

#### WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT 301 SE INNER LOOP - SUITE 106 GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78626

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

## LEASE OF BELFORD SQUARE PROPERTY AT 308 W. 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUITE 102, GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78626,

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 12RFP00007

PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED AT OR BEFORE: March 28 2012 - 3:00 PM

PROPOSALS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED: March 28, 2012 - 3:00 PM

#### PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

<u>DEADLINE</u>: Proposals must be received in the Williamson County Purchasing Department at or before **3:00 PM on March 28, 2012**. Proposals will be publicly opened at **3:00 PM** or soon thereafter in the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

<u>METHODS</u>: Sealed proposals may be hand-delivered or mailed to the *Williamson County Purchasing Department, Attn: Bob Space, 301 SE Inner Loop, Suite 106, Georgetown, Texas 78626.* 

<u>FAX/EMAIL</u>: Facsimile and electronic mail transmittals will not be accepted.

#### PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

SUBMITTAL: One (1) original proposal and three (3) copies and 1 on CD must be submitted and consist of the COMPLETED AND SIGNED Proposal Form and any other required documentation. All copies must have the same attachments as the original.

<u>SEALED:</u> All proposals must be returned in a sealed envelope with the proposal name, number, opening date and time clearly marked on the outside. If an overnight delivery service is used, the proposal name, number, opening date and time must be clearly marked on the outside of the delivery service envelope.

REFERENCES: Williamson County requires proposer to supply with this proposal a list of at least three (3) references from whom proposer has leased property from in the past. If proposer is unable to provide at least three (3) such references, proposer shall inform Williamson County of such inability and proposer shall

include as many references as he/she/it can provide. For each reference, include name of reference, address, telephone number and name of representative.

<u>LEGIBILITY</u>: Proposals must be legible and of a quality that can be reproduced.

<u>FORMS</u>: All proposals must be submitted on the forms provided in this Request for Proposal. Changes to forms made by proposer may disqualify their proposal.

<u>LATE PROPOSAL</u>: Proposals received after submission deadline will not be opened and will be considered void and unacceptable. Williamson County is not responsible for lateness of mail, courier service, etc.

<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>: It is expected that a prospective proposer will be able to affirmatively demonstrate proposer's responsibility. A prospective proposer should be able to meet the following requirements:

- a) have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- b) be able to comply with the required lease payment;
- c) be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award of the office lease being offered.

Williamson County may request representation and other information sufficient to determine proposer's ability to meet these minimum standards listed above.

#### **AWARD**

THIRTY DAYS: Awards should be made within approximately thirty (30) days after the proposal opening

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date. Results may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Contact.

#### **REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE:**

It is understood that the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals for any or all property covered in this proposal request, and to waive informalities or defects in the proposal or to accept such proposal it shall deem to be in the best interest of Williamson County.

<u>CONTRACT/LEASE AGREEMENT</u>: This Proposal, when properly accepted by Williamson County, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the successful proposer and Williamson County.

The successful proposer shall be required to sign the lease agreement, which is attached hereto and entitled Office Lease Agreement. The terms of this contract (this proposal when properly accepted by Williamson County) and the Office Lease Agreement shall be collectively referred to herein as the "Lease Agreement." If, after the proposer executes the Office Lease Agreement, there is a conflict between the terms and conditions of this contract and the Office Lease Agreement, the terms and conditions of the Office Lease Agreement shall control.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: Under the Lease Agreement, Gary Wilson, Williamson County Facilities Director, 512-943-1599, shall be the contract administrator/Owner's Designated Representative (ODR) with designated responsibility to ensure compliance with contract requirements, such as but not limited to, acceptance, inspection and delivery. The contract administrator/ODR will serve as liaison between Williamson County Commissioner's Court and the successful proposer.

<u>CONTRACT PERIOD</u>: The earliest date that the Term of the Lease shall commence is April 1, 2012, and it shall continue until March 31, 2013 ("Initial Term"). The Lease Agreement may be renewed as described and set forth under "CONTRACT EXTENSIONS" below.

**CONTRACT EXTENSIONS**: On or before the expiration Initial Term, the Williamson County of the Commissioners Court reserves the right to extend the lease, by mutual agreement of both parties, as it deems, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of Williamson County. Any such extensions will be in twelve (12) month increments for up to two (2) additional years, with the terms, covenants and conditions of the Lease Agreement remaining the same for any extension; and with a price escalation for each extended term of no more than the consumer price index for each such new extended year, as more fully set forth in the Office Lease Agreement. Each new extension of the lease is contingent upon the approval of Williamson County Commissioners Court for each extended lease term in question. The County and the proposer agree that termination shall be the proposer's sole remedy if the Williamson County Commissioners Court decides not to extend the Lease Agreement for additional term(s), as set forth above.

#### PROPOSAL CONTACTS

Any questions, clarifications or requests for general information should be directed to:

#### **TECHNICAL CONTACT:**

Gary Wilson (or successor)
Williamson County Facilities Director
3101 S. E. Inner Loop
Georgetown, Texas 78626
Phone: (512) 943-1599
Fax: (512) 930-3313

#### PURCHASING CONTACT:

Jonathan Harris 301 SE Inner Loop, Suite 106 Georgetown, TX 78626 Phone: (512) 943-1692 Fax: (512) 943-1575 Email: joharris@wilco.org

Email: gwilson@wilco.org

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

RENTAL AMOUNT: The proposed monthly rental amount must be good until the end of the Initial Term. Proposals which do not state a fixed price, or which are subject to change without notice, will not be considered. The Court may award a lease for the period implied or expressly stated in the highest and best proposal.

STATEMENTS: No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions, plans and/or specifications stated in the various Proposal Packages and/or Proposal Instructions/Requirements.

<u>PAYMENT</u>: Unless otherwise approved or agreed to by Williamson County, complete rental payments will be made per month in advance on the First (1<sup>st</sup>) day of each calendar month, as more fully set forth in the Office Lease Agreement.

Payments must be in accordance with the terms of the Office Lease Agreement.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: No public official shall have interest in a contract, in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171.

As of January 1, 2006, Vendor's are responsible for complying with Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle

C, Chapter 176. Additional information may be obtained from the County website at the following link: <a href="http://www.wilco.org/CountyDepartments/Purchasing/ConflictofInterestDisclosure/tabid/689/language/en-US/Default.aspx">http://www.wilco.org/CountyDepartments/Purchasing/ConflictofInterestDisclosure/tabid/689/language/en-US/Default.aspx</a>

The Williamson County Conflict of Interest Statement is located herein below. This form must be completed, signed, and submitted with your Proposal.

<u>ETHICS</u>: The proposer shall not accept or offer gifts or anything of value nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee, official or agent of Williamson County.

<u>DOCUMENTATION</u>: Proposer shall provide with this response, all documentation required by this request for proposal. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the proposal.

<u>TERMINATION FOR CAUSE</u>: Williamson County reserves the right to terminate this contract and/or the Office Lease Agreement in the event of proposer's breach or default.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: Proposer or Williamson County may terminate this contract and/or the Office Lease Agreement, without cause or liability, upon giving One Hundred Eighty (180) days written notice to the other party. Upon termination pursuant to this provision, Proposer shall surrender the leased premises peaceably to Williamson County in the state required under the Office Lease Agreement. It is understood and agreed that all amounts due Williamson County as of and including the date of termination, will be immediately due and payable on the date of Proposer's surrender of the leased premises.

REMEDIES FOR DEFAULT: In the event of breach or default of this contract and/or the Office Lease Agreement, Williamson County reserves the right to enforce the performance thereof in any manner prescribed by law and/or in any manner set forth herein or in the Office Lease Agreement.

SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS: The apparent silence of specifications set out herein as to any detail or to the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: The successful proposer shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of the profession and the execution of duties under this proposal including the TEXAS HAZARD COMMUNICATION ACT and THE WILLIAMSON

COUNTY HAZARD COMMUNICATION PROGRAM POLICY.

LIMITATIONS OF WARRANTIES. WILLIAMSON COUNTY HAS NOT MADE, DOES NOT MAKE AND SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, COVENANTS, AGREEMENTS OR GUARANTIES OF ANY KIND OR CHARACTER WHATSOEVER, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ORAL OR WRITTEN, PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE, OF, AS TO, CONCERNING OR WITH RESPECT TO (A) THE NATURE, QUALITY OR CONDITION OF THE PREMISES BEING OFFERED FOR LEASE (THE "LEASED PREMISES"), INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE WATER, SOIL AND GEOLOGY, (B) THE INCOME TO BE DERIVED FROM THE LEASED PREMISES, (C) THE SUITABILITY OF THE LEASED PREMISES FOR ANY AND ALL ACTIVITIES AND USES WHICH A LESSEE MAY CONDUCT THEREON, (D) THE COMPLIANCE OF OR BY THE LEASED PREMISES OR ITS OPERATION WITH ANY LAWS, RULES, ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS OF ANY APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY OR BODY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER OR CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND THE ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT AND ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER OR CONNECTION THEREWITH, (E) THE HABITABILITY, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF THE LEASED PREMISES, OR (F) ANY OTHER MATTER WITH RESPECT TO THE LEASED PREMISES. BY RESPONDING TO THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, THE PROPOSER FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT HAVING BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT THE LEASED PREMISES, HE/SHE/IT IS RELYING SOLELY ON ITS OWN INVESTIGATION OF THE LEASED PREMISES AND NOT ON ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED OR TO BE PROVIDED BY WILLIAMSON COUNTY. THE PROPOSER FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED OR TO BE PROVIDED WITH RESPECT TO THE LEASED PREMISES WAS OBTAINED FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES AND THAT WILLIAMSON COUNTY HAS NOT MADE ANY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OR VERIFICATION OF SUCH INFORMATION. PROPOSER FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE LEASE OF THE LEASED PREMISES AS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN IS MADE ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" CONDITION AND BASIS "WITH ALL FAULTS". PROPOSER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH WERE A MATERIAL FACTOR IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE RENT OF THE LEASED PREMISES. THE TERMS OF THIS PARAGRAPH WILL SURVIVE ANY TERMINATION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT.

INSURANCE: As required by the terms of the Office Lease Agreement, at all times during any term of the lease, at proposer's sole cost, proposer must provide a comprehensive public liability insurance policy protecting Williamson County against all claims or demands that may arise or be claimed on account of proposer's use of the Leased Premises, in an amount of at least ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00), per occurrence of accident and/or injury, for injuries to persons and

damages to real and/or personal property. Said insurance shall be written by a company or companies acceptable to Lessor, authorized to engage in the business of general liability insurance in the state of Texas, and name Williamson County as an additional insured. Furthermore, said insurance shall be primary as to any other existing, valid, and collectible insurance. Proposer shall deliver to Williamson County annual certificates demonstrating that said insurance is paid up and copies of the insurance policies issued by the insurance companies.

Proposer further agrees to maintain at all times during any term of this lease, at proposer's cost, broad coverage fire and casualty insurance on its property and to provide Williamson County with a copy of the policy and a certificate issued by the insurance company demonstrating that insurance is paid up. Proposer's property will not be covered by any hazard insurance that may be carried by Williamson County. The proposer assumes the risk of loss on all contents of the Leased Premises owned by the proposer, excluding the building structures and improvements owned by the Lessor.

Proposer shall, within Ten (10) calendar days from the execution of the Office Lease Agreement, obtain a certified statement by each insurance carrier containing a clause providing that the insurance carrier will give Williamson County thirty (30) days' written notice before any cancellation shall be effective. The insurance policies shall be provided by proposer and shall be for a period of at least One (1) year.

INSPECTION OF PROPERTY: THE LEASED PREMISES AS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN IS MADE ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS"

CONDITION AND BASIS "WITH ALL FAULTS".

Proposers are encouraged to inspect the property being offered for lease under this Request for Proposals prior to submitting a proposal. Please contact the Technical Contact referenced above to schedule a time to inspect the property.

TAXES: Under the Office Lease Agreement, in addition to paying any taxes levied against the personal property of the lessee, the lessee shall also be required to pay, in addition to the lessee's monthly rent payment, its proportionate share of all ad valorem taxes, assessments and governmental charges of any kind and nature whatsoever levied or assessed against the County's entire leasehold. Included also shall be Lessee's proportionate share of all costs in contesting, rendering and otherwise adjusting such taxes. The lessee's proportionate share of the taxes shall be computed by multiplying the taxes by the percentage that the leased premises bears to the County's entire Based on the formula set forth in the leasehold. preceding sentence, the leased premises area is 18.4% of the County's entire leasehold and such percentage shall be the basis for calculating the lessee's proportionate share for purposes of reimbursement for taxes under the Office Lease Agreement. Please see terms and provisions set out in the Office Lease Agreement regarding taxes.

#### Other Provisions:

- 1. The parties agree and understand that Williamson County, as a governmental entity, cannot enter into long-term contracts or lease agreements, without accepting competitive proposals.
- 2. Except as otherwise set forth herein or in the Office Lease Agreement, the proposer/lessee shall submit repair and/or improvement requests to Williamson County in writing, and Williamson County reserves the right to reject any and all requests if Williamson County determines that the requested improvements are not necessary.

#### PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS

Williamson County seeks a qualified renter to lease the property in Belford Square at 308 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 102, Georgetown, Texas 78626, formerly designated as 308-B W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626. The said property is 1,316 square feet, more or less, of commercial office space with a reception area, two (2) private offices, an open work area, a storage closet and a unisex restroom.

