

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

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**CONTRACT  
FOR  
COMPRESSOR REPLACEMENT  
ON TRANE CHILLER  
AND  
RELATED SERVICES  
(Williamson County Justice Center)  
(Carrier, BuyBoard #558-19)**

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**Important Notice: County Purchase Orders and Contracts constitute expenditures of public funds, and all vendors are hereby placed on notice that any quotes, invoices or any other forms that seek to unilaterally impose contractual or quasicontractual terms are subject to the extent authorized by Texas law, including but not limited to Tex. Const. art. XI, § 7, the Texas Government Code, the Texas Local Government Code, the Texas Transportation Code, the Texas Health & Safety Code, and Opinions of the Texas Attorney General relevant to local governmental entities.**

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into by and between **Williamson County, Texas (hereinafter "The County")**, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its governing body, and **Carrier Corporation (hereinafter "Service Provider")**, 11100 Metric Blvd, Suite #400, Austin, TX 78758 (Ph. 512-364-6322). The County agrees to engage Service Provider as an independent contractor, to assist in providing certain operational services pursuant to the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

**I.**

**Services:** Service Provider shall provide services *as an independent contractor* pursuant to terms and policies of the Williamson County Commissioners Court. Service Provider expressly acknowledges that he, she or it is not an employee of The County. The services include, but are not limited to the following items in order to complete the project:

**As described in the attached Statement of Work/Quote, dated August 6, 2020, which is designated Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein as if copied in full.**

Should The County choose to add services in addition to those described in Exhibit(s)

“A.” such additional services shall be described in a separate written amendment to this Contract wherein the additional services shall be described and the parties shall set forth the amount of compensation to be paid by The County for the additional services. Service Provider shall not begin any additional services and The County shall not be obligated to pay for any additional services unless a written amendment to this Contract has been signed by both parties.

## II.

**Effective Date and Term:** This contract shall be in full force and effect when signed by all parties and shall continue for a reasonable time period for the specific project and shall terminate upon project completion or when terminated pursuant to paragraph X below.

## III.

**Consideration and Compensation:** Service Provider will be compensated based as set forth in Exhibit(s). Any changes must be made by a change order or amendment and approved by the Williamson County Commissioners Court. **The not-to-exceed amount shall be \$21,890.00.**

**Payment for goods and services shall be governed by Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code. An invoice shall be deemed overdue the 31st day after the later of (1) the date The County receives the goods under the contract; (2) the date the performance of the service under the contract is completed; or (3) the date the Williamson County Auditor receives an invoice for the goods or services. Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by The 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 The 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.**

## IV.

**Insurance:** Service Provider shall provide and maintain, until the services covered in this Contract is completed and accepted by The County, the minimum insurance coverage in the minimum amounts as described below. Coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis by companies authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and rated A- or better by A.M. Best Company or otherwise acceptable to The County and name The County as an additional insured.

**Type of Coverage**

**Limits of Liability**

- a. Worker's Compensation Statutory
- b. Employer's Liability
  - Bodily Injury by Accident \$500,000 Ea. Accident
  - Bodily Injury by Disease \$500,000 Ea. Employee
  - Bodily Injury by Disease \$500,000 Policy Limit
- c. Comprehensive general liability including completed operations and contractual liability insurance for bodily injury, death, or property damages in the following amounts:

COVERAGE	PER PERSON	PER OCCURRENCE
Comprehensive General Liability (including premises, completed operations and contractual)	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Aggregate policy limits:	\$1,000,000	

Service Provider, as an independent contractor, meets the qualifications of an "Independent Contractor" under Texas Worker's Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code, Section 406.141, and must provide its employees, agents and sub-subcontractors worker's compensation coverage. Contactor shall not be entitled to worker's compensation coverage or any other type of insurance coverage held by The County.

Upon execution of this Contract, Service Provider shall provide The County with insurance certificates evidencing compliance with the insurance requirements of this Contract.

## V.

**Entire Contract & Incorporated Documents:** This Contract constitutes the entire Contract between the parties and may not be modified or amended other than by a written instrument executed by both parties. Documents expressly incorporated (as if copied in full) into this Contract include the following:

- A. As described in the attached Statement of Work Proposal/Quote, dated August 6, 2020, which is incorporated herein as if copied in full;**
- B. BuyBoard #558-19; and**
- C. Any required insurance certificates evidencing required coverages.**

## VI.

**No Agency Relationship:** It is understood and agreed that Service Provider shall not in any sense be considered a partner or joint venturer with The County, nor shall Service Provider hold himself out as an agent or official representative of The County unless expressly authorized to do so by a majority of the Williamson County Commissioners Court. Service Provider shall be considered an independent contractor for the purpose of this Contract and shall in no manner incur any expense or liability on behalf of The County other than what may be expressly allowed under this Contract.

