

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

**FIFTH ADDENDUM FOR
SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS AND
ACCELERATED CARD COMPANY LLC, d/b/a CERTIFIED PAYMENTS**

Important Notice: County Purchase Orders and Contracts constitute expenditures of public funds, and all vendors or service providers are hereby placed on notice that such procurement is 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.

THIS FIFTH ADDENDUM TO SERVICE CONTRACT is made and entered into by and between Williamson County, Texas (hereinafter "County"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its governing body, and **Accelerated Card Company, LLC, d/b/a Certified Payments** (hereinafter "Service Provider"), a corporation operating in the State of Texas with an address located at 100 Throckmorton St. Ste 200 Fort Worth, TX 76102. The County and Service Provider agree to the following additional terms to the Service Provider Agreement between the parties being dated November 6, 2017 (hereinafter "Agreement"):

I.

Term: The term of this Agreement shall be extended until **September 30, 2024.**

II.

In all other respects, the Agreement remains the same and is reaffirmed.

WITNESS the signatures of all parties in duplicate originals to be effective as of September 30, 2023.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY:

ACCELERATED CARD COMPANY
LLC, d/b/a CERTIFIED PAYMENTS:

By: _____

By:  _____

Print Name: _____

Print Name: Mike LoMurro

Title: _____

Title: President

Date: _____, 20__

Date: February 14, 2024



SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT CREDIT CARD PROCESSING

THIS SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Certified Payments, a division of Accelerated Card Company, LLC, with offices at 100 Throckmorton Street, Suite 200, Fort Worth, TX 76102 ("Certified") and Williamson County, Texas

901 S. Austin Ave. Georgetown, TX 78626 ("Agency").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Agency desires to accept payments from individuals or entities ("Customers") by Credit Card and pin-less debit card ("Agency Payments").

WHEREAS, Certified is a third party service provider that performs such Credit Card and pin-less debit card payment services ("Services").

WHEREAS, Agency desires to contract with Certified to provide such Services and Certified desires to provide the Services to Agency subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and the mutual promises set forth below, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS. As used herein, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

"Agency Bank" is the Depository Financial Institution where the Agency Bank Account is maintained and receives deposits from Agency's Customers or credits from the Federal Reserve Bank on behalf of the Agency.

"Agency Bank Account" is the account Agency has established with Agency Bank for credit card deposits from Agency's Customers as provided under the terms of this agreement, and identified on Page 3 of the Bureau Credit Card Account Setup Form, Bureau Banking Information, which is attached hereto.

"Bureau Code" is the unique seven (7) digit Agency identifier assigned to Agency by Certified.

"Card Issuing Bank" is a financial institution that issues cards and contracts with its cardholders for billing and payment of transactions.

"Card Brands" are membership corporations of financial institutions that issue cards for payments of goods and services, provide card products and establish the rules and regulations governing member participation in card programs.

"Card Holder" is an authorized user of a payment card issued by a Card Issuing Bank.

"Chargeback" is a transaction whereby the Card Issuing Bank reverses the Agency's Payment.

"Convenience Fee" means the fee charged by Certified to Customers for the convenience of using the Services in making an Agency Payment.

"Credit Card" refers to a pin-less debit card or credit card issued to a Customer for payment of goods and services.

"Customer" means both consumer and corporate, individual or company that purchases or uses the Services.

"Front-End Processor" is an authorization service through which Card Issuing Banks can approve or decline individual card transactions.

"IVR" means Integrated Voice Response system.

"Processing Facility" refers to the appropriate credit or debit network to which Certified transmits transactions.

2. CERTIFIED'S OBLIGATIONS. Certified shall provide the Services as follows:

A. Certified will provide Customers with the opportunity to make Agency Payments by Credit Card and pin-less debit card. These Agency Payments may be made through Certified's website, the Agency's website, through an IVR system, by contacting the Agency directly by telephone, or by other methods that may be offered by Certified from time to time.

B. Certified shall begin providing the Services to Customers on a date mutually agreed upon by Certified and Agency.

C. Certified shall collect and transmit Agency Payments from Customers using MasterCard, Visa and Discover. American Express may be collected and processed at the discretion of the Agency and Certified.

D. Certified may charge each Customer a Convenience Fee for each Agency Payment processed. The Convenience Fee will be collected in addition to the corresponding Agency Payment. Exhibit A attached hereto details the Schedule of Convenience Fees that Certified may charge to Agency's Customers. Certified, in its sole discretion may charge Customers a minimum Convenience Fee for each payment. Certified will cause all net funds resulting from Agency Payments to be transmitted to Agency's Bank Account; Certified shall retain all Convenience Fees collected by it hereunder.

