

# **AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**THIS AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES** ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between **Williamson County**, a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, hereinafter "County", and **RHad Enterprises, Inc., D/B/A Mode Design Company, formerly also D/B/A Moman Architecture**, hereinafter "A/E".

## **RECITALS**

The County intends to remodel and construct additional space and add a drive thru teller area for the Williamson County Tax Assessor Collector's Office at Williamson County's Cedar Park Annex, 350 Discovery Boulevard, Cedar Park, TX 78613, hereinafter called the "Project"; and

The County desires that the A/E perform certain professional architectural and engineering services in connection with the Project; and

The A/E represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such services;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the County and the A/E, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, do mutually agree as follows:

## **SECTION I**

### **SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

The A/E agrees to perform professional architectural and engineering services in connection with the Project as stated herein, and for having rendered such services, the County agrees to pay to the A/E compensation as stated in the sections to follow.

## **SECTION II**

### **CHARACTER AND SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**A.** In consideration of the compensation herein provided, A/E shall perform professional architectural and engineering services for the Project, which are acceptable to the County, based on standard architectural and engineering practices and the scope of work described on the Exhibit(s) attached to this Agreement. A/E shall also serve as County's professional architect and engineer in those phases of the Project to which this Agreement applies and will consult with and give advice to County during the performance of A/E's services.

**B.** A/E shall not commence work until A/E has been thoroughly briefed on the scope of the Project and has been notified in writing to proceed, as evidenced by a Notice to Proceed.

C. County shall provide A/E with all existing plans, maps, studies, reports, field notes, statistics, computations, and other data in its possession relative to existing facilities and to this particular Project at no cost to A/E; however, any and all such information shall remain the property of County and shall be returned, if the County so instructs A/E.

D. A/E shall perform the following Basic Scope of Services (sometimes referred to herein as the "Basic Scope of Services", "Basic Services" or the "Scope of Services"):

1. The Basic Scope of Services shall generally consist of all elements of work, materials and equipment required for the development of the Project, including any Public Hearings, satisfactory to the County and the County's Commissioners Court, in accordance with the requirements, policies, and general practices of Williamson County.
2. The following documents shall be used in the development of the Project:
  - a. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA);
  - b. Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) of the Architectural Barriers Act, Article 9102, Texas Civil Statutes, Effective April 4, 1994, including latest revisions;
  - c. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Regulations;
  - d. International Building Code, current edition as updated
  - e. National Electrical Code, latest edition;
  - f. Williamson County Design Criteria & Project Development Manual, latest edition; and
  - g. All other local, state and federal documents, codes and regulations to which the Project must comply.
3. As part of the Scope of Services, A/E shall submit its work products to County for review at regular intervals and as requested by County.
4. The detailed Basic Scope of Services for the Project to be provided by the A/E is set forth herein as **Exhibit "A"** to this Agreement, and is expressly incorporated and made a part hereof.

### SECTION III

#### ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND CHARGES

For the performance of the services not specifically described as Basic Services under Section II above (sometimes referred to herein as "Additional Services"), County shall pay and A/E shall receive, under a negotiated written contract modification, Additional Services compensation based upon the method and rates set forth **Exhibit "B"**.

The A/E shall not, however, be compensated for work made necessary by A/E's negligent errors or omissions. In the event of any dispute over the classification of A/E's services as Basic or Additional Services under this Agreement, the decision of the County shall be final and binding on A/E.

It is expressly understood and agreed that A/E shall not furnish any Additional Services without the prior written authorization of the County. The County shall have no obligation to pay for such Additional Services which have been rendered without the prior written authorization of the County as hereinabove required.

## **SECTION IV**

### **TIME FOR PERFORMANCE**

**A. Time for Performance.** A/E agrees to complete the services called for in **Exhibit "A"** in accordance with the Production Schedule set forth in **Exhibit "C"**.

## **SECTION V**

### **SUBMITTAL PROCESS AND REVISIONS TO A/E WORK PRODUCT**

**A. Submittal Process.** A/E's A/E Work Product will be reviewed by County under its applicable technical requirements and procedures, as follows:

1. Reports, plans, surveys, field notes, original drawings, computer tapes, graphic files, tracings, calculations, analyses, reports, specifications, data, sketches and/or schematics prepared by A/E and supporting documents (collectively referred to herein above and hereinafter as the "A/E Work Product(s)"), shall be submitted by A/E on or before the dates specified for completion, as set out in the Production Schedule set forth in **Exhibit "C"**.
2. Upon receipt of the A/E Work Products, the submission shall be checked for completion. "Completion" shall be defined as: all of the required items (as defined by the Scope of Services described herein) have been included in the A/E Work Products in compliance with the requirements of this Agreement. The completeness of any A/E Work Product submitted to County shall be determined by County within fourteen (14) days of such submittal and County shall notify A/E in writing within such time period if such A/E Work Product has been found to be incomplete.
3. If the submission is Complete, County's technical review process will then begin. If the submission is incomplete, County shall notify A/E, who shall perform such professional services as are required to complete the work and resubmit it to County within seven (7) days. This process shall be repeated until a submission is complete.
4. Within seven (7) days of determining that a particular A/E Work Product is Complete, County shall review the completed work for compliance with the Scope of Work and determine whether or not to accept such A/E Work Product. If necessary, the completed work shall be returned to A/E, who shall perform any required work and resubmit it to County. This process shall be repeated until the work is accepted. "Acceptance" shall mean that in the County's opinion substantial compliance with the requirements of this Agreement has been achieved.
5. After Acceptance, A/E shall perform any required modifications, changes, alterations, corrections, redesigns, and additional work necessary to receive final

approval by the County. "Approval" in this sense shall mean formal recognition that the work has been fully carried out.

**B. Revision to A/E Work Product.** A/E shall make, without expense to County, such revisions to the A/E Work Product as may be required to correct negligent errors or omissions so the A/E Work Product meets the needs of County, but after the approval of the A/E Work Product any revisions, additions, or other modifications made at County's request which involve extra services and expenses to A/E shall entitle A/E to additional compensation for such extra services and expenses; provided, however, A/E hereby agrees to perform any necessary corrections to the A/E Work Products which are found to be in negligent error or omission as a result of the A/E's development of the A/E Work Product, at any time, without additional compensation. If it is necessary due to such error or omission by A/E to revise any A/E Work Product in order to make the Project constructible, A/E shall do so without additional compensation. In the event of any dispute over the classification of A/E's A/E Work Products as Complete, Accepted, or Approved under this Agreement, the decision of the County Judge shall be final and binding on A/E, subject to any civil remedy or determination otherwise available to the parties and deemed appropriate by the parties.

