance with Subchapter Y, Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code related to the Computer Equipment Recycling Program and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules in 30 TAC Chapter 328.

25. Television Equipment Recycling

If this Contract is for the purchase or lease of covered television equipment, then Contractor certifies that it is compliance with Subchapter Z, Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code related to the Television Equipment Recycling Program.

26. Cybersecurity Training

- A. Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of Section 2054.5192 of the Texas Government Code relating to cybersecurity training and required verification of completion of the training program.
- B. Contractor represents and warrants that if Contractor or Subcontractors, officers, or employees of Contractor have access to any state computer system or database, the Contractor, Subcontractors, officers, and employees of Contractor shall complete cybersecurity training pursuant to and in accordance with Government Code, Section 2054.5192.

27. Restricted Employment for Certain State Personnel

Contractor acknowledges that, pursuant to Section 572.069 of the Texas Government Code, a former state officer or employee of a state agency who during the period of state service or employment participated on behalf of a state agency in a procurement or contract negotiation involving Contractor may not accept employment from Contractor before the second anniversary of the date the Contract is signed or the procurement is terminated or withdrawn.

28. Disclosure of Prior State Employment

If this Contract is for consulting services under Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with Section 2254.033 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor certifies that it does not employ an individual who was employed by System Agency or another agency at any time during the two years preceding the submission of any related

Solicitation Response related to this Contract or, in the alternative, Contractor has disclosed in any related Solicitation Response the following:

- i. the nature of the previous employment with System Agency or the other agency;
- ii. the date the employment was terminated; and
- iii. the annual rate of compensation at the time of the employment was terminated.

29. No Conflicts of Interest

- A. Contractor represents and warrants that it has no actual or potential conflicts of interest in providing the requested goods or services to System Agency under this Contract or any related Solicitation and that Contractor's provision of the requested goods and/or services under this Contract and any related Solicitation will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create an appearance of impropriety.
- B. Contractor agrees that, if after execution of the Contract, Contractor discovers or is made aware of a Conflict of Interest, Contractor will immediately and fully disclose such interest in writing to HHSC. In addition, Contractor will promptly and fully disclose any relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict after its discovery by Contractor or by HHSC as a potential conflict. HHSC reserves the right to make a final determination regarding the existence of Conflicts of Interest, and Contractor agrees to abide by HHSC's decision.

30. Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

Contractor understands that System Agency does not tolerate any type of fraud. The agency's policy is to promote consistent, legal, and ethical organizational behavior by assigning responsibilities and providing guidelines to enforce controls. Violations of law, agency policies, or standards of ethical conduct will be investigated, and appropriate actions will be taken. All employees or contractors who suspect fraud, waste or abuse (including employee misconduct that would constitute fraud, waste, or abuse) are required to immediately report the questionable activity to both the Health and Human Services Commission's Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-436-6184 and the State Auditor's Office. Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and System Agency policies regarding fraud including, but not limited to, HHS Circular C-027.

31. Antitrust

The undersigned affirms under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that:

- A. in connection with this Contract and any related Solicitation Response, neither I nor any representative of the Contractor has violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;
- B. in connection with this Contract and any related Solicitation Response, neither I nor any representative of the Contractor has violated any federal antitrust law; and
- C. neither I nor any representative of the Contractor has directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this Contract and any related Solicitation Response to a competitor of the Contractor or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Contractor.

32. Legal and Regulatory Actions

Contractor represents and warrants that it is not aware of and has received no notice of any court or governmental agency proceeding, investigation, or other action pending or threatened against Contractor or any of the individuals or entities included in numbered paragraph 1 of these Contract Affirmations within the five (5) calendar years immediately preceding execution of this Contract or the submission of any related Solicitation Response that would or could impair Contractor's performance under this Contract, relate to the contracted or similar goods or services, or otherwise be relevant to System Agency's consideration of entering into this Contract. If Contractor is unable to make the preceding representation and warranty, then Contractor instead represents and warrants that it has provided to System Agency a complete, detailed disclosure of any such court or governmental agency proceeding, investigation, or other action that would or could impair Contractor's performance under this Contract, relate to the contracted or similar goods or services, or otherwise be relevant to System Agency's consideration of entering into this Contract. In addition, Contractor acknowledges this is a continuing disclosure requirement. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor shall notify System Agency in writing within five (5) business days of any changes to the representations or warranties in this clause and understands that failure to so timely update System Agency shall constitute breach of contract and may result in immediate contract termination.

33. No Felony Criminal Convictions

Contractor represents that neither Contractor nor any of its employees, agents, or representatives, including any subcontractors and employees, agents, or representative of such subcontractors, have been convicted of a felony criminal offense or that if such a conviction has occurred Contractor has fully advised System Agency in writing of the facts and circumstances surrounding the convictions.

34. Unfair Business Practices

Contractor represents and warrants that it has not been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations under Chapter 17 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, or allegations of any unfair business practice in any administrative hearing or court suit and that Contractor has not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings. Contractor certifies that it has no officers who have served as officers of other entities who have been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations or allegations of any unfair business practices in an administrative hearing or court suit and that such officers have not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings.

35. Entities that Boycott Israel

Pursuant to Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor certifies that either:

- i. it meets an exemption criteria under Section 2271.002; or
- ii. it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract resulting from this Solicitation. If Contractor refuses to make that certification,

Contractor shall state here any facts that make it exempt from the boycott certification:

36. E-Verify Program

Contractor certifies that for contracts for services, Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system during the term of this Contract to determine the eligibility of:

- i. all persons employed by Contractor to perform duties within Texas; and
- ii. all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by Contractor to perform work pursuant to this Contract within the United States of America.

37. Professional or Consulting Contract

If this Contract is an employment contract, a professional services contract under Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, or a consulting services contract under Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor represents and warrants that neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's employees including, but not limited to, those authorized to provide services under the contract, were former employees of an HHS Agency during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of the execution of the contract.

38. Former Agency Employees

Contractor represents and warrants, during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of the execution of this Contract, none of its employees including, but not limited to those who will provide services under the Contract, was an employee of an HHS Agency. Pursuant to Section 2252.901, Texas Government Code (relating to prohibitions regarding contracts with and involving former and retired state agency employees), Contractor will not allow any former employee of the System Agency to perform services under this Contract during the twelve (12) month period immediately following the employee's last date of employment at the System Agency.

39. Disclosure of Prior State Employment

If this Contract is for consulting services,

- A. In accordance with Section 2254.033 of the Texas Government Code, a Contractor providing consulting services who has been employed by, or employs an individual who has been employed by, HHSC or another State of Texas agency at any time during the two years preceding the submission of Contractor's offer to provide services must disclose the following information in its offer to provide services. Contractor hereby certifies that this information was provided and remains true, correct, and complete:
 - i. Name of individual(s) (Respondent or employee(s));
 - ii. Status;
 - iii. The nature of the previous employment with HHSC or the other State of Texas agency;

- iv. The date the employment was terminated and the reason for the termination; and
 - v. The annual rate of compensation for the employment at the time of its termination.
- B. If no information was provided in response to Section A above, Contractor certifies that neither Contractor nor any individual employed by Contractor was employed by HHSC or any other State of Texas agency at any time during the two years preceding the submission of Contractor's offer to provide services.

40. Abortion Funding Limitation

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Article IX, Section 6.25 of the General Appropriations Act (the Act), to the extent allowed by federal and state law, money appropriated by the Texas Legislature may not be distributed to any individual or entity that, during the period for which funds are appropriated under the Act:

- i. performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state's Medicaid program;
- ii. is commonly owned, managed, or controlled by an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state's Medicaid program; or
- iii. is a franchise or affiliate of an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state's Medicaid program. The provision does not apply to a hospital licensed under Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, or an office exempt under Section 245.004(2), Health and Safety Code. Contractor represents and warrants that it is not ineligible, nor will it be ineligible during the term of this Contract, to receive appropriated funding pursuant to Article IX, Section 6.25.

41. Funding Eligibility

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Chapter 2272 of the Texas Government Code, except as exempted under that Chapter, HHSC cannot contract with an abortion provider or an affiliate of an abortion provider. Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to contract with HHSC under the terms of Chapter 2272 of the Texas Government Code. If Contractor refuses to make that certification, Contractor shall state here any facts that make it exempt from the certification:

42. False Representation

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that any false representation or any failure to comply with a representation, warranty, or certification made by Contractor is subject to all civil and criminal consequences provided at law or in equity including, but not limited to, immediate termination of this Contract.

