

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES

This Agreement is made this ____ of July 2024, between The Alliance For Interstate 69 Texas, a Texas nonprofit corporation (the “Alliance”), by and through the Rio Valley Mobility Task Force, an Ad Hoc Committee of the Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce, Inc., a Texas nonprofit corporation and Hidalgo County, Texas (the “County”) as follows:

W I T N E S S T H

WHEREAS, to stimulate business and commercial activity in the County, pursuant to Section 381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code, the County may develop and administer a program (i) for state or local economic development and (ii) to stimulate, encourage and develop business location and commercial activity in the County;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 381.004, the County is authorized to spend public funds to finance such programs and to contract with another entity for the administration of such an economic development program;

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the development of Interstate 69 within the State of Texas connecting the state with Shreveport, Louisiana; Memphis, Tennessee; and Indianapolis, Indiana; and other strategic roadways that are essential to establishing a network of highways capable of supporting increased economic development, business location and commercial activity, would improve the business conditions within the State of Texas and the County and enhance the development of interstate and international trade within the State of Texas and the County;

WHEREAS, the County is continuing to develop an economic development program to promote the development of Interstate 69 within the State of Texas for the purpose of improving the business conditions within the State of Texas and the County and enhancing economic development, business location and commercial activity within the State of Texas and the County (the “Program”), and desires to contract with another entity to administer the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance has been created for the purpose of promoting the development of Interstate 69 within the State of Texas on behalf of various counties within the state;

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, the Alliance has been administering the Program for the County, and the County now desires to enter into a contract with the Alliance, whereby the Alliance will administer the Program on behalf of the County, including the provision of the following services, among others, in connection with the Program: (i) disseminating educational information to the public on the development of Interstate 69; (ii) supporting formal project authorization, appropriations and completion of Interstate 69 at both the state and federal levels; (iii) serving as the communication link for Interstate 69 development

between the federal and state governments and the private sector throughout Texas; and (iv) providing information and comments on the development of Interstate 69 to the executive branches of federal and state government, federal and state legislative bodies and committees, and administrative agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance is agreeable to contracting with the County to assist the County in promoting the development of Interstate 69 as set forth above.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the Alliance do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The County finds, determines and declares that continuing the development of the Program to promote the development of Interstate 69 within the State of Texas thereby establishing a network of highways capable of supporting increased trade will stimulate economic development, business location and commercial activity within the County.
2. The Alliance agrees to continue to administer the Program on behalf of the County, including the provision of the following services, among others, for the promotion of the development of Interstate 69 in the State of Texas: (i) dissemination of educational information to the public on the development of Interstate 69; (ii) support of formal project authorization, appropriations and completion of Interstate 69 at both the state and federal levels; (iii) serve as the communication link for Interstate 69 development between the federal and state governments and the private sector throughout Texas; and (iv) provide information and comments on the development of Interstate 69 to the executive branches of federal and state government, federal and state legislative bodies and committees, and administrative agencies.
3. The Alliance represents and agrees that (i) the Rio Grande Valley Mobility Task Force, an Ad Hoc Committee of the Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce, Inc., a Texas nonprofit corporation (the "Task Force"), will be responsible for paying the Alliance for services in an amount based on the County's share of the Contribution Requirement attributable to its class of membership in the Alliance, as such is set forth in Article 1, Section 6 of the By-laws of the Alliance; (ii) payment by the County to the Task Force, which the County agrees to make within 30 days of the execution of this Agreement, for provision of services hereunder shall satisfy the County's obligations hereunder and (iii) the County shall bear no liability with respect to whether the Task Force fulfills its obligations to the Alliance.
4. The Alliance shall use the funds specified in paragraph 3 above only for the purposes set forth in this Agreement.
5. The Alliance shall provide an annual report to County with respect to Alliance's activities regarding this Agreement.
6. This Agreement shall be effective on the date set forth below but the parties acknowledge it is for calendar year 2024 and expires on December 31, 2024.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

EXECUTED THIS _____ day of July, 2024.

HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

By: _____
Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

ATTEST:

By: _____
Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
Hidalgo County Clerk

THE ALLIANCE FOR INTERSTATE 69 TEXAS

By: _____
Judge Sydney Murphy, Chairman

ATTEST:

David A. Garza, Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE COUNTY:

HIDALGO COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
TORIBIO "TERRY" PALACIOS

By: _____
Victor M. Garza, Assistant District Attorney