



**RE: FY 2024 SAVNS Grant Contract**

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**Contract Number:** C-01117

**Grantee:** Hidalgo County

**Amount:** \$30,285.26

**Executed:**

**Term:** September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

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# SAVNS MAINTENANCE GRANT CONTRACT

OAG Contract No. C-01117

This grant contract (“Grant Contract”) is executed between the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and Hidalgo County (GRANTEE) for certain grant funds. The OAG and GRANTEE may be referred to in this Grant Contract individually as “Party” or collectively as “Parties.”

## SECTION 1. PURPOSE OF THE CONTRACT

The purpose of the OAG Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) grant program is to assist Texas counties and other entities in maintaining a statewide system that will provide relevant offender release information, notification of relevant court settings or events to crime victims and other interested individuals, promote public safety, and support the rights of victims of crime. To ensure a standard statewide service to a variety of political subdivisions of the State of Texas, including counties, county Sheriffs, clerks and attorneys, district attorneys, and courts (“Participating Entities”), including GRANTEE, the OAG makes grant funds available for eligible expenses related to SAVNS services delivered to GRANTEE by the vendor certified by the OAG.

The OAG published a Request for Offer (RFO) for Statewide Automated Victim Services May 11, 2019. After an evaluation of offers, the OAG identified, certified, and entered into a contract with a single vendor to provide statewide automated victim notification services (“SAVNS Services”). The initial term of the OAG Vendor Certification and Service Agreement (“OAG Certification Agreement”) is/was from September 1, 2019, to August 31, 2020 (“Initial Term”). On August 28, 2023, OAG exercised its right to renew the OAG Certification Agreement with the renewal term to begin on September 1, 2023, and end on August 31, 2024 (“Fourth Renewal Term”). The vendor certified to provide the services is Appriss Insights, LLC, (“Certified Vendor”), a Kentucky corporation authorized to do business in Texas.

## SECTION 2. TERM OF THE CONTRACT

This Grant Contract shall begin on September 1, 2023, and shall terminate August 31, 2024, unless it is terminated earlier in accordance with another provision of this Grant Contract.

## SECTION 3. GRANTEE’S CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

**3.1. Grantee Participating Entity Service Contract.** GRANTEE shall execute a service agreement with the Certified Vendor to provide services consistent with, and subject to the limitations contained in, the OAG Certification Agreement and documents incorporated therein.

Specifically, the Participating Entity Service Contract attached hereto as Exhibit B shall be used by GRANTEE in entering into a contractual relationship with the Certified Vendor. All grant funds provided under this Grant Contract shall be conditioned on the GRANTEE's use of the exemplar Participating Entity Service Contract, as attached hereto, and in addition to any requisite amendment, renewal, or extensions made or otherwise exercised by GRANTEE pursuant to Section 1 therein. GRANTEE further acknowledges and agrees that no changes or modifications may be made to the Participating Entity Service Contract or to any executed Participating Entity Service Contract between GRANTEE and the Certified Vendor, except as specifically authorized within this Grant Contract in Section 3.1.1 below, as otherwise separately authorized by the OAG in writing, or to accomplish an amendment, renewal, or extension made or otherwise exercised by GRANTEE pursuant to Section 1 therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, GRANTEE is encouraged to negotiate and include additional terms and conditions individually tailored to meet the GRANTEE's unique needs related to the SAVNS program, only to the extent any such additional terms and conditions do not limit or otherwise conflict with the exemplar Participating Entity Service Contract as attached hereto as Exhibit B.

**3.1.1 Authorized Modifications to the Participating Entity Service Agreement.** GRANTEE is hereby authorized, without additional approval of the OAG, to include additional terms, conditions, or requirements related to the following sections of the Participating Entity Service Agreement as attached hereto as Exhibit B:

- a. Section 6 Additional Services: GRANTEE may require, negotiate, and include additional terms or conditions relating to the mutual agreement, provision, and payment for Additional Services that do not otherwise modify, impact, or limit the services required under the exemplar Participating Entity Service Agreement;
- b. Section 7.1 Performance Reports: GRANTEE may require reports relating to the performance standards and requirements of the SAVNS system under the exemplar Participating Entity Service Agreement;
- c. Section 7.2 Performance Remedies: GRANTEE may require additional terms or conditions relating to the calculation and withholding mechanism for Certified Vendor's failure to meet its performance requirements the exemplar Participating Entity Service Agreement;
- d. Sections 9.2(a) and 9.2(b)(iii) Standard of Care: GRANTEE may require Certified Vendor to comply with its own internal security standards, in addition to any security standards included in the exemplar Participating Entity Service Agreement, and incorporate such standards into the Participating Entity Service Agreement by reference;
- e. Sections 9.3(b), 9.3(c), and 9.3(d) Information Security: GRANTEE may require Certified Vendor to comply with its own internal security standards, in addition to any security standards included in the exemplar Participating Entity Service Agreement, and incorporate such standards into the Participating Entity Service Agreement by reference;
- f. Section 9.4(b)(iv) Security Breach Procedures: GRANTEE may require

- Certified Vendor to comply with its own internal security standards, in addition to any security standards included in the exemplar Participating Entity Service Agreement, and incorporate such standards into the Participating Entity Service Agreement by reference;
- g.** Section 9.5 Oversight of Security Compliance: GRANTEE may require Certified Vendor to comply with its own internal security standards, in addition to any security standards included in the exemplar Participating Entity Service Agreement, and incorporate such standards into the Participating Entity Service Agreement by reference;
  - h.** Section 10.4 Exclusions: GRANTEE may require Certified Vendor to comply with its own internal security standards, in addition to any security standards included in the exemplar Participating Entity Service Agreement, and incorporate such standards into the Participating Entity Service Agreement by reference;
  - i.** Section 12.1 Limitation of Liability: The Certified Vendor may request a limitation of liability to be included. It is incumbent on the GRANTEE to determine if the proposed limitation is sufficient, permissible under applicable state and local law, and whether or not to include and incorporate such limitation into the Participating Entity Service Agreement;
  - j.** Section 12.2 Indemnification: GRANTEE may require, negotiate, and include additional or alternative indemnification provisions, to the extent such provisions are permissible under applicable state and local law, either in addition to or in lieu of those included within the Participating Entity Service Agreement; and
  - k.** Section 14.5 Dispute Resolution: GRANTEE may require specific dispute resolution provisions compliant with its local laws, regulations, and other policies applicable to the GRANTEE.