## VII.

**INDEMNIFICATION - EMPLOYEE PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS:** TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND (WITH COUNSEL OF THE COUNTY'S CHOOSING), AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COUNTY, AND THE COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, PARTNERS, OFFICERS, AND DIRECTORS (COLLECTIVELY THE "INDEMNITEES") AND SHALL ASSUME ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY (OTHER THAN AS A RESULT OF INDEMNITEES' GROSS NEGLIGENCE) FOR ANY CLAIM OR ACTION BASED ON OR ARISING OUT OF THE PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH, OF ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER, OR OF ANY SUBCONTRACTOR, OR OF ANY OTHER ENTITY FOR WHOSE ACTS THEY MAY BE LIABLE, WHICH OCCURRED OR WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED ON THE WORK SITE OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK. SERVICE PROVIDER HEREBY INDEMNIFIES THE INDEMNITEES EVEN TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH PERSONAL INJURY WAS CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE SOLE, COMPARATIVE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF THE STRICT LIABILITY OF ANY INDEMNIFIED PARTY. THIS INDEMNIFICATION SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO DAMAGES, COMPENSATION, OR BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER INSURANCE POLICIES, WORKERS COMPENSATION ACTS, DISABILITY BENEFITS ACTS, OR OTHER EMPLOYEES BENEFIT ACTS.

**INDEMNIFICATION - OTHER THAN EMPLOYEE PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS:** TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND (WITH COUNSEL OF THE COUNTY'S CHOOSING), AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COUNTY, AND THE COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, PARTNERS, OFFICERS, AND DIRECTORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "INDEMNITEES") FROM AND AGAINST CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTORNEYS' FEES, ARISING OUT OF OR ALLEGED TO BE RESULTING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT OR THE WORK DESCRIBED HEREIN, TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTS, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDER OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS, ANYONE EMPLOYED BY THEM OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS THEY MAY BE LIABLE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT SUCH CLAIM, DAMAGE, LOSS OR EXPENSE IS CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY A PARTY INDEMNIFIED HEREUNDER.

## VIII.

**No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity or Powers:** Nothing in this Contract will be deemed to constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity or powers of The County, the Williamson County Commissioners Court, or the Williamson County Judge.

## IX.

**Compliance with All Laws:** Service Provider agrees and will comply with any and all local, state or federal requirements with respect to the services rendered.

## X.

**Termination:** This Contract may be terminated at any time at the option of either party, without future or prospective liability for performance upon giving thirty (30) days written notice thereof. In the event of termination, The County will only be liable for its pro rata share of services rendered and goods actually received.

## XI.

**Venue and Applicable Law:** Venue of this Contract shall be Williamson County, Texas, and the laws of the State of Texas shall govern all terms and conditions.

## XII.

**Severability:** In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision in this Contract and this Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in it.

## XIII.

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

XIV.

**Confidentiality:** Service Provider expressly agrees that he or she will not use any incidental confidential information that may be obtained while working in a governmental setting for his or her own benefit, and agrees that he or she will not enter any unauthorized areas or access confidential information and he or she will not disclose any information to unauthorized third parties, and will take care to guard the security of the information at all times.

XV.

**Good Faith:** Service Provider agrees to act in good faith in the performance of this Contract.

XVI.

**No Assignment:** Service Provider may not assign this Contract.

XVIII.

**County Judge or Presiding Officer Authorized to Sign Contract:** The presiding officer of The County's governing body who is authorized to execute this instrument by order duly recorded may execute this Contract on behalf of The County.

WITNESS that this Contract shall be effective as of the date of the last party's execution below.

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY:**

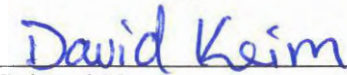
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Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

**SERVICE PROVIDER:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Date: Aug 11, 2020

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated herein, the service provider retains ownership of its intellectual property and no license to service provider's intellectual property is granted except as necessary for the customer to use any deliverables and/or services provided hereunder.

**Exhibit(s)**  
**Statement of Work/Quote, dated August 6, 2020**







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Austin Texas 78758  
Phone (512) 364-6322  
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E-mail melissa.house@carrier.com

Contact Name Thomas Solis  
Account WILLIAMSON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
Phone (512) 943-1303  
Site Address 405 Martin Luther King St  
Georgetown, TX, 78626-4901

Estimate Date 08/06/2020  
Quote Number 00547104

Job Description Replace Compressor on Trane Chiller 2, BuyBoard Agreement #558-19.

#### Scope of Work

Replace the contactor, filter drier, heater, associated o-rings, and compressor 2 on chiller 2 (Trane RTAC, S: U03M03283) at the Justice Center. New compressor will be an OEM re-manufactured compressor. Proposal includes 50 pounds of R134A. All work to be done during regular hours. The lead time on the parts is approximately 5-7 business days.

#### Exclusions / Clarifications

This quote does not include the waste disposal and labor performed outside normal business hours unless otherwise noted. In addition, the quoted price does not include any sales, excise, or similar taxes, any that apply will be added at cost.

Proposal excludes overtime labor.

#### Total Quoted Price

**Total Price for Scope of Work excluding applicable taxes:** \$21,890.00

This proposal is valid for 30 days from the date of proposal. Carrier's terms and conditions will govern in lieu of any other terms and conditions contained in any resulting Purchase, Order, Contract, Agreement, etc. Carrier would like to thank you for the continuing opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

Melissa House

Carrier Commercial Service

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Title

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Customer Acceptance (signature)

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Purchase Order

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The attached Terms & Conditions shall govern.

  
David Keim

Market Manager, Carrier Commercial Service

**CARRIER CORPORATION**  
**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE – EQUIPMENT AND/OR SERVICE**

**1. PAYMENT AND TAXES** - Payment shall be made net 30 days from date of invoice. Carrier reserves the right to require cash payment or other alternative method of payment prior to shipment or completion of work if Carrier determines, in its sole discretion, that Customer or Customer's assignee's financial condition at any time does not justify continuance of the net 30 days payment term. In addition to the price, Customer shall pay Carrier any taxes or government charges arising from this Agreement. If Customer claims that any such taxes or government charges do not apply to the transactions governed by this Agreement, Customer shall provide Carrier with acceptable tax exemption certificates or other applicable documents. All past due invoices will accrue interest at the lesser of 1% per month or the maximum amount allowable by law.

**2. EXTRAS** - Equipment, parts or labor in addition to those specified in this Agreement will be provided upon receipt of Customer's written authorization, paid for as an extra at Carrier's prevailing labor rates and equipment/parts charges, and subject to the terms of this Agreement.

**3. RETURNS** - No items will be accepted for return without prior written authorization. Returned goods may be subject to a restocking charge. Special order and non-stock items cannot be returned.

**4. SHIPMENT** - All shipments shall be F.O.B. shipping point, freight prepaid and allowed to the job site. Shipment dates quoted are approximate. Carrier does not guarantee a particular date for shipment or delivery.

**5. PARTIAL SHIPMENT** - Carrier shall have the right to ship any portion of the equipment, goods or other materials included in this Agreement and invoice Customer for such partial shipment.

**6. DELAYS** - Carrier shall not be liable for delays in manufacturing, shipping or delivery by causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of Carrier, including but not restricted to acts of God, acts of a public enemy, acts of government, acts of terrorism, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, freight embargoes, supplier delays, strikes, or labor difficulties (collectively "Force Majeure Events"). Carrier agrees to notify Customer in writing as soon as practicable of the causes of such delay. In the event that any materials or equipment to be provided by Carrier under this Agreement become permanently unavailable as a result of a Force Majeure Event, Carrier shall be excused from furnishing such materials or equipment.

**7. WARRANTY** - Carrier warrants that all equipment manufactured by Carrier Corporation and all Carrier equipment, parts or components supplied hereunder will be free from defects in material and workmanship. Carrier shall at its option repair or replace, F.O.B. point of sale, any equipment, part or component sold by Carrier and determined to be defective within one (1) year from the date of initial operation or eighteen (18) months from date of shipment, whichever is earlier. Carrier does not warrant products not manufactured by Carrier Corporation, but it does pass on to Customer any transferrable manufacturer warranties for those products. Carrier warrants that all service provided by Carrier hereunder shall be performed in a workmanlike manner. In the event any such service is determined to be defective within ninety (90) days of completion of that service, Carrier shall at its option re-perform or issue a credit for such service. Carrier's obligation to repair or replace any defective equipment, parts or components during the warranty period shall be Customer's exclusive remedy. Carrier shall not be responsible for labor charges for removal or reinstallation of defective equipment, parts or components, for charges for transportation, handling and shipping or

refrigerant loss, or for repairs or replacement of such equipment, parts or components, required as a consequence of faulty installation, misapplication, vandalism, abuse, exposure to chemicals, improper servicing, unauthorized alteration or improper operation by persons other than Carrier. THIS WARRANTY IS GIVEN IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY INCLUDING THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

**8. WORKING HOURS** - All services performed under this Agreement, including but not limited to, major repairs, are to be provided during Carrier's normal working hours unless otherwise agreed.

**9. CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES (Service Contracts only) -** Customer shall:

- Provide safe and reasonable equipment access and a safe work environment.
- Permit access to Customer's site, and use of building services including but not limited to: water, elevators, receiving dock facilities, electrical service and local telephone service.
- Keep areas adjacent to equipment free of extraneous material, move any stock, fixtures, walls or partitions that may be necessary to perform the specified service.
- Promptly notify Carrier of any unusual operating conditions.
- Upon agreement of a timely mutual schedule, allow Carrier to stop and start equipment necessary to perform service.
- Provide adequate water treatment.
- Provide the daily routine equipment operation (if not part of this Agreement) including availability of routine equipment log readings.
- Where Carrier's remote monitoring service is provided, provide and maintain a telephone line with long distance direct dial and answer capability.
- Operate the equipment properly and in accordance with instructions.
- Promptly address any issues that arise related to mold, fungi, mildew or bacteria.
- Identify and label any asbestos containing material that may be present. The customer will provide, in writing, prior to the start of a job, a signed statement regarding the absence or presence of asbestos for any job where the building or the equipment to be serviced is older than 1981. Should this document state that no asbestos is present, the customer will also provide in writing the method used to determine the absence of asbestos.

**10. EXCLUSIONS** - Carrier is not responsible for items not normally subject to mechanical maintenance including but not limited to: duct work, casings, cabinets, fixtures, structural supports, grillage, water piping, steam piping, drain piping, cooling tower fill, boiler tubes, boiler refractory, disconnect switches and circuit breakers. Carrier is not responsible for repairs, replacements, alterations, additions, adjustments, repairs by others, unscheduled calls or emergency calls, any of which may be necessitated by negligent operation, abuse, misuse, prior improper maintenance, vandalism, obsolescence, building system design, damage due to freezing weather, chemical/electrochemical attack, corrosion, erosion, deterioration due to unusual wear and tear, any damage related to the presence of mold, fungi, mildew, or bacteria, damage caused by power reductions or

failures or any other cause beyond Carrier's control. Carrier shall not be required to perform tests, install any items of equipment or make modifications that may be recommended or directed by insurance companies, government, state, municipal or other authority. However, in the event any such recommendations occur, Carrier, at its option, may submit a proposal for Customer's consideration in addition to this Agreement. Carrier shall not be required to repair or replace equipment that has not been properly maintained.

**11. EQUIPMENT CONDITION & RECOMMENDED SERVICE (Service Contracts only)** - Upon the initial scheduled operating and/or initial annual stop inspection, should Carrier determine the need for repairs or replacement, Carrier will provide Customer in writing an 'equipment condition' report including recommendations for corrections and the price for repairs in addition to this Agreement. In the event Carrier recommends certain services (that are not included herein or upon initial inspection) and if Customer does not elect to have such services properly performed in a timely fashion, Carrier shall not be responsible for any equipment or control failures, operability or any long-term damage that may result. Carrier at its option will either continue to maintain equipment and/or controls to the best of its ability, without any responsibility, or remove such equipment from this Agreement, adjusting the price accordingly.

**12. PROPRIETARY RIGHTS (Service Contracts only)** - During the term of this Agreement and in combination with certain services, Carrier may elect to install, attach to Customer equipment, or provide portable devices (hardware and/or software) that shall remain the personal proprietary property of Carrier. No devices installed, attached to real property or portable device(s) shall become a fixture of the Customer locations. Customer shall not acquire any interest, title or equity in any hardware, software, processes, and other intellectual or proprietary rights to devices that are used in connection with providing service on Customer equipment.