43. False Statements

Contractor represents and warrants that all statements and information prepared and submitted by Contractor in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response are current, complete, true, and accurate. Contractor acknowledges any false statement or material

misrepresentation made by Contractor during the performance of this Contract or any related Solicitation is a material breach of contract and may void this Contract. Further, Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that any false representation or any failure to comply with a representation, warranty, or certification made by Contractor is subject to all civil and criminal consequences provided at law or in equity including, but not limited to, immediate termination of this Contract.

44. Permits and License

Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with all applicable laws and maintain all permits and licenses required by applicable city, county, state, and federal rules, regulations, statutes, codes, and other laws that pertain to this Contract.

45. Drug-Free Workplace

Contractor represents and warrants that it shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. §701 et seq.) and maintain a drug-free work environment.

46. Equal Employment Opportunity

Contractor represents and warrants its compliance with all applicable duly enacted state and federal laws governing equal employment opportunities.

47. Federal Occupational Safety and Health Law

Contractor represents and warrants that all articles and services shall meet or exceed the safety standards established and promulgated under the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended (29 U.S.C. Chapter 15).

48. Signature Authority

Contractor represents and warrants that the individual signing this Contract Affirmations document is authorized to sign on behalf of Contractor and to bind the Contractor.

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Authorized representative on behalf of Contractor must complete and sign the following:

Legal Name of Contractor

Assumed Business Name of Contractor, if applicable (D.B.A. or 'doing business as')

Texas County(s) for Assumed Business Name (D.B.A. or 'doing business as')
Attach Assumed Name Certificate(s) for each County

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date Signed

Printed Name of Authorized Representative
First, Middle Name or Initial, and Last Name

Title of Authorized Representative

Physical Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different

City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number

Fax Number

Email Address

DUNS Number

Federal Employer Identification Number

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“Capital Assets” are tangible or intangible assets used in operations having a useful life of more than one year. Capital assets include (1) Land, buildings (facilities), equipment, and intellectual property (including software) whether acquired by purchase, construction, manufacture, lease-purchase, exchange; and (2) Additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life (not ordinary repairs and maintenance). 10 “Equipment” is tangible and intangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$5,000. 10 • “Intangible Property” is considered equipment but has no physical existence, such as trademarks, copyrights, patents and patent applications and property, such as loans, notes and other debt instruments, lease agreements, stock and other instruments of property ownership (whether the property is tangible or intangible). 10 “Supplies” is defined as consumable items necessary to carry out the services under this Contract including medical supplies, drugs, janitorial supplies, office supplies, patient educational supplies, and any items of tangible personal property other than those defined as Capital assets, Designated Reportable Assets, and equipment above. 10		
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HHSC SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS APPLY TO THIS CONTRACT AND MODIFY THE HHS UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Section 2.2 Final Billing Submission, of the Health and Human Services Commission Uniform Terms and Conditions – Grant, Version 2.16.1, is revised to read as follows:

Unless otherwise provided by the System Agency, Grantee shall submit a reimbursement or payment request as a final close-out invoice not later than sixty (60) calendar days following the end of the term of the Contract. Reimbursement or payment requests received after the deadline may not be paid.

Section 2.3 Financial Status Reports (FSRs), of the Health and Human Services Commission Uniform Terms and Conditions – Grant, Version 2.16.1, is revised to read as follows:

Except as otherwise provided, for contracts with categorical budgets, Grantee shall submit quarterly FSRs to System Agency by the last business day of the month following the end of each quarter for System Agency review and financial assessment. Grantee shall submit the final FSR no later than sixty (60) calendar days following the end of the applicable term.

Section 9.2 Insurance, of the Health and Human Services Commission Uniform Terms and Conditions - Grant, Version 2.16.1, is revised to add the following passage:

C. Pursuant to Chapter 2259 of the Texas Government Code entitled, “Self-Insurance by Governmental Units,” Grantee is not required to purchase insurance if self-insured.

Section 9.22 Civil Rights, of the Health and Human Services Commission Uniform Terms and Conditions – Grant, Version 2.16.1, is modified to add the following:

Grantee shall comply with all provisions required by implementing the regulations of the Department of Agriculture, 7 CFR Part 246, 248; Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI; 28 CFR § 50.3 and 28 CFR Part 42; and Food & Nutrition Service (FNS) directives and guidelines, to the effect that no person will, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation under any program or activity for which Grantee receives federal financial assistance from FNS; and hereby gives assurance that it shall immediately take measures necessary to implement this Contract.

Grantee shall compile data, maintain records and submit reports, as required, to permit effective enforcement of the nondiscrimination laws and permit authorized USDA and System Agency personnel, during normal working hours, to review such records, books, and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination laws. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (USDA), has the right to seek judicial enforcement if Grantee violates any nondiscrimination laws. This Assurance is binding on Grantee, its successors, transferees, and assignees, as long as they receive assistance or retain possession of any assistance from the Department of Agriculture. The person or persons whose signatures appear on the Contract are authorized to sign this Assurance on behalf of Grantee.

Article VIII Contract Management and Early Termination Provision of the Health and Human Services Commission Uniform Terms and Conditions – Grant, Version 2.16.1, is modified by adding the following:

8.05 Termination by Grantee

If Grantee seeks to terminate this Contract, Grantee shall give System Agency no less than sixty (60) calendar days prior written notice and shall submit a transition plan to ensure client services are not disrupted.

Article IX, Miscellaneous Provisions, of the HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions – Grant version 2.16.1, is amended to add a new Subsection 9.24 as follows:

9.24 Identity

The Grantee must notify System Agency in writing at least sixty (60) calendar days before the intended effective date of any change in legal entity status, such as ownership or control, name change, legal status with the Texas Secretary of State, or State Comptroller's Texas Identification Number.

Grantee will notify System Agency in writing within ten (10) calendar days any change in administrator or director; and within seven (7) working days of any change in the contact telephone number designated in the contract.

HHSC SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions of these Special Conditions are incorporated into and made a part of the Contract. Capitalized items used in these Special Conditions and not otherwise defined have the meanings assigned to them in HHSC Grantee Uniform Terms and Conditions – Version. 2.14.

Article I. SPECIAL DEFINITIONS

“Conflict of Interest” means a set of facts or circumstances, a relationship, or other situation under which Grantee, a Subcontractor, or individual has past, present, or currently planned personal or financial activities or interests that either directly or indirectly: (1) impairs or diminishes the Grantee's, or Subcontractor's ability to render impartial or objective assistance or advice to the HHSC; or (2) provides the Grantee or Subcontractor an unfair competitive advantage in future HHSC procurements.

“Grantee Agents” means Grantee's representatives, employees, officers, as well as any contractor or subgrantee's employees, contractors, officers, principals and agents.

“Data Use Agreement” means the agreement incorporated into the Contract to facilitate creation, receipt, maintenance, use, disclosure or access to Confidential Information.

“Item of Noncompliance” means Grantee's acts or omissions that: (1) violate a provision of the Contract; (2) fail to ensure adequate performance of the Project; (3) represent a failure of Grantee to be responsive to a request of HHSC relating to the Project under the Contract.

“Minor Administrative Change” refers to a change to the Contract that does not increase the fees or term and done in accordance with Section 6.02 of these Special Conditions.

“Confidential System Information” means any communication or record (whether oral, written, electronically stored or transmitted, or in any other form) provided to or made available to Grantee; or that Grantee may create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to on behalf of HHSC or through performance of the Project, which is not designated as Confidential Information in a Data Use Agreement.

“State” means the State of Texas and, unless otherwise indicated or appropriate, will be interpreted to mean HHSC and other agencies of the State of Texas that may participate in the administration of HHSC Programs; provided, however, that no provision will be interpreted to include any entity other than HHSC as the contracting agency.

“Software” means all operating system and applications software used or created by Grantee to perform the work under the Contract.

“UTC” means HHSC’s Uniform Terms and Conditions –Grantee- Version 2.15.

Article II. GRANTEE PERSONNEL

Section 2.01 Qualifications

Grantee agrees to maintain the organizational and administrative capacity and capabilities proposed in its response to the Solicitation, as modified, to carry out all duties and responsibilities under the Contract. Grantee Agents assigned to perform the duties and responsibilities under the Contract must be and remain properly trained and qualified for the functions they are to perform. Notwithstanding the transfer or turnover of personnel, Grantee remains obligated to perform all duties and responsibilities under the Contract without degradation and in strict accordance with the terms of the Contract.

Section 2.02 Conduct and Removal

While performing the Project, Grantee Agents must comply with applicable Contract terms, State and federal rules, regulations, HHSC’s policies, and HHSC’s requests regarding personal and professional conduct; and otherwise conduct themselves in a businesslike and professional manner.