**3.1.2 Executed Copy of Financial Participating Entity Service Contract Required.** GRANTEE is hereby placed on immediate financial hold, consistent with Section 9.2 of this Grant Contract, and will remain on financial hold until OAG receives an executed copy of the Participating Service Contract along with any requisite amendment, renewal, or extensions made or otherwise exercised by GRANTEE pursuant to Section 1 therein in accordance with and as required by this section. To the extent the executed Participating Entity Service Contract includes any additional terms or conditions that limit or otherwise conflict with the exemplar Participating Entity Service Contract as attached here as Exhibit B, the GRANTEE will continue to remain on financial hold until GRANTEE provides OAG an executed Participating Service Contract in accordance with and as required by this section and consistent with the exemplar Participating Entity Service Contract as attached here as Exhibit B.

**3.2 Grantee Maintenance Plan.** GRANTEE agrees to establish and follow a “Maintenance Plan.” The Maintenance Plan, at a minimum, will be designed to accomplish the following: make

available offender information that is timely, accurate, and relevant to support the SAVNS Services; verify the Certified Vendor's performance according to the Participating Entity Service Contract; satisfactorily discharge GRANTEE's obligations as described in the Participating Entity Service Contract; and identify and dedicate GRANTEE staff, resources, and equipment necessary to maintain the SAVNS services in the Participating Entity Service Contract.

**3.3 GRANTEE Service Levels.** In addition to other service levels that the GRANTEE may impose, GRANTEE will inspect, monitor, and verify the performances required of the Certified Vendor as provided in the Participating Entity Service Contract as well as this Grant Contract. GRANTEE will execute a Participating Entity Service Contract with the Certified Vendor for the term of this Grant Contract. GRANTEE will verify that input data (the jail and court data elements used by the SAVNS system) is entered accurately and on a timely basis.

GRANTEE will allow on-site monitoring visits to be conducted by OAG or its authorized representative.

**3.4 Cooperation with Statewide Stakeholders.** GRANTEE will reasonably cooperate with and participate in Statewide Stakeholder meetings and efforts to monitor and improve the SAVNS services on a statewide basis. GRANTEE may reasonably agree to designate third-parties to assist the OAG, GRANTEE, and the other Statewide Stakeholders in the overall monitoring, inspection, and verification of the Certified Vendor's performances.

**3.5 Scope of Services.** For the purpose of this Grant Contract, the requirements, duties, and obligations contained in Section 3 of this Grant Contract are collectively referred to as the "Scope of Services." As a condition of reimbursement, GRANTEE agrees to faithfully, timely, and in a good and workman-like manner implement and maintain the services in compliance with the Scope of Services. GRANTEE shall bear full and sole responsibility for the integrity of the fiscal and programmatic management of its SAVNS program.

**3.6 Special Conditions.** The OAG may, at its sole discretion, impose additional requirements not specifically provided for in this Grant Contract based on a need for information, ("Special Conditions") on GRANTEE, without notice and without amending this Grant Contract. The OAG, at its sole discretion, may supplement, amend, or adjust the Special Conditions of this Grant Contract. The imposition of any Special Conditions places GRANTEE on immediate financial hold, consistent with section 9.2, without further notice, until all Special Conditions are satisfied.

## **SECTION 4. GRANTEE'S OBLIGATIONS AND REQUIRED REPORTS**

### **4.1 General Matters**

**4.1.1 Required Reports; Form of Reports; Filings with the OAG.** GRANTEE shall forward to the OAG all applicable reports and forms as specified by the OAG. GRANTEE shall ensure that it files each document or form required by the OAG in an accurate and timely manner. Unless

filing dates are given herein, all other reports and other documents that GRANTEE is required to forward to the OAG shall be promptly forwarded. From time to time, the OAG may require additional information from GRANTEE.

**4.1.2 Cooperation; Additional Information.** GRANTEE shall cooperate fully with the OAG. In addition to the information contained in the required reports, other information may be required as requested by the OAG.

**4.1.3 Notification of Changes in Organization, Changes in Authorized Official or Grant Contact.** GRANTEE shall submit written notice to the OAG of any change in the following: GRANTEE's name; contact information; key personnel, officer, director or partner; organizational structure; legal standing; or authority to do business in Texas. Such notice shall be provided, when possible, in advance of such change, but in no event later than ten (10) business days after the effective date of such change. A change in GRANTEE's name requires an amendment to the Grant Contract.

To change an Authorized Official, GRANTEE must submit a written request on GRANTEE's letterhead, with an original signature of someone with actual authority to act on behalf of GRANTEE. To change the grant contact, GRANTEE must submit a written request on GRANTEE's letterhead signed by an Authorized Official.

**4.1.4 Standards for Financial and Programmatic Management.** GRANTEE and its governing body shall bear full and sole responsibility for the integrity of the fiscal and programmatic management of the organization including financial and programmatic policies and procedures to ensure the integrity of the fiscal and programmatic management of the organization.

Such fiscal and programmatic management shall include but is not limited to the following: accountability for all funds and materials received from the OAG; compliance with OAG rules, policies and procedures, and applicable federal and state laws and other applicable requirements; and correction of fiscal and program deficiencies identified through self-evaluation and/or the OAG's monitoring processes. Ignorance of any contract provisions or other requirements referenced in this Grant Contract shall not constitute a defense or basis for waiving or failing to comply with such provisions or requirements.

GRANTEE shall develop, implement, and maintain appropriate financial management and control systems. The systems must include budgets that adequately reflect all functions and resources necessary to carry out authorized activities and the adequate determination of costs; accurate and complete payroll, accounting, and financial reporting records; cost source documentation; effective internal and budgetary controls; allocation of costs; and timely and appropriate audits and resolution of any findings and applicable annual financial statements, including statements of financial position, activities, and cash flows, prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or other recognized accounting principle.

**4.1.5 Security and Confidentiality of Records.** GRANTEE shall establish a method to secure the confidentiality of records required to be kept confidential by applicable federal or state law,

rules or regulations. This provision shall not be construed as limiting the OAG's access to such records and other information.

**4.1.6 Public Information Act.** Information, documentation, and other material in connection with this Grant Contract or the underlying grant may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "Public Information Act"). In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, GRANTEE is required to make any information created or exchanged with OAG, the State of Texas, or any state agency pursuant to the Grant 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 OAG, the State of Texas, or any state agency.

## **4.2 Programmatic Reports**

**4.2.1 Service Reports.** GRANTEE shall submit service delivery reports, programmatic performance reports and other reports to the extent requested by OAG, in a format and on a timely basis, as established by the OAG. GRANTEE will submit other reports as requested by the OAG.