**C. Days.** All references to a "day" in this Agreement shall mean a calendar day unless otherwise specified.

## **SECTION VI**

### **A/E'S COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES**

For and in consideration of the Basic Services rendered by the A/E, and subject to the limit of appropriation under Section X, the County shall pay to the A/E a Basic Fee of **\$24,700.00** hereinafter called the "Basic Fee" plus the amount payable under Section III. (Additional Services).

During the course of services hereunder, the Basic Fee shall be allocated as follows:

For and in consideration of the services rendered by the A/E under Exhibit "A", Section A. (Field Verification), the A/E shall receive a total compensation of **\$1,800.00**.

For and in consideration of the services rendered by the A/E under Exhibit "A", Section B. (the Schematic Design Phase), the A/E shall receive a total compensation of **\$2,500.00**.

For and in consideration of the services rendered by the A/E under Exhibit "A", Section C. (the Construction Documents Phase), the A/E shall receive a total compensation of **\$14,200.00**.

For and in consideration of the services rendered by the A/E under Exhibit "A", Section D. (the Bidding and Negotiation Phase), the A/E shall receive a total compensation of **\$2,600.00**.

For and in consideration of the services rendered by the A/E under Exhibit "A", Section E. (the Construction Observation Phase), the A/E shall receive a total compensation of **\$3,600.00**.

A/E and County acknowledge the fact that the Basic Fee stated above is the total costs of the Basic Services to be rendered under this Agreement. This Basic Fee is based upon the labor costs, non-labor costs and reimbursable expenses estimated to be required in the performance of the various phases of Basic Services provided for under this Agreement. A/E shall be reimbursed for actual non-labor costs and reimbursable expenses incurred in the performance of the services under this Contract in accordance with the Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy set forth under **Exhibit "E"**. Statements requesting reimbursement for costs and expenditures related to the Project (reimbursable) must be accompanied by copies of the A/E's statements and comply with the Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy. The copies of the A/E's statement must evidence the actual costs billed to A/E without mark-up.

## **SECTION VII**

### **TIME OF PAYMENT; PAYMENT AND INTEREST; AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

**A. Time of Payment.** During the performance of the services provided for in this Agreement for the Schematic Design Phase (Exhibit "A", Section A.), the Design Development Phase (Exhibit "A", Section B.), and the Construction Documents Phase (Exhibit "A", Section C.), monthly payments shall be made based upon that portion of the services which has been completed. Payment for services rendered by the A/E for the Bidding and Contract Phase, (Exhibit "A", Section D.), shall be made either upon award of a construction contract for the project by the County, or within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of receipt of bids for the Project, whichever is earlier. Payments for services rendered for the Construction Phase (Exhibit "A", Section E.), shall be paid in proportion to the percentage of the completion of the construction of the Project as evidenced by the A/E's monthly estimates for Payment to the Contractors and approved by the County.

On or about the last day of each calendar month during the performance of the services to be provided under this Agreement, the A/E shall submit a sworn statement to the County, along with receipts detailing expenses incurred and other support documentation, in a form acceptable to the Williamson County Auditor, setting forth the services provided for by this Agreement which were completed during such calendar month, the compensation which is due, plus the amounts payable under Section III (Additional Services and Charges) which have not been previously billed or paid. In the event the statement includes charges based upon hourly billing rates for services or any other rates based upon the amount of time worked by an individual or individuals in performing services, whether the charges are being billed directly to the County or whether they are the basis of invoices from subcontractors for which the A/E seeks reimbursement from the County, A/E shall submit a sworn statement to the County along with timesheets detailing hours worked accompanied by an affidavit signed by an officer or principal of the A/E certifying that the work was performed, it was authorized by the County and that all information contained in the statement that is being submitted is true and correct.

The County shall review the statements within thirty (30) days of receipt and approve them with such modifications, if any, as it deems appropriate. The County shall pay each statement within thirty (30) days after the County's approval; provided, however, that the approval or payment of any statement shall not be considered to be evidence of performance by the A/E to the point

indicated by such statement or of receipt or acceptance by the County of the services covered by such statement.

**A. Interest and Late Payments.** County'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 County 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 County'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 a statement/application for payment submitted by A/E, County shall notify A/E of the error not later than the twenty first (21st) day after the date County receives the statement/application for payment. If the error is resolved in favor of A/E, A/E shall be entitled to receive interest on the unpaid balance of the statement/application for payment submitted by A/E beginning on the date that the payment for the statement/application for payment became overdue. If the error is resolved in favor of the County, A/E shall submit a corrected statement/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 statement/application for payment is not paid by the appropriate date.

**B. Right to Audit.** A/E agrees to maintain, for a period of seven years, detailed records identifying each individual performing the services, the date or dates the services were performed, the applicable hourly rates, the total amount billed for each individual and the total amount billed for all persons, and provide such other details as may be requested by the County Auditor for verification purposes. A/E agrees that County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three 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 A/E which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. A/E shall retain its records within the boundaries of Williamson County and further agrees that County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary A/E facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. County shall give A/E reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

## SECTION VIII

### SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION

**A. Suspension.** County may suspend the work at any time for any reason without terminating this Agreement by giving written Notice of Suspension and the work may be reinstated and this Agreement resumed in full force and effect within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt by A/E of written Notice of Reinstatement from County. In the event such suspension of the Project or the A/E's services hereunder extends for a period of ninety (90) consecutive calendar days or more, A/E may terminate this Agreement in writing.

**B. Termination.** County may terminate this Agreement at any time by notice in writing to the A/E. Upon receipt of such notice, the A/E shall discontinue all services in connection with the performance of this Agreement and shall proceed to cancel promptly all existing orders and

contracts insofar as such orders or contracts are chargeable to this Agreement. Within sixty (60) days after receipt of notice of termination, the A/E shall submit a statement, showing in detail the services performed under this Agreement to the date of termination. The County shall then pay the A/E that proportion of the prescribed charges which the services actually performed under this Agreement bear to the total services called for under this Agreement, less such payments on account of charges as have been previously made. Copies of all completed or partially completed designs, drawings, electronic data files and specifications prepared under this Agreement shall be delivered to the County when and if this Agreement is terminated.

## **SECTION IX**

### **NOTICE**

Any notice required to be given under the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be duly served when it shall have been deposited, enclosed in a wrapper with the proper postage prepaid thereon, and duly registered or certified, return receipt requested, in a United States Post Office, addressed to the County or the A/E at the following addresses. If mailed, any notice or communication shall be deemed to be received three days after the date of deposit in the United States Mail. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, all notices shall be delivered to the following addresses:

To the A/E:                Mode Design Company  
                                 109 South Harris St., Suite 200  
                                 Round Rock, TX 78664

Attention:                Ryan Hansanuwat

To the County:           Williamson County Judge  
                                 Dan A. Gattis (or successor)  
                                 710 Main Street, Suite 101  
                                 Georgetown, Texas 78626

Either party may designate a different address by giving the other party ten days written notice.

