

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

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**COUNTY ADDENDUM  
FOR PURCHASE OF  
GOODS AND SERVICES  
DURING COVID-19 OPERATIONS  
(Federal Emergency Management  
Agency "FEMA" Requirements)**

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**Important Notice: County Purchase Orders and Agreements constitute expenditures of public funds, and all vendors are hereby placed on notice that such procurement is subject to the extent authorized by Federal and Texas law, including but not limited to Federal Emergency Management Agency Rules and Regulations, 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 AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between **Williamson County, Texas** (hereinafter "Customer" or "The County" or "Williamson County"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its governing body, and Freeit Data Solutions, Inc. (hereinafter "Vendor"). Customer agrees to engage Vendor as an independent Contractor, to assist in providing certain goods or operational services pursuant to the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

**I.**

**Incorporated Documents:** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement 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 Agreement include the following:

- A. Vendor Quote dated 7/2/2020;
- B. Vendor Sales Agreement;
- C. Williamson County Agreement Addendum; and
- D. Any necessary insurance certificates.

Where there is any conflict between this Addendum and any of the above-referenced Agreement documents or incorporated documents, the terms of this Addendum shall control.

## II.

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

## III.

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

## IV.

**Good Faith:** Vendor agrees to act in good faith in the performance of the Agreement relevant to this Agreement.

## V.

**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.

## VI.

**Texas Law Applicable to Indemnification and Limitation of Liability:** All indemnifications or limitations of liability shall be to the extent authorized under Texas law.

## VII.

**Payment:** 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 Agreement; (2) the date the performance of the service under the Agreement 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.

## VIII.

**Termination for Convenience:** This agreement 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 received.**

## IX.

**Right to Audit:** Vendor agrees that Customer or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of Vendor which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. Vendor agrees that Customer shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary Vendor facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. Customer shall give Vendor reasonable advance notice of intended audits. In no circumstances will Vendor be required to create or maintain documents not kept in the ordinary course of Vendor's business operations, nor will Vendor be required to disclose any information, including but not limited to product cost data, which it considers confidential or proprietary.

## X.

**Mediation:** The parties agree to use mediation for dispute resolution prior to and formal legal action being taken on the Agreements relevant to this Agreement.

## XI.

**Venue and Governing Law:** Venue of this Agreement shall be Williamson County, Texas, and the law of the State of Texas shall govern.

## XII.

**No Assignment:** This agreement may not be assigned by either party without prior written consent.

## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (“FEMA”) COMPLIANCE:**

### **XIII.**

#### **Clean Air Act and The Federal Water Pollution Control Act Compliance:**

Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq. and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. and Vendor agrees to report each violation to the Customer and understands and agrees that the Customer will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office. If applicable, Vendor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

### **XIV.**

**Suspension and Debarment:** (1) This Agreement is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the Vendor is required to verify that none of the Vendor’s principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The Vendor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by Customer. If it is later determined that the Vendor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to Customer, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The Vendor, bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any agreement that may arise from this offer. The Vendor, bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

### **XV.**

**Recovered Materials:** (1) In the performance of this Agreement, the Vendor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired— (a) Competitively within a timeframe

providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule; (b) Meeting contract performance requirements; or (c) At a reasonable price.

(2) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site:

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

(3) The Vendor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.”

## **XVI.**

**Access to Records:** The following access to records requirements apply to this Agreement:

(1) The Vendor agrees to provide Customer, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Vendor which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(2) The Vendor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

(3) The Vendor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

(4) In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the Customer and the Vendor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

## **XVII.**

**Use of DHS Seals and Related Items:** The Vendor shall not use Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

## **XVIII.**

**Compliance with Federal Law and FEMA Rules:** This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the agreement. The Vendor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA

policies, procedures, and directives.

**XIX.**

**Compliance with Byrd Anti-Lobbying Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended):**

Vendors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

**XX.**

**No Federal Government Obligations:** The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, Vendor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from this Agreement.

**XXI.**

**False Claims Act Compliance and Program Fraud Prevention:** The Vendor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Vendor's actions pertaining to this Agreement.

**XXII.**

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

WITNESS the signatures of all parties in duplicate originals to be effective as of the date of the last party's execution below.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY:

Vendor: Freeit Data Solutions, Inc.

Judge Bill Gravell Jr.  
Judge Bill Gravell Jr. (Jul 21, 2020 16:20 CDT)

Authorized Signature

Date: Jul 21, 2020, 2020



Authorized Signature

Date: July 8th, 2020

This is Schedule Number [REDACTED] of the Frontier Services Agreement dated July 7, 2020 ("FSA") by and between **Williamson County** ("Customer") and **Frontier Communications of America, Inc.** on behalf of itself and its affiliates ("Frontier"). Customer orders and Frontier agrees to provide the Services and Equipment identified in the Schedule below.