**4.2.2 Written Explanation of Variance.** GRANTEE shall provide a written explanation to the OAG on a quarterly basis to the extent that the performance of the SAVNS system, the Certified Vendor, or the GRANTEE varies from the projected performance thereof as provided in the Maintenance Plan required by Section 3.2 hereunder. In addition to the written explanation, GRANTEE shall promptly answer any questions from the OAG, whether in writing or otherwise, in connection with the quarterly and annual reports presented to the OAG.

**4.2.3 Other Program Reports.** GRANTEE shall cooperate fully in any social studies, fiscal or programmatic monitoring, auditing, evaluating, and other reviews pertaining to services rendered by GRANTEE, which may be conducted by the OAG or its designees.

GRANTEE shall submit service delivery reports required by the contract or self-evaluations of performance and other reports requested by the OAG in appropriate format and on a timely basis and make available at reasonable times and for reasonable periods client records and other programmatic or financial records, books, reports, and supporting documents for reviewing and copying by the OAG or its designees.

**4.2.4 "Problem Log."** GRANTEE shall establish a "Problem Log" that records all problems noted with the SAVNS system, including, but not limited to, system down time, system outages, and equipment failure. The Problem Log will provide when the problem was identified, to whom the problem was referred, steps taken to resolve the problem, and when the problem was resolved. GRANTEE shall provide OAG with any and all Problem Logs at OAG's request.

## **4.3 Financial Matters**

**4.3.1 Annual Budgets.** With regard to the use of funds pursuant to this Grant Contract,

GRANTEE will immediately review the budget for the fiscal year and the allowable expenditures, as shown on Exhibit A.

**4.3.2 Quarterly Requests for Reimbursement.** OAG grant funds will be paid on a cost-reimbursement basis no more frequently than quarterly pursuant to the process below. The OAG shall only reimburse actual and allowable allocable costs incurred and paid by GRANTEE during the term of this Grant Contract. The OAG is not obligated to reimburse expenses that were incurred prior to the commencement or after the termination or expiration of this Grant Contract. Any payments made by the OAG shall not exceed the actual and allowable allocable costs of GRANTEE to obtain services from the Certified Vendor for services within the “scope of services” of this Grant Contract. GRANTEE will submit to the OAG requests for reimbursement for the actual and allowable allocable costs incurred by GRANTEE to obtain services from the Certified Vendor for services within the “scope of services” of this Grant Contract. GRANTEE is responsible for submitting its invoices to the OAG in an accurate and timely manner. The requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by supporting documentation as required by the OAG. The OAG may from time to time require different or additional supporting documentation.

**a.** GRANTEE shall submit a request for reimbursement to the OAG for the prior quarter by the fifth (5th) of the next month following the end of each quarter. The four quarters for each fiscal year covered by the term of this Grant Contract end respectively on November 30, February 28, May 31, and August 31.

**b.** GRANTEE shall include a verification with its request for reimbursement stating that the GRANTEE received the services from the Certified Vendor during the preceding quarter and incurred the actual and allowable allocable costs for which GRANTEE seeks reimbursement.

**c.** If GRANTEE does not submit the required request for reimbursement and verification to the OAG within twenty (20) days of the next month following the end of any quarter, the OAG will determine what steps will be taken next, including placing the Grant Contract on financial hold or terminating the Grant Contract. If an OAG Grant Contract is placed on financial hold or terminated, the GRANTEE remains responsible for any contractual obligation it has with Certified Vendor. The OAG will not be responsible for collection efforts on behalf of the Certified Vendor.

**4.3.3 Limited Pre-Reimbursement Funding to GRANTEE.** Notwithstanding Section 4.3.2 above, the OAG, may, at its sole discretion, provide limited pre-reimbursement funding for reimbursable expenses to GRANTEE. This limited funding is not preferred and may be allowed upon submission of the following written documentation supporting the request:

**a.** A fully executed Participating Entity Services Agreement with the Certified Vendor for the time period covered by this Grant Contract;

**b.** An invoice from the Certified Vendor which includes the dates covered under this Grant Contract;

**c.** A completed OAG form “Verification of Continuing Production Record” which shall be provided by the OAG upon request;

**d.** An invoice to the OAG that complies with the requirements of the OAG; and

e. A written justification, signed by the Authorized Official or the Authorized Official's designee, explaining the need for pre-reimbursement funding.

**4.3.4 Fiscal Year End Required Reports.** GRANTEE shall submit fiscal year-end required reports that shall be received by the OAG on or before September 20 of each year covered by the term of this Grant Contract. The year-end reports shall include the following:

- a. **Record of Reimbursement.** GRANTEE will submit a reconciled record of its expenses for the prior fiscal year.
- b. **Equipment Inventory Report.** To the extent the purchase of equipment is authorized under this grant and GRANTEE purchases equipment is purchased with grant funds. GRANTEE will submit an Equipment Inventory Report which provides a record of the current inventory of items purchased, disposed of, replaced or transferred for any equipment that was purchased with grant funds.

**4.3.5 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report.**

GRANTEES that are required to undergo a Single Audit must complete and submit the Single Audit of the complete program and/or organization and management letter of the audit findings within nine months of the end of the fiscal year of the agency. The audit will meet Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards 2 CFR 200 and Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) requirements. GRANTEES whose expenditures require the completion of a Single Audit, must submit a Single Audit to the OAG, an Annual Independent Financial Audit will not satisfy the audit requirement. GRANTEES that are required to undergo an Annual Independent Financial Audit by statute, regulation, or organizational policy must submit the Annual Financial Audit of the complete program and/or organization and management letter of the audit findings if requested by the OAG. GRANTEES who do not meet the expenditure threshold of the Single Audit and are not required by statute, regulation, or organizational policy to complete an Annual Audit, are not required to submit an Annual Audit to the OAG.

**4.3.6 Close Out Invoice** GRANTEE shall submit a final invoice not later than twenty (20) days after the earlier of (1) the termination of this Grant Contract; or (2) the end of each state fiscal year covered by the term of this Grant Contract.

**4.3.7 Refunds and Deductions.** If the OAG determines that an overpayment of grant funds under this Grant Contract has occurred, such as payments made inadvertently, pre-reimbursement payments that were not expended, or payments made but later determined not to be actual and allowable allocable costs, the OAG may seek a refund from GRANTEE and/or the Certified Vendor. The OAG, in its sole discretion, may offset and deduct the amount of the overpayment from any amount owed as a reimbursement under this Grant Contract, or may choose to require a payment directly from GRANTEE and/or the Certified Vendor rather than offset and deduct any amount. GRANTEE and/or the Certified Vendor shall promptly refund any overpayment to the OAG within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the notice of the overpayment from the

OAG unless an alternate payment plan is specified by the OAG.