All proposals will be reviewed and ranked by Williamson County staff. An oral interview may be held if necessary. The staff will make its recommendation to the Williamson County Commissioners Court, which will award a property lease to the overall best proposer.

#### **Selection Process**

The selection of the best party will be accomplished through a two-step process by Williamson County:

- Selection of the most qualified party will be based upon the best overall mix of Six (6) Submission Requirements. These Submission Requirements make up the Proposal and are listed herein below. In addition, you must turn in the Williamson County Conflict of Interest Statement and the Williamson County Proposal Form, which are both attached below, with your Proposal.
- 2. The proposer that is selected as the most highly qualified will be informed of such selection and he/she/it must thereafter execute the attached Office Lease Agreement in its unmodified form. If such proposer refuses to execute the attached Office Lease Agreement within Seven (7) days following Williamson County's selection of said proposer or if such proposer otherwise refuses to comply with his/her/its proposal hereunder, Williamson County may select the party chosen as the next most qualified proposer and so on until the attached Office Lease Agreement is executed.

#### **Submission Requirements**

Interested and qualified parties are invited to submit information that demonstrates their leasing experience and business information. Proposal documentation should be limited to twelve (12) single-sided pages, 12pt font, and should include the following information:

- 1. Proposed lease price per month to Williamson County
- 2. Three (3) Leasing References with contact names, addresses, and phone numbers (If proposer is unable to provide at least three (3) such references, proposer shall inform Williamson County of such inability and proposer shall include as many leasing references as he/she/it can provide)
- 3. What type of business do you have and how do you plan on using the office space
- 4. How long has your company been in business
- 5. What would be your hours of operation at this property location
- 6. Any additional information that you believe would be of interest to Williamson County in relation to your proposal

#### OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT

The successful proposer shall be required to execute the attached Office Lease Agreement at Williamson County's offices in Georgetown, Texas within seven (7) days after the proposal award. Said Office Lease Agreement shall be in the same form as the lease attached herein below. The only anticipated changes in the Office Lease Agreement will be to include additional exhibits, to fill in blanks to identify the lessee, and terms relating to the rent and taxes, or to revise the Office Lease Agreement to accommodate corrections or changes pursuant to addenda issued. **Proposers should raise any questions regarding the terms of the Office Lease Agreement, or submit requested changes in said terms, in the form of written questions or submittals.** Because the signed Office Lease Agreement will be substantively and substantially derived from the attached lease, each proposer is urged to seek independent legal counsel as to any questions about the terms, conditions or provisions contained in the attached Office Lease Agreement <a href="mailto:before">before</a> submitting a proposal. Again, the attached Office Lease Agreement contains important legal provisions and is considered part and parcel of this Request for Proposal. Failure or refusal to sign aforesaid Office Lease Agreement shall be grounds for Williamson County to revoke any award which has been issued and select another proposer.



#### WILLIAMSON COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the Local Government Code of the State of Texas, Section 176.006 regarding conflicts of interest and will abide by all provisions as required by Texas law.

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Name of Company.
Date:
Signature of person submitting form:
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#### WILLIAMSON COUNTY PROPOSAL FORM

# LEASE OF BELFORD SQUARE PROPERTY AT 308 WEST 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUITE 102 GEORGETOWN, TX

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 12RFP00007

NAME	OF PROPOSER: _	
Mailin	g Address:	
	City:	State: Zip:
Email	Address:	<del></del>
Telep	hone: () _	Fax: ()
	PROPERTY	PROPOSED RENT PER MONTH
	308 W. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite102, Georgetown, TX	\$
terms show	and conditions of to on the accompany	er signature, represents that he/she is authorized to bind the proposer to fully comply with the he attached Request for Proposal, Specifications, and Special Provisions for the amount(s) ing proposal sheet(s), as well as the terms and conditions of the Office Lease Agreement. By ead the entire document and the Office Lease Agreement and have agreed to the terms therein.
Signa	ture of Person Autho	rized to Sign Proposal
Printe	d Name and Title of	Signer:

DO NOT SIGN OR SUBMIT WITHOUT READING ENTIRE DOCUMENT

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH PROPOSAL

#### OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Lease") is made between Williamson

County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereafter called "Lessor", and

hereafter called "Lessee".

The parties agree as follows:

AGREEMENT TO LEASE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY. The Lessor leases to the Lessee, and the Lessee rents from the Lessor, the following described office space: That certain office suite designated as 308 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 102, Georgetown, Texas 78626, formerly designated as 308-B W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626 (the "Leased Premises"). The Leased Premises is situated on and is a part of the entire property legally described as being a portion of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 6, and all of Lots 7 and 8, Block 42, of the City of Georgetown ("Lessor's Entire Leasehold"). A sketch of the Lease Premises is attached hereto as Attachment-1.

#### 1. TERMS OF LEASE.

- A. **Initial Term.** The initial term of this Lease shall be a period of one year, commencing on <u>April 1, 2012</u> ("Commencement Date"), and ending at midnight on March 31, 2013 (the "Initial Term").
- B. **Extension Term.** On or before the termination date of the Initial Lease Term or any current Extension Term of this Lease, the Williamson County Commissioners Court reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to extend this Lease, for up to Two (2) additional One (1) year terms as it deems in the best interest of Williamson County; provided that Lessee also wishes to extend this Lease. The Extension Term shall begin on the

expiration of the Initial Term or the current Extension Term of this Lease, as appropriate.

All terms, covenants, and provisions of this Lease shall apply to each such Extension

Term.

The total term of this Lease, including all Extension Terms, if any, shall not exceed a maximum combined period of Thirty Six (36) months.

#### 2. RENTAL.

- A. Rental for Initial Term. In advance on the First (1st) day of each calendar month, beginning on the Commencement Date, Lessee agrees to pay, without demand, deduction or offset, to Lessor \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ as rent for the Leased Premises, plus \$\_\_\_\_\_ as additional rent for Lessee's proportionate share of real property taxes, as set forth below, at: Williamson County Auditor's Office, Attn: Finance Director, 710 Main Street, Suite 301, Georgetown, Texas 78626 or such other place as Lessor may designate in writing.
- B. Rent Adjustment for Extension Term(s). Following the Initial Term, the rent will be adjusted on the first day of each Extension Term (the "Adjustment Date") to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index for "All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items," issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The adjustments in the then current rent will be determined by multiplying the rental amount paid during the Initial Term ("Initial Base Rent") by a fraction, the numerator of which is the index number for the last month before the adjustment and the denominator of which is the index number for the first month of the Initial Term. If the product is greater than the Initial Base Rent, Lessee will pay this

greater amount as base rent until the next rental adjustment. The base rent for any Extension Term will never be less than the Initial Base Rent.