**Primary Service Location:** 911 Tracy Chamber, Georgetown TX 78626  
**Schedule Type/Purpose:** Order for new Services

**Schedule Date:** July 7, 2020  
**Service Term:** 60 months

Service Summary		NRC	MRC
Ethernet Access Circuit(s)	(details in Table 1)	\$ 0.00	\$ 1000.00
Static Block(s) (*NRC waived on Renewal; details in Table 2)		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Special Construction		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 1000.00</b>

Table 1: Ethernet Access Circuit					
Service Location	Service Address, and NPA NXX:	Service		Charges	
				NRC	MRC
<b>A new</b>	911 Tracy Chamber, Georgetown, TX, 78626,	Access CIR (Mbps)	1000 Mbps Mbps	\$ 0.00	\$ 1000.00
<b>B</b>	street, city, state, zip, NPA NXX	Access CIR (Mbps)	Select Mbps	\$	\$
<b>C</b>	street, city, state, zip, NPA NXX	Access CIR (Mbps)	Select Mbps	\$	\$
<b>D</b>	street, city, state, zip, NPA NXX	Access CIR (Mbps)	Select Mbps	\$	\$
<b>E</b>	street, city, state, zip, NPA NXX	Access CIR (Mbps)	Select Mbps	\$	\$
<b>Subtotal:</b>				<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 1000.00</b>

Table 2: IP Addresses		
Static Block (*NRC waived on Renewal)	NRC	MRC
Service Location (from Table 1): A new	/29 - \$0 NRC, \$0 MRC	
Service Location (from Table 1): select	Select	
Service Location (from Table 1): select	Select	
Service Location (from Table 1): select	Select	
Service Location (from Table 1): select	Select	
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

## 1. Service Description.

a. **Ethernet Internet Access** is a data transport configuration comprised of a physical User Network Interface (UNI). EIA can be used to support delivery of eligible Frontier services to a designated Customer Location (e.g. Frontier Connect – Cloud). Frontier provides EIA on a standard best efforts' basis and subject to unspecified variable bit rate, latency, and packet loss with dependencies on current traffic load(s) within Frontier's Shared Infrastructure. This is also commonly referred to as a Silver Ethernet Virtual Connection (EVC) to the Internet through the use of Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs), for traffic separation, privacy, security and fault management. Physical termination shall conform to applicable rules and regulations with respect to Minimum point of entry (MPOE) and demarcation point. If Customer requests extensions beyond the MPOE, such extension (s) shall be subject to Frontier's cabling service policies and Frontier's charges related thereto per separate Frontier Cabling Service and Fee Schedule.

2. **Special Construction: All Services are subject to availability and Frontier Network limitations.** The rates identified in this Schedule are estimated based on standard installation costs and Services may not be available at all service locations at the rates identified. If Frontier determines, in its reasonable discretion, that the costs of provisioning Service to any service location are materially higher than normal, Frontier will notify Customer of the additional costs associated with provision of the Services and request Customer's acceptance of such costs as a condition to proceeding ("Special Construction"). Upon notification that Special Construction is required, Customer will have ten (10) business days to notify Frontier of its acceptance. If the Customer does not agree to the Special Construction within ten (10) business days, the Customer shall be deemed to have cancelled the Service Schedule without further liability. If the Customer agrees to the Special Construction, Frontier and Customer will execute a replacement Schedule.

3. **Obligations of Customer.** Customer is responsible to ensure appropriate processes and protocols are in place for rate shaping to the amount of throughput ordered. Customer acknowledges that failure to comply with this responsibility may negatively impact Service performance.

4. **After Hours/Holiday Labor Hours.** If Customer desires coordinated turn up services ("After Hours") during non-business hours, defined below, then the After Hours services shall be provided at the rate of \$175.00 per hour. Non-business hours include: (1) weeknights between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:59 a.m. local time; (2) weekends, including Saturday and/or Sunday and (3) the Frontier designated holidays (New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day).

Such After Hours services may be subject to change, based upon Frontier's reasonable determination of increases in actual costs to provide such After Hours services, determined in accordance with generally accepted commercial accounting practices, and consistent with After Hours service charges for projects comparable to the project outlined in this Schedule

**5. Internet Acceptable Use Policy and Security.** Customer shall comply, and shall cause all Service users to comply, with Frontier's Acceptable Use Policy ("AUP"), which Frontier may modify at any time. The current AUP is available for review at the following address, subject to change: [http://www.frontier.com/policies/commercial\\_aup/](http://www.frontier.com/policies/commercial_aup/). Customer is responsible for maintaining awareness of the current AUP and adhering to the AUP as it may be amended from time to time. Failure to comply with the AUP is grounds for immediate suspension or termination of Frontier Internet Service, notwithstanding any notice requirement provisions of the FSA. Customer is responsible for the security of its own networks, equipment, hardware, software and software applications. Abuse that occurs as a result of Customer's systems or account being compromised or as a result of activities of third parties permitted by Customer may result in suspension of Customer's accounts or Internet access by Frontier. Customer will defend and indemnify Frontier and its affiliates with respect to claims arising from Customer's or third parties' usage of Frontier Internet access through Customer's hardware or software.

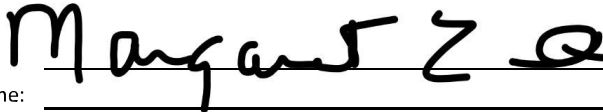
**6. Service Level Agreement.** The Ethernet Internet Access Service Level Agreement for Ethernet Internet Access is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1.

This Schedule is not effective and pricing, dates and terms are subject to change until signed by both parties, and may not be effective until approved by the FCC and/or applicable State Commission. This Schedule and any of the provisions hereof may not be modified in any manner except by mutual written agreement. The above rates do not include any taxes, fees or surcharges applicable to the Service. This Schedule, and all terms and conditions of the FSA, is the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the Services described herein, and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, and undertakings written or oral with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Frontier Communications of America, Inc.

Williamson County

Signature:



Printed Name:

Title:

Date:

7/7/20

Signature:



Judge Bill Gravell Jr. (Jul 21, 2020 16:20 CDT)

Printed Name:

Judge Bill Gravell Jr.