If HHSC determines in good faith that a particular Grantee Agent is not conducting himself or herself in accordance with the terms of the Contract, HHSC may provide Grantee with notice and documentation regarding its concerns. Upon receipt of such notice, Grantee must promptly investigate the matter and, at HHSC’s election, take appropriate action that may include removing the Grantee Agent from performing the Project.

Article III. CONFIDENTIALITY

Section 3.01 Confidential System Information

HHSC prohibits the unauthorized disclosure of Other Confidential Information. Grantee and all Grantee Agents will not disclose or use any Other Confidential Information in any manner except as is necessary for the Project or the proper discharge of obligations and securing of rights under the Contract. Grantee will have a system in effect to protect Other Confidential Information. Any disclosure or transfer of Other Confidential Information by Grantee, including information requested to do so by HHSC, will be in accordance with the Contract. If Grantee receives a request for Other Confidential Information, Grantee will immediately notify HHSC of the request, and will make reasonable efforts to protect the Other Confidential Information from disclosure until further instructed by the HHSC.

Grantee will notify HHSC promptly of any unauthorized possession, use, knowledge, or attempt thereof, of any Other Confidential Information by any person or entity that may become known to Grantee. Grantee will furnish to HHSC all known details of the unauthorized possession, use, or knowledge, or attempt thereof, and use reasonable efforts to assist HHSC in investigating or preventing the reoccurrence of any unauthorized possession, use, or knowledge, or attempt thereof, of Other Confidential Information.

HHSC will have the right to recover from Grantee all damages and liabilities caused by or arising from Grantee or Grantee Agents' failure to protect HHSC's Confidential Information as required by this section.

IN COORDINATION WITH THE INDEMNITY PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE UTC, Grantee WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS HHSC FROM ALL DAMAGES, COSTS, LIABILITIES, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING FROM Grantee OR Grantee AGENTS FAILURE TO PROTECT OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. Grantee WILL FULFILL THIS PROVISION WITH COUNSEL APPROVED BY HHSC.

Article IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 4.01 Minor Administrative Changes

HHSC's designee, referred to as the Contract Manager, Project Sponsor, or other equivalent, in the Contract, is authorized to provide written approval of mutually agreed upon Minor Administrative Changes to the Project or the Contract that do not increase the fees or term. Changes that increase the fees or term must be accomplished through the formal amendment procedure, as set forth in the UTC. Upon approval of a Minor Administrative Change, HHSC and Grantee will maintain written notice that the change has been accepted in their Contract files.

Section 4.02 Conflicts of Interest

Grantee warrants to the best of its knowledge and belief, except to the extent already disclosed to HHSC, there are no facts or circumstances that could give rise to a Conflict of Interest and further that Grantee or Grantee Agents have no interest and will not acquire any direct or indirect interest that would conflict in any manner or degree with their performance under the Contract. Grantee will, and require Grantee Agents, to establish safeguards to prohibit Contract Agents from using

their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational Conflict of Interest, or for personal gain. Grantee and Grantee Agents will operate with complete independence and objectivity without actual, potential or apparent Conflict of Interest with respect to the activities conducted under the Contract.

Grantee agrees that, if after Grantee's execution of the Contract, Grantee discovers or is made aware of a Conflict of Interest, Grantee will immediately and fully disclose such interest in writing to HHSC. In addition, Grantee will promptly and fully disclose any relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict after its discovery by Grantee or by HHSC as a potential conflict. HHSC reserves the right to make a final determination regarding the existence of Conflicts of Interest, and Grantee agrees to abide by HHSC's decision.

If HHSC determines that Grantee was aware of a Conflict of Interest and did not disclose the conflict to HHSC, such nondisclosure will be considered a material breach of the Contract. Furthermore, such breach may be submitted to the Office of the Attorney General, Texas Ethics Commission, or appropriate State or federal law enforcement officials for further action.

Section 4.03 Flow Down Provisions

Grantee must include any applicable provisions of the Contract in all subcontracts based on the scope and magnitude of work to be performed by such Subcontractor. Any necessary terms will be modified appropriately to preserve the State's rights under the Contract.

Section 4.04 Contracts with Subcontractors.

- a. Grantee may enter into contracts with subcontractors unless restricted or otherwise prohibited in the Contract.
- b. Grantee must obtain prior written approval from System Agency before entering into an agreement which subcontracts any portion of Grantee's Scope of Work.
- c. Grantees are prohibited from subcontracting with for-profit organizations under this Contract.
- d. Subcontracting shall be conducted solely at the Grantee's expense;
- e. Prior to entering into a subcontract agreement equaling or exceeding \$100,000, Grantee will obtain written approval from the System Agency.
- f. Obtain written approval before modifying any subcontract agreement to cause the agreement to exceed \$100,000.
- g. Establish written policies and procedures for competitive procurement and monitoring of subcontracts and will produce a subcontracting monitoring plan.
- h. Monitor subcontractors for both financial and programmatic performance and will maintain pertinent records.

- i. Submit quarterly monitoring reports to the System Agency in a format determined by the System Agency.
- j. ensure that subcontracts are fully aware of the requirements placed upon them by state/federal statutes, rules, and regulations and by the provisions of this Contract.
- k. Ensure all subcontracts, must be in writing and include the following:
 - 1. Name and address of all parties and the subcontractor's Vendor Identification Number (VIN) or Employee Identification Number (EIN);
 - 2. Detailed description of the services to be provided;
 - 3. Measurable method and rate of payment and total not-to-exceed amount of the contract;
 - 4. Clearly defined and executable termination clause; and
 - 5. Beginning and ending dates that coincide with the dates of the Contract.
- l. Ensure and be responsible for the performance of the subcontractor(s).
- m. Not contract with a subcontractor, at any tier, that is debarred, suspended, or excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs or if the subcontractor would be otherwise ineligible to abide by the terms of this Contract.

Section 4.05 Status of Subcontractors.

Grantees will require that all subcontractors certify that they are/have:

- a. In good standing with all state and federal funding and regulatory agencies;
- b. Not currently debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from participation in federal grant programs;
- c. Not delinquent on any repayment agreements;
- d. Not had a required license or certification revoked;
- e. Not ineligible under the terms of the Contract; and
- f. Not had a contract terminated by the System Agency.
- g. Not voluntarily surrendered within the past three years any license issued by System Agency.

Section 4.06 Incorporation of Terms in Subcontracts.

- a. Grantee will include in all its contracts with subrecipient subcontractors and solicitations for subrecipient subcontracts, without modification (except as required to make applicable to the subcontract):
 - 1. Statement of Work
 - 2. Uniform Terms and Conditions
 - 3. Supplemental and Special Conditions

4. Federal Assurances and Certifications
 5. Non-Exclusive List of Applicable Laws
 6. A provision granting to the System Agency, State Auditor's Office (SAO), Office of Inspector General (OIG), and the Comptroller General of the United States, and any of their representatives, the right of access to inspect the work and the premises on which any work is performed, and the right to audit the subcontractor.
- b. Grantee will ensure that all written agreements with subcontractors incorporate the terms of this Contract so that all terms, conditions, provisions, requirements, duties and liabilities under this Contract applicable to the services provided or activities conducted by a subcontractor are passed down to that subcontractor.
 - c. No provision of this Contract creates privity of contract between the System Agency and any subcontractor of Grantee.

Section 4.07 Notice of Legal Matter or Litigation.

Grantee will notify the contract manager assigned to this Contract of any litigation or legal matter related to or affecting this Contract within seven (7) calendar days of becoming aware of the litigation or legal matter.

Section 4.08 Grantee's Notification of Change of Contact Person or Key Personnel.

Within ten (10) business days, Grantee shall notify the assigned contract manager to this Contract in writing of any change in the Grantee's Contact Persons or Key Personnel.

Section 4.09 Notice of Organizational change.

Within ten (10) business days, Grantee shall notify the assigned contract manager to this Contract in writing of any change to Grantee's name, contact information, organizational structure, such as merger, acquisition, or change in form of business, legal standing, or authority to do business in Texas.

Section 4.10 Significant Incidents.

In addition to notifying the appropriate authorities, Grantee will notify the assigned contract manager to this Contract in writing any significant incidents involving substantial disruption of Grantee's program operation or affecting or potentially affecting the health, safety or welfare of the System Agency funded clients or participants within three (3) calendar days of discovery.

Section 4.11 Equipment, Supplies and Property.

The Grantee shall have a property management system that meets federal requirements as stated by this Contract and WIC program policy.

