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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

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**SERVICES CONTRACT  
FOR  
ROAD DISTRICT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

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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 SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ROAD DISTRICT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** (hereinafter "Contract") is made and entered into by and between Williamson County, Texas ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its governing body, and Joe M. England, an individual sole proprietorship, (hereinafter "Service Provider"). The County agrees to engage Service Provider as an independent contractor, to assist in providing certain technical 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:

- A. Provide technical assistance in the creation, operation, and closure of road districts in Williamson County, Texas, as requested in writing by the Williamson County Auditor ("Services").

Should the County choose to add services in addition to those described above, 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.

**Completion:** The Services shall be completed within the time periods requested by the Williamson County Auditor. Service Provider shall commence the Services upon instruction to do so from the Williamson County Auditor. The County shall, at its sole discretion, determine when the project has been fully and finally completed to its satisfaction.

## III.

**Compensation:** Service Provider will be compensated based on an hourly rate of **\$125.00**. The amount of compensation paid to Service Provider under this Contract shall not exceed **\$15,000.00**, unless increased by written amendment executed by both parties hereto. 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.

**No Agency Relationship & Indemnification:** 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. The County will not be liable for any loss, cost, expense or damage, whether indirect, incidental, punitive, exemplary, consequential of any kind whatsoever for any acts by Service Provider or failure to act relating to the Services being provided.

## V.

**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.

## VI.

**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.

## VII.

**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.

## VIII.

**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.

## IX.

**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.

## X.

**Effective Date and Term:** This Contract shall be in full force and effect as of the date of the last party's execution below and shall continue for four (4) years thereafter unless otherwise terminated pursuant to this Contract. Following the initial four (4) year term, this Contract may be extended for an additional four (4) year term upon written agreement of the parties.

**XI.**

**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.

**XII.**

**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.

**XIII.**

**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.

**XIV.**

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

**XV.**

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

**XVI.**

**Non-exclusive:** This agreement is non-exclusive and does not preclude County from utilizing like services from another service provider.

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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.

XIX.

**Entire Contract:** 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.

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

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY:**

**SERVICE PROVIDER:**

Joe M. England

  
Signature

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Authorized Signature

Date: 10/25, 2021

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Printed Name

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