**4.3.8 Purchase of Equipment; Maintenance and Repair; Title upon Termination.**

GRANTEE shall not give any security interest, lien or otherwise encumber any item of equipment purchased with contract funds. GRANTEE shall permanently identify all equipment purchased under this Grant Contract by appropriate tags or labels affixed to the equipment. GRANTEE shall maintain a current inventory of all equipment, which shall be available to the OAG at all times upon request; however, as between the OAG and GRANTEE title for equipment will remain with GRANTEE.

GRANTEE will maintain, repair, and protect all equipment purchased in whole or in part with grant funds under this Grant Contract so as to ensure the full availability and usefulness of such equipment. In the event GRANTEE is indemnified, reimbursed, or otherwise compensated for any loss or destruction of, or damage to, the equipment purchased under this Grant Contract, it shall use the proceeds to repair or replace said equipment.

**4.3.9 Direct Deposit.** GRANTEE may make a written request to the OAG to be placed on Direct Deposit status by completing and submitting to the OAG the State Comptroller's Direct Deposit Authorization Form. After the direct deposit request is approved by the OAG and the setup is completed on the Texas Identification Number System by the State Comptroller's Office, payment will be remitted by direct deposit and the OAG will discontinue providing GRANTEE with copies of reimbursement vouchers.

**4.3.10 Debts and Delinquencies.** GRANTEE agrees that any payments due under the Grant Contract shall be applied towards any debt or delinquency that is owed to the State of Texas.

**4.4 Notification of Change in Jail Management System and/or Court Management System.**

GRANTEE shall submit written notice to the OAG of any change in the following: Jail Management System and/or Court Management System Vendor, Jail Management System and/or Court Management System software or version of software, or any change in the hardware supporting these systems (router, hard drive, etc.) that may impact the transference of data to the SAVNS Vendor. Such notice for change in management vendors or software shall be provided at least sixty (60) days in advance of such change. Notice of change in hardware supporting the systems must occur as soon as possible after the issue occurred that caused the need for replacement but prior to replacement.

**SECTION 5. OBLIGATIONS OF OAG**

**5.1 Monitoring.** The OAG is responsible for monitoring GRANTEE to ensure the effective and efficient use of grant funds to accomplish the purposes of this Grant Contract.

**5.2 Maximum Liability of OAG.** The maximum liability of the OAG is contained in the attached Exhibit A. Any change to the maximum liability is void unless supported by a written

amendment to this Grant Contract executed between OAG and GRANTEE.

**5.3 Payment of Authorized Costs.** The OAG shall be obligated to reimburse GRANTEE for all actual and allowable allocable costs incurred by GRANTEE pursuant to this Grant Contract. The OAG is not obligated to pay unauthorized costs. Prior written approval from the OAG is required if GRANTEE anticipates altering the scope of the grant, adding funds to previously un-awarded budget categories, changing funds in any awarded budget category by more than 10% of the annual budget and/or adding new line items to any awarded budget category.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, should GRANTEE wish to alter the scope of the grant or change the goals of the grant by adding or eliminating goals which were included in the GRANTEE's final "Scope of Services" included in Section 3 above, such alteration or change may only be achieved by a written, duly executed amendment to this Grant Contract.

**5.4 Contract Not Entitlement or Right.** Reimbursement with contract funds is not an entitlement or right. Reimbursement depends, among other things, upon strict compliance with all terms, conditions and provisions of this Grant Contract. The OAG and GRANTEE agree that any act, action or representation by either party, their agents or employees that purports to increase the maximum liability of the OAG is void, unless a written amendment to this Grant Contract is first executed. GRANTEE agrees that nothing in this Grant Contract will be interpreted to create an obligation or liability of the OAG in excess of the funds delineated in this Grant Contract.

**5.5 Funding Limitation.** GRANTEE agrees that funding for this Grant Contract is subject to the actual receipt by the OAG of grant funds (state and/or federal) appropriated to the OAG. GRANTEE agrees that the grant funds, if any, received from the OAG are limited by the term of each state biennium and by specific appropriation authority to and the spending authority of the OAG for the purpose of this Grant Contract. **GRANTEE agrees that notwithstanding any other provision of this Grant Contract, if the OAG is not appropriated the funds, or if the OAG does not receive the appropriated funds for this grant program, or if the funds appropriated to the OAG for this grant program are required to be reallocated to fund other state programs or purposes, the OAG is not liable to pay the GRANTEE any remaining balance on this Grant Contract.**

## SECTION 6. TERMINATION

**6.1 Termination for Convenience.** Either Party may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Grant Contract, without recourse, liability or penalty, upon providing written notice to the other Party thirty (30) calendar days before the effective date of such termination.

**6.2 Termination for Cause.** In the event that GRANTEE fails to perform or comply with an obligation of the terms, conditions, and provisions of this contract, or if the OAG receives financial reporting which indicates high financial risk, the OAG may, upon written notice of the breach to GRANTEE, immediately terminate all or any part of this contract.

**6.3 Termination Not Exclusive Remedy; Survival of Terms and Conditions.** Termination is not an exclusive remedy but will be in addition to any other rights and remedies provided in equity, by law, or under this Grant Contract.

Termination of this Grant Contract for any reason or expiration of this Grant Contract shall not release the Parties from any liability or obligation set forth in this Grant Contract that is expressly stated to survive any such termination or by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such termination. The following terms and conditions, (in addition to any others that could reasonably be interpreted to survive but are not specifically identified), survive the termination or expiration of this Grant Contract: Sections 4, 5, 7, 11, and 12.

**6.4 Refunds to OAG by GRANTEE.** If the GRANTEE terminates for convenience under Section 6.1, or if the OAG terminates under Sections 6.1 or 6.2 before the purpose of this Grant Contract is accomplished, then the OAG may require the GRANTEE and/or the Certified Vendor to refund all or some of the grant funds paid under this Grant Contract. Such funds include those funds representing the number of months of SAVNS services that were previously invoiced and paid by the OAG under this Grant Contract.

**6.5 Notices to Certified Vendor.** Any termination of this Grant Contract will also be forwarded by the terminating party to the Certified Vendor.

## **SECTION 7. AUDIT RIGHTS; RECORDS RETENTION**

**7.1 Duty to Maintain Records.** GRANTEE shall maintain adequate records that enable the OAG to verify all reporting measures and requests for reimbursements related to this Grant Contract. GRANTEE also shall maintain such records as are deemed necessary by the OAG, OAG's auditor, the State Auditor's Office or other auditors of the State of Texas, the federal government, or such other persons or entities designated by the OAG, to ensure proper accounting for all costs and performances related to this Grant Contract.