E. Except for the fees outlined in Exhibit A, Certified shall not charge Agency a fee in consideration for Certified's provision of the Services to Customers as provided for in this Agreement; any fees payable by Agency in connection therewith must be mutually agreed upon by Certified and Agency.

F. Certified will notify each Customer of the dollar amount of the payment and the corresponding Convenience Fee to be charged to the Customer and obtain Customer's approval (electronically or otherwise) of such charges prior to initiating any charges to the Customer's Credit Card.

G. Certified will provide each Customer with electronic confirmation of the Agency Payment and the corresponding Convenience Fee.

H. Certified will electronically collect and transmit all payment information to the appropriate Processing Facility in the most time critical manner that each facility can accept.

I. Certified will provide Agency with online access to Agency payment data and reports summarizing the use of the Services by Agency's Customers. Agency will have the ability to import such payment data utilizing Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, a comma-delimited file ("CSV") or XML file. Access to Agency payment data and reports will be available 24/7.

J. Certified will retain all logs and data for such period of time as required by applicable law and the regulations of the Card Brands.

K. Prior to initiating any refunds to a Customer's Credit Card, Certified will attempt to obtain permission, either orally or in writing, from the Agency's authorized representative. Unless Agency receives written authorization from Certified to the contrary, Agency may not issue refunds to the Customer by check. Certified will process such refunds in the form of a credit to the Customer's Credit Card that was initially charged and, in Certified's sole discretion, may refund the corresponding Convenience Fee payment. Certified or its authorized agent will debit the Agency's Bank Account for the amount of the Agency Payment refund.

L. Under the rules of the Card Brands, Customer's Card Issuing Bank gives Certified a limited amount of time to dispute a Chargeback or issue a refund. In the event a refund must be issued, Certified will contact Agency and Agency will immediately issue a memo authorizing Certified to refund the transaction, however,

Certified and Card Issuing Bank reserve the right to debit the Agency Bank Account for the amount of the Agency Payment at any time during the Chargeback process.

M. Agency will reimburse Certified for all chargeback actions or refunds of any kind, including but not limited to those resulting from overpayments, duplicate or misapplied payments or unauthorized charges. In the case of either a Credit Card refund or Credit Card Chargeback, where Certified is unable to collect amounts owed by Agency to Certified, Agency agrees to make amounts owed available to Certified in immediately available funds.

N. In order to provide the Services under this Agreement, Certified will provide, at Certified's sole expense, all necessary services in order to successfully interface with all Agency software, as follows: Oracle, Odyssey, Class, Orion, Quick Books, Pet Point and Edoc Technology.

3. AGENCY'S OBLIGATIONS.

A. In addition to this Agreement, Agency hereby agrees to the Merchant Processing Terms & Conditions found at www.CertifiedPayments.net/tc, as they may be revised from time to time, and further agrees to enter into any and all applicable agreements that are required to perform the Services hereunder, including without limitation any agreements required by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express or the applicable sponsor bank. Such Agreements may include but are not limited to documents required by MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express, including the American Express Addendum attached hereto as Exhibit B. Agency agrees to fully comply with the rules, regulations and operating procedures of the various Card Brands, including without limitation with respect to the use of specific Card logos and marks.

B. [Intentionally left blank].

C. Certified is required to fully adhere to and operate according to the rules, regulations and operating procedures of the Card Brands, the Bank and any rules and regulations provided by American Express and Discover. Agency agrees to immediately comply with any requests by Certified regarding any Agency conduct that is outside said rules and regulations. Agency's failure to comply with such request by Certified will be grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement.

D. Agency agrees to promote the Services to its Customers. Promotions shall include publishing the Agency's Bureau Code, relevant IVR telephone number and URL of the Agency's website or Certified's website on all applicable tax instruction booklets, tax preparer communications, taxpayer information publications, citations, notices, utility bills and any related marketing material. Agency will obtain Certified's consent prior to publishing any materials that reference the Service and/or Certified.

E. Agency will not require, as a condition to making an Agency Payment, that a Cardholder agrees in any way to waive such Cardholder's right to dispute the transaction with the Card Issuing Bank for legitimate reasons.

4. **AGENCY'S RIGHT TO AUDIT.** Certified agrees that Agency or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after termination or expiration of this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of Certified, which are directly pertinent to, the services to be performed or goods to be delivered hereunder to or on behalf of Agency for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Certified agrees that Agency shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. Agency shall give Certified reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

5. **INDEMNITY.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Certified shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency, and Agency'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 Services described herein. To the extent caused by the negligence, acts, errors, or omissions of Certified 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 caused in whole or in part by a party indemnified hereunder.

