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INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

This **INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT** is made as of the date set forth below by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, ("District"), and the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS**, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, ("County"), pursuant to the authority granted and in compliance with the provisions of the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, (the "Act") Chapter 791, Texas Government Code, as follows:

WHEREAS, the District and the County are each authorized to provide employment benefits to their respective employees and qualified retirees, including, but not limited to group health insurance, group life and accidental death and disability insurance (life/AD&D);

WHEREAS, the County is also authorized to provide its employees with the option to obtain additional insurance coverages at the employee's own expense for such products term disability, vision, dental, cancer, critical illness insurance and additional life insurance coverage beyond the limits provided by the employer (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Voluntary Products");

WHEREAS, the County, in compliance with the laws of the State of Texas, requested bids on the cost of group health insurance, group life/AD&D insurance coverage and Voluntary Products coverages;

WHEREAS, after review of all bids and proposals, the County authorized the establishment of a self-funded group health insurance program with AETNA to act as the third party administrator for and to provide the stop loss insurance under such group health insurance program and to award the life/AD&D insurance contract to DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY on the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof;

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide its employees group health insurance and life/AD&D coverages through the County in order to maximize the economies of scale and the taxpayer funds used to provide such insurance;

WHEREAS, the District and the County desire to cooperate with each other in providing appropriate group health insurance and life/AD&D coverages to their employees on the most cost-efficient basis;

WHEREAS, the District also desires to offer its employees, at such employee's sole cost and expense, the opportunity to elect dental and vision insurance from the array of Voluntary Products coverages as offered to the County's employees;

WHEREAS, the District and the County each expressly determine and find that it is in the best interest of their employees to enter into this Agreement prior to the expiration of any existing agreement relating to such matters, in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local government; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the District and the County have authorized the execution of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by the District and the County as follows:

1. **Inclusion of District by County.** The County consents to the inclusion of the District as part of County's employee group for both its self-funded health insurance program with AETNA as set forth above and its life/AD&D insurance contract with DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY on the terms and conditions as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof. In addition, the County consents to the inclusion of the District as part of County's employee group for the additional Voluntary Products coverages available to County's employees, limited however, to dental and vision insurance.

2. **Direct Payment by District.** (a) All costs associated with premiums for health insurance coverage related to District's employees shall be paid to the order of the County Treasurer monthly on or before the tenth day of the month of coverage directly by District and delivered to the County Treasurer at 2810 S. Business Hwy. 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539 along with a hard copy of the approved remittance form and the monthly payroll roster (excluding employee social security numbers) or otherwise paid at the written direction of the County to Aetna. In addition, District shall provide Hidalgo County DBM Employee Benefits Division at 505 S McColl Rd, Ste A, Edinburg, Texas 78539 on the same date as such premiums are paid to the County Treasurer (1) a PDF copy of check or other evidence of payment made to the County Treasurer, (2) a PDF copy of the approved remittance form submitted to the County Treasurer, (3) a PDF copy of the monthly payroll roster submitted to the County Treasurer and (4) a password protected Excel file of the monthly payroll roster submitted to the County Treasurer including the employees social security numbers as necessary for applicable insurance requirements. With respect to Life/AD&D insurance coverage for District's employees, District shall provide on the same dates as District provides premiums for health insurance the premium for Life/AD&D insurance payable to the order of DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, 36788 Eagle Way, Chicago, IL 60678-1367 along with a hard copy of the monthly payroll roster listing all employees of District for which Life/AD&D premiums are paid for the month.

(b) County is not responsible for the payment of any premiums or other administrative costs either as to "employer" or "employee" as the same relates to employees of the District. District is not responsible for the payment of any premiums or other administrative costs either as to "employer" or "employee" as the same relates to employees of the County.

(c) If upon termination of the coverages provided for herein, the County shall receive any refund from either AETNA or DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY for any fees, deposits or premiums related to the term hereof, County agrees to pay to District within ten (10) business days of the receipt of such refund a prorata share thereof based upon the District's proportional payment of such fee, deposit or premium as compared to the County's proportional payment of such fee, deposit or premium.

(d) All costs associated with premiums for any Voluntary Products consisting of Dental Insurance ("Dental") and Vision Insurance ("Vision") selected in writing by any District employee shall be withheld by District from such employee's payroll. Payment of premium for Dental and Vision shall be paid directly by District on behalf of such employee to the vendors respectively at the addresses listed below on or before the tenth day of the following month of

coverage. With respect to Dental and Vision, District shall provide a monthly payroll roster in a password protected Excel file via email on the same date as such payment is made to the attention of Norma Cardenas at ncardenas@delta.org for dental insurance and Devin Bennett at devin.bennett@ameritas.com and Rashay Wragge at rashay.wragge@ameritas.com for vision insurance.

Monthly payroll rosters shall include a list of District's employees electing Dental insurance or Vision Insurance respectively with the employee's respective plan and payroll deduction.

(1) Dental:
Delta Dental Insurance Company
1130 Sanctuary Parkway, Suite 600
Alpharetta, GA 30009; and

Vision:
Ameritas
5900 "O" Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

District is not responsible to either the County or any third party for the cost of any such Voluntary Products.