Title:

County Judge

Date:

Jul 21, 2020



EXHIBIT 1

Service Level Agreement

This Ethernet Internet Access Service Level A Agreement ("SLA") applies to an Ethernet Internet Access (EIA) Schedule, executed by and between Williamson County ("Customer") and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. ("Frontier"). The terms of this SLA apply exclusively to the Ethernet network elements directly within Frontier's management responsibility and control ("On-Net Service").

1. Operational Objectives

- A. **Availability:** Circuit Availability is the ability to exchange data packets with the nearest Frontier Internet Point of Presence ("POP") or EIA Customer egress port (Z location) via the ingress port (A location). "Service Outage" occurs when packet transport is unavailable or when the output signal is outside the limits of this service guarantee. Availability is measured by the number of minutes during a calendar month that the On-Net Service is operational, divided by the total minutes in that calendar month. Calculation is based on the stop-clock method beginning at the date and time of the Customer-initiated trouble ticket and ends when Frontier restores SLA-compliant circuit operation. Frontier's On-Net Service Availability commitment and applicable Service credit are outlined in **Table 1A**, subject to Sections 3 and 4 below.

Table 1A: Ethernet Internet Access		
Circuit Availability (CA)		MRC Service Credit
Availability	99.99%	Below 99.99% Service Credit 30% MRC

- B. **Mean Time to Repair (MTTR):** MTTR is a monthly calculation of the average duration of time between Trouble Ticket initiation (in accordance with Section 2B) and Frontier's reinstatement of the EIA Service to meet the Availability performance objective. The MTTR objectives, and credits applicable to a failure to meet such objectives, are outlined in **Table 1B**, subject to Sections 3 and 4 below.

Table 1B: Ethernet Internet Access		
Mean Time To Repair		MRC Service Credit
MTTR	4 Hours	25 % MRC above 4 hrs
		50% MRC above 6 hrs.

2. Service Outage Reporting Procedure.

- A. Frontier will maintain a point-of-contact for Customer to report a Service Outage, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.
- B. When EIA Service is suffering from a Service Outage, Customer must contact Frontier's commercial customer support center (also known as the "NOC") at 1-(888) 637-9620 to identify the Service Outage and initiate an investigation of the cause ("Trouble Ticket"). Responsibility for Trouble Ticket initiation rests solely with Customer. Once the Trouble Ticket has been opened, the appropriate Frontier departments will initiate diagnostic testing and isolation activities to determine the source. In the event of a Service Outage, Frontier and Customer will cooperate to restore the Service. If the cause of a Service Outage is a failure of Frontier's equipment or facilities, Frontier will be responsible for the repair. If the degradation is caused by a factor outside the control of Frontier, Frontier will cooperate with Customer to conduct testing and repair activities at Customer's cost and at Frontier's standard technician rates.
- C. A Service Outage begins when a Trouble Ticket is initiated and ends when the affected EIA Service is Available; provided that if the Customer reports a problem with a Service but declines to allow Frontier access for testing and repair, the Service will be considered to be impaired, but will not be deemed a Service Outage subject to these terms.
- D. If Frontier dispatches a field technician to perform diagnostic troubleshooting and the failure was caused by the acts or omissions of Customer or its employees, affiliates, contractors, agents, representatives or invitees; then Customer will pay Frontier for all related time and material costs at Frontier's standard rates.

3. Credit Request and Eligibility.

- A. In the event of a Service Outage, Customer may be entitled to a credit against the applicable EIA Service MRC if (i) Customer initiated a Trouble Ticket; (ii) the Service Outage was caused by a failure of Frontier's equipment, facilities or personnel; (iii) the Service Outage warrants a credit based on the terms of Section 1; and (iv) Customer requests the credit within thirty (30) days of last day of the calendar month in which the Service Outage occurred.
- B. Credits do not apply to Service Outages caused, in whole or in part, by one or more of the following: (i) the acts or omissions of Customer or its employees, affiliates, contractors, agents, representatives or invitees; (ii) failure of power; (iii) the failure or malfunction of non-Frontier equipment or systems; (iv) circumstances or causes beyond the control of Frontier or its representatives; (v) a Planned Service Interruption; (vi) Emergency Maintenance or (vii) interruptions resulting from Force Majeure events as defined in Customer's FSA. In addition, Customer will not be issued credits for a Service Outage during any period in which Frontier is not provided with access to the Service location or any Frontier network element, or while Customer is testing and/or verifying that the problem has been resolved. "Planned Service Interruption" means any Service Outage caused by scheduled maintenance, planned enhancements or upgrades to the Frontier network; provided that Frontier will endeavor to provide at least five (5) business days' notice prior to any such activity if it will impact the Services provided to Customer. "Emergency Maintenance" means maintenance which, if not performed promptly, could result in a serious degradation or loss of service over the Frontier network.

- C. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, all credit allowances will be limited to maximum of 50% of the MRC for the impacted EIA Service, per month. For cascading failures, only the primary or causal failure is used in determining Service Outage and associated consequences. Only one service level component metric can be used for determining Service credits. In the event of the failure of the Service to meet multiple metrics in a one-month period, the highest Service credit will apply, not the sum of multiple Service credits.
  - D. This SLA guarantees service performance of Frontier's Ethernet Internet Access services only. This SLA does not cover TDM services [DS1, NxDS1, or DS3 services] or other voice or data services provided by Frontier. This SLA does not apply to services provided over third party non-partner facilities, through a carrier hotel, or over Frontier facilities which terminate through a meet point circuit with a third party non-partner carrier.
  - E. The final determination of whether Frontier has or has not met SLA metrics will be based on Frontier's methodology for assessment of compliant performance. Service Outage credits are calculated based on the duration of the Service Outage, regardless of whether such Service Outage is the result of failure of the Service to meet one or more performance metric.
  - F. Credit allowances, if any, will be deducted from the charges payable by Customer hereunder and will be expressly indicated on a subsequent bill to Customer. Credits provided pursuant to this SLA shall be Customer's sole remedy with regard to Service Outages.
4. **Chronic Outage:** An individual EIA Service qualifies for "Chronic Outage" status if such service fails to meet the Availability objectives, and one or more of the following: (a) a single Trouble Ticket extends for longer than 24 hours, (b) more than 3 Trouble Tickets extend for more than 8 hours, during a rolling 6 month period, or (c) 15 separate Trouble Tickets of any duration within a calendar month. If an EIA Service reaches Chronic Outage status, then Customer may terminate the affected EIA Service without penalty; provided that Customer must exercise such right within ten (10) days of the EIA Service reaching Chronic Outage status and provide a minimum of 15 days prior written notice to Frontier of the intent to exercise such termination right.