6. ADDITIONAL MATTERS

A. **Confidentiality.** Neither party will disclose to any third party or use for any purpose inconsistent with this Agreement, any confidential or proprietary, non-public information it obtains during the term of this Agreement regarding either party's business, operations, financial condition, technology, systems, know-how, products, services, suppliers, customers, marketing data, plans and models and personnel. Certified will not disclose to any third party or use for any purpose inconsistent with this Agreement any confidential Customer Information it receives in connection with its performance of the Services, except that Certified may use personal information provided by Customers to establish and maintain individual user accounts requested to be established by such Customers with Certified.

B. **Relationship of Parties.** The performance by Certified of its duties and obligations under this Agreement shall be that of an independent contractor and nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a joint venture or partnership between Certified and Agency.

C. **Capacity to Contract.** Each party hereby certifies that the person executing this Agreement on its behalf is fully authorized with complete legal capacity and approval to do so.

D. **Intellectual Property.** In order that Agency may promote the Services and Certified's role in providing the Services, Certified grants to Agency a revocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use Certified's logo and other service marks (the "Certified Marks") for such purpose only. Agency does not have any right, title, license or interest, express or implied, in and to any object code, software, hardware, trademark, service mark, trade name, trade dress, formula, system, know-how, telephone number, telephone line, domain name, URL, copyrighted image, text, script (including, without limitation, any script used by Certified on Certified's website) or other intellectual property right of Certified. All Marks, the System and all rights therein (other than rights expressly granted in this Agreement) and goodwill pertaining thereto belong exclusively to Certified.

E. **Force Majeure.** Certified will be excused from performing the Services as contemplated by this Agreement to the extent its performance is delayed, impaired or rendered impossible by acts of God or other events that are beyond Certified's reasonable control and that do not involve either fault or judgment of Certified.

F. **Remedies.** Agency's sole remedy in the event of Certified's failure to perform the Services as set forth herein shall be to terminate the arrangement contemplated by this Agreement.

G. **Notice.** Any notice to be given hereunder shall be in writing and may be affected by personal delivery, in writing or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the proper party, at the following address:

AGENCY: Williamson
County
c/o Dan A.
Gattis, County
Judge,
710 Main Street,
Suite 101
Georgetown, TX 78626

Service Provider Agreement, continued

CERTIFIED PAYMENTS: Certified Payments, a division of Accelerated Card Company, LLC

Attn: General Counsel
100 Throckmorton Street, Suite 200
Fort Worth, TX 76102
notices@certifiedpayments.net

H. **Term of Arrangement/Contract Extension.** The initial term of this Agreement will be for a period of twelve (12) months, beginning on the date of the last party's execution of this Agreement and ending twelve (12) months thereafter. By mutual agreement of both parties, this Agreement may be extended in twelve (12) month increments, for up to an additional thirty-six (36) months, with the terms and conditions remaining the same.

I. **Termination.** Certified's performance of this Agreement is subject to the rules and regulations of the Card Brands, federal, state and local laws or regulations applicable to the Services. Receipt of a written directive from banking regulators, a member bank, Visa, MasterCard or other credit or debit card company or brand to terminate shall be immediate upon such event.

J. **Agency's Right to Terminate.** Agency may terminate this Agreement for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon thirty (30) calendar day's written notice to Certified. In the event Agency exercises its right to terminate without cause, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to Certified for goods, commodities and/or services provided and expenses incurred to and including the date of termination, will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for Agency's termination for convenience.

K. **Assignment.** This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; however, the rights and obligations of Certified under this Agreement may be provided or fulfilled by any parent, subsidiary, affiliate, successor corporation or subcontractor of Certified so long as Certified assumes fully responsibility for such obligations. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of parties hereto and their permitted successors and assigns.

L. **Entire Agreement; Modifications.** This Agreement, together with the specifications of Williamson County RFP #1708-179, the exhibits and schedules attached hereto constitutes the entire agreement between Certified and Agency with respect to the subject matter hereof. There are no restrictions, promises, warranties, covenants or undertakings other than those expressly set forth herein and therein. This Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, agreements, and undertakings between the parties with respect to such matter. This Agreement, including the specifications of Williams County RFP #1708-179, the exhibits and schedules attached hereto may be modified or amended only by an instrument in writing executed by the parties or their permitted assigns.

M. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

N. **Venue and Governing Law.** Each party to this Agreement hereby agrees and acknowledges that venue and jurisdiction of any suit, right, or cause of action arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall lie exclusively in Williamson County, Texas, and the parties hereto expressly consent and submit to such jurisdiction. Furthermore, except to the extent that this Agreement is governed by the laws of the United States, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, excluding, however, its choice of law rules.

