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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

C-26-0701-11-10

This Agreement entered into this **10th** day of **November, 2026**, by and between the **County of Hidalgo** (hereinafter called the "**OWNER**," or "County") and, **Synergy Development & Construction, LLC.** (a corporation), of Edinburg, State of Texas, hereinafter called "**CONTRACTOR**".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, OWNER requested responses to notices for Contractor Proposal Request (CPR) for: **"26-0701 McAllen Segment 3 Hike & Bike Trail"** for the **County** (the "**Services**"). A copy of the General conditions is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "**Standard General Conditions of The Construction Contract**", and the project scope of work, including applicable specifications, is attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"** (the "**Scope of Work**"), 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 is attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"** (the "**Response**"), and is incorporated herein and made part of this agreement for all purposes;

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

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 Scope of Work, 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" "Standard General Conditions of The Construction Contract", Exhibit B "Scope of Work", and Exhibit "C" CONTRACTOR's Response. If there are any discrepancies between this agreement and Standard General Conditions of The Construction Contract contained in Exhibit A, Standard General Conditions of The Construction Contract shall control.

2. **Project/Consideration**. Hereinafter called the project, for the sum of **Two million, three hundred thirty-one thousand, seven hundred dollars and fifty cents ($2,331,700.50)** and all extra work in connection therewith, under the terms and stated in the Standard General Conditions of The Construction 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 **B2Z Engineering, LLC.**, entitled the Project Manager.

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 **Three Hundred sixty- five (365) working calendar days** 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, 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, 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.

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:	Synergy Development & Construction, LLC. Attention: Jorge N. Garza PO Box 4292 Edinburg, Texas 78540

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.

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 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 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.

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]

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

APPROVED BY COMMISIONERS COURT ON NOVEMBER 10, 2026.

Agenda Item No.: 105229 **Executive Office: _____**

CONTRACTOR:

Synergy Development & Construction, LLC.

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Jorge N. Garza

COUNTY:

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, Texas

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Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

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

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_____, ADA

ATTEST:

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Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

A. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT
B. SCOPE OF WORK
C. RESPONSE