This Frontier Services Agreement ("FSA") is effective as of 07/07/2020 by and between Frontier Communications of America, Inc. on behalf of itself and its affiliates which provide Equipment and Services identified in the Schedules ("Frontier"), and **Williamson County**, whose primary address is 911 Tracy Chamber, Georgetown, Texas, 78626 ("Customer").

## 1. Provision of Services and Equipment

a. Frontier will provide and the Customer agrees to pay for the communications, installation and maintenance services (collectively "Service"), and/or purchase or lease equipment ("Equipment"), described in this FSA and Schedules executed by Customer.

b. Customer acknowledges that certain Services may be governed by tariff or price schedule filed with the Federal Communications Commission and/or the state public utilities commission. In the event of any inconsistencies between this FSA and an applicable tariff, the tariff shall control except with respect to pricing, early termination charges or cancellation charges for which this FSA shall control.

c. Frontier will provide, maintain and repair the Frontier owned facilities and equipment used to provide the Services ("Frontier's Network"), up to and including the point at which Frontier's Network is made available for interconnection to Customer's premises equipment or inside wiring. Customer shall provide Frontier reasonable access to Customer's premises during normal business hours for the purpose of installing, inspecting, testing, rearranging, repairing or removing any Frontier Network components, including obtaining approvals, permits or licenses from third parties as necessary. Customer will cooperate in good faith and provide all reasonable information and authorizations required by Frontier for the purpose of installing Services and/or Equipment, performing routine network grooming, maintenance, upgrades, and addressing emergencies, including but not limited to design layout records of any Customer or third party network elements to be connected to the Services and Letters of Agency allowing Frontier to act on the Customer's behalf related to the Services and auxiliary third party services.

d. Only authorized agents and representatives of Frontier may perform maintenance work with respect to Frontier's Network. Any repair, alteration, configuration or servicing of Frontier's Network, Services or Equipment by Customer or third parties without the written consent of Frontier is a material breach of this FSA and cause for termination at Frontier's option.

e. If Frontier is unable to commence performance hereunder due to circumstances within Customer's control, any related costs incurred by Frontier, including but not limited to travel at normal rate and overtime labor rate expenses, will be reimbursed by Customer. Customer will reimburse Frontier for all costs incurred for installation, maintenance and repair if: (i) Frontier's Network is altered, maintained or repaired by any party other than Frontier, without Frontier's prior written consent, (ii) the malfunction of the Service or Equipment is the result of mishandling, abuse, misuse, improper operation, improper storage, or improper installation by anyone other than Frontier (including use in conjunction with equipment electrically or mechanically incompatible); or (iii) if the problem originated from a source unrelated to Frontier's Network.

f. Customer will provide (i) suitable building facilities (including but not limited to space, circuitry, power, backup power, and surge protectors) for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Frontier's Network in accordance with manufacturer's documentation and Frontier's installation standards, more fully described in the applicable Schedule; and (ii) a well-lighted and safe working area that complies with all local safety standards and regulations.

g. The Services or Equipment may be connected with the services or facilities of other carriers. Frontier may, when authorized by Customer and as may be agreed to by Frontier, act as Customer's agent for ordering facilities provided by other carriers to allow such connection of Customer's locations to Frontier's Network or to the network of an underlying carrier or service.

h. Customer is responsible for all charges billed by other carriers or third parties. Frontier shall not be responsible for the installation, operation, repair or maintenance or performance of equipment, facilities, software or service not

provided directly by Frontier. Customer is responsible to provide equipment compatible with the Service or Equipment and Frontier's Network, and any wiring required to extend a communications termination and/or demarcation at the Customer premises. Customer will provide suitable building facilities for the provision of Services in accordance with local codes, including but not limited to ducting, conduit, structural borings, etc. for cable and conductors in floors, ceilings and walls; electrical service with suitable terminals and power surge protection devices; and metallic grounds with sufficient slack in the equipment room, installed in conformity with the National Electrical Code and local codes, and Frontier's installation standards.

i. Customer is solely responsible for the selection, implementation and maintenance of security features for protection against unauthorized or fraudulent use of the Services and Equipment. Customer is solely responsible for (a) ensuring that all of Customer's data is adequately secured, documented and backed-up at all times and (b) reimbursing Frontier for costs incurred by Frontier related thereto. Frontier and its contractors are not responsible or liable for data loss and/or unauthorized or fraudulent use of Customer Services or Equipment for any reason and Customer agrees to reimburse Frontier for costs incurred by Frontier related thereto.

j. Frontier will manage the Frontier Network in Frontier's sole discretion, and reserves the right to substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facilities used in delivering Services or provisioning the Equipment. Frontier will endeavor to provide reasonable notice prior to any scheduled maintenance, planned enhancements or upgrades, which may result in a degradation or disruption in Service. Frontier reserves the right to suspend Service for emergency maintenance to Frontier's Network without notice to Customer. Customer shall designate a primary contact for receipt of such notice.

k. Customer represents and warrants that its use of the Service and Equipment will comply and conform with all applicable federal, state and local laws, administrative and regulatory requirements and any other authorities having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this FSA and Customer will be responsible for applying for, obtaining and maintaining all registrations and certifications which may be required by such authorities with respect to such use.

l. Except as expressly identified in a Schedule, Customer and its employees shall be the only permitted end-user of the Services and leased Equipment. Customer shall not resell or bundle the Services or leased Equipment, nor permit any third party to access the Services or leased Equipment in exchange for compensation of any kind.