Items to be used for the originally authorized purpose as long as needed for that purpose, during which time the Grantee not dispose of or encumber its title or other interests.

Grantee will not encumber equipment purchased with System Agency funds without prior written approval from the System Agency.

a. Definitions

“Capital Assets” are tangible or intangible assets used in operations having a useful life of more than one year. Capital assets include (1) Land, buildings (facilities), equipment, and intellectual property (including software) whether acquired by purchase, construction, manufacture, lease-purchase, exchange; and (2) Additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life (not ordinary repairs and maintenance).

“Designated Reportable Assets” for purposes of this Contract, are Designated Reportable Assets any nonexpendable tangible personal property with an acquisition cost of \$250 or more but less than \$5000.

Includes (1) desktop and laptop computers, non-portable printers and copiers, software, firmware, (2) emergency management equipment, medical and laboratory equipment, and (3) communication devices and systems, and media equipment.

“Equipment” is tangible and intangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$5,000.

- **“Intangible Property”** is considered equipment but has no physical existence, such as trademarks, copyrights, patents and patent applications and property, such as loans, notes and other debt instruments, lease agreements, stock and other instruments of property ownership (whether the property is tangible or intangible).

“Supplies” is defined as consumable items necessary to carry out the services under this Contract including medical supplies, drugs, janitorial supplies, office supplies, patient educational supplies, and any items of tangible personal property other than those defined as Capital assets, Designated Reportable Assets, and equipment above.

b. Property Inventory

1. Items acquired by Grantee with grant funds that meets the **equipment, capital assets, and designated reportable assets** definitions above, shall be physically inventoried annually with results documented and maintained using the designated System Agency inventory system and or forms.
2. Grantee shall complete the System Agency grant property inventory by August 31 and the designated report updated/current by September 30.
3. Grantee’s current inventory will be available upon request and for monitoring.
4. Grantee inventory shall be reconciled with the approved inventory report to verify the existence, the current utilization, and continued need for the equipment.
5. Grantee property records shall be maintained by including the following:

- i. Description of the property,
 - ii. Serial number or other identification number,
 - iii. Source of funding for the property,
 - iv. Who holds title,
 - v. Acquisition date,
 - vi. Cost of the property,
 - vii. Percentage of Federal participation in the project costs for the Federal award under which the property was acquired, the location, use and condition of the property,
 - viii. Disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property.
- c. Maintenance of Property
 1. Grantee shall maintain, repair, and protect assets under this Contract to assure their full availability and usefulness.
 - i. Grantee shall have adequate maintenance procedures developed to keep the property in good condition.
 - ii. In addition to the Insurance provision of the Uniform Terms and Conditions, Grantee will maintain insurance or other means of repairing or replacing assets purchased with System Agency funds.
 2. Grantee shall have a control system to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any loss, damage, or theft must be investigated and reported to System Agency.
 - i. Grantee shall report lost or stolen items to System Agency within five (5) days after discovery.
 - ii. If Grantee is indemnified, reimbursed, or otherwise compensated for any loss of, destruction of, or damage to, the equipment, designated reportable assets, and/or controlled assets covered by this policy, the Grantee shall use the proceeds to repair or replace the equipment, or record the proceeds as program income.
- d. Disposition of Property
 1. Grantee shall reference WIC program policy and the current American Hospital Association's (AHA) "Estimated Useful Lives of Depreciable Hospital Assets" in disposing, of items purchased with grant funds that meet the equipment definition stated above.
 - i. If, prior to the end of the useful life, any item that meets the equipment definition, is no longer needed to perform services under this Contract, or becomes inoperable, and had an acquisition price equal to or greater than \$5,000, Grantee shall request disposition approval and instructions in writing from the contract manager assigned to this Contract.

- ii. Grantee will ensure that disposition of that item is in accordance with Grantee's established organizational disposal policies, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and any applicable federal guidance.
 - iii. When disposing of property, Grantee must have proper sales procedures to ensure the highest possible return.
- 2. Grantee shall obtain disposition approval from System Agency on items that meet the Capital Assets definition no matter the acquisition cost or useful life.
- 3. Grantee shall maintain all records for three (3) years after disposition, replacement, or transfer of property funds.
- e. Bankruptcy.
 - 1. In the event of bankruptcy, Grantee will;
 - i. sever the System Agency property, equipment, and supplies in possession of Grantee from the bankruptcy, and title must revert to the System Agency.
 - ii. when directed by the System Agency, return all such property, equipment and supplies to the System Agency.
 - iii. ensure that its subcontracts, if any, contain a specific provision requiring that in the event of the subcontractor's bankruptcy, the subcontractor must sever the System Agency property, equipment, and supplies in possession of the subcontractor from the bankruptcy, and title must revert to the System Agency, who may require that the property, equipment and supplies be returned to the System Agency.
- f. Closeout of Equipment
 - 1. At the end of the term of a Contract that has no additional renewals or that will not be renewed (Closeout), or when a Contract is otherwise terminated, Grantee will submit System Agency an inventory of equipment purchased with System Agency funds and request disposition instructions for such equipment.
 - i. The title of equipment, capital assets, designated reportable assets equipment, and supplies in possession of Grantee from the bankruptcy, will revert to the System Agency.
 - 2. All equipment purchased with System Agency funds must be secured by Grantee at the time of Closeout, or termination of this Contract, and must be disposed of according to the System Agency's disposition instructions, which may include return of the equipment to System Agency or transfer of possession to another System Agency Grantee, at Grantee's expense.
 - 3. Grantee to ensure that its subcontracts, if any, must sever the System Agency property, equipment, and supplies in possession of the subcontractor and title must revert to the

System Agency, who may require that the property, equipment and supplies be returned to the System Agency.

Section 4.12 Unilateral Amendment.

The System Agency reserves the right to amend this Contract through execution of a unilateral amendment signed by the contract manager for this Contract and provided to the Contractor with ten (10) days' notice prior to execution of the amendment under the following circumstances to:

- a. To comply with a court order or judgment
- b. Incorporate new or revised federal or state laws, regulations, rules or policies
- c. Correct an obvious clerical error in this Contract;
- d. Modify a Contract Number or Agency ID Number;
- e. Change the name of the Contractor in order to reflect the Contractor's name as recorded by the Texas Secretary of State.
- f. To correct the name, mailing address, or contact information for persons named in the Contract;
- g. To update service descriptions or rates (if applicable);
- h. To revise budget category or service type funding amounts without increasing or decreasing the contract funding amount or
- i. To change the state fiscal year funding amount, based on utilization of funds or availability of funds.

Section 4.13 Bilateral Amendment.

Except as provided for the Unilateral Amendment in section 2.07, this Contract can only be changed by a Bilateral Amendment executed by both Parties.

ARTICLE V. DSHS LEGACY PROVISIONS

Section 5.01 Notice of Criminal Activity and Disciplinary Actions

- a. Grantee shall immediately report in writing to their contract manager when Grantee has knowledge or any reason to believe that they or any person with ownership or controlling interest in the organization/business, or their agent, employee, subcontractor or volunteer that is providing services under this Contract has:
 1. Engaged in any activity that could constitute a criminal offense equal to or greater than a Class A misdemeanor or grounds for disciplinary action by a state or federal regulatory authority; or
 2. Been placed on community supervision, received deferred adjudication, or been indicted for or convicted of a criminal offense relating to involvement in any financial matter, federal or state program or felony sex crime.

- b. Grantee shall not permit any person who engaged, or was alleged to have engaged, in any activity subject to reporting under this section to perform direct client services or have direct contact with clients, unless otherwise directed in writing by the System Agency.

Section 5.02 Notice of IRS or TWC Insolvency

Grantee shall notify in writing their assigned contract manager their insolvency, incapacity or outstanding unpaid obligations to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or Texas Workforce Commission within five days of the date of becoming aware of such.

Section 5.03 Disaster Services

In the event of a local, state, or federal emergency, including natural, man-made, criminal, terrorist, and/or bioterrorism events, declared as a state disaster by the Governor, or a federal disaster by the appropriate federal official, Grantee may be called upon to assist the System Agency in providing the following services:

- a. Community evacuation;
- b. Health and medical assistance;
- c. Assessment of health and medical needs;
- d. Health surveillance;
- e. Medical care personnel;
- f. Health and medical equipment and supplies;
- g. Patient evacuation;
- h. In-hospital care and hospital facility status;
- i. Food, drug and medical device safety;
- j. worker health and safety;
- k. Mental health and substance abuse;
- l. Public health information;
- m. Vector control and veterinary services; and
- n. Victim identification and mortuary services.