C. Untimely or Insufficient Payment of Rent. If Lessee fails to timely pay any month's rent, Lessee will pay Lessor an initial late charge of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00), plus additional late charges of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) per day thereafter until rent is paid in full. Time is of the essence for the payment of rent. Lessee hereby acknowledges that strict compliance with rental due dates is required and that there is no grace period pertaining to the payment of rent. Any waiver of late charges or failure to collect late charges under this paragraph will not affect or diminish any other right or remedy Lessor may exercise, at law or in equity, for Lessee's failure to timely pay rent (including but not limited to reporting late payments to consumer reporting agencies).

Lessee further agrees to pay Lessor TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) for each check Lessee tenders to Lessor which is returned by the institution on which it is drawn for any reason, plus initial and additional late charges until Lessor has received payment in full. Lessor may, upon written notice to Lessee, require Lessee to pay all rents by money order, cashier's check, certified funds, or other means acceptable to Lessor.

3. **SECURITY DEPOSIT.** On the execution of this Lease, Lessee shall deposit with Lessor an amount equal to one (1) month's rent, as security for faithful performance of the terms of the Lease. The deposit shall be held in a separate account for the benefit of Lessee, and it shall be returned to Lessee, without interest and less any lawful deductions of same, on full

performance of the provisions of this Lease.

Lessor may deduct all reasonable charges from the security deposit, which shall include but not be limited to charges for (a) unpaid or accelerated rent; (b) late charges and returned check charges; (c) unpaid utilities; (d) costs of cleaning, deodorizing and repairing the Leased Premises and its contents for which Lessee is responsible; (e) replacing unreturned keys or other security devices; (f) the removal of all unauthorized locks, fixtures, improvements installed by Lessee; (g) packing, removing, and storing abandoned property; (h) costs of reletting, if Lessee is in default; (i) attorney's fees and costs of court incurred in any proceeding against Lessee; and/or (j) other items Lessee is responsible to pay under the terms of this Lease.

In the event the deductions from the security deposit exceeds the amount of the security deposit, Lessee will pay Lessor the excess amount within Ten (10) days after Lessor makes written demand on Lessee. The security deposit will be applied first to any non-rent items then to any unpaid rent.

#### 4. TAXES.

A. Personal Property Taxes. Lessee agrees to pay any taxes levied against the personal property and trade fixtures of the Lessee in and about the Leased Premises, provided, however, that if any such taxes of Lessee are levied against Lessor or Lessor's property or if the assessed value of Lessor's property is increased by the inclusion of the value placed on Lessee's property and Lessor pays those taxes, Lessee, on demand, shall reimburse Lessor for all taxes actually paid on Lessee's behalf.

**B.** Real Property Tax Reimbursement: Lessee agrees to pay its proportionate share of all taxes, assessments and governmental charges of any kind and nature

whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Taxes"), levied or assessed against the Lessor's Entire Leasehold. Included also shall be Lessee's proportionate share of all costs in contesting, rendering and otherwise adjusting the Taxes.

- of the Taxes shall be computed by multiplying the Taxes by the percentage that the Leased Premises bears to the Lessor's Entire Leasehold. Based on the formula set forth in the preceding sentence, the Leased Premises area is 18.4% of the Lessor's Entire Leasehold and such percentage shall be the basis for calculating the Lessee's proportionate share for purposes of reimbursement for Taxes.
- 2. Payment of Taxes to Lessor: On the First (1<sup>st</sup>) day of each month during the Initial Term and any extended term thereafter, Lessee shall pay to Lessor, as additional rent, without offset or deduction, an amount equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of Lessee's proportionate share of the estimated Taxes as calculated by Lessor (prorated for any partial month). The estimated Tax payment for November, December and January of the Initial Term is set forth above in Section 2 (A.).
- January 31<sup>st</sup> of the Initial Term or any extended term of the Lease, Lessor shall furnish to Lessee a tax statement showing the total actual Tax costs for such Lease term and the total amount of Tax payments made by Lessee during such Lease term.

- **a.** If Lessee's proportionate share of the actual Tax costs exceeds the aggregate of Lessee's monthly payments made during the current Lease term, Lessee shall pay Lessor the deficiency within thirty (30) days after receipt of the statement.
- b. If Lessee's monthly payments exceed Lessee's proportionate share of the actual Tax costs as shown on the statement, Lessee shall be entitled to offset the excess against payments thereafter becoming due for Lessee's proportionate share of the actual Tax costs.
- c. Lessee's rent payment shall be adjusted in the event the Taxes increase or decrease thereby causing the Lessee's proportionate share of the actual Tax costs to change. Lessor will notify Lessee of any rent adjustment in the tax statement that is sent to Lessee on or before January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 4. Remedy for Non-Payment: If Lessee should fail to pay any Taxes, assessments, or governmental charges required to be paid by Lessee hereunder, in addition to any other remedies provided herein, Lessor may, if Lessor so elects, pay such Taxes, assessments and governmental charges. Any sums so paid by Lessor shall be deemed to be so much additional rental owing by Lessee to Lessor and due and payable upon demand as additional rental plus interest at the maximum rate of interest allowed by law from the date of payment by Lessor until repaid by

Lessee. Any and all remedies that are set out herein for the late payment of rents may also be exercised by Lessor in relation to late payments of any Taxes, assessments, or governmental charges required to be paid by Lessee hereunder.

#### 5. Adjustment to Taxes; Contest of Taxes:

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Lessee may, alone or along with any other lessees of suites situated within the Lessor's Entire Leasehold, at its or their sole cost and expense, in its or their own name(s) and/or in the name of Lessor, dispute and contest the Taxes by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted in good faith but only after Lessee and all other lessees, if any, joining with Lessee in such contest have deposited with the Lessor the amount so contested and unpaid, or their proportionate share thereof as the case may be, which shall be held by Lessor without obligation for interest until the termination of the proceedings, at which times the amount(s) deposited shall be applied by Lessor toward the payment of the items held valid (plus any court costs, interest, penalties and other liabilities associated with the proceedings), and Lessee's share of the excess shall be returned to Lessee. Lessee further agrees to pay to Lessor upon demand Lessee's share (as among all lessees who participated in the contest) of all court costs, interests, penalties and other liabilities relating to such proceedings.

- (ii) Any payment to be made pursuant to this section with respect to the real estate tax year in which this Lease commences or terminates shall bear the same ratio to the payment which would be required to be made for the full tax year as that part of such tax year covered by the term of this Lease bears to a full tax year.
- 5. UTILITIES. Lessee shall be responsible for arranging and paying for all utility services required in and to the Leased Premises which are not provided by Lessor or the adjoining tenant. Such utility services shall include but not limited to electricity, gas, water, wastewater, telephone, IT communication services, alarm monitoring systems, television, sewer charges, and trash collection. Lessee further agrees to pay all connection fees, service fees, usage fees, and all other costs and fees for all utilities to the Leased Premises. Lessee must, at a minimum, keep the following utilities on at all times during any term of this Lease (to the extent they are available at the Leased Premises): gas; electricity; water; wastewater/sewer; and garbage services and collection. If the Lessee fails to keep said utilities on during any term of this Lease, Lessee shall be deemed to be in default of this Lease.