**7.2 Records Retention.** GRANTEE shall maintain and retain records for a period of seven (7) years after the Grant Contract is completed or expires, or all issues that arise from any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, open records request, administrative review, or other action involving the Grant Contract or documents are resolved. The records include, but may not be limited to, the Grant Contract, any contract solicitation documents, any documents that are necessary to fully disclose the extent of services provided under the Grant Contract, any daily activity reports and time distribution and attendance records, and other records that may show the basis of the charges made or performances delivered. OAG may, at its discretion, direct GRANTEE to retain documents for a longer period of time or transfer certain grant records to OAG custody when it is determined the records possess longer term retention value. GRANTEE must include the substance of this clause in all subcontracts.

**7.3 Audit Trails.** GRANTEE shall maintain appropriate audit trails to provide accountability for all reporting measures and requests for reimbursement. Audit trails maintained by GRANTEE will, at a minimum, identify the supporting documentation prepared by GRANTEE to permit an audit of its systems. GRANTEE's automated systems, if any, must provide the means whereby authorized personnel have the ability to audit and verify contractually required performances and to establish individual accountability for any action that can potentially cause access to, generation of, or modification of confidential information.

**7.4 Access and Audit.** At the request of the OAG, GRANTEE shall grant access to and make available all paper and electronic records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices, and any other items relevant to the performance of this Grant Contract, compliance with applicable state or federal laws and regulations, and the operation and management of GRANTEE to the OAG or its designees for the purposes of inspecting, auditing, or copying such items. GRANTEE will direct any other entity, person, or contractor receiving funds directly under this Grant Contract or through a subcontract under this Grant Contract to likewise permit access to, inspection of, and reproduction of all books, records, and other relevant information of the entity, person, or contractor(s) that pertain to this Grant Contract. All records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices, and any other items, in whatever form, relevant to the performance of this Grant Contract, shall be subject to examination or audit. Whenever practical as determined at the sole discretion of the OAG, the OAG shall provide GRANTEE with up to five (5) business days' notice of any such examination or audit.

**7.5 State Auditor.** In addition to and without limitation on the other audit provisions of this Grant Contract, pursuant to Section 2262.154 of the Texas Government Code, the State Auditor's Office may conduct an audit or investigation of GRANTEE or any other entity or person receiving funds from the State directly under this Grant Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under this Grant Contract. The acceptance of funds by GRANTEE or any other entity or person directly under this Grant Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under this Grant Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office, 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, GRANTEE or another entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the State Auditor's Office must provide the State Auditor's Office with access to any information the State Auditor's Office considers relevant to the investigation or audit. GRANTEE further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. GRANTEE shall ensure that this paragraph concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through GRANTEE and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards. The State Auditor's Office shall at any time have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, and transcribe any pertinent books, documents, working papers, and records of GRANTEE related to this Grant Contract. GRANTEE also represents and warrants that it will comply with Section 321.022 of the Texas Government Code, which requires that suspected fraud and unlawful conduct be reported to the State Auditor's Office.

**7.6 Location.** Any audit of records shall be conducted at GRANTEE's principal place of business and/or the location(s) of GRANTEE's operations during GRANTEE's normal business hours. GRANTEE shall provide to OAG or its designees, on GRANTEE's premises (or if the audit is being performed of a subcontractor, the subcontractor's premises if necessary) private space, office furnishings (including lockable cabinets), telephone and facsimile services, utilities, and office-related equipment and duplicating services as OAG or its designees may reasonably require to perform the audits described in this Grant Contract.

## **SECTION 8. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION TO THE OAG**

The OAG will designate the proper methods for the delivery of information to the OAG by GRANTEE. The OAG generally requires submission of information via email. Some reporting requirements must occur via the internet and/or a web-based data collection method. Accordingly, all reports required under this Grant Contract including but not limited to semi-annual statistical reports, annual performance reports, financial status reports, requests for reimbursement, Annual Compiled Financial Statement Report, and any other reports, notices or information must be submitted in the manner directed by the OAG. The manner of delivery may be subject to change during the term of the Grant Contract, in the sole discretion of the OAG.

## **SECTION 9. CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS AND SANCTIONS**

The Parties agree to make a good faith effort to identify, communicate, and resolve problems found by either the OAG or GRANTEE.

**9.1 Corrective Action Plans.** If the OAG finds deficiencies in GRANTEE's performance under this Grant Contract, the OAG, at its sole discretion, may impose one or more of the following remedies as part of a corrective action plan: increase of monitoring visits; require additional or more detailed financial and/or programmatic reports be submitted; require prior approval for expenditures; require additional technical or management assistance and/or make modifications in business practices; reduce the contract amount; and/or terminate this Grant Contract. The foregoing are not exclusive remedies, and the OAG may impose other requirements that the OAG determines will be in the best interest of the State.

**9.2 Financial Hold.** Failure to comply with submission deadlines for required reports, invoices, or other requested information, indicators of financial risk, or reports of conflict of interest or potential/actual fraud, waste, and abuse, may result in the OAG, at its sole discretion, placing GRANTEE on immediate financial hold without further notice to GRANTEE and without first requiring a corrective action plan. No reimbursements will be processed until the requested information is submitted. If GRANTEE is placed on financial hold, the OAG, at its sole discretion, may deny reimbursement requests associated with expenses incurred during the time GRANTEE was placed on financial hold.

**9.3 Sanctions.** In addition to financial hold, the OAG, at its sole discretion, may impose other sanctions without first requiring a corrective action plan. The OAG, at its sole discretion, may impose sanctions, including, but not limited to, withholding or suspending funding, offsetting previous reimbursements, requiring repayment, disallowing claims for reimbursement, reducing funding, terminating this Grant Contract and/or any other appropriate sanction.

**9.4 No Waiver.** Notwithstanding the imposition of corrective actions, financial hold, and/or sanctions, GRANTEE remains responsible for complying with the Grant Contract terms and conditions. Corrective action plans, financial hold, and/or sanctions do not excuse or operate as a waiver of prior failure to comply with this Grant Contract.

## **SECTION 10. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**10.1 Federal and State Laws, Rules and Regulations, Directives, Guidelines, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and Other Relevant Authorities.** GRANTEE agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, directives, guidelines, including 2 CFR Part 200, and any other authorities relevant to the performance of GRANTEE under this Grant Contract. In instances where multiple requirements apply to GRANTEE, the more restrictive requirement applies.