Section 5.04 Consent by Non-Parent or Other State Law to Medical Care of a Minor

Unless a federal law applies, before a Grantee or its subcontractor can provide medical, dental, psychological or surgical treatment to a minor without parental consent, informed consent must be obtained as required by Texas Family Code Chapter 32.

Section 5.05 Telemedicine /Telepsychiatry Medical Services

If Grantee or its subcontractor uses telemedicine/telepsychiatry, these services shall be in accordance with the Grantee's written procedures. Grantee must use a protocol approved by Grantee's medical director and equipment that complies with the System Agency equipment standards, if applicable. Grantee's procedures for providing telemedicine service must include the following requirements:

- a. Clinical oversight by Grantee's medical director or designated physician responsible for medical leadership;
- b. Contraindication considerations for telemedicine use;
- c. Qualified staff members to ensure the safety of the individual being served by telemedicine at the remote site;
- d. Safeguards to ensure confidentiality and privacy in accordance with state and federal laws;
- e. Use by credentialed licensed providers providing clinical care within the scope of their licenses;
- f. Demonstrated competency in the operations of the system by all staff members who are involved in the operation of the system and provision of the services prior to initiating the protocol;
- g. Priority in scheduling the system for clinical care of individuals;
- h. Quality oversight and monitoring of satisfaction of the individuals served; and
- i. Management of information and documentation for telemedicine services that ensures timely access to accurate information between the two sites. Telemedicine Medical Services does not include chemical dependency treatment services provided by electronic means under 25 Texas Administrative Code Rule § 448.911.

Section 5.06 Services and Information for Persons with Limited English Proficiency

- a. Grantee shall take reasonable steps to provide services and information both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits and activities.
- b. Grantee shall identify and document on the client records the primary language/dialect of a client who has limited English proficiency and the need for translation or interpretation services and shall not require a client to provide or pay for the services of a translator or interpreter.
- c. Grantee shall make every effort to avoid use of any persons under the age of 18 or any family member or friend of the client as an interpreter for essential communications with a client with limited English proficiency unless the client has requested that person and using the person would not compromise the effectiveness of services or violate the client's confidentiality and the client is advised that a free interpreter is available.

Section 5.07 HIV/AIDS Model Workplace Guidelines

Grantee shall implement System Agency's policies based on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS), AIDS Model Workplace Guidelines for Businesses at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/policy/policies.shtm>, State Agencies and State Grantees Policy No. 090.021.

Grantee shall also educate employees and clients concerning HIV and its related conditions, including AIDS, in accordance with the Texas. Health & Safety Code §§ 85.112-114.

Section 5.08 Medical Records Retention

- a. Grantee shall retain medical records in accordance with 22 TAC §165.1(b) or other applicable statutes, rules and regulations governing medical information.
- b. Grantee shall maintain full and complete records concerning WIC Program operations and the following requirements:
 1. Records shall include, but not be limited to, information pertaining to financial operations, food delivery systems, food benefit issuance and redemption, equipment purchases and inventory, certification, nutrition education, civil rights and fair hearing procedures.
 2. If United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) deems any of the WIC program records to be of historical interest, it may require System Agency or the Grantee to forward such records to the USDA whenever either entity is disposing of them.
 3. All records shall be available during normal business hours for representatives of the USDA, System Agency and the Comptroller General of the United States to inspect, audit, and copy. Any reports or other documents resulting from the examination of such records that are publicly released may not include confidential applicant or participant information.

Section 5.09 Notice of a License Action

Grantee shall notify their contract manager of any action impacting its license to provide services under this Contract within five days of becoming aware of the action and include the following:

- a. Reason for such action;
- b. Name and contact information of the local, state or federal department or agency or entity;
- c. Date of the license action; and
- d. License or case reference number.

Section 5.10 Interim Extension Amendment

- a. Prior to or on the expiration date of this Contract, the Parties agree that this Contract can be extended as provided under this Section.
- b. The System Agency shall provide written notice of interim extension amendment to the Grantee under one of the following circumstances:
 1. Continue provision of services in response to a disaster declared by the governor; or
 2. To ensure that services are provided to clients without interruption.
- c. The System Agency will provide written notice of the interim extension amendment that specifies the reason for it and period of time for the extension.

- d. Grantee will provide and invoice for services in the same manner that is stated in the Contract.
- e. An interim extension under Section (b)(1) above shall extend the term of the contract not longer than 30 days after governor's disaster declaration is declared unless the Parties agree to a shorter period of time.
- f. An interim extension under Section (b)(2) above shall be a one-time extension for a period of time determined by the System Agency.

Section 5.11 Child Abuse Reporting Requirement

- a. Grantees shall comply with child abuse and neglect reporting requirements in Texas Family Code Chapter 261. This section is in addition to and does not supersede any other legal obligation of the Grantee to report child abuse.
- b. Grantee shall comply with System Agency WIC Program Child Abuse policy.
- c. Grantee shall use the System Agency's Child Abuse Reporting Form located at www.System_Agency.state.tx.us/childabusereporting as required by the System Agency. Grantee shall retain reporting documentation on site and make it available for inspection by the System Agency.

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ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (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; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 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 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.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies 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.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, 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 subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. 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 (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean 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).
12. 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.
13. 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.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. 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.
16. 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 residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE 
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION 	DATE SUBMITTED 

Fiscal Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) CERTIFICATION

The certifications enumerated below represent material facts upon which DSHS relies when reporting information to the federal government required under federal law. If the Department later determines that the Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, DSHS may pursue all available remedies in accordance with Texas and U.S. law. Signor further agrees that it will provide immediate written notice to DSHS if at any time Signor learns that any of the certifications provided for below were erroneous when submitted or have since become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. **If the Signor cannot certify all of the statements contained in this section, Signor must provide written notice to DSHS detailing which of the below statements it cannot certify and why.**

Legal Name of Contractor:	FFATA Contact # 1 Name, Email and Phone Number:
Primary Address of Contractor:	FFATA Contact #2 Name, Email and Phone Number:
ZIP Code: 9-digits Required www.usps.com 	DUNS Number: 9-digits Required www.sam.gov
State of Texas Comptroller Vendor Identification Number (VIN) 14 Digits 	

Printed Name of Authorized Representative	Signature of Authorized Representative
Title of Authorized Representative	Date

Fiscal Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) CERTIFICATION

As the duly authorized representative (Signor) of the Contractor, I hereby certify that the statements made by me in this certification form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Did your organization have a gross income, from all sources, of less than \$300,000 in your previous tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer is "Yes", skip questions "A", "B", and "C" and finish the certification.

If your answer is "No", answer questions "A" and "B".

A. Certification Regarding % of Annual Gross from Federal Awards.

Did your organization receive 80% or more of its annual gross revenue from federal awards during the preceding fiscal year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Certification Regarding Amount of Annual Gross from Federal Awards.

Did your organization receive \$25 million or more in annual gross revenues from federal awards in the preceding fiscal year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer is "Yes" to both question "A" and "B", you must answer question "C".

If your answer is "No" to either question "A" or "B", skip question "C" and finish the certification.

C. Certification Regarding Public Access to Compensation Information.

Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives in your business or organization (including parent organization, all branches, and all affiliates worldwide) through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer is "Yes" to this question, where can this information be accessed?

If your answer is "No" to this question, you must provide the names and total compensation of the top five highly compensated officers below.

For example:

*John Blum:500000;Mary Redd:50000;Eric Gant:400000;Todd Platt:300000;
Sally Tom:300000*

Provide compensation information here:

**DATA USE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM
AND
CONTRACTOR**

This Data Use Agreement (“DUA”) is effective as of the date of the Base Contract into which it is incorporated (“Effective Date”), by and between the Texas Health and Human Services System, which includes the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of State Health Services (“HHS”) and Contractor (the "Base Contract").

ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE; APPLICABILITY; ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

The purpose of this DUA is to facilitate access to, creation, receipt, maintenance, use, disclosure or transmission of Confidential Information with Contractor, and describe Contractor’s rights and obligations with respect to the Confidential Information and the limited purposes for which the Contractor may create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to Confidential Information. This DUA also describes HHS’s remedies in the event of Contractor’s noncompliance with its obligations under this DUA. This DUA applies to both HHS business associates, as “business associate” is defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and contractors who are not business associates, who create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to Confidential Information on behalf of HHS, its programs or clients as described in the Base Contract. As a best practice, HHS requires its contractors to comply with the terms of this DUA to safeguard all types of Confidential Information.

As of the Effective Date of this DUA, if any provision of the Base Contract conflicts with this DUA, this DUA controls.

ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this DUA, capitalized, underlined terms have the following meanings:

“Authorized Purpose” means the specific purpose or purposes described in the Base Contract for Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the Base Contract, or any other purpose expressly authorized by HHS in writing in advance.

“Authorized User” means a person:

- (1) Who is authorized to create, receive, maintain, have access to, process, view, handle, examine, interpret, or analyze Confidential Information pursuant to this DUA;
- (2) For whom Contractor warrants and represents has a demonstrable need to create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to the Confidential Information; and
- (3) Who has agreed in writing to be bound by the disclosure and use limitations pertaining to the Confidential Information as required by this DUA.

“Breach” means an impermissible use or disclosure of electronic or non-electronic sensitive personal information by an unauthorized person or for an unauthorized purpose that compromises the security or

privacy of Confidential Information such that the use or disclosure poses a risk of reputational harm, theft of financial information, identity theft, or medical identity theft. Any acquisition, access, use, disclosure or loss of Confidential Information other than as permitted by this DUA shall be presumed to be a Breach unless Contractor demonstrates, based on a risk assessment, that there is a low probability that the Confidential Information has been compromised.

“Confidential Information” means any communication or record (whether oral, written, electronically stored or transmitted, or in any other form) provided to or made available to Contractor or that Contractor may create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to on behalf of HHS that consists of or includes any or all of the following:

- (1) Education records as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 C.F.R. Part 99
- (2) Federal Tax Information as defined in Internal Revenue Code §6103 and Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075;
- (3) Personal Identifying Information (PII) as defined in Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 521;
- (4) Protected Health Information (PHI) in any form including without limitation, Electronic Protected Health Information or Unsecured Protected Health Information as defined in 45 C.F.R. §160.103;
- (5) Sensitive Personal Information (SPI) as defined in Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 521;
- (6) Social Security Administration Data, including, without limitation, Medicaid information means disclosures of information made by the Social Security Administration or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services from a federal system of records for administration of federally funded benefit programs under the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C., Chapter 7;
- (7) All privileged work product;
- (8) All information designated as confidential under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas and of the United States, including the Texas Health & Safety Code and the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 552.

“Destroy”, “Destruction”, for Confidential Information, means:

- (1) Paper, film, or other hard copy media have been shredded or destroyed such that the Confidential Information cannot be read or otherwise cannot be reconstructed. Redaction is specifically excluded as a means of data destruction.
- (2) Electronic media have been cleared, purged, or destroyed consistent with NIST Special Publication 800-88, "Guidelines for Media Sanitization," such that the Confidential Information cannot be retrieved.

“Discover, Discovery” means the first day on which a Breach becomes known to Contractor, or, by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known to Contractor.

“Legally Authorized Representative” of an individual, including as provided in 45 CFR 435.923 (authorized representative); 45 CFR 164.502(g)(1) (personal representative); Tex. Occ. Code § 151.002(6); Tex. H. & S. Code §166.164 (medical power of attorney); and Texas Estates Code § 22.031 (representative).

“Required by Law” means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to use or disclose Confidential Information that is enforceable in a court of law, including court orders, warrants, subpoenas or investigative demands.

“Subcontractor” means a person who contracts with a prime contractor to work, to supply commodities, or to contribute toward completing work for a governmental entity.

“Workforce” means employees, volunteers, trainees or other persons whose performance of work is under the direct control of a party, whether or not they are paid by that party.

ARTICLE 3. CONTRACTOR'S DUTIES REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Section 3.01 Obligations of Contractor

Contractor agrees that:

(A) With respect to PHI, Contractor shall:

(1) Make PHI available in a designated record set if requested by HHS, if Contractor maintains PHI in a designated record set, as defined in HIPAA.

(2) Provide to HHS data aggregation services related to the healthcare operations Contractor performs for HHS pursuant to the Base Contract, if requested by HHS, if Contractor provides data aggregation services as defined in HIPAA.

(3) Provide access to PHI to an individual who is requesting his or her own PHI, or such individual's Legally Authorized Representative, in compliance with the requirements of HIPAA.

(4) Make PHI available to HHS for amendment, and incorporate any amendments to PHI that HHS directs, in compliance with HIPAA.

(5) Document and make available to HHS, an accounting of disclosures in compliance with the requirements of HIPAA.

(6) If Contractor receives a request for access, amendment or accounting of PHI by any individual, promptly forward the request to HHS or, if forwarding the request would violate HIPAA, promptly notify HHS of the request and of Contractor's response. HHS will respond to all such requests, unless Contractor is Required by Law to respond or HHS has given prior written consent for Contractor to respond to and account for all such requests.

(B) With respect to ALL Confidential Information, Contractor shall:

(1) Exercise reasonable care and no less than the same degree of care Contractor uses to protect its own confidential, proprietary and trade secret information to prevent Confidential Information from being used in a manner that is not expressly an Authorized Purpose or as Required by Law. Contractor will access, create, maintain, receive, use, disclose, transmit or Destroy Confidential Information in a secure fashion that protects against any reasonably anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such information or unauthorized uses.

(2) Establish, implement and maintain appropriate procedural, administrative, physical and technical safeguards to preserve and maintain the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the Confidential Information, in accordance with applicable laws or regulations relating to Confidential Information, to prevent any unauthorized use or disclosure of Confidential Information as long as Contractor has such Confidential Information in its actual or constructive possession.

(3) Implement, update as necessary, and document privacy, security and Breach notice policies and procedures and an incident response plan to address a Breach, to comply with the privacy, security and breach notice requirements of this DUA prior to conducting work under the Base Contract. Contractor shall produce, within three business days of a request by HHS, copies of its policies and procedures and records relating to the use or disclosure of Confidential Information.

(4) Obtain HHS's prior written consent to disclose or allow access to any portion of the Confidential Information to any person, other than Authorized Users, Workforce or Subcontractors of Contractor who have completed training in confidentiality, privacy, security and the importance of promptly reporting any Breach to Contractor's management and as permitted in Section 3.01(A)(3), above. Contractor shall produce evidence of completed training to HHS upon request. HHS, at its election, may assist Contractor in training and education on specific or unique HHS processes, systems and/or requirements. All of Contractor's Authorized Users, Workforce and Subcontractors with access to a state computer system or database will complete a cybersecurity training program certified under Texas Government Code Section 2054.519 by the Texas Department of Information Resources.

(5) Establish, implement and maintain appropriate sanctions against any member of its Workforce or Subcontractor who fails to comply with this DUA, the Base Contract or applicable law. Contractor shall maintain evidence of sanctions and produce it to HHS upon request.

(6) Obtain prior written approval of HHS, to disclose or provide access to any Confidential Information on the basis that such act is Required by Law, so that HHS may have the opportunity to object to the disclosure or access and seek appropriate relief. If HHS objects to such disclosure or access, Contractor shall refrain from disclosing or providing access to the Confidential Information until HHS has exhausted all alternatives for relief.

(7) Certify that its Authorized Users each have a demonstrated need to know and have access to Confidential Information solely to the minimum extent necessary to accomplish the Authorized Purpose and that each has agreed in writing to be bound by the disclosure and use limitations pertaining to the Confidential Information contained in this DUA. Contractor and its Subcontractors shall maintain at all times an updated, complete, accurate list of Authorized Users and supply it to HHS upon request.

(8) Provide, and shall cause its Subcontractors and agents to provide, to HHS periodic written confirmation of compliance with controls and the terms and conditions of this DUA.

(9) Return to HHS or Destroy, at HHS's election and at Contractor's expense, all Confidential Information received from HHS or created or maintained by Contractor or any of Contractor's agents or Subcontractors on HHS's behalf upon the termination or expiration of this DUA, if reasonably feasible and permitted by law. Contractor shall certify in writing to HHS that all such Confidential Information has been Destroyed or returned to HHS, and that Contractor and its agents and Subcontractors have retained no copies thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it may not Destroy any Confidential Information if federal or state law, or HHS record retention policy or a litigation hold notice prohibits such Destruction. If such return or Destruction is not reasonably feasible, or is

impermissible by law, Contractor shall immediately notify HHS of the reasons such return or Destruction is not feasible and agree to extend the protections of this DUA to the Confidential Information for as long as Contractor maintains such Confidential Information.

(10) Complete and return with the Base Contract to HHS, attached as Attachment 2 to this DUA, the HHS Security and Privacy Initial Inquiry (SPI) at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/forms/miscellaneous/hhs-information-security-privacy-initial-inquiry-spi>. The SPI identifies basic privacy and security controls with which Contractor must comply to protect Confidential Information. Contractor shall comply with periodic security controls compliance assessment and monitoring by HHS as required by state and federal law, based on the type of Confidential Information Contractor creates, receives, maintains, uses, discloses or has access to and the Authorized Purpose and level of risk. Contractor's security controls shall be based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-53. Contractor shall update its security controls assessment whenever there are significant changes in security controls for HHS Confidential Information and shall provide the updated document to HHS. HHS also reserves the right to request updates as needed to satisfy state and federal monitoring requirements.

