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**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**  
**C-23-0374-XX-XX (ARPA 22-124-047)**

This Agreement entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, **2023**, by and between the **County of Hidalgo** (hereinafter called the “**OWNER**,” or “County”) and, The \_\_\_\_\_ (a corporation), (a partnership), (an individual) of Edinburg, State of Texas, hereinafter called “**CONTRACTOR**”.

*On or about March 10, 2021, the Federal Government passed the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”), including the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (the “SLFRF”) which provides for direct payments to qualifying units of local governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. Pursuant to the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s guidance, the funds may be used for certain eligible purposes to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects and to replace revenue lost due to the public health emergency, preventing cuts to government services. The guidance goes on to provide specific eligible uses for these funds. The services made the basis of this Agreement are being procured for one of these eligible purposes.*

*As such, this Agreement is subject to the requirements applicable to federal awards as provided in 2 CFR 200 and the required contract provisions for contracts subject to federal award found in Appendix II to 2 CFR 200 are applicable to this Agreement and were included as part of the initial procurement packet. Additionally, the ARPA required contract provisions found in the attached ARPA Addendum are applicable to this Agreement. All referenced required contract provisions are incorporated herein and made part of this agreement for all purposes, and Parties agree to abide by the same.*

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, OWNER requested responses to notices for Request for Bid (RFB) for: “\_\_\_\_\_” for the **County** (the “**Services**”). A copy of the procurement packet, including applicable specifications, is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”** (the “**Procurement Packet**”), and is incorporated herein and made part of this agreement for all purposes;

**WHEREAS**, CONTRACTOR submitted a response to provide services in accordance with the specifications as proposed. A copy of the CONTRACTOR’s response to the Procurement Packet is attached hereto as **Exhibit “B”** (the “**Response**”), and is incorporated herein and made part of this agreement for all purposes;

**WHEREAS**, OWNER has determined that CONTRACTOR has submitted the lowest and best bid to meet OWNER's requirements for the Service, as herein described.

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**WHEREAS**, CONTRACTOR represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such services; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of and in consideration of CONTRACTOR's agreement to perform the Services in accordance with the Procurement Packet, the Commissioners Court of County awards this contract to CONTRACTOR.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, that for and in consideration of the payments and agreement hereinafter mentioned, to be made and performed by the OWNER, the CONTRACTOR hereby agrees with the OWNER to commence and complete the construction described as follows:

1. OWNER and CONTRACTOR hereby agree that this Contract is entered into in order to provide the Services to OWNER. This Contract does not extend to any third parties any duties or benefits conferred in any manner hereunder or otherwise. During the term of this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall be obligated and hereby promises and agrees to render and provide the Services in accordance with specifications and terms contained in Exhibit "A" Procurement Packet and Exhibit "B" CONTRACTOR's Response. If there are any discrepancies between this agreement and the General and Special Conditions of the Contract contained in Exhibit A, the General and Special Conditions of the Contract shall control.

2. **Project/Consideration.** Hereinafter called the project, for the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) and all extra work in connection therewith, under the terms and stated in the General and Special Conditions of the Contract (See Exhibit "A"); and at CONTRACTOR'S own proper cost and expense to furnish all the materials, supplies, machinery, equipment, tools, superintendence, labor, insurance, and other accessories and services necessary to complete the said project in accordance with the conditions and prices stated in the Proposal, the General Conditions and Special Conditions printed or written explanatory matter thereof, the specifications and contract documents therefore as prepared by **[NAME OF ENGINEER]**, entitled the Engineer, and as enumerated in Paragraph 1.01.A.12 of the General Conditions, all of which are made a part hereof and collectively evidence and constitute the contract.

The CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to commence work under this contract on or after a date to be specified in written "Notice to Proceed" of the OWNER and to fully complete the project within One Hundred Eighty (180) working calendar days thereafter. The CONTRACTOR further agrees to pay, as liquidated damages, the sum of **\$500.00** for each consecutive calendar day thereafter.

The OWNER agrees to pay the CONTRACTOR in current funds for the performance of the contract, subject to additions and deductions, as provided in the General Conditions of the contract,

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and to make payments on account thereof as provided in Paragraphs 14.02.C and 14.07.C of the General Conditions.

3. CONTRACTOR agrees in performing the Services that it will use proper professional standards, comply with any and all appropriate laws and regulations and devote such time as is necessary to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

4. **Licenses/Certifications.** As a condition of this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall hold and maintain throughout the term of this Contract all licenses and permits required, or which may be required by any authority, including the State of Texas, during the term hereof to provide the Services. CONTRACTOR further represents that it is qualified to perform and execute the services described above. If such license or permit is suspended or revoked, this Contract shall automatically be terminated and CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall provide the OWNER with all current state certifications, permits, and/or licenses with applicable seals, or as otherwise required by the State of Texas.

