

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT

I. CONTRACTING PARTIES AND AUTHORITY

The Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), and the City of McAllen through the McAllen Police Department (MPD) are contracting under the authority of Texas Government Code Chapter 791 (the Interlocal Cooperation Act (ILC)) regarding the operation of the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center (TTIC).

II. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under Texas Local Government Code § 362.005, the sheriff's department of a county with a population of at least 870,000 that borders the Texas-Mexico border (HCSO) and the police department of the municipality having the largest population in that county (MPD) are to jointly establish and operate the TTIC, and DPS is to assist in its establishment and operation.

DPS was given appropriated funds for the purpose of the TTIC in the General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, 89th R.S. (2025), Article V, Strategy B.1.2., Rider No. 39.

DPS is a state agency under the executive branch and is authorized to enter into this ILC under Tex. Gov't Code Chapters 791, 411 and 421.

HCSO is an organized county of the State of Texas and authorized to enter into this ILC under its enabling legislation, Tex. Local Gov't Code Chapter 362 and Texas Gov't Code Chapters 791.

MPD is an organized municipality and political subdivision of the State of Texas and is authorized to enter into this ILC under its enabling legislation, Tex. Local Gov't Code Chapter 362 and Texas Gov't Code Chapters 791.

III. STATEMENT OF SERVICES

DPS, HCSO, and MPD agree as follows.

A. HCSO and MDP's will perform or understand the following:

1. Through this ILC and the applicable law, HCSO and MPD jointly established and now operate the TTIC as a central repository of real-time intelligence relating to: (1) autopsies in which the person's death is likely connected to transnational criminal activity; (2) criminal activity in the counties along the Texas-Mexico border and certain other counties; and (3) other transnational criminal activity in Texas.
2. HCSO and MPD have established and continue to operate the TTIC and will work with DPS in accordance with this ILC, Tex. Local Gov't Code § 362.005, Tex. Gov't Code § 421.085, and other applicable law.

3. HCSO and MPD will assist each law enforcement agency in a county located along the Texas-Mexico border or in a county that contains a federal checkpoint in its reporting to the TTIC, specifically, intelligence regarding criminal activity in the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction, including details on kidnappings, home invasions, and incidents of impersonation of law enforcement officers.
4. HCSO and MPD will assist the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in reporting to the TTIC regarding transnational criminal activity in either agency's jurisdiction.
5. HCSO and MPD will ensure that the intelligence in the TTIC will be made available to each law enforcement agency in Texas, TABC, and TPWD.
6. HCSO and MPD will use all transferred funds solely for TTIC purposes described in the ILC and the General Appropriations Act and will provide appropriate oversight to ensure they are used solely for these purposes. No later than 30 calendar days after August 31, 2027 MPD and HCSO will report in writing to DPS regarding any remaining funds and complete a transfer to DPS of all unencumbered funds remaining, if any, for deposit by DPS in the appropriate fund.
7. No later than the fifth calendar day of the first month of each quarter, HCSO and MPD will submit to DPS a detailed report on all expenditures during the prior quarter of the funds transferred by DPS under this ILC, any other information and documentation requested by DPS, and any other reporting and auditing requirements related to these funds or TTIC operations. In each quarterly report and in each ad hoc report requested by DPS, HCSO, and MPD will report all expenditures of TTIC funds detailed by the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) object code, with certification from HCSO's Chief Financial Officer and MPD's Chief Financial Officer that all funds were expended in accordance with this ILC, Tex. Local Gov't Code Chapter§ 362.005, and other applicable law.

B. DPS will perform or understands the following:

1. DPS will assist HCSO and MPD in the operation of TTIC.
2. DPS will transfer \$250,000 of fiscal year 2026 appropriated funds and \$250,000 of fiscal year 2027 appropriated to MPD and HCSO, for the sole purpose of MPD's and HCSO's use in operation of the TTIC under the terms of this ILC.

IV. CONTRACT AMOUNT AND BASIS FOR CALCULATING COSTS

The total amount of this contract will not exceed \$500,000.00. (\$250,000.00 per year for two (2) fiscal years).

V. TERM OF CONTRACT AND AMENDMENTS

A. Effective Date and Term

This ILC is effective on the date it is fully executed and will remain in full force and effect until August 31, 2027, unless canceled in writing by any party after at least 30 calendar

days prior written notice to the other parties. The ILC will survive to a non-canceling party until the term expires. HCSO and MPD will have 30 calendar days after August 31, 2027, to allow for any final administrative issues to be resolved after the return of any funds and final accounting under this ILC.

B. Amendments

This Contract may only be amended or extended by mutual agreement of all of the parties. The undersigned signatories have full authority to enter into this Contract on behalf of the respective Parties.

VI. CERTIFICATIONS

The parties certify that (1) the Contract is authorized by the governing body of each party; (2) the purpose, terms, rights, and duties of the parties are stated within the Contract; and (3) each party will make payments for the performance of governmental functions or services from current revenues available to the paying party.

The undersigned signatories have full authority to enter into this Contract on behalf of the respective Parties.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office Authorized Representative <i>J.E. "Eddie" Guerra, Sheriff</i>
Signature of Authorized Representative Date:

Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas Authorized Representative <i>Jason Taylor, Lieutenant Colonel</i>
Signature of Authorized Representative Date:

City of McAllen, McAllen Police Department Authorized Representative <i>Victor Rodriguez, Chief of Police</i>
Signature of Authorized Representative Date: