



Agreement for Construction Services

This Agreement ("Agreement") between Williamson County, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas ("Owner") and **Barrier Fence Systems** ("Contractor") is entered into in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE 1 SCOPE OF WORK: The Owner desires to retain Contractor for the construction of **Fencing for Ronald Reagan Blvd, Bid #1508-006**, as described below (hereinafter called the "Project"). The Contractor shall have the overall responsibility for and shall provide complete construction services and furnish all materials, equipment, tools and labor as necessary or reasonably inferable to complete the Project, or any phase of the Project, in accordance with the Owner's requirements and the terms of this Agreement (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Work").

ARTICLE 2 CONTRACT PRICE: Owner agrees to pay to the Contractor, for the satisfactory performance of the Work, the sum of ninety-six thousand, nine hundred and sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$96,968.50) in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS: The Work shall be performed pursuant to and in accordance with the following described plans and specifications, as well as any revisions made thereto:
Fencing for Ronald Reagan Blvd, Bid #1508-006

Additional Work: Should Owner choose to add additional Work, such additional Work shall be described in a separate written amendment to this Agreement wherein the additional Work shall be described and the parties shall set forth the amount of compensation to be paid by Owner for the additional Work. Contractor shall not begin any additional work and Owner shall not be obligated to pay for any additional Work unless a written amendment to this Agreement has been signed by both parties.

ARTICLE 4 COMPLETION: The Work shall be fully and finally completed within sixty (60) calendar days from the date the Work is commenced; provided, however, Owner may extend said time period in the event bad weather affects the progress of the Work. Contractor shall commence the Work upon instruction to do so from the Owner. Owner shall, at its sole discretion, determine when the Project has been fully and finally completed to its satisfaction.

ARTICLE 5 PAYMENT: Contractor shall receive one lump sum payment of the Contract Price upon final completion of the Project.

ARTICLE 6 CONTRACTOR'S GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND COVENANTS:

6.1 The Contractor shall keep the Owner informed of the progress and quality of the Work. Contractor agrees to use its best efforts, skill, judgment, and abilities to perform its obligations in accordance with the highest standards used in the profession and to further the interests of Owner in accordance with Owner's requirements and procedures. Contractor's duties as set forth herein shall at no time be in any way diminished by reason of any approval by the Owner nor shall the Contractor be

released from any liability by reason of such approval by the Owner, it being understood that the Owner at all times is ultimately relying upon the Contractor's skill and knowledge in performing the services required hereunder.

6.2 Contractor is responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. The safety program shall comply with all applicable requirements of the current federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and all other applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

6.3 Contractor shall be an independent contractor under this agreement and shall assume all of the rights, obligations, liabilities, applicable to it as such independent contractor hereunder and any provisions in this agreement which may appear to give Owner the right to direct Contractor as to details of doing the Work herein covered or to exercise a measure of control over the Work shall be deemed to mean that Contractor shall follow the desires of Owner in the results of the Work only. Owner shall not retain or have the right to control the Contractor's means, methods or details pertaining to the Contractor's performance of the Work described herein, nor shall Owner have the power to direct the order in which Contractor's Work is performed under this agreement. Owner and Contractor hereby agree and declare that Contractor is an Independent Contractor and as such meets the qualifications of an Independent Contractor under Texas Worker's Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code, Section 406.141, that the Contractor is not an employee of Owner for purposes of this Agreement, and that the Contractor and its employees, agents and sub-subcontractors shall not be entitled to worker's compensation coverage or any other type of insurance coverage held by Owner.

6.4 Owner will not be providing or carrying any insurance coverage in relation to the Work performed on this Project. Thus, Contractor shall not commence work under the Agreement until it has obtained, at its sole cost, insurance coverage that sufficiently protects Contractor, its employees and Owner from general and personal liability.

6.5 In the event that Contractor employs any individual to perform any portion of the Work, Contractor shall comply with Texas Labor Code, §406.096, which requires workers' compensation insurance coverage for all employees providing services on a building or construction project for a governmental entity. In such case, the Contractor shall provide worker's compensation insurance coverage for its employees, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas labor Code, §401.011(44) for all employees of the Contractor providing services on the Project, for the duration of the Project and provide Owner with a certificate evidencing such coverage is in place prior to beginning any of the Work hereunder.