#### 6. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE.

A. Indemnification of Lessor. Lessee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Lessor and the Leased Premises from all costs, losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, penalties, and fines whatsoever that may arise from or be claimed against Lessor and/or the Leased Premises by any person or persons for any injury to person or property or damage of whatever kind or character arising from the use or occupancy of the Leased Premises by Lessee; from any neglect or fault of Lessee or the agents, employees, guests and/or invitees of Lessee in using and occupying the Leased Premises; or from any failure by Lessee to comply and conform with all laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations of any governmental body or subdivision now or hereafter in force. If any lawsuit or proceeding shall be brought against Lessor or the Leased Premises on account of any

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OR FAILURE TO COMPLY AND CONFORM OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY DAMAGE, OMISSION, NEGLECT, OR USE OF THE LEASED PREMISES BY LESSEE, THE AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, GUESTS AND/OR INVITEES OF LESSEE, OR ANY OTHER PERSON ON THE LEASED PREMISES, LESSEE AGREES THAT LESSEE WILL DEFEND IT, PAY WHATEVER JUDGMENTS MAY BE RECOVERED AGAINST LESSOR OR AGAINST THE LEASED PREMISES ON ACCOUNT OF IT, AND PAY FOR ALL ATTORNEYS' FEES IN CONNECTION WITH IT, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES ON APPEAL.

**B.** Insurance. In order to insure the fulfillment of the above referenced indemnity provision, Lessee hereby agrees to maintain, at all times during any term of this Lease, at Lessee's sole cost, a comprehensive public liability insurance policy protecting Lessor against all claims or demands that may arise or be claimed on account of Lessee's use of the Leased Premises, in an amount of at least ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00), per occurrence of accident and/or injury, for injuries to persons and damages to real and/or personal property. Said insurance shall be written by a company or companies acceptable to Lessor, authorized to engage in the business of general liability insurance in the state of Texas, and name Lessor as an additional insured. Furthermore, said insurance shall be primary as to any other existing, valid, and collectible insurance. Lessee shall deliver to Lessor annual certificates demonstrating that said insurance is paid up and copies of the insurance policies issued by the insurance companies.

Lessee further agrees to maintain at all times during any term of this Lease, at Lessee's cost, broad coverage fire and casualty insurance on its property and to provide Lessor with a copy of the policy and a certificate issued by the insurance company demonstrating that insurance is paid up. Lessee's property will not be covered by any hazard insurance that may be carried by Lessor. The Lessee assumes the risk of loss on

all contents of the Leased Premises owned by the Lessee, excluding the building structures and improvements owned by the Lessor.

Lessee shall, within Ten (10) calendar days from the execution of this Lease, obtain a certified statement by each insurance carrier containing a clause providing that the insurance carrier will give Lessor Thirty (30) days' written notice before any cancellation shall be effective. The insurance policies shall be provided by Lessee and shall be for a period of at least One (1) year.

- **7. SUBORDINATION.** This Lease and all rights of Lessee under it are and shall be subject to and subordinate to the rights of any mortgage holder or security interest holder now or hereafter having a security interest in the Leased Premises or any other encumbrances Lessor desires to place on the Leased Premises.
- **8. LESSEE'S COVENANTS.** Lessee further covenants and agrees as follows:

- A. To pay the rent and provide the consideration for the Lease as it is set out herein; to use the Leased Premises in a careful and proper manner for the express purpose of operating a business office; to commit or permit no waste or damages to the Leased Premises; to conduct or permit no business or act that is a nuisance or may be in violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance; to surrender the Leased Premises on expiration or termination of this Lease in clean condition and good repair, normal wear and tear excepted, provided, however, that all alterations, additions, and improvements permanently attached and made by Lessee (excepting movable furniture, equipment, supplies, and inventory installed by Lessee) shall become and remain the property of Lessor on the termination of Lessee's occupancy of the Leased Premises.
- **B.** To comply with the Rules and Regulations attached hereto.
- C. To prohibit and refrain from engaging or in allowing any use of the Leased Premises that will increase Lessor's premiums for insurance on the building without the express written consent of Lessor.
- **D.** In case of damage to glass in or on the Leased Premises, to replace it with glass of the same kind, size, and quality as quickly as possible at Lessee's expense.
- E. To make no alterations in or additions or improvements to the Leased Premises, install any equipment in or on the Leased Premises or maintain signs advertising the Lessee on the Leased Premises without, in each case, obtaining the written consent of Lessor. If any alterations, additions, or improvements in or to the Leased Premises are made necessary by reason of the special use and occupancy of the Leased Premises by Lessee and, provided that Lessor grants its prior written permission to Lessee regarding

such alterations, additions or improvements, Lessee agrees that it will make all such alterations, additions, and improvements in or to the Leased Premises at its own expense and in compliance with all building codes, ordinances, and governmental regulations pertaining to such work, use, or occupancy. In accordance with indemnification provision above, Lessee agrees that it will hold Lessor harmless against all expenses, liens, claims, and damages to either property or person that may or might arise because any repairs, alterations, additions, or improvements are made. Upon request of Lessor, Lessee agrees to restore, at Lessee's sole expense, the Leased Premises to its original condition upon the termination of this Lease.

- **F.** To permit Lessor to enter, inspect, and make such repairs to the Leased Premises as Lessor may reasonably desire, at all reasonable times, and to permit Lessor to put on the Leased Premises a notice, that Lessee may not remove, stating that the Leased Premises are for rent one month preceding the expiration of this Lease.
- G. Lessee agrees that it is solely responsible for making, at its sole cost, any alterations, additions, or improvements to the Leased Premises that are mandated by any and all state, federal and local accessibility legal requirements ("accessibility alterations"). The allocation of responsibility to Lessee for compliance with accessibility legal requirements with respect to the Leased Premises is a material inducement for the parties to enter this Lease. The cost incurred on said accessibility alterations shall be borne solely by Lessee. Lessee must obtain the written consent of Lessor before making any type of accessibility alterations.