## 2. Term

The term of this FSA will commence as of the date identified in the introductory paragraph above or the date the FSA is executed by both Parties, whichever is later (the "Effective Date") and will continue through the Service Term with respect to any Service or Equipment provided pursuant to this FSA. Customer will purchase the Services, or lease Equipment, identified in each Schedule for the period of time stated in the Schedule (the "Service Term"). Unless otherwise stated in the Schedule, the Service Term and billing for the Service, will begin upon the earlier of (i) Customer's use of the applicable Service(s) or Equipment or (ii) five (5) days following Frontier's installation of such Service(s) or Equipment, and such date is deemed the commencement of the applicable Service Term. If neither party provides the other with written notice of its intent to terminate a Service at least sixty (60) days prior to expiration, the Service Term of each Service will automatically renew for additional one-year periods, subject to the terms and conditions of this FSA and at the then applicable one-year term rate, excluding promotional rates. If the parties agree to negotiated renewal terms, such terms will not be effective unless and until documented in writing and executed by both parties.

### **3. Payment**

a. Customer shall pay all charges set forth in the Schedules and in applicable tariffs during the Service Term. Frontier will invoice Customer any non-recurring charges ("NRC"), monthly recurring charges ("MRC"), and usage based charges.

b. In addition to the applicable charges set forth in the tariffs and Schedules, Customer shall pay all applicable federal, state or local sales, use, privilege, gross receipts, utility, value added, excise or other taxes (excluding taxes based on Frontier's net income), or any charges in lieu thereof, and any applicable surcharges or fees, whether government mandated or Frontier initiated including but not limited to Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge, Federal Pre-Subscribed Line Charge, Carrier Cost Recovery Surcharge, E-911, and Universal Service and Local Number Portability, in the amounts applicable at the time of billing. Customer shall also be responsible for third party charges and penalties incurred as a result of Customer's use of the Services or Equipment and/or unauthorized or fraudulent use thereof due to Customer's conduct.

c. All payments shall be due within thirty (30) days of the invoice date and, in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies Frontier may have hereunder or under the law as a result of Customer's failure to pay, late payments shall be subject to a late payment fee of the lesser of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month or the maximum allowed by law. In the event Customer disputes any invoiced amount, Customer will pay all charges not disputed, and notify Frontier of the dispute in writing, providing an explanation of the basis for the dispute. If Frontier does not receive notice of a payment dispute by Customer within ninety (90) calendar days after the date of an invoice, such invoice will be final and not subject to further challenge. For the purpose of computing partial month charges, a month will consist of thirty (30) calendar days. Frontier reserves the right to immediately suspend or terminate any or all Services or the installation or lease of any or all Equipment if Customer is overdue more than thirty (30) days for payments that have not been disputed in good faith.

### **3. Cancellation and Early Termination Charges**

a. If Customer cancels any Service or Equipment prior to delivery of any Equipment or installation of the Service or Equipment, Customer shall pay a cancellation charge equal to the NRC and one (1) month of MRC for the Service, plus the total costs and expenditures of Frontier in connection with establishing the Service prior to Frontier's receipt of notice of cancellation, including but not limited to any Equipment restocking fees.

b. Following installation, Customer may terminate a Service or Equipment by providing at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Frontier. All unpaid amounts shall be due upon termination of any Service identified in a Schedule for any reason. In addition, and unless otherwise specifically provided in the applicable Schedule, if any Service or Equipment is terminated by Customer for any reason other than breach by Frontier or by Frontier due to Customer's breach, then Customer shall pay Frontier a termination charge equal to the applicable MRC and all related taxes and surcharges multiplied by the number of months remaining in the Service Term. Partial months shall be prorated.

c. Customer agrees that Frontier's damages in the event of early termination will be difficult or impossible to ascertain, and that the charges identified in this Section are intended, therefore, to establish liquidated damages in the event of termination and are not intended as a penalty.

### **4. Limitation of Liability and Warranty Provisions**

a. The liability of Frontier and its affiliates related to this FSA or the Service or Equipment provided under this FSA, shall in no event exceed the limitations of liability set forth in the applicable tariffs, or regulatory rule or order. If there is no applicable tariff, regulatory rule or order, the total amount paid for the applicable Service or Equipment during the prior 12 months. In cases of an Outage, Frontier's liability shall be limited to 1/720 of the MRC for each hour after Frontier is notified of the Outage. An "Outage" is an interruption in Service or use of the Equipment caused by a failure of Frontier's Network, excluding degradation or disruption due to planned or emergency maintenance

or an event outside Frontier's direct control. Notwithstanding the above, Frontier will not be liable to Customer for interruptions in Services or Equipment caused by failure of hardware or software, failure of communications services, power outages, or other interruptions not within the complete control of Frontier. In addition, there will be no credits, reductions or set-offs against charges for Services or Equipment, or for interruptions of Services or Equipment, except as expressly set forth herein.