**10.2 Uniform Grant Management Act, TxGMS and Applicable Standard Federal and State Certifications and Assurances.** GRANTEE agrees to comply with applicable laws, executive orders, regulations and policies including Texas Government Code, Chapter 783, and the Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS), and any other applicable federal or state grant management standards or requirements. Further, GRANTEE agrees to comply with the applicable OAG Certifications and Assurances, which are incorporated herein by reference, including, but not limited to, the equal employment opportunity program certification, disclosure and certification regarding lobbying, non-procurement debarment certification, drug-free workplace certification, annual single audit certification, compliance with annual independent financial audit filing requirement, compliance with TxGMS and the applicable 2 CFR Part 200, return of grant funds in the event of loss or misuse, and conflict of interest.

**10.3 Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or Other Recognized Accounting Principles.** GRANTEE shall adhere to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, unless other recognized accounting principles are required by GRANTEE. GRANTEE shall follow OAG fiscal management policies and procedures in processing and submitting requests for reimbursement and maintaining financial records related to this Grant Contract.

**10.4 Conflicts of Interest; Disclosure of Conflicts.** GRANTEE represents and warrants that performance under the Grant Contract or grant will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create an appearance of impropriety. GRANTEE has not given, or offered to give, nor does GRANTEE 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 or employee of the OAG, at any time during the negotiation of this Grant Contract or in connection with this Grant Contract, except as allowed under relevant state or federal law. Further, GRANTEE represents and warrants that in the administration of the grant, it will comply with all conflict of interest prohibitions and disclosure requirements required by applicable law, rules, and policies, including Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code. If circumstances change during the course of the Grant Contract or grant, GRANTEE shall promptly notify the OAG. GRANTEE will establish safeguards to prohibit its employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of a personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain. GRANTEE will operate with complete independence and objectivity without an actual, potential or apparent conflict of interest with respect to its performance under this Grant Contract. GRANTEE must disclose, in writing, within fifteen (15) calendar days of discovery, any existing or potential conflicts of interest relative to its performance under this Grant Contract.

**10.5 Does Not Boycott Israel.** To the extent required by Texas Government Code Section 2271.002, GRANTEE represents and warrants, that neither GRANTEE, nor any subcontractor, assignee, or sub-recipient of GRANTEE, currently boycotts Israel, or will boycott Israel during the term of this Grant Contract. GRANTEE agrees to take all necessary steps to ensure this certification remains true for any future subcontractor or assignee. For purposes of this provision, “Boycott Israel” shall have the meaning assigned by Texas Government Code, Sec. 808.001(1).

**10.6 Law Enforcement Funding.** To the extent applicable, GRANTEE acknowledges that, under article IX, section 4.01 of the General Appropriations Act for the term covered by this Grant Contract, funds may only be expended under this Grant Contract if GRANTEE is in compliance with all rules developed by the Commission on Law Enforcement or if the Commission on Law Enforcement has certified that GRANTEE is in the process of achieving compliance.

**10.7 Restriction on Abortion Funding.** GRANTEE acknowledges that, under article IX, section 6.24 of the General Appropriations Act for the term covered by this Grant Contract, and except as provided by that Act, funds may not be distributed under this Grant Contract to any individual or entity that: (1) performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the State’s Medicaid program; (2) 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 (3) is a franchise or affiliate of an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the State’s Medicaid program.

## **SECTION 11. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**11.1 Independent Contractor Status; Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement.** GRANTEE expressly agrees that it is an independent contractor. Under no circumstances shall any owner, incorporator, officer, director, employee, or volunteer of GRANTEE be considered a state employee, agent, servant, or partner of, or part of any joint venture or joint enterprise with,

the OAG or the State of Texas. GRANTEE agrees to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that each contractor of GRANTEE will be deemed to be an independent contractor and will not be considered or permitted to be an agent, servant, or partner of, or part of any joint venture or joint enterprise with the OAG or the State of Texas.

All persons furnished, used, retained, or hired by or on behalf of GRANTEE or any of GRANTEE's contractors shall be considered to be solely the employees or agents of GRANTEE or GRANTEE's contractors. GRANTEE or GRANTEE's contractors shall be responsible for ensuring that any and all appropriate payments are made, such as unemployment, workers compensation, social security, any benefit available to a state employee as a state employee, and other payroll taxes for such persons, including any related assessments or contributions required by law.

**GRANTEE or contractors are responsible for all types of claims whatsoever due to actions or performance under this Grant Contract, including, but not limited to, the use of automobiles or other transportation by its owners, incorporators, officers, directors, employees, volunteers or any third parties. TO THE EXTENT PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION AND LAWS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER, GRANTEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS OAG AND THE STATE OF TEXAS, 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, ATTORNEYS 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 GRANT CONTRACT AND ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE GRANT CONTRACT. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY GRANTEE WITH THE OAG 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 OAG. OAG AND GRANTEE AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.**

**11.2 Publicity.** GRANTEE shall not use the OAG's name or refer to the OAG directly or indirectly in any media release, social media posting, public service announcement, or public service disclosure relating to this Grant Contract or any acquisition pursuant hereto, including in any promotional or marketing materials, without first obtaining written consent from the OAG. This section is not intended to and does not limit GRANTEE's ability to comply with its obligations and duties under the Texas Open Meetings Act and/or the Texas Public Information Act.

**11.3 Intellectual Property.** GRANTEE understands and agrees that GRANTEE may copyright any original books, manuals, films, or other original material and intellectual property developed

or produced out of funds obtained under this Grant Contract, subject to the royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license which is hereby reserved by the OAG and granted by GRANTEE to the OAG or, where applicable, the State of Texas, or if federal funds are expended, the United States Government. GRANTEE hereby grants the OAG an unrestricted, royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to use, copy, modify, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use (in whole or in part, including in connection with derivative works), at no additional cost to the OAG, in any manner the OAG deems appropriate in the exercise of its sole discretion, any component of such intellectual property.

GRANTEE shall obtain from subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors (if any) all rights and data necessary to fulfill the GRANTEE's obligations to the OAG under this Grant Contract. If a proposed subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor refuses to accept terms affording the OAG such rights, GRANTEE shall promptly bring such refusal to the attention of the OAG Program Manager for the Grant Contract and not proceed with the agreement in question without further authorization from the OAG.

**11.4 Program Income.** Gross income directly generated from the grant funds through a project or activity performed under this Grant Contract is considered program income. Unless otherwise required under the terms of this Grant Contract, any program income shall be used by GRANTEE to further the program objectives of the project or activity funded by this grant, and the program income shall be spent on the same project or activity in which it was generated. GRANTEE shall identify and report this income in accordance with the OAG's reporting instructions. GRANTEE shall expend program income during this Grant Contract term; program income not expended in this Grant Contract term shall be refunded to the OAG.