- **H.** Lessee agrees to inform Lessor of items in need of repair that Lessor is obligated to maintain and repair under this Lease. Lessee shall serve Lessor written notice of such matters within Ten (10) days of Lessee's discovery of items in need of repair.
- I. Lessee agrees that any and all minor adults and/or children of guests or invitees of Lessee, who may be present on the Leased Premises from time to time, shall not be left unattended and shall be accompanied and supervised, at all times while on the Leased Premises, by such minor adult's and/or child's parent or legal guardian. supervised or unsupervised by a parent or legal guardian, at no time shall such minor adults and/or children be allowed to play on, near or about the Leased Premises, injure any person who may be present on the Leased Premises or otherwise damage the Leased Premises, any personal property situated on the Leased Premises, or any improvements situated thereon. In the event that such minor adults and/or children damage or destroy the Leased Premises or any improvements situated thereon or otherwise injure such persons who may be present on the Leased Premises, Lessee hereby agrees that Lessee, in accordance with the indemnification provision above, shall be solely liable for any and all damages and/or injuries caused by such minor adults and/or children. Immediately upon demand by Lessor, Lessee shall repair, at Lessee's sole cost, any and all damages caused to the Leased Premises and/or any improvements situated thereon. In the event such minor adults and/or children cause injury to persons who are present on the Leased Premises, Lessee hereby agrees, in accordance with Paragraph 7 above, to be solely liable to such persons who are injured.
- J. Lessee agrees that it is solely responsible for making, at its sole cost, any

alterations, additions, or improvements to the Leased Premises which are mandated or otherwise may be required for the issuance of a certificate of occupancy from the local municipality. Furthermore, Lessee agrees that it is solely responsible, at its sole cost, for making all alterations, additions, or improvements necessary to the Leased Premises to cause the Leased Premises and its intended use to be in compliance with any laws, rules, ordinances, development codes or regulations of any applicable governmental authority, entity, or body, including, without limitation, the American's with Disabilities Act, the Federal Government, the local municipality, the County of Williamson, and the State of Texas. The allocation of responsibility to Lessee for compliance with said laws, rules, ordinances, development codes or regulations is a material inducement for the parties to enter into this Lease. The costs incurred in causing the Leased Premises and its intended use to be in compliance with said laws, rules, ordinances, development codes or regulations shall be solely borne by Lessee.

#### **9. LESSOR'S COVENANTS.** Lessor covenants and agrees as follows:

- **A.** To warrant and defend Lessee in the enjoyment and peaceful possession of the Leased Premises during the aforesaid term.
- **B.** If the Leased Premises are destroyed or so damaged by fire, casualty, or other disaster that they become untenantable, Lessor will have the right to render the Leased Premises tenantable by repairs within Ninety (90) days from the date of damage with reasonable additional time, if necessary, for Lessor to adjust the loss with insurance companies insuring the Leased Premises, or for any other delay occasioned by conditions beyond the control of Lessor. If the Leased Premises are not rendered tenantable within

that time, Lessor will have the right to terminate this Lease by written notice to Lessee.

- **C.** To maintain the structure of the building, including but not limited to the roof, exterior walls, floors and foundation.
- **D.** At Lessor's expense, Lessor shall perform all major repairs to the heating and air-conditioning equipment/system and septic or sewer system, which are not due to Lessee's negligence and/or failure to keep the heating and air-conditioning and septic or sewer system in good operating condition.
- 10. **DEFAULTS BY LESSEE.** In addition to the remedies specifically set forth herein and those available at law or in equity, if Lessee fails to perform or breaches any term, condition or agreement set forth in this Lease, and this failure or breach continues for Ten (10) days after a written notice specifying the required performance has been given to the Lessee, Lessor may:
  - **A.** Enforce specific performance causing the Lessee to strictly comply with and perform such term, condition or agreement; and in this event, the Lessee shall pay the Lessor all expenses of the litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees; or
  - **B.** institute action in a court of competent jurisdiction to terminate this Lease and sue for damages, and the Lessee shall pay the Lessor all expenses of the litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees; or
  - C. may, but not be obligated to do so, enter the Leased Premises and perform Lessee's obligations for the account of and at the expense of Lessee. Bills for all amounts paid by Lessor and all losses, costs, and expenses incurred by Lessor in connection with such performance by Lessor pursuant to this clause, including without limitation, all amounts paid and costs and expenses incurred by Lessor for any property, material, labor

or services provided, furnished, or rendered or caused to be provided, furnished or rendered, by Lessor to Lessee may be sent by Lessor to Lessee monthly or immediately, at Lessor's option, and shall be due and payable by Lessee to Lessor as Additional Rent within Five (5) days after same is sent to Lessee by Lessor; or

**D.** terminate this Lease, without liability, by written notice to Lessee, in which event, the term and tenancy hereby created shall terminate on the Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day after such notice is given (the "Termination Date") and Lessee shall within such Ten (10) day period vacate the Leased Premises and surrender them to Lessor in the state required under this Lease, with Lessor having the right to reenter and repossess the Leased Premises discharged of this Lease and to expel all occupants and to remove all property therefrom.

In addition to the remedies set forth herein and available at law, upon the occurrence of any default or breach, Lessor may enter and take possession of the Leased Premises by self-help, by picking or changing locks if necessary, and may lock out Lessee or any other person who may be occupying the Leased Premises, until the default is cured, without being liable for damages.

- 11. **DEFAULTS BY LESSOR.** Defaults by Lessor are failing to comply with any provision, term, condition or agreement of this Lease within Thirty (30) days after written notice from Lessee. Lessee's sole remedy for Lessor's default is to terminate this Lease.
- 12. VOLUNTARY TERMINATION. Lessor or Lessee may terminate this Lease, without cause or liability, upon giving One Hundred Eighty (180) days written notice to the other party. Upon the termination of this Lease pursuant to this provision, Lessee will surrender the Leased Premises peaceably to the Lessor in the state required under this Lease. It is understood and

agreed that all amounts due Lessor as of and including the date of termination, will be immediately due and payable on the date of Lessee's surrender of the Leased Premises.

13. INSOLVENCY, BANKRUPTCY, ETC., OF LESSEE. If Lessee is declared insolvent or adjudicated a bankrupt; if Lessee makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; if Lessee's leasehold interest is sold under execution or by a trustee in bankruptcy; or if a receiver is appointed for Lessee, Lessor, without prejudice to its rights hereunder and at its option, may terminate this Lease and retake possession of the Leased Premises immediately and without notice to Lessee or any assignee, transferee, trustee, or any other person or persons, using force if necessary.

14. LESSOR TO HAVE LIEN. Lessor will have a lien against all goods, equipment, furniture, and other personal property of Lessee brought, stored, or kept on the Leased Premises during any term of this Lease, in the aggregate amount of all rent, damages, and other sums that may at any time be owed by Lessee to Lessor under the Lease. In the event of any default by Lessee, Lessor may foreclose the lien in the same manner that a mortgage would be foreclosed and, in that event, Lessee shall be obligated for all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

15. RIGHT TO SELL. It is understood and agreed that Lessor shall have the right to sell or assign its right, title and interest in the Leased Premises, in whole or in part, at any time during any term of this Lease. If during any term of this Lease, the Leased Premises are sold by Lessor to a third party, this Lease shall terminate. Not later than One Hundred Eighty (180) days from the date in which Lessor gives Lessee notice that the Leased Premises has been sold, Lessee shall vacate the Leased Premises.