5. **Equipment.** If applicable, CONTRACTOR shall provide a sufficient number of trucks, vehicles, personnel and equipment available to safely and efficiently provide the Services. All trucks or vehicles operated by the CONTRACTOR to perform the Services shall contain all equipment required by any authority to operate on streets and roads and all persons in the employ of CONTRACTOR who operate such trucks or vehicles shall have the required licenses, qualifications, skill, and expertise to perform such Services and shall comply with all laws, rules, and regulations prescribed by any agency or authority having jurisdiction with regard to the operation of such trucks or vehicles in providing the Services. CONTRACTOR shall provide a sufficient number of trucks, vehicles, personnel, and equipment available to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

6. **Independent Contractor.** The CONTRACTOR must comply with all applicable Hidalgo County policies and with any applicable federal, state, or local laws, regulations, orders, or ordinances applicable to the Services provided by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR represents and maintains that CONTRACTOR is an Independent Contractor and is not an employee of the OWNER, or any agency thereof, and represents and warrants that CONTRACTOR does not desire or request any fringe benefits provided to employees of OWNER, and/or any agency of the OWNER, including but not limited to benefits associated with Hidalgo County's Civil Service Program. CONTRACTOR agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder. CONTRACTOR will incur no financial obligation on behalf of the OWNER without prior written approval of the OWNER. CONTRACTOR will be responsible for all personal and professional expenses,

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including, but not limited to, membership fees and dues and expenses of attending conventions and meetings.

7. **Termination.** OWNER may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

8. **Non-Exclusive Services of CONTRACTOR.** Hidalgo OWNER reserves the right to request this Product, Good and/or service from other sources other than the CONTRACTOR and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

9. **Insurance.** Consistent with its status as an independent contractor and at its sole expense, CONTRACTOR agrees that throughout the duration of the work under this contract and any extension hereof, it shall provide and maintain any and all insurances and abide by any requirements which are specified in the Procurement Packet/Specifications and/or which may be necessary in providing Services or are otherwise required by law. Insurance policies shall cover, but are not limited to, CONTRACTOR's activities and all persons, vehicles, equipment and property connected with providing Services, to include theft or loss. The amount of insurance required shall be in accordance with amounts specified by the OWNER or as prescribed by law, but in no event shall any amount be less than the minimum amounts prescribed by law, including, but not limited to the Texas Tort Claims Act. These requirements do not establish limits of CONTRACTOR's liability. Any and all applicable insurance requirements and amounts are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring all required insurance policies are valid for the duration of the contract. All insurance policies are to be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall cause all subcontractors utilized by CONTRACTOR to also comply with these specifications. CONTRACTOR shall furnish to OWNER certificate(s) of coverage, and all renewals throughout the duration of the Project, issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect. (See **Exhibit "C"** attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes). For each applicable policy, CONTRACTOR shall name the OWNER as an additional insured. CONTRACTOR shall notify OWNER a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of cancellation of all or part of a policy. CONTRACTOR shall make any other insurance documentation available to OWNER upon request. CONTRACTOR will be considered in breach of contract should the CONTRACTOR fail to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability and requirements identified above while performing services for and under this Agreement, and will be subject to default and immediate termination of the Agreement. Additionally, CONTRACTOR covenants and agrees to use its best efforts to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability and requirements identified above until one year following the conclusion of this Agreement.

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10. **INDEMNIFICATION. CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD OWNER, ITS ELECTED OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, LIABILITY, DAMAGES, LOSSES AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING COSTS OF JUDGMENTS, SETTLEMENTS, COURT COSTS, AND ATTORNEYS' FEES, REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF SUCH CLAIM OR ACTION) CAUSED BY, RESULTING FROM, OR ALLEGING NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL ACTS OR OMISSIONS OR ANY FAILURE TO PERFORM ANY OBLIGATION UNDERTAKEN OR ANY COVENANT IN THIS CONTRACT, WHETHER SUCH ACT, OMISSION, OR FAILURE WAS THE CONTRACTOR'S OR THAT OF ANY PERSON PROVIDING SERVICES HEREUNDER THROUGH OR FOR THE CONTRACTOR. UPON WRITTEN NOTICE FROM THE OWNER, THE CONTRACTOR WILL RESIST AND DEFEND AT ITS OWN EXPENSE, AND BY COUNSEL REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO OWNER, ANY SUCH CLAIM OR ACTION. THE CONTRACTOR WILL CARRY PROPER INSURANCE WITH THE OWNER AS AN ADDITIONAL NAMED INSURED. THIS INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE SHALL SURVIVE THIS AGREEMENT AND BE ENFORCEABLE AS A SEPARATE AGREEMENT IN THE EVENT ITS SURVIVAL AND ENFORCEMENT BECOME NECESSARY.**