**11.5 No Supplanting.** GRANTEE shall not supplant or otherwise use funds from this Grant Contract to replace or substitute existing funding from other sources that also supports the activities that are the subject of this Grant Contract.

**11.6 No Solicitation or Receipt of Funds on Behalf of OAG.** It is expressly agreed that any solicitation for or receipt of funds of any type by GRANTEE is for the sole benefit of GRANTEE and is not a solicitation for or receipt of funds on behalf of the OAG or the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

**11.7 No Subcontracting, Assignment, or Delegation Without Prior Written Approval of OAG.** GRANTEE may not subcontract, assign any of its rights, or delegate any of its duties under this Grant Contract without the prior written approval of the OAG. OAG shall maintain the complete and sole discretion to approve or deny any request to subcontract, assign any right, or delegate any duty under this Grant Contract, and the OAG may withhold its approval for any reason or no reason. In the event OAG approves subcontracting, assignment, or delegation by GRANTEE, GRANTEE will ensure that its contracts with others shall require compliance with the provisions of this Grant Contract. GRANTEE, in subcontracting for any performances specified herein, expressly understands and agrees that it is not relieved of its responsibilities for ensuring that all performance is in compliance with this Grant Contract and that the OAG shall not

be liable in any manner to GRANTEE's subcontractor(s). GRANTEE represents and warrants that it will maintain oversight to ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

**11.8 No Grants to Certain Organizations.** GRANTEE confirms by executing this Grant Contract that it does not make contributions to campaigns for elective office or endorse candidates.

**11.9 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.** The Parties agree that no provision of this Grant Contract is in any way intended to constitute a waiver by the OAG or the State of Texas of any immunities from suit or from liability that the OAG or the State of Texas may have by operation of law.

**11.10 Governing Law; Venue.**

This agreement 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 this agreement is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless the specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute that directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to the OAG.

GRANTEE hereby waives and agrees not to assert by way of motion, as a defense, or otherwise, in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that GRANTEE is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts; the suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum; and/or the venue of the suit, action or proceeding.

**11.11 U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System.** GRANTEE will ensure that it utilizes the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to determine the eligibility of any new employee hired after the effective date of this Grant Contract who will be working on any matter covered by this Grant Contract.

**11.12 No Use of Grant Money for Lobbying.** GRANTEE shall not use any grant funds provided by OAG to GRANTEE to influence the passage or defeat of any legislative measure or election of any candidate for public office. GRANTEE represents and warrants that OAG'S payments to GRANTEE and GRANTEE'S receipt of appropriated or other funds under the contract or grant are not prohibited by Sections 403.1067 or 556.0055 of the Texas Government Code which restrict lobbying expenditures.

**11.13 Dispute Resolution Process.** The dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2009 of the Texas Government Code shall be used to resolve any dispute arising under this Grant Contract including specifically any alleged breach of the Contract by OAG.

**11.14 Child Support Obligation Affirmation.** GRANTEE represents and warrants that it will include the following clause in the award documents for every subaward and subcontract and will require subrecipients and contractors to certify accordingly: "Under Section 231.006 of the Family Code, the vendor or applicant certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract,

bid or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate. A bid or an application for a contract, grant, or loan paid from state funds must include the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity submitting the bid or application.”

**11.15 Excluded Parties.** GRANTEE certifies that it is not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order No. 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.

**11.16 Executive Head of a State Agency Affirmation.** In accordance with Section 669.003 of the Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with an executive head of a state agency, GRANTEE certifies that it is not (1) the executive head of the OAG, (2) a person who at any time during the four years before the date of the contract or grant was the executive head of the OAG, (3) a person who employs a current or former executive head of the OAG.

**11.17 Political Polling Prohibition.** GRANTEE represents and warrants that it does not perform political polling and acknowledges that appropriated funds may not be granted to, or expended by, any entity which performs political polling.

**11.18 Financial Participation Prohibited Affirmation.** Under Section 2155.004(b) of the Texas Government Code, GRANTEE certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract or grant funding and acknowledges that the contract may be terminated and all payments withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**11.19 Human Trafficking Prohibition.** Under Section 2155.0061 of the Texas Government Code, the GRANTEE certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract or grant funding and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and all payments withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**11.20 Prior Disaster Relief Contract Violation.** Under Sections 2155.006 and 2261.053 of the Texas Government Code, the GRANTEE certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract or grant funding and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and all payments withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**11.21 Cybersecurity Training Program.** All GRANTEES must complete a cybersecurity training. If the GRANTEE is a local unit of government, GRANTEE represents and warrants its compliance with Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code relating to the cybersecurity training program for local government employees who have access to a local government computer system or database. If the GRANTEE has access to any state computer system or database, GRANTEE shall complete cybersecurity training and verify completion of the training program to the Agency pursuant to and in accordance with Section 2054.5192 of the

Government Code.

**11.22 Debarment and Suspension.** GRANTEE 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.

**11.23 Disclosure Protections for Certain Charitable Organizations, Charitable Trusts, and Private Foundations.** GRANTEE represents and warrants that it will comply with Section 2252.906 of the Texas Government Code relating to disclosure protections for certain charitable organizations, charitable trusts, and private foundations.

**11.24 Legal Authority.** GRANTEE represents that it possesses legal authority to enter into this Grant Contract. A resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the GRANTEE'S governing body, authorizing the execution of the Grant Contract, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative, or the designee of GRANTEE to act in connection with the Grant Contract and to provide such additional information as may be required.

**11.25 Limitations on Grants to Units of Local Government.** GRANTEE acknowledges and agrees that appropriated funds may not be expended in the form of a grant to, or contract with, a unit of local government unless the terms of the grant or contract require that the funds received under the grant or contract will be expended subject to the limitations and reporting requirements similar to those provided by the following:

- a. Parts 2 and 3 of the Texas General Appropriations Act, Art. IX, except there is no requirement for increased salaries for local government employees;
- b. Sections 556.004, 556.005, and 556.006 of the Texas Government Code; and
- c. Sections 2113.012 and 2113.101 of the Texas Government Code

**11.26 Open Meetings.** If the GRANTEE is a governmental entity, GRANTEE represents and warrants its compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code which requires all regular, special or called meeting of a governmental body to be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law.

**11.27 COVID-19 Documentation.** Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 161.0085(c), a business in this state may not require a customer to provide any documentation certifying the customer's COVID-19 vaccination or post-transmission recovery on entry to, to gain access to, or to receive service from the business. To the extent applicable, Grantee represents and warrants that it is in compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 161.0085 and is eligible, pursuant to that section, to receive a grant or otherwise enter into a contract payable with state funds.