ARTICLE 7 INDEMNITY

7.1 TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE CONTRACTOR AND ITS AGENTS, PARTNERS, EMPLOYEES, AND CONSULTANTS (COLLECTIVELY "INDEMNITORS") SHALL AND DO AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, PROTECT, DEFEND WITH COUNSEL APPROVED BY OWNER, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE OWNER, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OWNER AND THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ITS VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS (COLLECTIVELY "INDEMNITEES") FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, LIENS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, JUDGMENTS, AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES, OF ANY NATURE, KIND, OR DESCRIPTION (COLLECTIVELY "LIABILITIES") OF ANY PERSON OR ENTITY WHOMSOEVER ARISING OUT OF, CAUSED BY, OR RESULTING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES OR ANY PART THEREOF WHICH ARE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION OF THE CONTRACTOR, ANYONE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY IT OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS IT MAY BE LIABLE, EVEN IF IT IS CAUSED IN PART BY

THE NEGLIGENCE OR OMISSION OF ANY INDEMNITEE, SO LONG AS IT IS NOT CAUSED BY THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF ANY INDEMNITEE. IN THE EVENT MORE THAN ONE OF THE INDEMNITORS ARE CONNECTED WITH AN ACCIDENT OR OCCURRENCE COVERED BY THIS INDEMNIFICATION, THEN EACH OF SUCH INDEMNITORS SHALL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE INDEMNITEES FOR INDEMNIFICATION AND THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY AMONG SUCH INDEMNITORS FOR THE LOSS AND EXPENSE OF ANY SUCH INDEMNIFICATION SHALL BE SETTLED BY SEPARATE PROCEEDINGS AND WITHOUT JEOPARDY TO ANY INDEMNITEE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE ANY OTHER INDEMNIFICATION OR RIGHT WHICH OWNER OR ANY OF THE INDEMNITEES HAS BY LAW. THE INDEMNITIES CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER.

7.2 Except for the obligation of Owner to pay Contractor the Contract Price pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and to perform certain other obligations pursuant to the terms and conditions explicitly set forth herein, Owner shall have no liability to Contractor or to anyone claiming through or under Contractor by reason of the execution or performance of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any obligation or liability of Owner to Contractor, no present or future partner or affiliate of Owner or any agent, officer, director, or employee of Owner, Williamson County, or of the various departments comprising Williamson County, or anyone claiming under Owner has or shall have any personal liability to Contractor or to anyone claiming through or under Contractor by reason of the execution or performance of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8.1 **Interest and Late Payments.** Owner's payment for goods and services shall be governed by Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code. Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by Owner in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2251.025. More specifically, the rate of interest that shall accrue on a late payment is the rate in effect on September 1 of Owner's fiscal year in which the payment becomes due. The said rate in effect on September 1 shall be equal to the sum of one percent (1%); and (2) the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first day of July of the preceding fiscal year that does not fall on a Saturday or Sunday.

In the event that an error appears in an invoice/application for payment submitted by Contractor, Owner shall notify Contractor of the error not later than the twenty first (21st) day after the date Owner receives the invoice/application for payment. If the error is resolved in favor of Contractor, Contractor shall be entitled to receive interest on the unpaid balance of the invoice/application for payment submitted by Contractor beginning on the date that the payment for the invoice/application for payment became overdue. If the error is resolved in favor of the Owner, Contractor shall submit a corrected invoice/application for payment that must be paid in accordance within the time set forth above. The unpaid balance accrues interest as provided by Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code if the corrected invoice/application for payment is not paid by the appropriate date.

8.2 **Assignment; Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement is a personal service contract for the services of Contractor, and Contractor's interest in this Agreement, duties hereunder and/or fees due hereunder may not be assigned or delegated to a third party. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

8.3 Captions. The captions of paragraphs in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be considered or referred to in resolving questions of interpretation or construction.

8.4 Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement and all of the rights and obligations of the parties and all of the terms and conditions shall be construed, interpreted and applied in accordance with and governed by and enforced under the laws of the State of Texas without reference to its conflicts of law provisions. Williamson County where the Project is located shall be the sole place of venue for any legal action arising from or related to this Agreement or the Project in which the Owner is a party.

8.5 Waivers. No delay or omission by either party in exercising any right or power arising from non-compliance or failure of performance by the other party with any of the provisions of this Agreement shall impair or constitute a waiver of any such right or power. A waiver by either party of any covenant or condition of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of that or of any other covenant or condition of the Agreement.