O. **Compliance with Laws.** Each party to this Agreement shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation laws, salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations.

P. **No Waiver of Immunities.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available in law or in equity to Agency, its past or present officers, employees, or agents, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. Agency does not waive, modify, or alter to any extent whatsoever the availability of the defense of governmental immunity under the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States.

Q. **Texas Public Information Act.** To the extent, if any, that any provision of this Agreement is in conflict with Tex. Gov't Code 552.001 et seq., as amended (the "Public Information Act"), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood and agreed that Agency, its officers and employees may request advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas in regard to the application of the Public Information Act to any items or data furnished to Agency as to whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further, understood that Agency's officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that Agency, its officers and employees shall have no liability or obligation to any party hereto for the disclosure to the public, or to any person or, persons, of any items or data furnished to Agency by a party hereto, in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

R. **Non-Exclusive Agreement.** This Agreement is not exclusive. Accordingly, either party shall have the right to enter into one or more agreements relating to the same or similar matters as are covered by this certain Agreement, and execution by either party of such agreements shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

Service Provider Agreement, continued

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed and delivered this Agreement on November 6, 2017.

AGENCY'S ACCEPTANCE:

COUNTY NAME

By: 
Agency Signature

DAW A CARTER (as Title)
Printed Name and Title

01-10-2018
Date

CERTIFIED'S ACCEPTANCE:

ACCELERATED CARD COMPANY, LLC d/b/a CERTIFIED PAYMENTS

By: 
Authorized Representative

Ashley Rangel, Director of Operations
Printed Name and Title

11/3/18
Date

EXHIBIT A
SCHEDULE OF CONVENIENCE FEES
Confidential

This Exhibit A to the Service Provider Agreement between Certified and Agency provides as follows:

1. Schedule of Convenience Fees.

Certified and Agency agree to the following provisions:

A. 2.15 % or a minimum of \$ 0.00 shall be the agreed upon Convenience Fee that the Agency agrees to allow Certified to charge to Customers for tax payments when Customer uses a Credit Card.

B. 2.15 % or a minimum of \$ 0.00 shall be the agreed upon Convenience Fee that the Agency agrees to allow Certified to charge to Customers for non-tax payments when Customer uses a Credit Card.

The fees charged are subject to change by Certified as its costs increase. In the event of any fee change with which Agency does not agree, Agency may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this agreement.

AGENCY'S ACCEPTANCE:

COUNTY NAME Williamson County, Texas

By: [Signature]
Agency Signature

DAVE GATTON, County Tax
Printed Name and Title

01-10-2019
Date

CERTIFIED'S ACCEPTANCE:

ACCELERATED CARD COMPANY, LLC d/b/a CERTIFIED PAYMENTS

By: [Signature]
Authorized Representative

Ashley Rangel, Director of Operations
Printed Name and Title

1/3/19
Date

EXHIBIT B AMERICAN EXPRESS ADDENDUM

This instrument (the "Addendum") effective November 6, 2017, amends and supplements the Williamson County, Texas Agreement (as defined below) and the Certified Payments Agreement (as defined below), including any and all exhibits, amendments, addenda, appendices and supplements thereto respecting the acceptance of the American Express® Card. For the purpose of this Addendum, "Certified Payments" means Accelerated Card Company, LLC d/b/a Certified Payments, a Delaware limited liability company, located at 100 Throckmorton Street, Suite 200, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

The term "Williamson County, Texas Agreement" shall mean the Agreement for American Express Card Services dated November 6, 2017, and any Amendment and/or Addendum to such Agreement whereby American Express and Williamson County, Texas have made available Card Acceptance for Government offices, agencies, and educational institutions and entities; and, such Williamson County, Texas agencies have initiated American Express Card acceptance. The term "Certified Payments Agreement" shall mean the agreement dated October, 2003 whereby American Express and Certified Payments, as the successor in interest to Cardtranz, Inc., have initiated American Express Card acceptance on behalf of various state and local governments. All other terms in this Addendum shall have the same meanings as they have in the Williamson County, Texas Agreement and/or the Certified Payments Agreement as such Agreements pertain to the parties of those Agreements.

Certified Payments hereby agrees to accept the Card on behalf of Williamson County, Texas (as permitted by Williamson County, Texas). The parties further agree that the Williamson County, Texas Agreement and the Certified Payments Agreement shall be deemed amended so that the Discount associated with such Charges on behalf of Williamson County, Texas County to Certified Payments shall be paid to American Express by Certified Payments. Payments for charges submitted on behalf of Williamson County, Texas shall be paid directly to Williamson County, Texas.