b. IN NO EVENT WILL FRONTIER OR ITS AFFILIATES BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS PROFITS OR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, OR FOR ANY OTHER SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, EXEMPLARY, PUNITIVE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY THEREOF. FRONTIER AND ITS AFFILIATES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS, LOSS OF USE, COST, CLAIM OR EXPENSE EXPERIENCED OR INCURRED BY CUSTOMER OR THIRD PARTIES RESULTING FROM THE USE OF THE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT PROVIDED HEREUNDER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGE, LOSS OR LOSS OF USE OF CUSTOMER DATA OR FRAUD BY THIRD PARTIES.

c. Frontier warrants that Frontier's Network will be maintained in good working order. If any Service does not function substantially in accordance with applicable Service specifications as a result of Frontier's failure to maintain Frontier's Network (excluding degradation related to the acts or omissions of Customer or anyone using the Services, a force majeure event, or scheduled maintenance), Frontier's sole obligation is to repair the affected Service at Frontier's expense. THE FOREGOING WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND FRONTIER DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES WITH RESPECT TO FRONTIER'S NETWORK, SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THESE TERMS INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTY OF NON-INFRINGEMENT, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR FUNCTION. FRONTIER DOES NOT WARRANT THAT THE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT OR ACCESS OR OPERATION OF THE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT WILL MEET CUSTOMER'S NEEDS, OR WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED, ERROR-FREE, OR SECURE.

d. This FSA shall not be construed as granting a license with respect to any patent, copyright, trade name, trademark, service mark, trade secret or any other intellectual property, now or hereafter owned, controlled or licensable by Frontier. Customer agrees that Frontier has not made, and that there does not exist, any warranty, express or implied, that the use by Customer of Frontier's Services and/or the Equipment provided under this FSA will not give rise to a claim of infringement, misuse, or misappropriation of any intellectual property right.

e. Customer agrees that the Services and Equipment, and Frontier's performance hereunder are subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions contained in any applicable agreements (including software or other intellectual property license agreements) between Frontier and Frontier's vendors.

f. No action, regardless of form, arising out of this FSA or the Schedules may be brought more than two (2) years after the cause of action has arisen or charges have been billed whichever is earlier. The parties hereby waive the right to invoke any different limitation on the bringing of actions provided under applicable law.

### **5. Indemnification**

Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold Frontier and its affiliates, and their respective directors, officers, employees, successors, assigns and agents, harmless from and against any and all claims, loss, damage, cost or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) to the extent arising out of or relating to any claim, action or proceeding brought by any third party based upon: (i) Customer's breach of this FSA; (ii) Customer's negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of its obligations under this FSA; (iii) use of the Equipment or Services, including but not limited to the content of communications transmitted thereby; (iv) any infringement of intellectual property or misappropriation of any patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other proprietary right arising from Customer's or any other person's use of the Equipment or Services, any combination of the Equipment or Services with other products or services not provided by Frontier, or any modification of the Equipment or Services by anyone other than Frontier; (v) any bodily injury (including illness or death) or



property damage caused by Customer or anyone within its control. The obligations under this Section 6 are independent of any other obligation under this FSA.

## **6. Confidentiality**

a. Both parties agree that all terms and conditions set forth in this FSA shall be considered confidential, and that details of the terms of this FSA, shall not be disclosed to third parties, other than affiliates, employees, agents or contractors who have a need to know such information in the scope of their employment or engagement, without the prior written consent of the other party, unless required by law.

b. Customer and Frontier may disclose to each other information that is confidential in nature. In order to receive confidential treatment, all such information (hereafter "Information") shall be either (i) clearly marked as confidential if written, or clearly identified as confidential if oral or (ii) reasonably understood by the recipient, based on the nature of the Information or the circumstances of disclosure, to be confidential or proprietary to the discloser. Except as required by law or regulation, Customer and Frontier agree not to disclose any Information to any third party and to keep Information in a secure place available only to employees, affiliates, contractors or agents who are subject to obligations of confidentiality no less restrictive than those set forth herein, and who need to know the Information for purposes of the business dealing between Customer and Frontier, and to use Information only in connection with such business dealings. This Section is enforceable by injunction.

c. Information will lose its confidential status if obtained legitimately from a third party without restriction or upon the expiration of five (5) years from delivery of each item of Information. Information shall remain the property of the disclosing party and shall be returned to such party on request or upon termination of the business dealing between Customer and Frontier.

d. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Frontier shall have the right to include Customer's name in a public list of current customers who use Frontier's services, provided Frontier does not make any representation with respect to Customer and does not attribute any endorsements to Customer, without Customer's prior written consent. In addition, Frontier may publicly identify Customer as a new customer of Frontier or an existing customer obtaining expanded or additional services from Frontier, as the case may be.

## **7. Breach**

a. **Breach by Customer:** If Customer fails to make any payment when due and such failure continues for five (5) days after notice, or Customer fails to comply with any other term or condition of this FSA or any Schedule and such failure continues for thirty (30) days after notice, then Frontier may either suspend the applicable Schedule (or any portion thereof) until the breach is remedied, terminate the applicable Schedule (or any portion thereof), or terminate this FSA and all Schedules. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Frontier may immediately suspend Services and, after giving notice to Customer with an opportunity to respond appropriate to the circumstances and Customer's failure to respond, Frontier may terminate any or all Services, retrieve Frontier Network elements from the service location and Equipment for which title has not transferred to Customer, in the following circumstances: (i) in the event of unauthorized, unlawful or improper use or abuse of the Frontier Network or Service; (ii) if, in the reasonable judgment of Frontier, Customer's use of the Frontier Network or Service has or will damage or have an adverse effect on Frontier's Network, its personnel, property or service; (iii) such action is necessary to meet the exigencies of an emergency; or (iv) a court or other governmental authority having jurisdiction issues an order prohibiting Frontier from furnishing the Equipment or Services to Customer.

b. **Breach by Frontier:** If Frontier has not remedied any breach within thirty (30) days after Frontier's receipt of written notice from Customer of such breach (providing reasonable detail), Customer may terminate the Service which is the subject of such breach. This is Customer's exclusive remedy for a breach by Frontier.

