

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, §  
STATE OF TEXAS §

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS, AND THE  
MISSION CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

THIS Agreement is made on and entered into effective as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by and between **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS**, hereinafter referred to as (“County”), and **MISSION CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** hereinafter referred to as (“District”), collectively referred to as “Parties” and pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act (“Act”), Chapter 791, et seq., Texas Government Code, as follows:

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the District is organized as an Consolidated Independent School District under the laws of the State of Texas for the purpose of educating and providing other activities with assist and benefit the youth and general community within its district boundary, and within the boundary of Hidalgo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is defined as a “Local Government” under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and District and their respective constituents have been affected by the COVID-19/Coronavirus public health emergency and the resulting Federal, State and Local disaster declarations and executive orders regarding the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, pursuant to its statutory and constitutional authority, are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of the citizens; the District pursuant to its statutory authority, is responsible for the safety and well-being of its students, employee, faculty and administration, and both are desirous that necessary services and equipment are available to respond and mitigate the public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the District are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the Act, which authorizes local governments to contract with each other and with agencies of the state, to perform governmental functions and services under the terms of the Interlocal Cooperation Act; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to address current public health measures related to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the County established the Hidalgo County Public Access Wi-Fi 2020 Project (hereinafter “Project”) to assist the citizens of the County with distance

learning, including technological improvements, as well as improving telework capability, in connection with school and business closings; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency, County, in cooperation with District, has identified and is working toward developing innovative learning strategies that include access to a Public Internet Wi-Fi network as part of the Project. The Project goal is to provide free internet access to identified areas within each District and County that will enable online distance learning as well as improving telework capabilities for families that do not have the means to provide internet access. The system will be designed to support wireless devices, including laptops, iPads, and other personal devices used to access online classes and telework capabilities.

**WHEREAS**, County and District desire to enter into this agreement for a public purpose and for the benefit of the residents of County and District in that access to online learning will assist in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in classrooms and schools, protecting our children, our teachers, and all school staff and to further detail each party's duties and responsibilities; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, County and District in consideration of the mutual covenants expressed hereinafter, agree as follows:

### **I. PROVISIONS OF SERVICES**

Through this Agreement the **PARTIES** will develop a cooperative program to provide services as follows:

#### **Purpose of Agreement:**

1. The purpose of this agreement is to establish cooperation between the **County** and **District** on an "as needed basis" in order to coordinate the **County's** ongoing efforts and use of all available resources for the Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Network Project in an effort to facilitate compliance with current public health measures related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The participation of DISTRICT in this initiative shall consist of the following:

1. In an effort to assist the citizens of the **County** and **District** with distance learning, including technological improvements, as well as improving telework capability, in connection with school and business closings, **District** will provide **County** with access to **District** premises for the sole purposes of placing a communications tower devices on District property. Requests will be made in writing by **County** to **District** prior to the placement of any devices needed to facilitate the Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Project and thereafter, will only be placed on **District** property with consent and approval of **District**.
2. **District** will communicate directly with the **County's** designated point of contact to facilitate specific, written requests for assistance from the **District** for the **County's** efforts to provide a Public Internet Access Wi-Fi in order to provide educational information and distance learning resources to its constituents aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

The participation of COUNTY in this initiative shall consist of the following:

1. **County** will designate a point of contact to streamline communications between the **District** and **County** and all Elected Offices and Departments.
2. **County** will acquire the services of a vendor to design and implement a Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Network in order to provide educational information and distance learning resources to its constituents aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19.
3. **County** will acquire necessary equipment, hardware, and software capable of supporting the Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Network Project within the geographical boundaries of **District**. Equipment will be installed on **District** premises on an as needed basis in the mutually agreed upon selected areas of each **County** Precinct.
1. **County** shall obtain **District's** prior written consent to coordinate access to **District's** premises, or should any alterations, additions, or improvements be needed to assist with the **County's** efforts to provide a Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Project.