(e) District agrees to name County as an additional insured on District's Texas Municipal League Joint Self-Insurance Fund Liability Coverage (the "Liability Coverage"). District also agrees to provide County with verification of the Liability Coverage and County's designation as an additional insured thereon.

(f) Failure by the District to remit any such premium payments when due is cause for the County to terminate this Agreement on ten (10) days written notice provided however, if District cures any such default within such ten (10) day period, including payment of any applicable late fee, this Agreement shall continue in effect.

3. **Notice by County.** County agrees to provide District thirty (30) days written notice of any change or termination of such health and life/AD&D insurance coverages prior to the effective date of any such change. County agrees to provide District thirty (30) days written notice of any change or termination of such Voluntary Products coverages prior to the effective date of any such change.

4. **Provision for Governmental Services.** The parties to this Agreement acknowledge that the performance and services provided under this Agreement must be paid for from current revenues available to each party. If such revenue is not available, each party has the right to terminate the Agreement without further obligation or liability upon thirty (30) days written notification of such termination to the other party.

5. **Term and Renewal.** The term for coverages to be provided under this Agreement is January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. To the extent any obligation or performance under this Agreement extends beyond December 31, 2025, this Agreement shall remain in effect only on the condition that the both parties shall ratify and extend this Agreement on an annual basis. Upon failure of either party to ratify and extend this Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate without further liability to either party on December 31, 2025.

6. **Conflict with Applicable Law.** 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.

7. **No Waiver.** No waiver by any party hereto 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.

8. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire contract among the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that no other party 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 agreement in writing executed by the parties hereto, and not otherwise.

9. **Texas Law to Apply.** 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 parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

10. **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 County: Hidalgo County
Attention: Richard Cortez, County Judge
Hidalgo County Courthouse
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to District: Hidalgo County Appraisal District
Attention: Rolando Garza, Chief Appraiser
4405 S. Professional Drive
Edinburg, Texas 78539

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 addressee or, if mailed, at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

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

12. **Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.

13. **Assignment.** This Agreement shall not be assignable.

14. **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.

15. **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.

16. **Authority to Execute.** The execution and performance of this Agreement by each of the parties hereto have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions, ordinances or governing body action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of the parties hereto in accordance with its terms.

17. **Severability.** Should any phrase, clause, sentence or section of this Agreement be judicially declared to be invalid, unenforceable or void, such decision will not have the effect of invalidating or voiding the remainder of this Agreement, and such part of this Agreement will be deemed to have been stricken here from and the remainder of this Agreement will have the same force and effect as if such part or parts had never been included herein.

18. **Mediation.** In the event of a dispute between the District and the County over issues related to this Agreement, the parties agree to submit such disputes to mediation by a mutually agreeable mediator prior to the institution of any suit to resolve the dispute or to enforce the terms of this Agreement.

19. **Immunity.** Neither County nor District, via this agreement, waive governmental immunity from suit, or from liability, except as expressly set forth by the Texas Legislature in the Texas Government Code. The fact that County and District have entered into this agreement shall not in any way, constitute a deliberate waiver of immunity by either entity, which immunities are expressly reserved by both parties.

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

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

22. **Appendix II to CFR 200-Contract Provisions.** Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.327, a non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to CFR 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts under Federal Awards. Therefore, if applicable, the provisions of Appendix II to 2 CFR 200 are attached and incorporated by reference into this County contract should it be subject to Federal award.

EXECUTED the 17 day of December, 2024.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS

By: _____

RICHARD CORTEZ, County Judge

EXECUTED the 4th day of December, 2024.

HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

By: 

ROLANDO GARZA, Chief Appraiser

Exhibit A Interlocal Governmental Agreement

BASE PLAN - Aetna with \$2,000/\$4,000 Ded. - 70/30 Plan	MONTHLY	SEMIMONTHLY
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Employee (Paid by District)	\$840.00	
Spouse	\$460.00	\$230.00
Child or Children	\$130.00	\$65.00
Family	\$594.00	\$297.00

OPTIONAL BUY-UP PLAN - Aetna with \$1,000/\$2,000 Ded. - 80/20 Plan	MONTHLY	SEMIMONTHLY
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Employee	\$100.00	\$50.00
Spouse	\$690.00	\$345.00
Child or Children	\$236.00	\$118.00
Family	\$890.00	\$445.00

Ameritas Vision (Voluntary Product)
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Employee	\$9.92	\$4.96
Employee + Spouse	\$17.84	\$8.92
Employee + Child or Children	\$19.48	\$9.74
Employee + Family	\$25.60	\$12.80

Delta Dental (Voluntary Product)

Employee	\$25.58	\$12.79
Employee + Spouse	\$44.60	\$22.30
Employee + Child or Children	\$44.56	\$22.28
Employee + Family	\$75.66	\$37.83

Life and AD&D Insurance

Rates with Dearborn Life Insurance Company with \$30,000 Coverage	LIFE AND AD & D
	\$4.68 per employee

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON December 17, 2024.

Agenda Item No. 97720

Executive Office: _____

COUNTY:
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Office of the Criminal District Attorney,
Toribio "Terry" Palacios

ATTEST:

ADA NAME, Assistant District Attorney

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:
(If Applicable)

SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNATURES:
(If Applicable)