The parties also agree to the following:

Disputed Transactions and Chargebacks:

American Express will send requests regarding a claim, complaint, or question related to a Disputed Charge to Certified Payments and not to Williamson County, Texas. Certified Payments will retrieve all requested information relating to the Disputed Charge and provide such to American Express. If a Cardmember contests the Convenience Fee relating to a Charge, the payment of that Charge to Williamson County, Texas also will be treated as contested. If the Disputed Charge results in a reversal of the Charge ("Chargeback"), both the Williamson County, Texas payment of that Charge and the Convenience Fee will be charged back by American Express. Williamson County, Texas payments will be charged back to Williamson County, Texas. Convenience Fees will be charged back to Certified Payments. In no case shall a Convenience Fee be charged back to Certified Payments without the related Charge also being charged back to Williamson County, Texas.

Certified Payments will provide reports to Williamson County, Texas of any Chargebacks either prior to or on the day the Chargeback is posted to Williamson County, Texas's bank account. American Express will deduct any Chargebacks from amounts owed to Williamson County, Texas for Charges.

Reporting:

Certified Payments will provide reports to Williamson County, Texas that include all transactions, including Chargebacks and adjustments in a format agreeable to Williamson County, Texas.

Refunds:

Refunds will be processed through Williamson County, Texas agency's standard refund processes. The specific refund policy for each Williamson County, Texas agency will be posted on Williamson County, Texas agency's web site. American Express will accept proof of the refund via Williamson County, Texas agency's posted refund process in the event of a Dispute, and not allow the Chargeback.

Limitation of Liability:

In no event will Certified Payments or American Express be responsible hereunder for damages to Williamson County, Texas arising from delays or problems caused by any telecommunications carrier or banking system or Internet Services Provider ("ISP"); provided, however, that the foregoing shall have no effect upon American Express' rights of Full Recourse, as used in the Agreement. Except as specifically indicated above, all terms and conditions of the Williamson County, Texas Agreement and the Certified Payments Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Authority to Sign:

Each party represents that the individual who signs this Addendum has authority to do so and to bind it to the terms and conditions of this Addendum. Each party further represents that they are authorized to sign and enter into this Addendum on behalf of their subsidiaries, affiliates and licensees that accept the Card.

AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES COMPANY, INC.

By: [Signature]

Date: 1/3/18

COUNTY NAME: Williamson County, Texas

By: [Signature]

Date: 01-10-2018

ACCELERATED CARD COMPANY, LLC d/b/a CERTIFIED PAYMENTS

By: [Signature]

Date: 1/3/18



ACH PROCESSING SERVICES AGREEMENT ECheck Processing

This ACH Processing Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Accelerated Card Company, LLC, DBA Certified Payments, a Texas Corporation, with offices located at 100 Throckmorton Street, Suite 200, Fort Worth, TX 76102 ("Certified") and Williamson County, Texas
710 Main Street, Suite 101, Georgetown, Texas ("Agency").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Agency desires to accept payments from its customers ("Customers") by electronic ACH ("ACH Entries") through a third party ACH Service Provider;

WHEREAS, Certified provides third party ACH Processing Services ("Services") pursuant to ACH Origination Service Agreements with Originating Depository Financial Institutions ("ODFI"), agreements with ACH Originators ("Originators") and other agreements with other parties that are a part of the ACH process (collectively "Participants").

WHEREAS, Agency desires to contract with Certified to provide such Services and Certified desires to contract with Agency to provide such Services subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, the Agency and Certified agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS. As used herein, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

"ACH" (Automated Clearing House) is a clearing and settlement facility for the interchange of electronic debits and credits among financial institutions.

"ACH Entries" are the electronic transactions initiated and authorized by Agency's customers and processed by Certified.

"ACH Network" means the funds transfer system governed by the Rules of NACHA which provides for the interbank clearing of electronic entries for participating financial institutions.

"ACH Origination Service Agreement" shall mean the contractual agreement between Certified and an ODFI.

"ACH Returns" is the process of returning and settling funds that were dishonored by the RDFI and returned to the ODFI.

"Agency Bank" is the Depository Financial Institution where the Agency Bank account is maintained for Certified's access to settle financial payment transactions under this agreement.

"Agency Bank Account" is the Bank account Agency has established with Agency Bank for settlement of ACH credit and debit entries provided under the terms of this agreement, and identified as Exhibit B attached hereto. The Bank account will also be used for credits and debits incurred in connection with any reversed or returned electronic ACH entries.

"Convenience Fee" means the fee charged by Certified to Agency's customers for the convenience of using the ACH Processing Services in making the Agency's payment.

"Customer" means Agency's customer who submits a payment through Certified for processing through the ACH Network.