11. **Notice.** Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, all notices, demands, requests, or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been theretofore specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

If to OWNER:                      The County of Hidalgo  
   Attn: County Judge  
   100 E. Cano, 2nd Floor  
   Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to CONTRACTOR:              CONTRACTOR Name:  
   Attention:  
   Address  
   City, State, Zip Code

Each notice, demand, request, or communication which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addresses or if mailed at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

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12. **GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

- a. **Assignment.** Except as otherwise herein provided, CONTRACTOR shall not assign the obligations or rights under this Agreement to any person without the prior written consent of OWNER.
- b. **Conflict with Applicable Laws.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such event, the affected provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
- c. **No Waiver.** No waiver by OWNER of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.
- d. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The CONTRACTOR hereby consents to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.
- e. **Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.
- f. **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of OWNER under this Agreement, OWNER may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to CONTRACTOR. OWNER agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of OWNER. *Agreements for the acquisition, including lease of real or personal property under*

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*Tex. Loc. Govt. Code §271.903*: In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioner's Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of OWNER under this Agreement, OWNER may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to CONTRACTOR, OWNER agrees, however, to use a best efforts attempt to obtain and appropriate funds for payment of the Agreement. The parties intend this provision, if applicable, to be a continuing right to terminate this at the expiration of each budget period of OWNER in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code.

- g. **Immunities.** Nothing in this Agreement is intended to and OWNER does not hereby waive, release or relinquish any right to assert any of the defenses OWNER enjoys by virtue of the state or federal constitution, laws, rules or regulations, and any sovereign, official or qualified immunity available to OWNER as to any claim or action of any person, entity, or individual against OWNER.
- h. **Headings.** The headings and captions contained in this Agreement are solely for convenient reference and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision or paragraph hereof.
- i. **Gender and Number.** All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate.
- j. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representations or agreements in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by an agreement in writing executed by OWNER and CONTRACTOR, and not otherwise.
- k. **Purchasing Ethics.** CONTRACTOR represents and warrants it has not, during the process of being awarded this contract violated the following ethical standards of OWNER and, upon and after the execution of this Agreement, agrees to abide by the following ethical standards of OWNER:
  - i. It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of OWNER, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of OWNER, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an office of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any

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part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advise, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore pending before any department or agency of OWNER.

- ii. It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for OWNER, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.
- l. **Void Contract.** CONTRACTOR understands that an awarded contract may immediately become void if the OWNER determines that a lack of compliance with applicable policies and/or statutes has occurred in the procurement process.
- m. **Nondiscrimination.** CONTRACTOR, including subcontractors, assignees and successors in interest, ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, or any other protected class under law, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation in any federally or non-federally funded program or activity when providing any services described herein under this contract/agreement. Applicable nondiscrimination statements and provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, were provided as part of the initial procurement packet and are incorporated herein and made a part of this agreement for all purposes.
- n. **Additional Documents.** The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute each 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.
- o. **Required Contract Provision for Contracts Subject to Federal Award (if applicable).** Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.327, 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. Additionally, OWNER contracts under Federal award which are subject to assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are also required to contain additional contract clauses. The applicable required contract clauses were provided as part of the initial procurement packet and are incorporated herein and made part of this agreement for all purposes.

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p. **Authority to Execute.** The execution and performance of this Agreement by OWNER and CONTRACTOR have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions, or corporate action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of OWNER and CONTRACTOR in accordance with its terms.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these present have executed this contract in the year and day first written above.

**APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.**

**Agenda Item No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Executive Office:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY:**

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, Texas

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

Office of the Hidalgo County  
Criminal District Attorney,  
Toribio "Terry" Palacios

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, ADA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. PROCUREMENT PACKET**
- B. RESPONSE**
- C. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNATURES:**

(If Applicable)

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## **COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

### **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) CONTRACT ADDENDUM**

The contract or purchase order to which this addendum is attached is made using federal assistance provided to the County of Hidalgo by the US Department of Treasury under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"), Sections 602(b) and 603(b) of the Social Security Act, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021).