## **SECTION X**

### **LIMIT OF APPROPRIATION**

A/E does understand and agree, said understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total maximum compensation that A/E may become entitled to hereunder and the total maximum sum that County shall become liable to pay to A/E hereunder shall not under any conditions, circumstances or interpretations thereof exceed the sum of **\$24,700.00.**

## **SECTION XI**

### **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

The County and the A/E bind themselves and their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Neither the County, nor the A/E shall assign or transfer its interest in this Agreement without written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of any public body which may be a party hereto.

## **SECTION XII**

### **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

A/E shall maintain in full force and effect worker's compensation insurance, professional liability insurance, and general liability insurance during the entire term of this Agreement, in the amount set forth in **Exhibit "D"** - Insurance Requirements, and shall instruct and authorize insurer to immediately notify County directly in the event that any said policy coverage is changed or terminated. Said liability insurance policy shall be purchased from a reliable company licensed or authorized to do business in Texas. Proof of required insurance shall be submitted on Certificate(s) of Insurance and Endorsement (s) issued to County, as required in **Exhibit "D"**.

A/E shall require that any and all other contractors and/or consultants engaged or employed by A/E carry and maintain the same insurance and coverages in relation to the services to be rendered by such contractors and/or consultants. A/E shall submit to County proof of such insurance. The maintenance in full current force and effect of such form and amount of insurance, in such amount as County shall have accepted, shall be a condition precedent to the A/E's exercise or enforcement of any rights under this Agreement. The insurance policies shall incorporate a provision requiring written notice to the County at least thirty (30) days prior to any cancellation, non-renewal or material modification of the policies.

## **SECTION XIII**

### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Contact with the news media, citizens of Williamson County or governmental agencies shall be the responsibility of the County. Under no circumstances shall the A/E release any material or information developed in the performance of its services hereunder without the express written permission of the County.

## **SECTION XIV**

### **COMPLIANCE AND STANDARDS**

The A/E shall render the services hereunder in accordance with generally accepted standards applicable thereto and shall use that degree of care and skill commensurate with the architectural

and engineering professions to comply with all applicable state, federal, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations relating to the services to be rendered hereunder, and A/E's performance.

## **SECTION XV**

### **OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS, COPYRIGHT**

The County shall be the absolute and unqualified owner of all A/E Work Product prepared pursuant to this Agreement by the A/E and its subcontractors with the same force and effect as if the County prepared same. Copies of all completed or partially completed A/E Work Product prepared pursuant to this Agreement by the A/E shall be delivered to County when and if this Agreement is terminated or upon completion of this Agreement, whichever occurs first. The A/E may retain one (1) set of reproducible copies of such documents and such copies shall be for the A/E's sole use in preparation of studies or reports for Williamson County only. The A/E is expressly prohibited from selling, licensing or otherwise marketing or donating such documents, or using such documents in the preparation of other work for any other client, without the prior express written permission of the County.

## **SECTION XVI**

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

A/E AGREES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LOSSES, PENALTIES, JUDGMENTS, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM A NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION, NEGLIGENCE, OR INTENTIONAL TORT COMMITTED BY A/E, A/E'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY UNDER CONTRACT WITH A/E INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, A/E'S SUBCONSULTANTS, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH A/E EXERCISES CONTROL.

A/E FURTHER AGREES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LOSSES, PENALTIES, JUDGMENTS, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM A/E'S FAILURE TO PAY A/E'S EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THE WORK PERFORMED OR TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THIS CONTRACT BY A/E.

A/E FURTHER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LOSSES, PENALTIES, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM THE INFRINGEMENT OF ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF ANY PLANS, DESIGN, DRAWINGS, OR SPECIFICATIONS FURNISHED BY A/E IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT.

THE LIMITS OF INSURANCE REQUIRED IN THIS CONTRACT AND/OR THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL NOT LIMIT A/E'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION. THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT AND/OR CONTRACT DOCUMENTS OR THE SUSPENSION OF THE WORK HEREUNDER. TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY LIABILITIES, PENALTIES, DEMANDS, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE CAUSED IN PART BY THE ACTS OF THE COUNTY OR THIRD PARTIES FOR WHOM A/E IS NOT LEGALLY LIABLE, A/E'S OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE IN PROPORTION TO A/E'S FAULT. THE OBLIGATIONS HEREIN SHALL ALSO EXTEND TO ANY ACTIONS BY THE COUNTY TO ENFORCE THIS INDEMNITY OBLIGATION.

IN THE EVENT THAT CONTRACTORS INITIATE LITIGATION AGAINST THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE CONTRACTOR ALLEGES DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF ANY ACTS, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OF THE A/E OR ANY OF ITS

EMPLOYEES OR ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY THE A/E, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEFECTS, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS OR IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE A/E OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY THE A/E, AND/OR INADEQUATE SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE-ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AS DEFINED AND REQUIRED BY THIS AGREEMENT, AGREEMENT EXHIBITS AND THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, THEN THE COUNTY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO JOIN THE A/E AT THE COUNTY'S COST. A/E SHALL ALSO HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE COUNTY TO THE EXTENT THAT A/E, ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH A/E EXERCISES CONTROL, CAUSED SUCH DAMAGES TO CONTRACTOR, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL COSTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES INCURRED BY THE COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFENSE OF ANY CLAIMS WHERE A/E, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH A/E EXERCISES CONTROL, ARE ADJUDICATED AT FAULT.

## **SECTION XVII**

### **MODIFICATIONS**

This instrument contains the entire Agreement between the parties relating to the rights herein granted and obligations herein assumed. Any oral or written representations or modifications concerning this instrument shall be of no force and effect excepting a subsequent written modification signed by both parties hereto.

## **SECTION XVIII**

### **AUTHORITY OF COUNTY JUDGE**

The County Judge or his/her designee and/or agent as designated by the County Judge (individually or collectively the "County Judge") shall decide any and all questions which may arise as to the interpretation of this Agreement and all questions as to the acceptable fulfillment of this Agreement by the A/E. The County Judge's decision shall be final. It is mutually agreed by both parties that the County Judge shall act as referee in all questions arising under the terms of this Agreement between the parties hereto and that the decisions of the County Judge in such shall be final and binding alike on both parties hereto. But nothing contained in this section shall be construed to authorize the County Judge to alter, vary or amend any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement.