"MXP" means Mid-America Payment Exchange.

"NACHA" means the National Automated Clearing House Association that establishes the standards, rules and procedures that enable depository financial institutions to exchange ACH payments on a national basis.

"NACHA Rules" means the then-current National Automated Clearing House Association ("NACHA") ACH Operating Rules and Operating Guidelines published by NACHA.

"Net Total" is the net amount of ACH debits, credits and return Entries (in US Dollars) contained in the ACH Batch.

"ODFI" means the originating depository financial institution which accepts and processes debit and credit entries for distribution to an automated clearing house.

"Originator" means the person or organization that has authorized an ODFI to transmit a credit or debit entry to the account of a receiver with an RDFI or to the RDFI. In some cases, the ODFI may also be the originator.

"RDFI" (Receiving Depository Financial Institution) means a receiving depository financial institution intended to be the end recipient of either debit or credit entries to the account of a Recipient.

"Recipient" means any person or entity which has authorized Certified to originate electronic debit or credit entries to be posted to its account at a depository financial institution.

"Rules" means the combined MXP Rules, the NACHA Rules, the ODFI and Originator Rules as well as those rules of the Federal Reserve which apply to or govern the provision of the Services.

"Settlement Account" means a demand deposit account at the ODFI Bank, designated by Certified as the account to be used for, and in conjunction with Certified's automated clearing house transactions.

2. CERTIFIED'S OBLIGATIONS.

A. Certified will process Agency Payments from Agency's Customers through web initiated ACH entries and when available, through telephone initiated transactions.

B. In consideration of Certified's provision of services hereunder, Certified may charge Agency's Customers a Convenience Fee for each Agency payment processed. The Fee will be collected in addition to the corresponding Agency Payment. Exhibit A attached hereto details the Schedule of Fees that Certified may charge Agency's Customers.

C. Certified will originate and transmit two single-entry transactions, the Agency Payment and the corresponding Convenience Fee payment ("ACH Entries") to ODFI for processing through the ACH system pursuant to the ACH Origination Service Agreement between Certified and ODFI.

D. Certified will obtain express authorization from the Customer prior to initiating a debit to the Customer's account. Customer's express authorization allows Certified to instruct ODFI to initiate an electronic debit entry for Certified against Customer. It also permits Certified to reinstate an Entry where the original Entry is returned and to assess a collection fee against Customer.

E. The express authorization will be identified as an ACH debit transaction and will identify both the payment amount to the agency and the convenience fee

payment. The authorization clearly states the terms of the ACH debit and encourages the customer to print and retain a copy of the authorization. The Customer must authenticate the authorization by signing and accepting the terms of the ACH Debit Authorization Agreement. Certified will store a copy of the authorization and produce a copy upon request.

F. Certified will provide each Customer with electronic confirmation of the Agency Payment and corresponding convenience fee.

G. Certified will transmit ACH Entries by batch to the ODFI according to a pre-determined schedule agreed upon by Certified and the ODFI.

H. Certified will generally transmit settlement to Agency's bank within 48 to 72 hours of the receipt of the ACH Entry. Certified will transmit a Net Total deposit to Agency's Bank account. Agency hereby authorizes Certified to initiate debit and credit entries to Agency's Bank Account. Certified shall retain all Convenience fees and any collection fees collected by it hereunder.

I. Agency will immediately reimburse Certified in connection with any reversed or rejected electronic entries or for any shortfalls or amounts Certified is unable to collect from Agency's customers.

J. Certified will provide Agency with ACH payment data and reports summarizing the use of the Services by Customers for a given reporting period. Agency will have the ability to import such payment data utilizing Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, a comma-delimited file ("CSV") or XML file.

K. Certified will retain all logs and data for such period of time as required by applicable law and the rules and regulations of NACHA and Certified's ODFI.

L. In order to provide the Services under this Agreement, Certified will provide, at Certified sole expense, all necessary services in order to successfully interface with all Agency software, as follows: Oracle, Odyssey, Class, Orion, Quick Books, Pet Point, and Edoc Technology.

3. AGENCY'S OBLIGATIONS.

A. In addition to this Agreement, Agency agrees to enter into and any and all applicable agreements that are required to perform the services hereunder.

B. [Intentionally left blank].

C. In order to provide the Services hereunder, Certified is required to enter into agreements that include but are not limited to Third Party Processing Agreements with an ODFI as such term is defined and used under the rules promulgated by the National Automated Clearing House Association as modified from time to time.