8.6 Interpretation. In the event of any dispute over the meaning or application of any provision of the Contract Documents, the Contract Documents shall be interpreted fairly and reasonably, and neither more strongly for or against any party, regardless of the actual drafter of the Contract Documents.

8.7 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective permitted assigns and successors.

8.8 Appointment. Owner hereby expressly reserves the right from time to time to designate by notice to Contractor a representative(s) to act partially or wholly for Owner in connection with the performance of Owner's obligations. Contractor shall act only upon instructions from the designated representative(s) unless otherwise specifically notified to the contrary.

8.9 Audits. Contractor agrees that Owner or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of Contractor which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. Contractor agrees that Owner shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary Contractor facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. Owner shall give Contractor reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

8.10 Severability. Should any term or provision of this Agreement be held invalid or unenforceable in any respect, the remaining terms and provisions shall not be affected and this Agreement shall be construed as if the invalid or unenforceable term or provision had never been included.

8.11 No Waiver of Immunities. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to Owner, its past or present officers, employees, or agents, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. Owner 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.

8.12 Current Revenues. Under Texas law, a contract with a governmental entity that contains a claim against future revenues is void; therefore, each party paying for the performance of governmental functions or services must make those payments from current revenues available to the paying party.

8.13 Compliance with Laws. Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations. When required, Contractor shall furnish the County with certification of compliance with said laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees above specified.

8.14 Sales and Use Tax Exemption. Owner is a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas and claims exemption from sales and use taxes under Texas Tax Code Ann. § 151.309, as amended.

8.15 Texas Public Information Act. To the extent, if any, that any provision in this Agreement is in conflict with Tex. Gov't Code 552.001 et seq., as amended (the "Public Information Act"), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood and agreed that Owner, its officers and employees may request advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas in regard to the application of the Public Information Act to any information or data furnished to Owner whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further understood that Owner, its officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that Owner, its officers and employees shall have no liability or obligation to Contractor for the disclosure to the public, or to any person or persons, of any software or a part thereof, or other items or data furnished to Owner by Contractor in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

8.16 Force Majeure. If the party obligated to perform is prevented from performance by an act of war, order of legal authority, act of God, or other unavoidable cause not attributable to the fault or negligence of said party, the other party shall grant such party relief from the performance of this Agreement. The burden of proof for the need of such relief shall rest upon the party obligated to perform. To obtain release based on force majeure, the party obligated to perform shall file a written request with the other party.

8.17 Equal Opportunity in Employment. The parties to this Agreement agree that during the performance of the services under this Agreement they will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The parties to this Agreement will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

8.18 Reports of Accidents. Within 24 hours after Contractor becomes aware of the occurrence of any accident or other event which results in, or might result in, injury to the person or property of any third person (other than an employee of the Contractor), whether or not it results from or involves any action or failure to act by the Contractor or any employee or agent of the Contractor and which arises in any manner from the performance of this Agreement, the Contractor shall send a written report of such accident or other event to the County, setting forth a full and concise statement of the facts pertaining thereto. The Contractor shall also immediately send the County a copy of any summons, subpoena, notice, or other documents served upon the Contractor, its agents, employees, or representatives, or received by it or them, in connection with any matter before any court arising in any manner from the Contractor's performance of work under this Agreement.

8.19 Relationship of the Parties. Each party to this Agreement, in the performance of this Agreement, shall act in an individual capacity and not as agents, employees, partners, joint ventures or associates of one another. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purposes whatsoever.

8.20 Appropriation of Funds by Owner. Owner believes it has sufficient funds currently available and authorized for expenditure to finance the costs of this Agreement. Contractor understands and agrees that the Owner's payment of amounts under this Agreement is contingent on the Owner receiving appropriations or other expenditure authority sufficient to allow the Owner, in the exercise of reasonable administrative discretion, to continue to make payments under this Agreement.

8.21 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same document.

8.22 Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either oral or written. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by each party to this Agreement. NO OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OWNER HAS ANY AUTHORITY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, TO AMEND THIS AGREEMENT, EXCEPT PURSUANT TO SUCH EXPRESS AUTHORITY AS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

BY SIGNING BELOW, the Parties have executed and bound themselves to this Agreement to be effective as of the date of the last party's execution hereof (Effective Date).

OWNER:

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS,
a political subdivision of the state of Texas

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR:

Barrie Fence Systems

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Melinda Lichtenwalter
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Operations Manager
9/22/15