(11) Comply with the HHS Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and require each Subcontractor and Workforce member who has direct access to HHS Information Resources, as defined in the AUP, to execute an HHS Acceptable Use Agreement.

(12) Only conduct secure transmissions of Confidential Information whether in paper, oral or electronic form. A secure transmission of electronic Confidential Information *in motion* includes secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) or encryption at an appropriate level as required by rule, regulation or law. Confidential Information *at rest* requires encryption unless there is adequate administrative, technical, and physical security as required by rule, regulation or law. All electronic data transfer and communications of Confidential Information shall be through secure systems. Contractor shall provide proof of system, media or device security and/or encryption to HHS no later than 48 hours after HHS's written request in response to a compliance investigation, audit, or the Discovery of a Breach. HHS may also request production of proof of security at other times as necessary to satisfy state and federal monitoring requirements. Deidentification of Confidential Information in accordance with HIPAA de-identification standards is deemed secure.

(13) Designate and identify a person or persons, as Privacy Official and Information Security Official, each of whom is authorized to act on behalf of Contractor and is responsible for the development and implementation of the privacy and security requirements in this DUA. Contractor shall provide name and current address, phone number and e-mail address for such designated officials to HHS upon execution of this DUA and prior to any change. Upon written notice from HHS, Contractor shall promptly remove and replace such official(s) if such official(s) is not performing the required functions.

(14) Make available to HHS any information HHS requires to fulfill HHS's obligations to provide access to, or copies of, Confidential Information in accordance with applicable laws, regulations or demands of a regulatory authority relating to Confidential Information. Contractor shall provide such information in a time and manner reasonably agreed upon or as designated by the applicable law or regulatory authority.

(15) Comply with the following laws and standards *if applicable to the type of Confidential Information and Contractor's Authorized Purpose*:

- Title 1, Part 10, Chapter 202, Subchapter B, Texas Administrative Code;
- The Privacy Act of 1974;
- OMB Memorandum 17-12;
- The Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA);
- The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA);
- Internal Revenue Publication 1075 – Tax Information Security Guidelines for Federal, State and Local Agencies;
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-66 Revision 1 – An Introductory Resource Guide for Implementing the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Security Rule;
- NIST Special Publications 800-53 and 800-53A – Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations, as currently revised;
- NIST Special Publication 800-47 – Security Guide for Interconnecting Information Technology Systems;
- NIST Special Publication 800-88, Guidelines for Media Sanitization;
- NIST Special Publication 800-111, Guide to Storage of Encryption Technologies for End User Devices containing PHI;
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- Texas Business and Commerce Code Chapter 521
- Any other State or Federal law, regulation, or administrative rule relating to the specific HHS program area that Contractor supports on behalf of HHS.

(16) Be permitted to use or disclose Confidential Information for the proper management and administration of Contractor or to carry out Contractor's legal responsibilities, except as otherwise limited by this DUA, the Base Contract, or law applicable to the Confidential Information, if:

- (a) Disclosure is Required by Law;
- (b) Contractor obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that the person shall:
 1. Maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information in accordance with this DUA;
 2. Use or further disclose the information only as Required by Law or for the Authorized Purpose for which it was disclosed to the person; and
 3. Notify Contractor in accordance with Section 4.01 of a Breach of Confidential Information that the person Discovers or should have Discovered with the exercise of reasonable diligence.

(C) With respect to ALL Confidential Information, Contractor shall NOT:

- (1) Attempt to re-identify or further identify Confidential Information that has been deidentified or attempt to contact any persons whose records are contained in the Confidential Information, except for an Authorized Purpose, without express written authorization from HHS.
- (2) Engage in prohibited marketing or sale of Confidential Information.
- (3) Permit, or enter into any agreement with a Subcontractor to, create, receive, maintain, use, disclose, have access to or transmit Confidential Information, on behalf of HHS without requiring that Subcontractor first execute either the Form Subcontractor Agreement, Attachment 1, or Contractor's own Subcontractor agreement that ensures that the Subcontractor shall comply with the same safeguards and restrictions contained in this DUA for Confidential Information. Contractor is directly responsible for its Subcontractors' compliance with, and enforcement of, this DUA.

ARTICLE 4. BREACH NOTICE, REPORTING AND CORRECTION REQUIREMENTS

Section 4.01. Cooperation and Financial Responsibility.

(A) Contractor shall, at Contractor's expense, cooperate fully with HHS in investigating, mitigating to the extent practicable, and issuing notifications as directed by HHS, for any Breach of Confidential Information.

(B) Contractor shall make Confidential Information in Contractor's possession available pursuant to the requirements of HIPAA or other applicable law upon a determination of a Breach.

(C) Contractor's obligation begins at the Discovery of a Breach and continues as long as related activity continues, until all effects of the Breach are mitigated to HHS's satisfaction (the "incident response period").

Section 4.02. Initial Breach Notice.

For federal information ***obtained from a federal system of records***, including Federal Tax Information and Social Security Administration Data (which includes Medicaid and other governmental benefit program Confidential Information), Contractor shall notify HHS of the Breach within the first consecutive clock hour of Discovery. The Base Contract shall specify whether Confidential Information is obtained from a federal system of records. For all other types of Confidential Information Contractor shall notify HHS of the Breach not more than 24 hours after Discovery, ***or in a timeframe otherwise approved by HHS in writing.*** Contractor shall initially report to HHS's Privacy and Security Officers via email at: privacy@HHSC.state.tx.us and to the HHS division responsible for the Base Contract.

Contractor shall report all information reasonably available to Contractor about the Breach.

Contractor shall provide contact information to HHS for Contractor's single point of contact who will communicate with HHS both on and off business hours during the incident response period.

Section 4.03 Third Business Day Notice: No later than 5 p.m. on the third business day after Discovery, or a time within which Discovery reasonably should have been made by Contractor of a Breach of Confidential Information, Contractor shall provide written notification to HHS of all reasonably available information about the Breach, and Contractor's investigation, including, to the extent known to Contractor:

- a. The date the Breach occurred;

- b. The date of Contractor's and, if applicable, Subcontractor's Discovery;
- c. A brief description of the Breach, including how it occurred and who is responsible (or hypotheses, if not yet determined);
- d. A brief description of Contractor's investigation and the status of the investigation;
- e. A description of the types and amount of Confidential Information involved;
- f. Identification of and number of all individuals reasonably believed to be affected, including first and last name of the individual and if applicable, the Legally authorized representative, last known address, age, telephone number, and email address if it is a preferred contact method;
- g. Contractor's initial risk assessment of the Breach demonstrating whether individual or other notices are required by applicable law or this DUA for HHS approval, including an analysis of whether there is a low probability of compromise of the Confidential Information or whether any legal exceptions to notification apply;
- h. Contractor's recommendation for HHS's approval as to the steps individuals and/or Contractor on behalf of individuals, should take to protect the individuals from potential harm, including Contractor's provision of notifications, credit protection, claims monitoring, and any specific protections for a Legally Authorized Representative to take on behalf of an individual with special capacity or circumstances;
- i. The steps Contractor has taken to mitigate the harm or potential harm caused (including without limitation the provision of sufficient resources to mitigate);
- j. The steps Contractor has taken, or will take, to prevent or reduce the likelihood of recurrence of a similar Breach;
- k. Identify, describe or estimate of the persons, Workforce, Subcontractor, or individuals and any law enforcement that may be involved in the Breach;
- l. A reasonable schedule for Contractor to provide regular updates regarding response to the Breach, but no less than every three (3) business days, or as otherwise directed by HHS in writing, including information about risk estimations, reporting, notification, if any, mitigation, corrective action, root cause analysis and when such activities are expected to be completed; and
- m. Any reasonably available, pertinent information, documents or reports related to a Breach that HHS requests following Discovery.

Section 4.04. Investigation, Response and Mitigation.

- (A) Contractor shall immediately conduct a full and complete investigation, respond to the Breach, commit necessary and appropriate staff and resources to expeditiously respond, and report as required to HHS for incident response purposes and for purposes of HHS's compliance with report and notification requirements, to the satisfaction of HHS.
- (B) Contractor shall complete or participate in a risk assessment as directed by HHS following a Breach, and provide the final assessment, corrective actions and mitigations to HHS for review and approval.