## **SECTION XIX**

### **MERGER**

The Parties agree that this Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions of the understanding of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. All prior negotiations, discussions, correspondence and preliminary understandings between the parties and others relating hereto are superseded by this Agreement.

## **SECTION XX**

### **SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Agreement 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 Agreement 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 Agreement 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 Agreement and be deemed to be validated and enforceable.

## **SECTION XXI**

### **VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be performable in Williamson County, Texas. Each party to this Agreement hereby agrees and acknowledges that venue and jurisdiction of any suit, right, or cause of action arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall lie exclusively in Williamson County, Texas. Furthermore, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, excluding, however, its choice of law rules.

## **SECTION XXII**

### **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.

## **SECTION XXIII**

### **NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer or shall be construed as conferring upon any other person any rights, remedies or any other type or types of benefits.

## **SECTION XXIV**

### **CONSTRUCTION**

Each party to this Agreement acknowledges that it and its counsel have reviewed this Agreement and that the normal rules of construction are not applicable and there will be no presumption that any ambiguities will be resolved against the drafting party in the interpretation of this Agreement.

## **SECTION XXV**

### **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.

## **SECTION XXVI**

### **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 County, its past or present officers, employees, or agents or employees, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. County 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.

## **SECTION XXVII**

### **NO WAIVER**

No action or inaction taken pursuant to this Agreement should be deemed to constitute a waiver of compliance with any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement and such action or inaction will not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach, whether of a similar or dissimilar nature.

## **SECTION XXVIII**

### **EXHIBITS**

In the event of any conflict, discrepancy, or inconsistency among any of the documents which make up this Agreement, the following shall control:

- a. As between this Agreement and its Exhibits or any other documents which make up this Agreement, this Agreement shall govern.
- b. In the event of any conflict, discrepancy, or inconsistency among any of the other Agreement Exhibits, the A/E shall diligently review all such documents and notify the County immediately upon discovery of the same for resolution by the County.
- c. Any documents not included or expressly contemplated in this Agreement do not, and shall not, form a part of this Agreement. The Agreement Exhibits are intended to be complimentary, and a requirement in one document shall be deemed a requirement in all documents.

## SECTION XXIX

### EXECUTION

The County executes this Agreement by and through the County Judge acting pursuant to Order of the Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, so authorizing. The A/E's duly authorized representative acknowledges by his/her signature below that he/she has read and understands the above paragraphs and that A/E has the obligation to ensure compliance with its provisions by itself and its employees, agents, and representatives. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of the last party's execution of this Agreement.

#### WILLIAMSON COUNTY:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan A. Gattis  
Williamson County Judge

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

#### A/E:

**RHad Enterprises, Inc., D/B/A Mode Design Company  
(formerly also D/B/A Moman Architecture)**

By: Ryan H

Printed Name: Ryan Hansanuwt

Title: President

Date Signed: JULY \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

## **Exhibit "A"**

### **Basic Scope of Services**

THE FOLLOWING SCOPE OF SERVICES IS INTENDED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE AGREEMENT. TO THE EXTENT THIS SCOPE OF SERVICES IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE AGREEMENT, THE AGREEMENT WILL SUPERSEDE THE SCOPE OF SERVICES AND WILL BE CONTROLLING.

THE A/E SHALL PROVIDE EXPERT TESTIMONY IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE OR COURT PROCEEDINGS THROUGH AN APPROPRIATE ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER PROFESSIONAL TO BE DETERMINED BY COUNTY AS ADDITIONAL SERVICES AT THE RATE OF COMPENSATION SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT.

In consideration of the compensation provided in the Agreement, A/E shall perform the following Scope of Services, based on standard architectural and engineering practices:

#### **A. FIELD VERIFICATION**

The A/E shall visit the existing building and/or suite to verify the actual layout and dimensions of the space. The actual measurements of the space will be input into a CAD system that will be used for design phases and to provide accurate square footage calculations.

#### **B. SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE SERVICES**

1. The A/E shall review the program and other information furnished by the County, and shall review laws, codes, and regulations applicable to the A/E's services.
2. The A/E shall prepare a preliminary evaluation of the County's program, schedule, budget for the Cost of the Work, Project site, and the proposed procurement or delivery method and other Initial Information, each in terms of the other, to ascertain the requirements of the Project. The A/E shall notify the County of (1) any inconsistencies discovered in the information, and (2) other information or consulting services that may be reasonably needed for the Project.
3. The A/E shall present its preliminary evaluation to the County and shall discuss with the County alternative approaches to design and construction of the Project, including the feasibility of incorporating environmentally responsible design approaches.
4. Based on the County's approval of the preliminary design, the A/E shall prepare Schematic Design Documents for the County's approval. The Schematic Design Documents shall consist of drawings and other documents including a site plan, if appropriate, and preliminary building plans, sections and elevations; and may, if requested by the County, include some combination of study models, perspective sketches, or digital modeling. Preliminary selections of major building systems and construction materials shall be noted on the drawings or described in writing.
5. The A/E shall submit to the County an estimate of the Cost of the Work. Architect shall provide for the County's approval a written itemized estimate of the Cost of the Work based upon the

Schematic Design package produced by the A/E, with cost project to the schedule date of completion of the Bidding and Contract Phase of Services. If that estimate does not conform to the initial County-approved budget, and any County-approved amendments thereto, the A/E shall provide a written statement to the County describing the specific reasons for the deviation and suggesting alternative designs or changes that can be made to the design in order to bring the Cost of the Work within the then-current County budget.

6. The A/E shall submit the Schematic Design Documents to the County, and request the County's approval.

7. Based on the County's approval of the Schematic Design Documents, and on the County's authorization of any adjustments in the Project requirements and the budget for the Cost of the Work, the A/E shall prepare Design Development Documents for the County's approval. The Design Development Documents shall illustrate and describe the development of the approved Schematic Design Documents and shall consist of drawings and other documents including plans, sections, elevations, typical construction details, and diagrammatic layouts of building systems to fix and describe the size and character of the Project as to architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical systems, and such other elements as may be appropriate. The Design Development Documents shall also include outline specifications that identify major materials and systems and establish in general their quality levels.

8. Architect shall provide for the County's approval a written itemized estimate of the Cost of the Work based upon the Design Development package produced by the A/E, with cost project to the schedule date of completion of the Bidding and Contract Phase of Services. If that estimate does not conform to the initial County-approved budget, and any County-approved amendments thereto, the A/E shall provide a written statement to the County describing the specific reasons for the deviation and suggesting alternative designs or changes that can be made to the design in order to bring the Cost of the Work within the then-current County budget.