D. Agency acknowledges and agrees that Certified will collect ACH payments from Agency's customers and transmit such entries for processing into the ACH network. As such, Agency acknowledges that the ODFI is acting solely in the capacity as a processor for Certified and the ODFI has no duty or obligation to Agency to inquire, review or investigate the nature of the transactions that occur between Agency and Certified. Agency is not a third party beneficiary of any Third Party Processor Agreement between Certified and the ODFI. Agency acknowledges that the ODFI has no fiduciary duties to Agency under this Agreement. Agency agrees to look solely to Certified for the performance of the processing services specified herein.

E. Certified is required to fully adhere to the procedures and rules of NACHA and the ACH Origination Service Agreement; accordingly, Agency agrees to immediately comply with any requests by Certified regarding any Agency conduct that is outside said rules and regulations. Agency's failure to comply with any such request by Certified will be grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement.

4. **AGENCY'S RIGHT TO AUDIT.** Certified agrees that Agency or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after termination or expiration of this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of Certified, which are directly pertinent to, the services to be performed or goods to be delivered hereunder to or on behalf of Agency for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Certified agrees that Agency shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. Agency shall give Certified reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

5. **INDEMNITY.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Certified shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency, and Agency'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 Services described herein. To the extent caused by the negligence, acts, errors, or omissions of Certified 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 caused in whole or in part by a party indemnified hereunder.

6. ADDITIONAL MATTERS

A. **Confidentiality.** Neither party will disclose to any third party or use for any purpose inconsistent with this Agreement, any confidential or proprietary, non-public information it obtains during the term of this Agreement regarding either party's business, operations, financial condition, technology, systems, know-how, products, services, suppliers, customers, marketing data, plans and models and personnel. Certified will not disclose to any third party or use for any purpose inconsistent with this Agreement any confidential Customer information it receives in connection with its performance of the Services, except that Certified may use personal information provided by Customers to establish and maintain individual user accounts requested to be established by such Customers with Certified.

B. **Relationship of Parties.** The performance by Certified of its duties and obligations under this Agreement shall be that of an independent contractor and nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a joint venture or partnership between Certified and Agency.

C. **Capacity to Contract.** Each party hereby certifies that the person executing this Agreement on its behalf is fully authorized with complete legal capacity and approval to do so.

D. **Intellectual Property.** In order that Agency may promote the Services and Certified's role in providing the Services, Certified grants to Agency a revocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use Certified's logo and other service marks (the "Certified Marks") for such purpose only. Agency does not have any right, title, license or interest, express or implied, in and to any object code, software, hardware, trademark, service mark, trade name, trade dress, formula, system, know-how, telephone number, telephone line, domain name, URL, copyrighted image, text, script (including, without limitation, any script used by Certified on Certified's website) or other intellectual property right of Certified. All Marks, the System and all rights therein (other than rights expressly granted in this Agreement) and goodwill pertaining thereto belong exclusively to Certified.

E. **Force Majeure.** Certified will be excused from performing the Services as contemplated by this Agreement to the extent its performance is delayed, impaired or rendered impossible by acts of God or other events that are beyond Certified's reasonable control and that do not involve either fault or judgment of Certified.

F. [Intentionally left blank].

G. **Notice.** Any notice to be given hereunder shall be in writing and may be affected by personal delivery, in writing or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the proper party, at the following address:

AGENCY: Williamson

County c/o Dan
A. Gattis,
County Judge
710 Main Street,
Suite 101
Georgetown, TX 78626

CERTIFIED PAYMENTS: Certified Payments, Inc.
Attn: General Counsel
100 Throckmorton Street, Suite 200
Fort Worth, TX 76102
applications@certifiedpayments.net

H. Term of Arrangement/Contract Extension. The initial term of this Agreement will be for a period of twelve (12) months, beginning on the date of the last party's execution of this Agreement and ending twelve (12) months thereafter. By mutual agreement of both parties, this Agreement may be extended in twelve (12) month increments, for up to an additional thirty-six (36) months, with the terms and conditions remaining the same.

I. Termination. Certified's performance of this Agreement is subject to the Automated Clearing House Origination Service Agreement, the Third Party Processor Agreement, the rules and regulations of NACHA, federal, state and local laws or regulations applicable to the Services. Receipt of a written directive from Certified's ODFI Bank to terminate shall be immediate upon such event.

J. Agency's Right to Terminate. Agency may terminate this Agreement for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon thirty (30) calendar day's written notice to Certified. In the event Agency exercises its right to terminate without cause, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to Certified for goods, commodities and/or services provided and expenses incurred to and including the date of termination, will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for Agency's termination for convenience.

K. Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, however, the obligations of Certified under this Agreement may be provided by any parent, subsidiary, affiliate, successor corporation or subcontractor of Certified so long as Certified assumes full responsibility for such obligations. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of parties hereto and their permitted successors and assigns.