(C) Contractor shall fully cooperate with HHS to respond to inquiries and/or proceedings by state and federal authorities, persons and/or individuals about the Breach.

(D) Contractor shall fully cooperate with HHS's efforts to seek appropriate injunctive relief or otherwise prevent or curtail such Breach, or to recover or protect any Confidential Information, including complying with reasonable corrective action or measures, as specified by HHS in a Corrective Action Plan if directed by HHS under the Base Contract.

Section 4.05. Breach Notification to Individuals and Reporting to Authorities.

(A) HHS may direct Contractor to provide Breach notification to individuals, regulators or third-parties, as specified by HHS following a Breach.

(B) Contractor must comply with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements in the time, manner and content of any notification to individuals, regulators or third-parties, or any notice required by other state or federal authorities, including without limitation, notifications required by Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 521.053(b) and HIPAA. Notice letters will be in Contractor's name and on Contractor's letterhead, unless otherwise directed by HHS, and will contain contact information, including the name and title of Contractor's representative, an email address and a toll-free telephone number, for the individual to obtain additional information.

(C) Contractor shall provide HHS with draft notifications for HHS approval prior to distribution and copies of distributed and approved communications.

(D) Contractor shall have the burden of demonstrating to the satisfaction of HHS that any required notification was timely made. If there are delays outside of Contractor's control, Contractor shall provide written documentation to HHS of the reasons for the delay.

(E) If HHS directs Contractor to provide notifications, HHS shall, in the time and manner reasonably requested by Contractor, cooperate and assist with Contractor's information requests in order to make such notifications.

ARTICLE 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 5.01 Ownership of Confidential Information

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the Confidential Information is and shall remain the property of HHS. Contractor agrees it acquires no title or rights to the Confidential Information.

Section 5.02 HHS Commitment and Obligations

HHS will not request Contractor to create, maintain, transmit, use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under applicable law if done by HHS.

Section 5.03 HHS Right to Inspection

At any time upon reasonable notice to Contractor, or if HHS determines that Contractor has violated this DUA, HHS, directly or through its agent, will have the right to inspect the facilities, systems, books and records of Contractor to monitor compliance with this DUA. For purposes of this subsection, HHS's agent(s) include, without limitation, the HHS Office of the Inspector General, the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, the State Auditor's Office, outside consultants, legal counsel or other designee.

Section 5.04 Term; Termination of DUA; Survival

This DUA will be effective on the date on which Contractor executes the Base Contract and will terminate upon termination of the Base Contract and as set forth herein. If the Base Contract is extended, this DUA is extended to run concurrent with the Base Contract.

(A) If HHS determines that Contractor has violated a material term of this DUA; HHS may in its sole discretion:

- (1) Exercise any of its rights including but not limited to reports, access and inspection under this DUA and/or the Base Contract; or
- (2) Require Contractor to submit to a corrective action plan, including a plan for monitoring and plan for reporting as HHS may determine necessary to maintain compliance with this DUA; or
- (3) Provide Contractor with a reasonable period to cure the violation as determined by HHS; or
- (4) Terminate the DUA and Base Contract immediately and seek relief in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas.

Before exercising any of these options, HHS will provide written notice to Contractor describing the violation and the action it intends to take.

(B) If neither termination nor cure is feasible, HHS shall report the violation to the applicable regulatory authorities.

(C) The duties of Contractor or its Subcontractor under this DUA survive the expiration or termination of this DUA until all the Confidential Information is Destroyed or returned to HHS, as required by this DUA.

Section 5.05 Injunctive Relief

(A) Contractor acknowledges and agrees that HHS may suffer irreparable injury if Contractor or its Subcontractor fails to comply with any of the terms of this DUA with respect to the Confidential Information or a provision of HIPAA or other laws or regulations applicable to Confidential Information.

(B) Contractor further agrees that monetary damages may be inadequate to compensate HHS for Contractor's or its Subcontractor's failure to comply. Accordingly, Contractor agrees that HHS will, in addition to any other remedies available to it at law or in equity, be entitled to seek injunctive relief without posting a bond and without the necessity of demonstrating actual damages, to enforce the terms of this DUA.

Section 5.06 Indemnification

To the extent permitted by the Texas Constitution, laws and rules, and without waiving any immunities or defenses available to CONTRACTOR as a governmental entity, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless HHS and its respective Executive Commissioner, employees, Subcontractors, agents (including other state agencies acting on behalf of HHS) or other members of HHS' Workforce (each of the foregoing hereinafter referred to as "Indemnified Party") against all actual and direct losses suffered by the Indemnified Party and all liability to third parties arising from or in connection with any breach of this DUA or from any acts or omissions related to this DUA by Contractor or its employees, directors, officers,

Subcontractors, or agents or other members of Contractor's Workforce. The duty to indemnify, defend and hold harmless is independent of the duty to insure. Upon demand, Contractor shall reimburse HHS for any and all losses, liabilities, lost profits, fines, penalties, costs or expenses (including costs of required notices, investigation, and mitigation of a Breach, fines or penalties imposed on an Indemnified Party by a regulatory authority, and reasonable attorneys' fees) which may be imposed upon any Indemnified Party to the extent caused by and which results from the Contractor's failure to meet any of its obligations under this DUA. Contractor's obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless any Indemnified Party will survive the expiration or termination of this DUA.

Section 5.07 Insurance

(A) As a governmental entity, CONTRACTOR either maintains commercial insurance or self-insures with policy limits in an amount sufficient to cover CONTRACTOR's liability arising under this DUA. CONTRACTOR will either require that the policy name HHS as an additional insured or assign any payments from the insurer related to CONTRACTOR's liability arising under this DUA directly to HHS. HHSC reserves the right to consider alternative means for CONTRACTOR to satisfy CONTRACTOR's financial responsibility under this DUA. Nothing herein shall relieve CONTRACTOR of its financial obligations set forth in this DUA if CONTRACTOR fails to maintain insurance.

(B) Contractor shall provide HHS with written proof that required insurance coverage is in effect, at the request of HHS.

Section 5.08 Entirety of the Contract

This DUA is incorporated by reference into the Base Contract and, together with the Base Contract, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No change, waiver, or discharge of obligations arising under those documents will be valid unless in writing and executed by the party against whom such change, waiver, or discharge is sought to be enforced.

Section 5.09 Automatic Amendment and Interpretation

Upon the effective date of any amendment or issuance of additional regulations to any law applicable to Confidential Information, this DUA will automatically be amended so that the obligations imposed on HHS and/or Contractor remain in compliance with such requirements. Any ambiguity in this DUA will be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits HHS and Contractor to comply with laws applicable to Confidential Information.

Section 5.10 Notices; Requests for Approval

All notices and requests for approval related to this DUA must be directed to the HHS Chief Privacy Officer at privacy@hhsc.state.tx.us.

ATTACHMENT 1. SUBCONTRACTOR AGREEMENT FORM
HHS CONTRACT NUMBER

The DUA between HHS and Contractor establishes the permitted and required uses and disclosures of Confidential Information by Contractor.

Contractor has subcontracted with _____ (Subcontractor) for performance of duties on behalf of CONTRACTOR which are subject to the DUA. Subcontractor acknowledges, understands and agrees to be bound by the same terms and conditions applicable to Contractor under the DUA, incorporated by reference in this Agreement, with respect to HHS Confidential Information. Contractor and Subcontractor agree that HHS is a third-party beneficiary to applicable provisions of the subcontract.

HHS has the right, but not the obligation, to review or approve the terms and conditions of the subcontract by virtue of this Subcontractor Agreement Form.

Contractor and Subcontractor assure HHS that any Breach as defined by the DUA that Subcontractor Discovers shall be reported to HHS by Contractor in the time, manner and content required by the DUA.

If Contractor knows or should have known in the exercise of reasonable diligence of a pattern of activity or practice by Subcontractor that constitutes a material breach or violation of the DUA or the Subcontractor's obligations, Contractor shall:

1. Take reasonable steps to cure the violation or end the violation, as applicable;
2. If the steps are unsuccessful, terminate the contract or arrangement with Subcontractor, if feasible;
3. Notify HHS immediately upon Discovery of the pattern of activity or practice of Subcontractor that constitutes a material breach or violation of the DUA and keep HHS reasonably and regularly informed about steps Contractor is taking to cure or end the violation or terminate Subcontractor's contract or arrangement.

This Subcontractor Agreement Form is executed by the parties in their capacities indicated below.

CONTRACTOR

SUBCONTRACTOR

BY: _____

BY: _____

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE _____, **202** .

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