9. The A/E shall submit the Design Development documents to the County, including the estimate required above, and request the County's approval.

### **C. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS PHASE SERVICES**

1. Based on the County's approval of the Design Development Documents, and on the County's authorization of any adjustments in the Project requirements and the budget for the Cost of the Work, the A/E shall prepare Construction Documents for the County's approval. The Construction Documents shall indicate in detail the materials, systems, and other requirements for construction of the Work.

2. The A/E shall prepare Construction Documents that conform to the requirements of applicable laws, codes, ordinances, regulations, and other requirements of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project.

3. During the development of the Construction Documents, the A/E shall assist the County in the development and preparation of (1) bidding and procurement information that describes the time,

place and conditions of bidding, including bidding or proposal forms; (2) the form of agreement between the County and Contractor; and (3) the Conditions of the Contract for Construction (General, Supplementary and other Conditions). The A/E shall also compile a project manual that includes the Conditions of the Contract for Construction and Specifications and may include bidding requirements and sample forms.

4. Upon 75% completion of the Construction Documents, the A/E shall provide for the County's approval a written, itemized estimate of the Cost of the Work with cost project to the schedule date of completion of the Bidding and Contract Phase of Services. If that estimate does not conform to the initial County-approved budget, and any County-approved amendments thereto, the A/E shall provide a written statement to the County describing the specific reasons for the deviation and suggesting alternative designs or changes that can be made to the design in order to bring the Cost of the Work within the then-current County budget.

5. The A/E shall submit the Construction Documents to the County, advise the County of any adjustments to the estimate of the Cost of the Work, take any action required under Section III, and request the County's approval.

## **D. BIDDING OR NEGOTIATION PHASE SERVICES**

### **1. GENERAL**

The A/E shall assist the County in establishing a list of prospective contractors. Following the County's approval of the Construction Documents, the A/E shall assist the County in (1) obtaining either competitive bids or negotiated proposals; (2) confirming responsiveness of bids or proposals; (3) determining the successful bid or proposal, if any; and, (4) awarding and preparing contracts for construction.

### **2. COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

The A/E shall assist the County and the Williamson County Purchasing Department in bidding the Project by

- .1 procuring the reproduction of Bidding Documents for distribution to prospective bidders;
- .2 distributing the Bidding Documents to prospective bidders, requesting their return upon completion of the bidding process, and maintaining a log of distribution and retrieval and of the amounts of deposits, if any, received from and returned to prospective bidders;
- .3 organizing and conducting a pre-bid conference for prospective bidders;
- .4 preparing responses to questions from prospective bidders and providing clarifications and interpretations of the Bidding Documents to all prospective bidders in the form of addenda; and
- .5 organizing and conducting the opening of the bids, and subsequently documenting and distributing the bidding results, as directed by the County.

The A/E shall consider requests for substitutions, if the Bidding Documents permit substitutions, and shall prepare and distribute addenda identifying approved substitutions to all prospective bidders.

### **3. NEGOTIATED PROPOSALS**

The A/E shall assist the County and the Williamson County Purchasing Department in obtaining proposals by

- .1** procuring the reproduction of Proposal Documents for distribution to prospective contractors, and requesting their return upon completion of the negotiation process;
- .2** organizing and participating in selection interviews with prospective contractors; and
- .3** participating in negotiations with prospective contractors, and subsequently preparing a summary report of the negotiation results, as directed by the County.

The A/E shall consider requests for substitutions, if the Proposal Documents permit substitutions, and shall prepare and distribute addenda identifying approved substitutions to all prospective contractors.

## **E. CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES**

### **1. GENERAL**

The A/E shall provide administration of the Contract between the County and the Contractor as set forth below and in the Uniform General Conditions for Williamson County.

The A/E shall advise and consult with the County during the Construction Phase Services. The A/E shall have authority to act on behalf of the County only to the extent provided in this Agreement. The A/E shall not have control over, charge of, or responsibility for the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, nor shall the A/E be responsible for the Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The A/E shall be responsible for the A/E's negligent acts or omissions, but shall not have control over or charge of, and shall not be responsible for, acts or omissions of the Contractor or of any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

The A/E's responsibility to provide Construction Phase Services commences with the award of the Contract for Construction and terminates on the date the A/E issues the final Certificate for Payment.

### **2. EVALUATIONS OF THE WORK**

The A/E shall visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction to become familiar with the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and to determine if the Work observed is being performed in a manner indicating that the Work, when fully completed, will be in accordance with the Contract Documents. However, the A/E shall not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work. On the basis of the site visits, the A/E shall keep the County informed about the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and report to the County (1) known deviations from the

Contract Documents and from the most recent construction schedule submitted by the Contractor, and (2) defects and deficiencies observed in the Work.

The A/E has the authority to reject Work that does not conform to the Contract Documents and to notify County that Architect is rejecting such Work as not conforming to the requirements of the Contract Documents. Whenever the A/E considers it necessary or advisable, the A/E shall have the authority to require inspection or testing of the Work in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents, whether or not such Work is fabricated, installed or completed. However, neither this authority of the A/E nor a decision made in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority shall give rise to a duty or responsibility of the A/E to the Contractor, Subcontractors, material and equipment suppliers, their agents or employees or other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

The A/E shall interpret and advise the County of that interpretation on matters concerning performance under, and requirements of, the Contract Documents on written request of either the County or Contractor. The A/E's response to such requests shall be made in writing within any time limits agreed upon or otherwise with reasonable promptness.

Interpretations by the A/E shall be consistent with the requirements indicated in or reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents and shall be in writing or in the form of drawings. When approved by County in advance, the A/E's decisions on matters relating to aesthetic effect shall be final if consistent with the intent expressed in the Contract Documents.

Unless otherwise provided, the A/E shall render initial decisions on Claims between the County and Contractor as provided in the Contract Documents or as requested by County.

### **3. CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR**

The A/E shall review and certify the amounts due the Contractor and shall issue certificates in such amounts. The A/E's certification for payment shall constitute a representation to the County, based on the A/E's evaluation of the Work as provided in Section 3.6.2 and on the data comprising the Contractor's Application for Payment, that, to the best of the A/E's knowledge, information and belief, the Work has progressed to the point indicated and that the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents. The foregoing representations are subject (1) to an evaluation of the Work for conformance with the Contract Documents upon Substantial Completion, (2) to results of subsequent tests and inspections, (3) to correction of minor deviations from the Contract Documents prior to completion, and (4) to specific qualifications expressed by the A/E.