**11.28 Public Camping Ban.** GRANTEE certifies that it has not received a final judicial

determination finding it intentionally adopted or enforced a policy that prohibited or discouraged the enforcement of a public camping ban in an action brought by the Attorney General under Local Government Code § 364.003. If GRANTEE is currently being sued under the provisions of Local Government Code § 364.003, or is sued under this section at any point during the duration of this grant, GRANTEE must immediately disclose the lawsuit and its current posture to the OAG.

**11.29 Disaster Recovery Plan.** Upon request of OAG, GRANTEE shall provide the descriptions of its business continuity and disaster recovery plans.

**11.30 Discrimination Prohibited.** To the extent applicable, in accordance with Section 2105.004 of the Texas Government Code, GRANTEE represents and warrants that it will not use block grant funds in a manner that discriminates on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or religion.

**11.31 Force Majeure.** Neither GRANTEE nor OAG shall be liable to the other for any delay in, or failure of performance, of any requirement included in the Grant 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, epidemics or pandemics, 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.

## **SECTION 12. CONSTRUCTION OF CONTRACT AND AMENDMENTS**

**12.1 Construction of Contract.** The provisions of Section 1 are intended to be a general introduction to this Grant Contract. To the extent the terms and conditions of this Grant Contract do not address a particular circumstance or are otherwise unclear or ambiguous, such terms and conditions are to be construed consistent with the general objectives, expectations and purposes of this Grant Contract.

**12.2 Entire Agreement, including All Exhibits.** This Grant Contract, including all exhibits, reflects the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter therein described, and there are no other representations (verbal or written), directives, guidance, assistance, understandings or agreements between the Parties related to such subject matter. By executing this Grant Contract, GRANTEE agrees to strictly comply with the requirements and obligations of this Grant Contract, including all exhibits.

**12.3 Amendment.** This Grant Contract shall not be modified or amended except in writing, signed by both parties. Any properly executed amendment of this Grant Contract shall be binding upon the Parties and presumed to be supported by adequate consideration.

**12.4 Partial Invalidity.** If any term or provision of this Grant Contract is found to be illegal or unenforceable, such construction shall not affect the legality or validity of any of its other provisions. It is the intent and agreement of the Parties to this Grant Contract that the resulting Grant Contract shall be deemed amended by modifying such provision to the extent necessary to render it valid, legal and enforceable while preserving its intent or, if such modification is not possible, by substituting another provision that is valid, legal and enforceable and that achieves the same objective. All other provisions of the Grant Contract will continue in full force and effect.

**12.5 Non-waiver.** The failure of any Party to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms or conditions herein, irrespective of the length of time of such failure, shall not be a waiver of that Party's right to demand strict compliance in the future. No consent or waiver, express or implied, to or of any breach or default in the performance of any obligation under this Grant Contract shall constitute a consent or waiver to or of any breach or default in the performance of the same or any other obligation of this Grant Contract.

**12.6 Official Capacity.** The Parties stipulate and agree that the signatories hereto are signing, executing and performing this Grant Contract only in their official capacity.

**12.7 Signature Authority.** The undersigned Parties represent and warrant that the individuals submitting this document are authorized to sign such documents on behalf of the respective parties.

**12.8 False Statements.** GRANTEE agrees and acknowledges that if GRANTEE signs the Grant Contract with a false statement or it is subsequently determined that GRANTEE has violated any of the representations, warranties, guarantees, certifications, or affirmations included in the Grant Contract, or any documents submitted in connection with the Grant Contract, then GRANTEE will be in default under the Grant Contract and OAG may terminate or void the Grant Contract.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF, THE PARTIES HAVE SIGNED AND EXECUTED THIS CONTRACT.**

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL**

Hidalgo County

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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the Attorney General

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: Richard Cortez  
Authorized Official

**SAVNS MAINTENANCE GRANT CONTRACT**

**OAG Contract No.** C-01117

**EXHIBIT A**

**Population Size:** Large

The total liability of the OAG for any type of liability directly or indirectly arising out of this Grant Contract and in consideration of GRANTEE'S full, satisfactory and timely performance of all its duties, responsibilities, obligations, liability, and for reimbursement by the OAG for expenses, if any, as set forth in this Grant Contract or arising out of any performance herein shall not exceed the following:

<b>Annual Cost for Jail</b>	<b>Annual Cost for Courts</b>	<b>MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE COSTS</b>
\$25,968.88	\$4,316.38	\$30,285.26

The annual costs listed above will be billed by the Vendor on a quarterly basis pursuant to the terms of Participating entity Service Agreement (Exhibit B). The OAG is not obligated to pay for services prior to the commencement or after the termination of this Grant Contract.

# EXHIBIT B

## FOURTH CONTRACT RENEWAL PARTICIPATING ENTITY SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICE (SAVNS)

**Contract No.**

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is the Texas State agency tasked with certifying a statewide vendor to provide a Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) to a variety of political subdivisions of the State of Texas, including counties, county Sheriffs, clerks and attorneys, district attorneys, and courts (“Participating Entities”);

WHEREAS OAG certified and contracted with **Appriss Insights, LLC. (“Vendor”)** as the statewide vendor to provide SAVNS to each of the Participating Entities (“OAG Certification Agreement”);

WHEREAS [NAMED ENTITY] as a Participating Entity and VENDOR executed a Participating Services Agreement identified as Contract No. [INSERT CONTRACT NUMBER] under which VENDOR would provide SAVNS to [NAMED ENTITY] (the “Contract”);

WHEREAS SECTION 1 of the Contract permitted the [NAMED ENTITY] to, in its sole and absolute discretion, renew the Contract, for four (4) additional one (1) year renewal terms (each a “Renewal Term”) to the extent the OAG Certification Agreement, remains in effect;

WHEREAS the OAG exercised its option to renew the OAG Certification Agreement, extending the term thereof to August 31, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS **FOURTH CONTRACT RENEWAL** is exercised by [NAMED ENTITY] as follows:

The Contract terminated on August 31, 2022, and was renewed through August 31, 2023. The Contract is hereby renewed, with this Fourth Contract Renewal Term (“Fourth Renewal Term”) to begin on September 1, 2023 and end of August 31, 2024. Pursuant to Section 1 of the Contract, this Fourth Renewal Term and any subsequent renewals, shall be subject to all specifications and terms and conditions of the Contract, the OAG Certification Agreement, and the Incorporated Documents as defined in Section 2 therein.

**[NAMED ENTITY] by:**

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*Signature*

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*Date*

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*Name*

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**Acknowledged by Appriss Insights, LLC.**

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*Signature*

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**Certificate Of Completion**

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Signing Group: Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice

Security Level: Email, Account Authentication (None)

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