16. ELECTION BY LESSOR NOT EXCLUSIVE. The exercise by Lessor of any right or

remedy to collect rent or enforce its rights under this Lease will not be a waiver or preclude the exercise of any other right or remedy afforded Lessor by this Lease or by statute or law. The failure of Lessor in one or more instances to insist on strict performance or observations of one or more of the covenants or conditions of this Lease or to exercise any remedy, privilege, or option conferred by this Lease on or reserved to Lessor shall not operate or be construed as a relinquishment or future waiver of the covenant or condition or the right to enforce it or to exercise that remedy, privilege, or option; that right shall continue in full force and effect. The receipt by Lessor of rent or any other payment or part of payment required to be made by the Lessee shall not act to waive any other additional rent or payment then due. Even with the knowledge of the breach of any covenant or condition of this Lease, receipt will not operate as or be deemed to be a waiver of this breach, and no waiver by Lessor of any of the provisions of this Lease, or any of Lessor's rights, remedies, privileges, or options under this Lease, will be deemed to have been made unless made by Lessor in writing.

No surrender of the Leased Premises for the remainder of any term of this Lease will be valid unless accepted by Lessor in writing. Lessee will not assign or sublet this Lease without Lessor's prior written consent. No assignment or sublease will relieve the assignor or sublessor of any obligation under this Lease. Each assignee or sublessee, by assuming such status, will become obligated to perform every agreement of this Lease to be performed by Lessee, except that a sublessee shall be obligated to perform such agreements only insofar as they relate to the subleased part of the property and the rent required by the sublease.

17. LIMITATIONS OF WARRANTIES. LESSEE ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT, OTHER THAN AS MAY BE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH HEREIN, LESSOR HAS NOT MADE, DOES NOT MAKE AND SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, PROMISES, COVENANTS, AGREEMENTS OR GUARANTIES OF ANY KIND OR CHARACTER WHATSOEVER,

WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ORAL OR WRITTEN, PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE, OF, AS TO, CONCERNING OR WITH RESPECT TO (A) THE NATURE, QUALITY OR CONDITION OF THE LEASED PREMISES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE WATER, SOIL AND GEOLOGY, (B) THE INCOME TO BE DERIVED FROM THE LEASED PREMISES, (C) THE SUITABILITY OF THE LEASED PREMISES FOR ANY AND ALL ACTIVITIES AND USES WHICH LESSEE MAY CONDUCT THEREON, (D) THE COMPLIANCE OF OR BY THE LEASED PREMISES OR ITS OPERATION WITH ANY LAWS, RULES, ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS OF ANY APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY OR BODY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND THE TEXAS ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT AND ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, (E) THE HABITABILITY, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF THE LEASED PREMISES, OR (F) ANY OTHER MATTER WITH RESPECT TO THE LEASED PREMISES, AND SPECIFICALLY THAT LESSOR HAS NOT MADE, DOES NOT MAKE AND SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING SOLID WASTE, AS DEFINED BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGULATIONS AT 40 C.F.R., PART 261, OR THE DISPOSAL OR EXISTENCE, IN OR ON THE LEASED PREMISES, OF ANY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, AS DEFINED BY THE COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPLICABLE STATE LAWS, AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER. LESSEE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT HAVING BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT THE LEASED PREMISES, LESSEE IS RELYING SOLELY ON ITS OWN INVESTIGATION OF THE LEASED PREMISES AND NOT ON ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED OR TO BE PROVIDED BY LESSOR. LESSEE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED OR TO BE PROVIDED WITH RESPECT TO THE LEASED PREMISES WAS OBTAINED FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES AND THAT LESSOR HAS NOT MADE ANY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OR VERIFICATION OF SUCH INFORMATION.

LESSEE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE LEASE OF THE LEASED PREMISES AS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN IS MADE ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" CONDITION AND BASIS "WITH ALL FAULTS". LESSEE ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH WERE A MATERIAL FACTOR IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE RENT OF THE LEASED PREMISES. THE TERMS OF THIS PARAGRAPH WILL SURVIVE ANY TERMINATION OF THIS LEASE.

18. CONDEMNATION. If during any term of this Lease, all of the Leased Premises are taken for any public or quasi-public use under any governmental law, ordinance, or regulation, or by right or eminent domain, or are sold to the condemning authority under threat of condemnation, this Lease will terminate, effective as of the date the condemning authority takes the Leased Premises. If only a part of the Leased Premises shall be so taken or sold, but the

remainder of the Leased Premises is not tenantable, Lessor may terminate this Lease at any time

within Forty Five (45) days following such taking or sale without liability to the Lessee. Any

and all payments made for or arising from any such taking or for damages to the Leased

Premises resulting therefrom shall belong and be payable entirely to Lessor.

LESSOR'S LEASE ADMINISTRATOR AND PROPERTY MANAGER. Gary Wilson,

Director of Facilities for Williamson County (or his successor, as designated by Lessor), shall

serve as the Lessor's lease administrator and property manager. The said lease administrator and

property manager shall also serve as liaison between the Williamson County Commissioners'

Court and the Lessee.

Lessor's lease administrator and property manager contact information is as follows:

Gary Wilson (or successor)

Williamson County Facilities Director

3101 S. E. Inner Loop

Georgetown, Texas 78626

Phone: (512) 943-1599

Fax: (512) 930-3313

Email: facilities@wilco.org

For all requests for services or repairs which Lessor is obligated to provided and perform under

this Lease, Lessee shall contact:

Williamson County Facilities

James Whetston or Shirley Taylor (or successor)

3101 S. E. Inner Loop

Georgetown, Texas 78626

Daytime Phone: (512) 943-1599

After Hours Phone: (512) 943-1389 or

(512) 943-1390

Fax: (512) 930-3313

Email: facilities@wilco.org

**19. NOTICES.** Any notice to be given hereunder shall be in writing and may be affected by personal delivery or in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the proper party, at the following addresses:

LESSOR: Williamson County Judge Dan A. Gattis (or successor)

710 South Main, Ste. 101 Georgetown, Texas 78626

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Notices to Lessee may also be mailed or delivered to the Leased Premises and proof of mailing or posting of those notices to the Leased Premises will be deemed the equivalent of personal service on Lessee.

- **20. GENDER, NUMBER AND HEADINGS.** Words of any gender used in this Lease Agreement shall be held and construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular number shall be held to include the plural, unless the context otherwise requires. The headings and section numbers are for convenience only and shall not be considered in interpreting or construing this Lease. The captions and paragraphs or letters appearing in this Lease are inserted only as a matter of convenience and in no way define, limit, construe, or describe the scope or intent of the sections or articles of this Lease or affect this Lease in any way.
- **21. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE.** This Lease shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performed in Williamson County, Texas, and exclusive jurisdiction and venue shall lie in Williamson County, Texas.
- **22. TERMS INCLUSIVE.** As used herein, the terms "Lessor" and "Lessee" include the plural whenever the context requires or admits.

23. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Lease shall be held invalid or unenforceable

by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable

any other provision hereof, but rather this entire Lease will be construed as if not containing the

particular invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, and the rights and obligation of the

parties shall be construed and enforced in accordance therewith. The parties acknowledge that if

any provision of this Lease is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it is the desire and

intention of each that such provision be reformed and construed in such a manner that it will, to

the maximum extent practicable, give effect to the intent of this Lease and be deemed to be

validated and enforceable.

24. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY. Nothing in this Lease shall be deemed to waive,

modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to Lessor nor to create any legal

rights or claim on behalf of any third party. Lessor does not waive, modify, or alter to any extent

whatsoever the availability of the defense of governmental immunity under the laws of the State

of Texas and of the United States.

25. ASSIGNMENT. Lessee may not assign, in whole or in part, any interest it may have in

this Lease without the prior written consent of Lessor.

**26. NO INDEMNIFICATION BY LESSOR.** Lessee acknowledges and agrees that Lessor,

as a Texas County and a political subdivision of the State of Texas, under the Constitution and

the laws of the State of Texas, cannot enter into an agreement whereby it agrees to indemnify or

hold harmless any other party, including but not limited to Lessee; therefore, all references of

any kind, if any, to Lessor indemnifying, holding or saving harmless any other party, including

but not limited to Lessee, for any reason whatsoever are hereby deemed void and deleted.

27. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Lease and its addenda, if any, sets forth all the promises, agreements, conditions, and understandings between Lessor and Lessee relative to the Leased Premises and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties with respect to the to the Leased Premises. There are no other promises, agreements, conditions, or understandings, either oral or written, between them. No subsequent alteration, amendment, change, or addition to this Lease will be binding on Lessor or Lessee unless in writing and signed by them and made a part of this Lease by direct reference.

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#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1. Lessee and Lessee's employees shall not loiter in any common area adjoining the Leased Premises nor shall they in any way obstruct the sidewalks, entry passages, pedestrian passageways, driveways, entrances and exits to in, on or around the Leased Premises. They shall use the same only as passageways to and from their respective work areas.
- 2. Lessee shall not mark, drive nails, screw or drill into, paint or in any way deface the exterior walls, roof, foundations, bearing walls or pillars of the Leased Premises without prior written consent from Lessor. Lessee shall keep all sidewalk areas in, on and around the Leased Premises clean and free of debris. Lessee shall reimburse Lessor for the expense of cleaning or repairing any breakage, stoppage or damage resulting from a violation of this rule.
- 3. No awning or shade shall be affixed or installed over or in the show windows or the exterior of the Leased Premises. Lessee may install window treatment inside the Leased Premises such as vertical blinds if approved by Lessor. Any "window treatment" shall be in a color congruent and consistent with the parts of the Leased Premises. Lessee also agrees there shall be no window tinting, stickers or reflective material placed on the glass, inside or out, at any time.
- 4. No boring or cutting for wires shall be allowed, except with Lessor's prior written approval.
- 5. Lessee shall not do anything in the Leased Premises, or bring or keep anything therein, which will in any way increase or tend to increase the risk of fire or the rate of fire insurance or which shall conflict with the regulations of the local fire department or other local or state laws, or with any insurance policy on the Leased Premises or any part thereof, or with any rules or regulations established by any administrative body or official having jurisdiction.
- 6. Lessee shall not use any machinery in the Leased Premises (regardless whether Lessor approved its installation) which may cause any unreasonable noise, vibration, or tremor to the floors or walls, or which by its weight might injure the floors of the Leased Premises.
- 7. Lessor may limit weight, size and position of all safes, fixtures, and other equipment used in the Leased Premises.
- 8. Lessee nor Lessee's officers, agents and employees shall make or permit any loud, unusual or improper noises or interfere in any way with other lessees or those having business with them, nor bring into nor keep within the Leased Premises any animal or bird (except for animals assisting handicapped persons), or any bicycle or other vehicle.
- 9. Unless expressly authorized in the Lease, Lessee shall have no right to place an antenna on the roof or exterior walls of the Leased Premises. Lessee is not allowed on the roof nor may Lessee place any material on, pierce, damage, add vents or other devices, or remove any part of the roof, at any time. The only persons allowed on the roof shall be those licensed and insured maintenance contractors which have received prior approval from Lessor.
- 10. All garbage, including wet garbage, refuse or trash, shall be placed by Lessee in the receptacles near the Leased Premises provided by Lessee for that purpose.

- 11. Lessee shall not permit any chemicals, trash or other foreign materials to be deposited or disposed of in the Leased Premises except that trash which legally may be sent to the municipal or county landfill may be placed in the receptacles provided on the Leased Premises by Lessee. Hazardous chemicals are not prohibited on the Property. Lessee shall cooperate with Lessor and all other lessees so that the common areas adjoining the Leased Premises may be kept in a clean and orderly condition and free of obstructions.
- 12. Lessee, at Lessee's cost, shall service the Leased Premises on not less than on a quarterly basis to prevent the development of pests, roaches, rodents, ants, spiders, or etc.
- 13. Lessee shall not overburden the parking facilities and shall cooperate with Lessor and other lessees in the use of the parking facilities. Lessor reserves the right in its absolute discretion to determine whether parking facilities are becoming crowded, and, in such event, to allocate parking spaces among lessees.
- 14. Lessee shall cooperate with any security regulations issued by Lessor from time to time, and shall comply with instructions and/or directions of Lessor's duly authorized personnel for the protection of the Leased Premises.
- 15. No waiver of any rule or regulation by Lessor or Lessor's agent shall have any effect unless expressed in writing and signed by Lessor or its authorized agent.
- 17. Lessor reserves the right at any time to reasonably change or rescind any one or more of these rules or regulations or to make such other and further reasonable rules and regulations as in Lessor's judgment may from time to time be necessary for the management, safety, care and cleanliness of the Leased Premises, and for the preservation of good order therein, as well as for the convenience of other occupants and lessees of premises adjoining the Leased Premises. Lessor shall not be responsible to Lessee or any other person for the non-observance or violation of the rules and regulations by any other Lessee or other person; however, Lessor shall not discriminate among lessees when enforcing the rules and regulations. Lessee shall be deemed to have read these rules and to have agreed to abide by them as a condition to its occupancy of the space herein leased.
- 18. In the event of any conflict between these rules and regulations or any further or modified rules and regulations from time to time issued by Lessor and the Lease provisions, the Lease provisions shall prevail.

### **Attachment-1**