## **8. Force Majeure**

In no event will Frontier or its affiliates be liable for any delay in performance directly or indirectly caused by events beyond their control, including, but not limited to: acts or omissions of Customer, its agents, employees or contractors; acts of God; acts of the public enemy; acts of the United States, a state or other political subdivision; fire, floods or other natural disasters; accidents; wars; terrorism; cyber security events; labor disputes or shortages; and inability to obtain material, power, equipment or transportation.

## **9. Assignment**

This FSA may not be assigned by either party without the other party's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, except that Frontier may assign this FSA to any successor to the business of Frontier by merger, consolidation or sale of assets or to any corporation controlling, controlled by or under common control with Frontier. Frontier may subcontract portions of the work to be performed hereunder to provision the Services or Equipment.

## **10. Work Site Conditions**

a. If asbestos, or material containing asbestos, or any other hazardous or toxic materials are discovered during work pursuant to this FSA, Frontier will suspend its work for a reasonable period of time to permit Customer to engage a qualified firm to remove and dispose of the asbestos or other toxic or hazardous materials from the site. Such suspension may result in an equitable adjustment to the charges identified in the related Schedule, based on any increase in costs incurred by Frontier.

b. Customer agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless Frontier from and against any damages, losses, claims, demands or lawsuits arising out of or relating to the presence, removal or disposal of asbestos or any other hazardous or toxic material from the Customer's premises or location where Services or Equipment will be installed.

## **11. Title and Risk of Loss**

a. Risk of loss or damage for Frontier Network elements installed at a Customer designated service location shall pass to Customer at time of delivery to Customer.

b. Any Frontier Network elements or Equipment installed at Customer's premises or location where Services or Equipment will be installed (which is leased or for which title has not transferred to Customer) remain the personal property of Frontier or Frontier's assignee, notwithstanding that it may be or become attached to or embedded in realty, and upon termination of this FSA or any Schedule (in whole or in part), all Frontier property shall be returned to Frontier in the same condition as installed, normal wear and tear excepted. Customer will not tamper with, remove or conceal any Frontier identifying plates, tags or labels. In the event Frontier property is not returned to Frontier in accordance with this Section, Customer will be billed for and pay to Frontier an amount equal to the retail value of the Frontier property, except to the extent such failure is caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of Frontier or its agents.

## **12. Competition**

Customer recognizes the availability of competitive alternatives for receiving the Services and Equipment provided under this FSA, and has freely elected to enter into this FSA in order to receive the benefits it offers.

## **13. Government Regulation**

To the extent that any Service(s) provided hereunder are subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") or any state public utilities commission or other regulatory agency, this FSA shall at all times be subject to changes, modifications, orders and rulings by the FCC and/or state public utilities commission or other regulatory agency. Frontier reserves the right to suspend, modify or terminate any Service without liability where any statute, regulation and/or ruling, including modifications thereto, by any regulatory agency (including the FCC), legislative body or court of competent jurisdiction, (i) prohibits, restricts or otherwise prevents Frontier from furnishing such Service, or (ii) has a material negative impact on Frontier's performance



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hereunder or the benefits provided by this FSA. If provision of any Service pursuant to this FSA is subject to advance approval of the FCC and/or any state public utilities commission, this FSA shall not become effective with respect to such Service until after receipt by Frontier of written notice of such approval.

**14. Governing Law**

This FSA shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State in which Services or Equipment are being provided hereunder without regard to its conflicts of laws provisions. Any related litigation may be brought in any State or Federal courts of competent jurisdiction within such State. Customer and Frontier consent to personal jurisdiction in such courts.

**15. No Waiver**

If either party fails, at any time, to enforce any right or remedy available to it under this FSA, that failure shall not be construed to be a waiver of the right or remedy with respect to any other breach or failure by the other party.

**16. Severability**

A declaration by any court, or other binding legal source, that any provision of this FSA or any Schedule is illegal and void, will not affect the legality and enforceability of any other provisions of this FSA, unless the provisions are mutually dependent.

**17. Notice**

All notices provided pursuant to this FSA will be in writing and delivered by registered or certified US Mail, postage prepaid, or by commercial overnight delivery service, or by facsimile, or by regular mail and shall be deemed delivered either on the date of return receipt acknowledgment (in the case of certified US Mail), or on the next day after the sending of the notice if sent overnight mail, or three (3) days after mailing if by regular mail to the address of the party designated to receive such notice.

**18. Independent Relationship**

Each party understands and agrees that it and its personnel are not employees of the other party, and that each party is an independent contractor hereunder for all purposes and at all times.

**19. Dispute Resolution**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in or permitted by this FSA, all disputes arising in connection with this FSA shall first be resolved through good faith negotiation. If, after negotiating in good faith for a period of ninety (90) calendar days or any agreed further period, the parties are unable to resolve the dispute, then each party may seek resolution by exercising any rights or remedies available at law or in equity. Customer and Frontier agree that each may only bring claims against the other in an individual capacity and not as a plaintiff or class member in any purported class, representative, or private attorney general proceeding.