The issuance of a Certificate for Payment shall not be a representation that the A/E has (1) made exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work, (2) reviewed construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, (3) reviewed copies of requisitions received from Subcontractors and material suppliers and other data requested by the County to substantiate the Contractor's right to payment, or (4) ascertained how or for what purpose the Contractor has used money previously paid on account of the Contract Sum.

The A/E shall maintain a record of the Applications and Certificates for Payment.

#### **4. SUBMITTALS**

The A/E shall review the Contractor's submittal schedule and shall not unreasonably delay or withhold approval. The A/E's action in reviewing submittals shall be taken in accordance with the approved submittal schedule or, in the absence of an approved submittal schedule, with reasonable promptness while allowing sufficient time in the A/E's professional judgment to permit adequate review.

The A/E shall review and approve or take other appropriate action upon the Contractor's submittals (including Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples, etc.) as necessary to ascertain their conformance with the requirements for the Work as indicated in the Contract Documents. The A/E's review shall not be conducted for the purposes of confirming dimensions or quantities in those submittals except to the extent that the Contractor has requested the assistance of the A/E to determine certain dimensions because those indicated in the Construction Documents conflict with existing field conditions or because the dimensions in the Construction Documents contain erroneous, inconsistent, or incomplete information or dimensions for which clarification is needed and can be supplied by the A/E. The A/E's review shall not constitute approval of safety precautions or, unless otherwise specifically stated by the A/E, of any construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures.

If the Contract Documents specifically require the Contractor to provide professional design services or certifications by a design professional related to systems, materials or equipment, the A/E shall specify the appropriate performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy. The A/E shall review shop drawings and other submittals related to the Work designed or certified by the design professional retained by the Contractor that bear such professional's seal and signature when submitted to the A/E.

The A/E shall review and respond to requests for information about the Contract Documents. The A/E shall set forth in the Contract Documents the requirements for requests for information. Requests for information shall include, at a minimum, a detailed written statement that indicates the specific Drawings or Specifications in need of clarification and the nature of the clarification requested. The A/E's response to such requests shall be made in writing within any time limits agreed upon, or otherwise with reasonable promptness. If appropriate, the A/E shall prepare and issue supplemental Drawings and Specifications in response to requests for information.

The A/E shall maintain a record of submittals and copies of submittals supplied by the Contractor in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

#### **5. PROJECT COMPLETION**

The A/E shall conduct inspections to determine the date or dates of Substantial Completion and the date of final completion; issue Certificates of Substantial Completion; receive from the Contractor and forward to the County, for the County's review and records, written warranties and related documents required by the Contract Documents and assembled by the Contractor; and issue

a final Certificate for Payment based upon a final inspection indicating the Work complies with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

The A/E's inspections shall be conducted with the County to check conformance of the Work with the requirements of the Contract Documents and to verify the accuracy and completeness of the list submitted by the Contractor of Work to be completed or corrected.

When the Work is found to be substantially complete, the A/E shall advise the County about the balance of the Contract Sum remaining to be paid the Contractor, including the amount to be retained from the Contract Sum, if any, for final completion or correction of the Work.

The A/E shall forward to the County the following information received from the Contractor: (1) consent of surety or sureties, if any, to reduction in or partial release of retainage or the making of final payment; (2) affidavits, receipts, releases and waivers of liens or bonds indemnifying the County against liens; and (3) any other documentation required of the Contractor under the Contract Documents.

Upon request of the County, and prior to the expiration of one year from the date of Substantial Completion, the A/E shall, without additional compensation, conduct a meeting with the County to review the facility operations and performance.

## Exhibit "B"

### Hourly Rates

| <u>Position Classifications</u> | <u>Hourly Rates</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Principal                       | \$200.00            |
| Project Manager                 | \$150.00            |
| Interior Designer               | \$140.00            |
| Designer                        | \$110.00            |
| Administrative/Clerical         | \$90.00             |

**CPI Rate Adjustments:** Rates will remain firm for the initial first year of the Contract and such rates shall be deemed the "Initial Base Rates". Engineer must request rate adjustments, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to each annual anniversary date of the Contract and any rate changes will take effect on the first day following the prior year. If Engineer fails to request a CPI rate adjustment, as set forth herein, the adjustment will be effective thirty (30) days after the County receives Engineer's written request. No retroactive rate adjustments will be allowed.

Price adjustments will be made in accordance with changes in the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for All Urban Consumers, All Items, South Region (Base 1982-84 = 100).

The rate adjustment will be determined by multiplying the Initial Base Rates by a fraction, the numerator of which is the index number for most recently released index before each annual anniversary date of the Contract and the denominator of which is the index number for the first month of the Contract (the index number for the month in which the Contract was originally executed). If the products are greater than the Initial Base Rates, County will pay the greater amounts as the rates during the successive year until the next rate adjustment. Rates for each successive year will never be less than the Initial Base Rates.

**The Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy attached hereto shall control in the event there is a conflict between A/E's Rate Schedule and the Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy.**

## **Exhibit “C”**

### **Production Schedule**

**Field Verification: 10 days from Notice to Proceed issued by County**

**Schematic Design: 45 days from Notice to Proceed issued by County**

**Construction Documentation: 45 days from written approval from County of Schematic Design Documents**

**Bidding and Negotiation: 30 days from issuance notice to bidders or upon start of negotiation with contractors**

**Construction Contract Review Award: 30 days from initiation of negotiations with selected contractor**

**Construction Observation: To be determined**

## **Exhibit "D"**

### **Insurance Requirements**

During the term of this Agreement, A/E agrees to provide and maintain the following insurance:

- A. Worker's Compensation in accordance with statutory requirements.
- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance with a combined minimum Bodily Injury and Property Damage limits of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 in the aggregate, including coverage on same for independent subcontractor(s). WILLIAMSON COUNTY SHALL BE NAMED AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED UNDER THIS COVERAGE.
- C. Automobile Liability Insurance for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles with combined minimum limits for Bodily Injury and Property Damage limits of \$500,000.00 per occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 in the aggregate. A/E shall require any subcontractor(s) to provide Automobile Liability Insurance in the same minimum amounts.
- D. Professional Liability Errors and Omissions Insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 per claim.

A/E shall be responsible for payment of premiums for all of the insurance coverages required under this section. A/E further agrees that for each claim, suit or action made against insurance provided hereunder, with respect to all matters for which the A/E is responsible hereunder, A/E shall be solely responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions over \$75,000 in the A/E's insurance must be declared and approved in writing by County in advance.

A/E shall not commence any field work under this Agreement until he has obtained all required insurance and such insurance has been approved by County. A/E shall not allow any subcontractor(s) to commence work to be performed in connection with this Agreement until all required insurance has been obtained and approved and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Approval of the insurance by County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of A/E hereunder.