As such, this contract or purchase order is subject to the requirements applicable to federal awards as provided in 2 CFR 200. Further, in addition to any and all required contract clauses included in the procurement packet incorporated herein and made part of this Addendum and Agreement, including but not limited to those found in **Appendix II to 2 CFR 200** (required contract provisions for contracts subject to federal award) and the included Legal Notice, the following terms and conditions apply to you, the contractor or vendor, as a contractor of the County of Hidalgo, according to the County's Award Terms and Conditions; by ARPA and its implementing regulations; and as established by the Treasury Department. This list is not exclusive and shall include any amendments to the referenced required contract clauses, and other required contract clauses and/or any future required contract clauses. Applicable clauses and additional information for contracts subject to federal award may be found in the respective procurement packet (See procurement packet Appendix regarding the same) and are incorporated herein and made part of this Addendum and Agreement.

1. **Equal Opportunity.** Contractor shall comply with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by EO 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

2. **Minority and Women Business Enterprises (if applicable to this Contract).** Contractor hereby agrees to comply with the following when applicable: The requirements of Executive Orders 11625 and 12432 (concerning Minority Business Enterprise), and 12138 (concerning Women's Business Enterprise), when applicable. Accordingly, the Contractor hereby agrees to take affirmative steps to assure that women and minority businesses are utilized when possible as sources of supplies, equipment, construction and services. Affirmative steps shall include the following:

- a. Including qualified women's business enterprises and small and minority businesses on solicitation lists;
- b. Assuring that women's enterprises and small and minority businesses are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- c. When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into smaller tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;
- d. Where the requirement permits, establishing delivery schedules which will encourage participation by women's business enterprises and small and minority business;
- e. Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration, and the U.S. Office of Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and

f. If any subcontracts are to be let, requiring the prime Contractor to take the affirmative steps in a through e above. For the purposes of these requirements, a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) is defined as an enterprise that is at least 51 percent owned and controlled in its daily operation by members of the following groups: Black, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian, or Alaskan Natives. A Women Business Enterprise (WBE) is defined as an enterprise that is at least 51 percent owned and controlled in its daily operation by women.

**3. Suspension and Debarment.** (applies to all purchases.) (A) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 CFR pt. 180 and 2 CFR pt. 3000. As such, the Contractor is required to verify that none of Contractor's principals (defined at 2 CFR § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 CFR § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 CFR § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 CFR § 180.935). (B) The Contractor must comply with 2 CFR pt. 180, subpart C and 2 CFR pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. (C) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County of Hidalgo. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 CFR pt. 180, subpart C and 2 CFR pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. (D) The Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR pt. 180, subpart C and 2 CFR pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The Contractor further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

**4. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352, as amended. (Applies to all purchases.)** Contractor certifies that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Contractor shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency. **For Purchases over \$100,000 - Contractors must sign the certification included in the Byrd Anti-Lobbying section of the procurement packet APPENDIX entitled- Required Contract Clauses for Contracts under Federal Award.**

**5. Access to Records.** (applies to all purchases.) (A) The Contractor agrees to provide the County of Hidalgo, the U.S. Department of Treasury, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed, and agrees to cooperate with all such requests. (B) The Contractor agrees to provide the Treasury Department or authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract. (C) No language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the Treasury Department or the Comptroller General of the United States.

**6. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.** Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any applicable implementing regulations.

**7. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327 through 333) (applies only to purchases over \$100,000, when laborers or mechanics are used.)** Where applicable, all contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5). Under Section 3702 of the Act, each contractor shall be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard workweek of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard workweek is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1 1/2 times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the workweek. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

**8. Clean Air Act & Federal Water Pollution Control Act (applies to purchases of more than \$150,000.)** (A) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq. (B) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. (C) The Contractor agrees to report each violation of the Clean Air Act and the Water Pollution Control Act to the County of Hidalgo and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office. (D) Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

**9. Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment (Huawei and ZTE)**

Contractor is prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

- (1) Procure or obtain;
- (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
- (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

- (i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and

telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

**9. Buy USA** - Domestic Preference for certain procurements using federal funds. Contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award. For purposes of this section:

(1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

(2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

**10. Procurement of Recovered Materials:** (applies only if the work involves the use of materials) (A) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired: i. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule; ii. Meeting contract performance requirements; or iii. At a reasonable price. (B) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA- designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensiveprocurement-guideline-cpg-program>. (C) The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

**11. Publications.** Any publications produced with funds from this award must display the following language: "This project [is being] [was] supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number [enter project FAIN] awarded to [name of Recipient] by the U.S. Department of the Treasury."

**12. Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States.** Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, 62 FR 19217 (Apr. 18, 1997), Contractor is encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for your employees when operating company-owned, rented or personally owned vehicles.

**13. Reducing Text Messaging While Driving.** Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, 74 FR 51225 (Oct. 6, 2009), Contractor is encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving, and establish workplace safety policies to decrease accidents caused by distracted drivers.