**20. Authorization and Entire Agreement**

Each party represents that the person executing this FSA is authorized to enter into this FSA on its behalf. This FSA and any Schedules executed by the parties constitute the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior oral and written proposals, correspondence and memoranda with respect thereto. This FSA may not be modified, amended or supplemented except by written agreement signed by an authorized representative of each party. Notwithstanding anything otherwise stated, a Customer purchase order document (whether signed by one or both parties) shall be construed solely as evidence of Customer's internal business processes, and the terms and conditions contained thereon shall be void and of no effect or application toward this FSA.

Frontier Communications of America, Inc.

Williamson County

Signature:

Printed Name:

Title:

Date:

7-21-20  
Support

Signature:

Judge Bill Gravell Jr.

Printed Name:

Judge Bill Gravell Jr.

Title:

County Judge

Date:

Jul 21, 2020

Contractual Notice: Frontier Communications  
111 Field Street  
Rochester, NY 14620  
Attn: Legal Department

Contractual Notice: 911 Tracy Chamber, Georgetown, Texas, 78626  
Attn: Legal Department

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

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**COUNTY ADDENDUM  
FOR PURCHASE OF  
GOODS AND SERVICES  
DURING COVID-19 OPERATIONS  
(Federal Emergency Management  
Agency "FEMA" Requirements)**

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**Important Notice: County Purchase Orders and Agreements constitute expenditures of public funds, and all vendors are hereby placed on notice that such procurement is subject to the extent authorized by Federal and Texas law, including but not limited to Federal Emergency Management Agency Rules and Regulations, 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 AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between **Williamson County, Texas** (hereinafter "Customer" or "The County" or "Williamson County"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its governing body, and Frontier (hereinafter "Vendor"). Customer agrees to engage Vendor as an independent Contractor, to assist in providing certain goods or operational services pursuant to the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

**I.**

**Incorporated Documents:** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement 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 Agreement include the following:

- A. Vendor Quote dated 7/2/2020 \_\_\_\_\_;
- B. Vendor Sales Agreement;
- C. Williamson County Agreement Addendum; and
- D. Any necessary insurance certificates.

Where there is any conflict between this Addendum and any of the above-referenced Agreement documents or incorporated documents, the terms of this Addendum shall control.



## II.

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

## III.

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

## IV.

**Good Faith:** Vendor agrees to act in good faith in the performance of the Agreement relevant to this Agreement.

## V.

**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.

## VI.

**Texas Law Applicable to Indemnification and Limitation of Liability:** All indemnifications or limitations of liability shall be to the extent authorized under Texas law.

## VII.

**Payment:** 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 Agreement; (2) the date the performance of the service under the Agreement 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.



## VIII.

**Termination for Convenience:** This agreement 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 received.**

## IX.

**Right to Audit:** Vendor agrees that Customer or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of Vendor which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. Vendor agrees that Customer shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary Vendor facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. Customer shall give Vendor reasonable advance notice of intended audits. In no circumstances will Vendor be required to create or maintain documents not kept in the ordinary course of Vendor's business operations, nor will Vendor be required to disclose any information, including but not limited to product cost data, which it considers confidential or proprietary.

## X.

**Mediation:** The parties agree to use mediation for dispute resolution prior to and formal legal action being taken on the Agreements relevant to this Agreement.

## XI.

**Venue and Governing Law:** Venue of this Agreement shall be Williamson County, Texas, and the law of the State of Texas shall govern.

## XII.

**No Assignment:** This agreement may not be assigned by either party without prior written consent.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ("FEMA") COMPLIANCE:**

**XIII.**

**Clean Air Act and The Federal Water Pollution Control Act Compliance:**

Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq. and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. and Vendor agrees to report each violation to the Customer and understands and agrees that the Customer will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office. If applicable, Vendor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

**XIV.**

**Suspension and Debarment:** (1) This Agreement is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the Vendor is required to verify that none of the Vendor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The Vendor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by Customer. If it is later determined that the Vendor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to Customer, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The Vendor, bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any agreement that may arise from this offer. The Vendor, bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

**XV.**

**Recovered Materials:** (1) In the performance of this Agreement, the Vendor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired— (a) Competitively within a timeframe



providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule; (b) Meeting contract performance requirements; or (c) At a reasonable price.

(2) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site:  
<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

(3) The Vendor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act."

## XVI.

**Access to Records:** The following access to records requirements apply to this Agreement:

(1) The Vendor agrees to provide Customer, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Vendor which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(2) The Vendor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

(3) The Vendor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

(4) In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the Customer and the Vendor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

## XVII.

**Use of DHS Seals and Related Items:** The Vendor shall not use Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

## XVIII.

**Compliance with Federal Law and FEMA Rules:** This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the agreement. The Vendor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA

policies, procedures, and directives.

**XIX.**

**Compliance with Byrd Anti-Lobbying Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended):**

Vendors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

**XX.**

**No Federal Government Obligations:** The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, Vendor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from this Agreement.

**XXI.**

**False Claims Act Compliance and Program Fraud Prevention:** The Vendor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Vendor's actions pertaining to this Agreement.

**XXII.**

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

WITNESS the signatures of all parties in duplicate originals to be effective as of the date of the last party's execution below.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY:

Judge Bill Gravell Jr.  
Judge Bill Gravell Jr. (Jul 21, 2020 16:20 CDT)

Authorized Signature

Date: Jul 21, 2020, 2020

Vendor:

T. H. Kary

Authorized Signature

Date: 7/21, 2020









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