4. **County** shall be responsible for installation, repairs and maintenance in connection with equipment and/or assets on **District** Premises utilized for the purpose of assisting the **County** with efforts to provide a Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Project.
1. **County** shall be responsible for costs associated with the repair and maintenance of equipment and/or **County** assets placed on **District** Premises utilized for the purpose of assisting the **County** with its efforts to provide a Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Project within the geographical boundaries of **District**. **County** shall immediately notify **District** of any and all damages resulting from, arising out of, or caused to **District** property including but not limited to structural damages, electrical damages, damages to fencing, irrigation systems, or landscaping by **County's** operations, and/or by the **County**, its officers, agents, employees and invitees. **County** shall be solely responsible for the costs and the repair of all such damages and such repairs and/or replacements shall be completed in a timely manner acceptable to the District.
2. **County** agrees that it shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining to its participation in this Agreement, including, but not limited to the procurement of vendors and services, the design and implementation of the Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Project, the installation, repair, and maintenance of equipment and/or assets utilized for the purposes under this Agreement.

## **II. TERM OR AGREEMENT**

The term of this agreement is for the lifetime of the Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Network; it will begin on August 18, 2022, and extend until terminated by either party or mutual agreement of the PARTIES. Upon termination, alterations, additions, or improvements made by **County** shall become the property of **District**, unless **District** requests removal of the same. **County** shall repair any damage to **District** Premises caused by such removal.

## **III. COMPENSATION**

**County** will receive funds from **District** for services provided under the agreement, related to the placement or replacement of a communications tower devices on District property in the form of

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a one-time payment amount of one hundred five thousand seven and ninety two dollars and eighty eight cent (\$105,792.88). This amount represents the sole consideration to be provided by **District** pursuant to this Agreement. Requests for financial assistance presented by **District** will be considered, reviewed and subsequently approved to the extent they meet the public purpose related to the **District** assisting the County's effort provide a Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Project.

#### **IV. NOTICES**

All notices or other writing required under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been made when sent by mail to the following address:

**TO MISSION CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Attn: \*\*\* Coordinator

**TO COUNTY:**

County of Hidalgo  
Attn: Richard Cortez, County Judge 100 E. Cano  
Edinburg, TX 78539

With CC to:  
Daniel Salinas  
Hidalgo County Director of Information Technology  
[daniel.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:daniel.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us)

## **VI. TERMINATION**

This Agreement may be amended, modified or terminated by agreement of the **PARTIES**. Further, the agreement may be terminated by either party by giving thirty (30) days written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested to the other party hereto of the intention to terminate.

## **VII. LAW GOVERNING VENUE**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and, obligations and undertakings of each of the **PARTIES** to this Agreement shall be performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

## **VIII. LIABILITIES**

This Agreement is not intended to extend the liability of the **PARTIES** beyond that provided by law. Neither party waives, nor shall be deemed to have hereby waived, any immunity or defenses that would otherwise be available to it against claims arising from third parties.

## **IX. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS**

The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Agreement.

**X. GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE**

Each party hereto is entering into this agreement for the purpose of providing for governmental services or functions and will pay for such services out of current revenues available to the paying party as herein provided.

**XI. APPENDIX II TO CFR 200-CONTRACT PROVISIONS**

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.236, a non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to 2 CFR 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts under Federal Awards. Therefore, if applicable, the provisions of Appendix II to 2 CFR 200 are attached and incorporated by reference into this County contract should it be subject to Federal award.

**XII. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Agreement and all related activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not discriminate against any person on a basis prohibited by applicable law or County and District policy, including without limitation race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.

**WITNESS THE HANDS OF THE PARTIES** effective as of \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT**

*Carol G. Perez*

Carol G. Perez (Aug 12, 2022 15:06 CDT)

Dr. Carol G. Perez, Superintendent of Schools

**HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

Richard Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge

**ATTEST:**

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Arturo Guajardo, Jr. Hidalgo County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Office of Criminal District Attorney  
Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

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By: Victor M. Garza  
Assistant District Attorney

Reviewed and Approved by Mission CISD

  
Joel Garcia (Aug 12, 2022 08:53 CDT)

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Joel Garcia, CPM  
Finance Division | Assistant Superintendent for Finance  
Mission Consolidated Independent School District  
Note: Approved on 8/10/2022 Board of Trustees Meeting