L. Entire Agreement; Modifications. This Agreement, together with specifications of RFP #1708-179, the Third Party Processor Agreement and exhibits and schedules attached hereto constitutes the entire agreement between Certified and Agency with respect to the subject matter hereof. There are no restrictions, promises, warranties, covenants or undertakings other than those expressly set forth herein and therein. This Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, agreements, and undertakings between the parties with respect to such matter. This Agreement, including specifications of RFP #1708-179 and the exhibits and schedules hereto may be modified or amended only by an instrument in writing executed by the parties or their permitted assignees.

M. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held by court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

N. Venue and Governing Law. Each party to this Agreement hereby agrees and acknowledges that venue and jurisdiction of any suit, right, or cause of action arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall lie exclusively in Williamson County, Texas, and the parties hereto expressly consent and submit to such jurisdiction. Furthermore, except to the extent that this Agreement is governed by the laws of the United States, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, excluding, however, its choice of law rules.

O. Compliance with Laws. Each party to this Agreement shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation laws, salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations.

P. No Waiver of Immunities. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available in law or in equity to Agency, its past or present officers, employees, or agents, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. Agency does not waive, modify, or alter to any extent whatsoever the availability of the defense of governmental immunity under the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States.

Q. Texas Public Information Act. To the extent, if any, that any provision of this Agreement is in conflict with Tex. Gov't Code 552.001 et seq., as amended (the "Public Information Act"), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood and agreed that Agency, its officers and employees may request advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas in regard to the application of the Public Information Act to any items or data furnished to Agency as to whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further, understood that Agency's officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that Agency, its officers and employees shall have no liability or obligation to any party hereto for the disclosure to the public, or to any person or, persons, of any items or data furnished to Agency by a party hereto, in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

R. Non-Exclusive Agreement. This Agreement is not exclusive. Accordingly, either party shall have the right to enter into one or more agreements relating to the same or similar matters as are covered by this certain Agreement, and execution by either party of such agreements shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed and delivered this Agreement on _____, _____.

AGENCY'S ACCEPTANCE:
COUNTY NAME Williamson
County, Texas

By: 
Agency Signature


Printed Name and Title


Date

**CERTIFIED'S ACCEPTANCE:
ACCELERATED CARD COMPANY, LLC d/b/a CERTIFIED PAYMENTS**

By: 
Authorized Representative

Ashely Rangel, Director of Operations
Printed Name and Title

1/3/18
Date

**EXHIBIT A
SCHEDULE OF FEES
Confidential**

This Exhibit A to the ACH Processing Services Agreement between Certified and Agency provides as follows:

1. Schedule of Convenience Fees.

Certified and Agency agree to the following provisions:

\$.50 shall be the agreed upon Convenience Fee that the Agency agrees to allow Certified to charge Customers for Agency payments when Customer initiates an ACH debit entry.

AGENCY'S ACCEPTANCE:
COUNTY NAME

**Williamson County,
Texas**

By: _____

Agency Signature

Don A. Gentry, County Judge
Printed Name and Title

01-10-2018
Date

CERTIFIED'S ACCEPTANCE:
ACCELERATED CARD COMPANY, LLC d/b/a CERTIFIED PAYMENTS

By: _____

Authorized Representative

Ashley Ransom, Director of Operations
Printed Name and Title

1/3/18
Date

EXHIBIT B
AGENCY BANK ACCOUNT
Confidential

This Exhibit B to the ACH Processing Services Agreement between Certified and Agency provides as follows:

AGENCY/BUREAU NAME: Williamson County, Texas BUREAU CODE: _____

Banking Information - ACH/ECheck

The undersigned authority authorizes Certified Payments to deposit ACH credits and withdraw ACH debits to and from the Agency Bank account listed below. The undersigned authority has supplied and hereby confirms the bank account information provided.

Bank Name: _____ Bank Contact Name: _____ Contact Telephone/Fax/Email: _____

Street Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip Code _____

Bank Routing Number: _____ Bank Account/DDA Number: _____

Name on Agency Bank Account: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF A VOID CHECK ON THE ABOVE-REFERENCED BANK ACCOUNT

AGENCY'S ACCEPTANCE:

COUNTY NAME
**Williamson County,
Texas**

By:  _____
Agency Signature

DAN A. GATTI, County Judge
Printed Name and Title

01-10-2018
Date

CERTIFIED'S ACCEPTANCE:

ACCELERATED CARD COMPANY, LLC d/b/a CERTIFIED PAYMENTS

By:  _____
Authorized Representative

Ashley Rangel, Director of Operations
Printed Name and Title

1/3/18
Date