The required insurance must be written by a company approved to do business in the State or Texas with a financial standing of at least an A- rating, as reflected in Best's insurance ratings or by a similar rating system recognized within the insurance industry at the time the policy is issued. A/E shall furnish County with a certification of coverage issued by the insurer. A/E shall not cause any insurance to be canceled nor permit any insurance to lapse. ALL INSURANCE CERTIFICATES SHALL INCLUDE A CLAUSE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE POLICY SHALL NOT BE CANCELED OR REDUCED, RESTRICTED OR LIMITED UNTIL TEN (10) DAYS AFTER COUNTY HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTICE AS EVIDENCED BY RETURN RECEIPT OF REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED LETTER.

It is the intention of the County and agreed to and hereby acknowledged by the A/E, that no provision of this Agreement shall be construed to require the County to submit to mandatory arbitration or mediation in the settlement of any claim, cause of action or dispute, except as specifically required in direct connection with an insurance claim or threat of claim under an insurance policy required under this Agreement and/or Exhibits which absolutely requires arbitration or mediation of such claim, or as otherwise required by law or a court of law with jurisdiction over the provisions of this Agreement.

## **Exhibit "E"**

# **Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy**

The purpose of this Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy ("Policy") is to provide clear guidelines to vendors on Williamson County's expectations and requirements regarding allowable reimbursable expenditures and required backup. The Policy will also minimize conflicts related to invoice payments and define non-reimbursable items. This Policy is considered a guideline and is not a contract.

This Policy may be altered, deleted or amended, at any time and without prior notice to vendors, by action of the Williamson County Commissioners Court. Unenforceable provisions of this Policy, as imposed by applicable law, regulations, or judicial decisions, shall be deemed to be deleted. Any revisions to this Policy will be distributed to all current vendors doing business with the County.

### **1. Invoices and Affidavits**

- 1.1 Invoices must adequately describe the goods or services provided to County and include all required backup (i.e. reimbursable expenses, mileage log, timesheets, receipts detailing expenses incurred etc.) that is in a form acceptable to the Williamson County Auditor. Invoices that do not adequately describe the goods or services provided to County or contain backup that is satisfactory to the Williamson County Auditor will be returned to vendor for revisions and the provision above relating to invoice errors resolved in favor of the County shall control as to the required actions of vendor and when such invoice must be paid by the County.
- 1.2 In the event an invoice includes charges based upon hourly billing rates for services or any other rates based upon the amount of time worked by an individual or individuals in performing services, whether the charges are being billed directly to the County or whether they are the basis of invoices from subcontractors for which the vendor seeks reimbursement from the County, the charges shall be accompanied by an affidavit signed by an officer or principal of the vendor certifying that the work was performed, it was authorized by the County and that all information contained in the invoice that is being submitted is true and correct.
- 1.3 Upon County's request, vendor must submit all bills paid affidavits wherein vendor must swear and affirm that vendor has paid each of its subcontractors, laborers, suppliers and material in full for all labor and materials provided to vendor for or in connection with services and work performed for County and, further, vendor must swear and affirm that vendor is not aware of any unpaid bills, claims, demands, or causes of action by any of its subcontractors, laborers, suppliers, or material for or in connection with the furnishing of labor or materials, or both, for services and work performed for County.

### **2. Travel Reimbursement**

- 2.1 The County will only cover costs associated with travel on vendors outside a 50 mile radius from Williamson County, Texas.
- 2.2 The County will only cover costs associated with travel as documented work for County. If a vendor is also doing business for another client, the travel costs must be split in proportion to the amount of work actually performed for County and the other client. The only allowable travel

- expense will be for the specific days worked for Williamson County.
- 2.3 No advance payments will be made to vendor for travel expenditures. The travel expenditure may only be reimbursed after the expenditure/trip has already occurred and vendor has provided the Williamson County Auditor with all necessary and required backup.
  - 2.4 Vendors must submit all travel reimbursement requests on each employee in full. Specifically, a travel reimbursement request must include all related travel reimbursement expenses relating to a particular trip for which vendor seeks reimbursement. Partial travel reimbursement requests will not be accepted (i.e. vendor should not submit hotel and mileage one month then the next month submit rental car and airfare). If the travel reimbursement appears incomplete, the invoice will be sent back to the vendor to be submitted when all information is ready to submit in full.
  - 2.5 Reimbursement for transportation costs will be at the most reasonable means of transportation (i.e.: airline costs will be reimbursed for coach rate, rental car costs will only be reimbursed if rental car travel was most reasonable means of travel as compared to travel by air).
  - 2.6 The County will not be responsible for, nor will the County reimburse additional charges due to personal preference or personal convenience of individual traveling.
  - 2.7 The County will not reimburse airfare costs if airfare costs were higher than costs of mileage reimbursement.
  - 2.8 Additional expenses associated with travel that is extended to save costs (i.e. Saturday night stay) may be reimbursed if costs of airfare would be less than the cost of additional expenses (lodging, meals, car rental, mileage) if the trip had not been extended. Documentation satisfactory to the Williamson County Auditor will be required to justify expenditure.
  - 2.9 County will only reimburse travel expense to necessary personnel of the vendor (i.e. no spouse, friends or family members).
  - 2.10 Except as otherwise set forth herein, a vendor must provide a paid receipt for all expenses. If a receipt cannot be obtained, a written sworn statement of the expense from the vendor may be substituted for the receipt.
  - 2.11 Sales tax for meals and hotel stays are the only sales taxes that will be reimbursed. Sales tax on goods purchased will not be reimbursed. A sales tax exemption form is available from the Williamson County Auditor's Office upon request.
  - 2.12 The County will not pay for any late charges on reimbursable items. It is the responsibility of the vendor to pay the invoice first and seek reimbursement from the County.

### **3. Meals**

- 3.1 Meal reimbursements are limited to a maximum of \$40.00 per day on overnight travel. On day travel (travel that does not require an overnight stay), meal reimbursements are limited to a maximum of \$20.00 per day. The travel must be outside the Williamson County, Texas line by a 50 mile radius.
- 3.2 Receipts are required on meal reimbursement amounts up to the maximum per day amount stated for overnight or day travel. If receipts are not presented, the vendor can request per diem (per diem limits refer to 3.2). However, a vendor cannot combine per diem and meal receipts. Only one method shall be allowed.
- 3.3 Meals are reimbursable only for vendors who do not have the necessary personnel located within a 50 mile radius of Williamson County, Texas that are capable of carrying the vendor's obligations to County. Meals will not be reimbursed to vendors who are located within a 50 mile radius of Williamson County, Texas.
- 3.4 County will not reimburse for alcoholic beverages.
- 3.5 Tips are reimbursable but must be reasonable to limitation of meal allowance.