**13. DATA RIGHTS (Service Contracts only)** - Customer hereby grants and agrees to grant to Carrier a worldwide, non-exclusive, non-terminable, irrevocable, perpetual, paid-up, royalty free license to any Source Data, with the right to sub-license to its affiliates and suppliers for (i) Carrier's performance of services pursuant to this Agreement, (ii) the improvement of Carrier services, and Carrier's Analytics Platform; (iii) improving product performance, operation, reliability, and maintainability; (iv) to create, compile, and/or use datasets and/or statistics for the purposes of benchmarking, development of best practices, product improvement; (v) the provision of services to third parties, (vi) research, statistical, and marketing purposes, and/or (vii) in support of Carrier agreements.

Source Data shall mean data that is produced directly from a system, or device and received at a collection point or a central server (e.g. a Carrier database, data lake, or third party cloud service).

Analytics Platform shall mean server algorithms or web interface systems used to (i) interpret, convert, manipulate, or calculate data, (ii) perform data processing, and/or (iii) the delivery of data to Carrier, affiliates or suppliers of Carrier, and/or Customer.

**14. RETURN OF DATA (Service Contracts only)** - Customer understands and acknowledges that the portable devices will collect Source Data that will be stored on and/or transmitted to Carrier's servers and to suppliers or affiliates that are contracted by Carrier and used to transmit, process, extract or store such Source Data for purposes of Carrier's performance of the service in accordance with this Agreement. Once such data and information has been stored and/or transmitted to Carrier's servers, Customer agrees that such data and information shall become part of Carrier's database and therefore subject to the license terms under section 13.

**15. DATA DELIVERY** - During the term of the Agreement Customer shall (i) make reasonable efforts to ensure that the hardware remains powered on, (ii) avoid intentional action to impede, block or throttle collection and transmission of Source Data by Carrier, and (iii) avoid intentional action to disable, turn off, or remove the hardware without Carrier's express written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**16. REVERSE ENGINEERING** - Customer shall not extract, decompile or reverse engineer any software included with, incorporated in, or otherwise associated with the hardware and shall not reverse engineer any reports or analytics provided to or received by Customer from Carrier.

**17. WAIVER OF DAMAGES** - Under no circumstances shall Carrier be liable for any incidental, special or consequential damages, including loss of revenue, loss of use of equipment or facilities, or economic damages based on strict liability or negligence.

**18. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY** - Carrier's maximum liability for any reason (except for personal injuries) arising from this Agreement shall not exceed the value of the payments received by Carrier under this Agreement.

**19. CANCELLATION** - Customer may cancel this Agreement only with Carrier's prior written consent, and upon payment of reasonable cancellation charges. Such charges shall take into account costs and expenses incurred, and purchases or contract commitments made by Carrier and all other losses due to the cancellation including a reasonable profit.

**20. CUSTOMER TERMINATION FOR CARRIER NON-PERFORMANCE** - Customer shall have the right to terminate this Agreement for Carrier's non-performance provided Carrier fails to cure such non-performance within thirty (30) days after having been given prior written notice of the non-performance. Upon early termination or expiration of this Agreement, Carrier shall have free access to enter Customer locations to disconnect and remove any Carrier personal proprietary property or devices as well as remove any and all Carrier-owned parts, tools and personal property. Additionally, Customer agrees to pay Carrier for all incurred but unamortized service costs performed by Carrier including overheads and a reasonable profit.

**21. CARRIER TERMINATION** - Carrier reserves the right to discontinue its service any time payments have not been made as agreed or if alterations, additions or repairs are made to equipment during the term of this Agreement by others without prior agreement between Customer and Carrier.

**22. CLAIMS** - Any lawsuits arising from the performance or nonperformance of this Agreement, whether based upon contract, negligence, strict liability or otherwise, shall be brought within one (1) year from the date the claim arose.

**23. GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENTS** - The components, equipment and services provided by Carrier are "commercial items" as defined in Section 2.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations ("FAR"), and the prices of such components, equipment and services are based on Carrier's commercial pricing policies and practices (which do not consider any special requirements of U.S. Government cost principles, FAR Part 31, or any similar procurement regulations). As such, Carrier will not agree to provide or certify cost or pricing data, nor will Carrier agree to comply with the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS). In addition, no government procurement regulations, such as