

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

**COUNTY ADDENDUM
FOR ARPA ACT PURCHASE(S)
FIBER PROJECT
(BRYCOMM, LLC)**

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, and the Texas Transportation Code, the Texas Health & Safety Code.

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between **Williamson County, Texas** (hereinafter “Client” or “Customer” or “The County” or “Williamson County”), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its governing body, and **BRYCOMM, LLC** (hereinafter “Service Provider” or “BRYCOMM”). Customer agrees to engage BRYCOMM 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. BRYCOMM Quote/Contract dated March 24, 2022;
- B. DIR-CPO-4777, including mandatory terms for Customer purchases; and
- C. This County Addendum for Purchase of Goods and Services under ARPA Act funding.

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

IV.

Good Faith: Service Provider 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: BRYCOMM agrees that licensee 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 BRYCOMM which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. BRYCOMM agrees that licensee shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary BRYCOMM facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate workspace in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. licensee shall give BRYCOMM reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

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.

XIII.

Additional Requirements Related to The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (C.F.D.A. 21027):

1. Use of Funds.
 - a. BRYCOMM understands and agrees that the funds disbursed under this award may only be used in compliance with section 603(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act), Treasury's regulations implementing that section, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing.
 - b. BRYCOMM will determine prior to engaging in any project using this assistance that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of such project.
2. Period of Performance. The period of performance for this award begins on the date hereof and ends on December 31, 2026. As set forth in Treasury's implementing regulations, BRYCOMM may use award funds to cover eligible costs incurred during the period that begins on March 3, 2021, and ends on December 31, 2024.
3. Reporting. BRYCOMM agrees to comply with any reporting obligations established by Treasury as they relate to this award.
4. Maintenance of and Access to Records
 - a. BRYCOMM shall maintain records and financial documents sufficient to evidence compliance with section 603(c) of the Act, Treasury's regulations implementing that section, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing.
 - b. The Treasury Office of Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office, or their authorized representatives, shall have the right of access to records (electronic and otherwise) of BRYCOMM in order to conduct audits or other investigations.
 - c. Records shall be maintained by BRYCOMM for a period of five (5) years after all funds have been expended or returned to Treasury, whichever is later.
5. Pre-award Costs. Pre-award costs, as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.458, may not be paid with funding from this award.
6. Administrative Costs. BRYCOMM may use funds provided under this award to cover both direct and indirect costs.
7. Cost Sharing. Cost sharing or matching funds are not required to be provided by BRYCOMM.
8. Conflicts of Interest. BRYCOMM understands and agrees it must maintain a conflict of interest policy consistent with 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c) and that such conflict-of-interest policy is applicable to each activity funded under this award. BRYCOMM and subrecipients must disclose in writing to Treasury or the pass-through entity, as appropriate, any potential conflict of interest affecting the awarded funds in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.112.
9. Compliance with Applicable Law and Regulations.
 - a. BRYCOMM agrees to comply with the requirements of section 603 of the Act, regulations adopted by Treasury pursuant to section 603(f) of the Act, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing. BRYCOMM also agrees to comply with all other applicable federal statutes, regulations,

and executive orders, and BRYCOMM shall provide for such compliance by other parties in any agreements it enters into with other parties relating to this award.

b. Federal regulations applicable to this award include, without limitation, the following:

- i. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, other than such provisions as Treasury may determine are inapplicable to this Award and subject to such exceptions as may be otherwise provided by Treasury. Subpart F – Audit Requirements of the Uniform Guidance, implementing the Single Audit Act, shall apply to this award.
- ii. Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM), 2 C.F.R. Part 25, pursuant to which the award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 25 is hereby incorporated by reference.
- iii. Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information, 2 C.F.R. Part 170, pursuant to which the award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 170 is hereby incorporated by reference.
- iv. OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement), 2 C.F.R. Part 180, including the requirement to include a term or condition in all lower tier covered transactions (contracts and subcontracts described in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart B) that the award is subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and Treasury's implementing regulation at 31 C.F.R. Part 19.
- v. BRYCOMM Integrity and Performance Matters, pursuant to which the award term set forth in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII to Part 200 is hereby incorporated by reference.
- vi. Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace, 31 C.F.R. Part 20.
- vii. New Restrictions on Lobbying, 31 C.F.R. Part 21.
- viii. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4601-4655) and implementing regulations.
- ix. Generally applicable federal environmental laws and regulations.

c. Statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination applicable to this award include, without limitation, the following:

- i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.) and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 22, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;
- ii. The Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability;
- iii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance;
- iv. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq.), and Treasury's

implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 23, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance; and

- v. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under programs, activities, and services provided or made available by state and local governments or instrumentalities or agencies thereto.

10. Remedial Actions. In the event of BRYCOMM's noncompliance with section 603 of the Act, other applicable laws, Treasury's implementing regulations, guidance, or any reporting or other program requirements, Treasury may impose additional conditions on the receipt of a subsequent tranche of future award funds, if any, or take other available remedies as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. In the case of a violation of section 603(c) of the Act regarding the use of funds, previous payments shall be subject to recoupment as provided in section 603(e) of the Act.

11. Hatch Act. BRYCOMM agrees to comply, as applicable, with requirements of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328), which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by this federal assistance.

12. False Statements. BRYCOMM understands that making false statements or claims in connection with this award is a violation of federal law and may result in criminal, civil, or administrative sanctions, including fines, imprisonment, civil damages and penalties, debarment from participating in federal awards or contracts, and/or any other remedy available by law.

13. Publications. Any publications produced with funds from this award must display the following language: "This project [is being] [was] supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number [enter project FAIN] awarded to [name of BRYCOMM] by the U.S. Department of the Treasury."

14. Debts Owed the Federal Government.

- a. Any funds paid to BRYCOMM (1) in excess of the amount to which BRYCOMM is finally determined to be authorized to retain under the terms of this award; (2) that are determined by the Treasury Office of Inspector General to have been misused; or (3) that are determined by Treasury to be subject to a repayment obligation pursuant to section 603(e) of the Act and have not been repaid by BRYCOMM shall constitute a debt to the federal government.
- b. Any debts determined to be owed the federal government must be paid promptly by BRYCOMM. A debt is delinquent if it has not been paid by the date specified in Treasury's initial written demand for payment, unless other satisfactory arrangements have been made or if the BRYCOMM knowingly or improperly retains funds that are a debt as defined in paragraph 14(a). Treasury will take any actions available to it to collect such a debt.

15. Disclaimer.

- a. The United States expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability to BRYCOMM or third persons for the actions of BRYCOMM or third persons resulting in death, bodily injury, property damages, or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this award or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this award or any contract, or subcontract under this award.
- b. The acceptance of this award by BRYCOMM does not in any way establish an agency relationship between the United States and BRYCOMM.

16. Protections for Whistleblowers.

- a. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, BRYCOMM may not discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee in reprisal for disclosing to any of the list of persons or entities provided below, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a federal contract or grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.
- b. The list of persons and entities referenced in the paragraph above includes the following:
 - i. A member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress;
 - ii. An Inspector General;
 - iii. The Government Accountability Office;
 - iv. A Treasury employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management;
 - v. An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency;
 - vi. A court or grand jury; or
 - vii. A management official or other employee of BRYCOMM, contractor, or subcontractor who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.
- c. BRYCOMM shall inform its employees in writing of the rights and remedies provided under this section, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

17. Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States. Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, 62 FR 19217 (Apr. 18, 1997), BRYCOMM should encourage its contractors to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for their employees when operating company-owned, rented or personally owned vehicles.

18. Reducing Text Messaging While Driving. Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, 74 FR 51225 (Oct. 6, 2009), BRYCOMM should encourage its employees, subrecipients, and contractors to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving, and BRYCOMM should establish workplace safety policies to decrease accidents caused by distracted drivers.

XIV.

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:

BRYCOMM, LLC:

Authorized Signature
Date: _____, 2022

Authorized Signature
Date: May 25th, 2022