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- 3.6 No meals purchased for entertainment purposes will be allowed.

- 3.7 Meal reimbursement must be substantiated with a hotel receipt.

#### **4. Lodging**

- 4.1 Hotel accommodations require an itemized hotel folio as a receipt. The lodging receipt should include name of the motel/hotel, number of occupant(s), goods or services for each individual charge (room rental, food, tax, etc.) and the name of the occupant(s). Credit card receipts or any other form of receipt are not acceptable.
- 4.2 Vendors will be reimbursed for a single room rate charge plus any applicable tax. If a single room is not available, the vendor must provide documentation to prove that a single room was not available in order to justify the expense over and above the single room rate. A vendor may also be required to provide additional documentation if a particular room rate appears to be excessive.
- 4.3 Personal telephone charges, whether local or long distance, will not be reimbursed.

#### **5. Airfare**

- 5.1 The County will only reimburse up to a coach price fare for air travel.
- 5.2 The County will exclude any additional charges due to personal preference or personal convenience of the individual traveling (i.e. early bird check in, seat preference charges, airline upgrades, etc. will not be an allowable reimbursement)
- 5.3 Air travel expenses must be supported with receipt copy of an airline ticket or an itinerary with actual ticket price paid. If tickets are purchased through a website, vendor must submit a copy of the webpage showing the ticket price if no paper ticket was issued.
- 5.4 Cancellation and/or change flight fees may be reimbursed by the County but vendor must provide the Williamson County Auditor with documentation in writing from a County department head providing authorization for the change.
- 5.5 The County will not reimburse vendor for tickets purchased with frequent flyer miles.

#### **6. Car Rental**

- 6.1 Vendors that must travel may rent a car at their destination when it is less expensive than other transportation such as taxis, airport shuttles or public transportation such as buses or subways.
- 6.2 Cars rented must be economy or mid-size. Luxury vehicle rentals will not be reimbursed. Any rental costs over and above the cost of a mid-size rental will be adjusted.
- 6.3 Vendors will be reimbursed for rental cars if the rental car cost would have been less than the mileage reimbursement cost (based on the distance from vendor's point of origin to Williamson County, Texas) had the vendor driven vendor's car.
- 6.4 Vendors must return a car rental with appropriate fuel levels as required by rental agreement to avoid the car rental company from adding fuel charges.
- 6.5 Rental agreement and credit card receipt must be provided to County as back up for the request for reimbursement.
- 6.6 Insurance purchased when renting vehicle may also be reimbursed.
- 6.7 Car Rental optional extras such as GPS, roadside assistance, and administrative fees on Tolls will not be reimbursed.

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#### **7. Personal Car Usage**

- 7.1 Personal vehicle usage will be reimbursed in an amount equal to the standard mileage rate allowed by the IRS.

- 7.2 Per code of Federal Regulations, Title 26, Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Part IX, Section 274(d), all expense reimbursement requests must include the following:
  - 7.2.1.1 Date
  - 7.2.1.2 Destination
  - 7.2.1.3 Purpose
  - 7.2.1.4 Name of traveler(s)
  - 7.2.1.5 Correspondence that verifies business purpose of the expense
- 7.3 The mileage for a personal vehicle must document the date, location of travel to/from, number of miles traveled and purpose of trip.
- 7.4 Mileage will be reimbursed on the basis of the most commonly used route.
- 7.5 Reimbursement for mileage shall not exceed the cost of a round trip coach airfare.
- 7.6 Reimbursement for mileage shall be prohibited between place of residence and usual place of work.
- 7.7 Mileage should be calculated from vendor's employee's regular place of work or their residence, whichever is the shorter distance when traveling to a meeting or traveling to Williamson County, Texas for vendors who are located outside of Williamson County, Texas by at least a 50 mile radius.
- 7.8 When more than one person travels in same vehicle, only one person may claim mileage reimbursement.
- 7.9 Tolls, if reasonable, are reimbursable. Receipts are required for reimbursement. If a receipt is not obtainable, then written documentation of expense must be submitted for reimbursement (administrative fees on Tolls will not be reimbursed).
- 7.10 Parking fees, if reasonable, are reimbursable for meetings and hotel stays. For vendors who contract with a third party for visitor parking at vendor's place of business, Williamson County will not reimburse a vendor based on a percentage of its contracted visitor parking fees. Rather, Williamson County will reimburse Vendor for visitor parking on an individual basis for each time a visitor uses Vendor's visitor parking. Receipts are required for reimbursement. If a receipt is not obtainable, then written documentation of expense must be submitted for reimbursement.
- 7.11 Operating and maintenance expenses, as well as other personal expenses, such as parking tickets, traffic violations, and car repairs and collision damage are not reimbursable.

## **8. Other Expenses**

- 8.1 Taxi fare, bus tickets, conference registrations, parking, etc. must have a proper original receipt.

## **9. Repayment of Nonreimbursable Expense.**

Vendors must, upon demand, immediately repay County for all inappropriately reimbursed expenses whenever an audit or subsequent review of any expense reimbursement documentation finds that such expense was reimbursed contrary to these guidelines and this Policy. Williamson County reserves the right to retain any amounts that are due or that become due to a vendor in order to collect any inappropriately reimbursed expenses that a vendor was paid.

## **10. Non-Reimbursable Expenses**

In addition to the non-reimbursable items set forth above in this Policy, the following is a non-exhaustive list of expenses that will not be reimbursed by Williamson County:

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- 10.1 Alcoholic beverages/tobacco products
- 10.2 Personal phone calls
- 10.3 Laundry service
- 10.4 Valet service

- 10.5 Movie rentals
- 10.6 Damage to personal clothing
- 10.7 Flowers/plants
- 10.8 Greeting cards
- 10.9 Fines and/or penalties
- 10.10 Entertainment, personal clothing, personal sundries and services
- 10.11 Transportation/mileage to places of entertainment or similar personal activities
- 10.12 Upgrades to air, hotel and/or car rental
- 10.13 Auto repairs
- 10.14 Baby sitter fees, kennel costs, pet or house-sitting fees
- 10.15 Saunas, massages or exercise facilities
- 10.16 Credit card delinquency fees
- 10.17 Doctor bills, prescription and other medical services
- 10.18 Hand tools
- 10.19 Safety Equipment (hard hats, safety vests, etc.)
- 10.20 Office supplies
- 10.21 Any other expenses which Williamson County deems, in its sole discretion, to be inappropriate or unnecessary expenditures.

