
WILLIAMSON COUNTY
MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT
Life Safety Services, LLC

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 the Texas Constitution, 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 MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT (hereinafter “MSA”) 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 **Life Safety Services, LLC** (hereinafter “Service Provider”), both of which are referred to herein as the parties. The County agrees to engage Service Provider as an independent contractor, to provide certain services described herein 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 service includes inspection and repair services for fire exhaust systems on various County buildings, as outlined in each Statement of Work (“SOW”) to be provided by Service Provider and agreed upon by the County. Once approved by the County, the SOW shall be incorporated into this MSA and shall be subject to all terms and conditions contained herein.

II.

Effective Date and Term: This MSA shall be in full force and effect as of the date of the last party’s execution below and shall continue until August 8, 2025, or when terminated pursuant to this MSA, whichever event occurs first.

III.

Consideration and Compensation: Service Provider will be compensated based on a fixed sum as set out in the cooperative purchasing contract (Sourcewell Contract #062421-LSS). The not-to-exceed amount shall be Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), unless amended and approved by Williamson County Commissioners Court.

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 MSA; (2) the date the performance of the service under the MSA 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.

The County is a political subdivision under the laws of the State of Texas and claims exemption from sales and use taxes under Tex. Tax Code Ann. §151.309, as amended. The County agrees to provide exemption certificates to Service Provider upon request. Likewise, the County is neither liable for any taxes, charges, or fees assessed against Service Provider for the supplies or products provided or any Services rendered.

IV.

Insurance: Service Provider shall provide and maintain for the duration of the MSA the minimum insurance coverage in the minimum amounts as described below. Coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis by companies authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and rated A- or better by A.M. Best Company or otherwise acceptable to the County and name the County as an additional insured.

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

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

Aggregate policy limits: \$2,000,000

- d. Comprehensive automobile and auto liability insurance (covering owned, hired, leased and non-owned vehicles):

COVERAGE	PER PERSON	PER OCCURRENCE
Bodily injury (including death)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Property damage	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Aggregate policy limits No aggregate limit

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

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

V.

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 itself out as an agent or official representative of the County. Service Provider shall be considered an independent contractor for the purpose of this MSA and shall in no manner incur any expense or liability on behalf of the County other than what may be expressly allowed under this MSA. 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.

VI.

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.

VII.

No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity or Powers: Nothing in this MSA 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. Additionally, the parties agree that under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, the County cannot enter into an agreement whereby the County agrees to indemnify or hold harmless another party; therefore, all references of any kind to County defending, indemnifying, holding, or saving harmless Service Provider for any reason are hereby deleted.

VIII.

Compliance With All Laws: Service Provider agrees and will comply with all local, state, or federal requirements with respect to the services rendered. Any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of the MSA that are required by changes in federal, state, or local law or regulations are automatically incorporated into the MSA without written amendment hereto and shall become effective on the date designed by such law or by regulation.

IX.

Termination: This MSA 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.

X.

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

XI.

Severability: In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this MSA 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 MSA and this MSA 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 MSA, 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 MSA 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 workspace 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.

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

XIV.

No Assignment: Service Provider may not assign this MSA, without written consent of the County.

XV.

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.

XVI.

Foreign Terrorist Organizations: Service Provider represents and warrants that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization, as prohibited by Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code.

XVII.

Public Information: Service Provider understands that County will comply with the Texas

Public information Act as interpreted by judicial ruling and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. Information, documentation, and other material in connection with this Purchase Order or any resulting contract may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.

XVIII.

Damage to County Property: Service Provider shall be liable for all damage to county-owned, leased, or occupied property and equipment caused by Service Provider and its employees, agents, subcontractors, and suppliers, including any delivery, or transporting company, in connection with any performance pursuant to this MSA. Service Provider shall notify County in writing of any such damage within one (1) calendar day.

XIX.

Media Releases: Service Provider shall not use County's name, logo, or other likeness in any press release, marketing materials, or other announcement without the County's prior written approval.

XX.

Authorized Expenses: In the event County authorizes, in advance and in writing, reimbursement of non-labor expenses related to the services subject of this MSA, County will pay such actual non-labor expenses in strict accordance with the Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy (as amended), which is incorporated into and made a part of this MSA by reference. The Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy can be found at: [WilliamsonCountyVendorReimbursementPolicyMarch2023.pdf \(wilco.org\)](https://www.wilco.org/WilliamsonCountyVendorReimbursementPolicyMarch2023.pdf). Invoices requesting reimbursement for authorized non-labor expenses must be accompanied by copies of the provider's invoice and clearly set forth the actual cost of the expenses, without markup.

XXI.

Entire Contract & Incorporated Documents; Conflicting Terms: This MSA 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 into this MSA include the following:

- A. The cooperative purchasing contract (Sourcewell Contract #062421-LSS); and
- B. Insurance certificates evidencing coverages required herein above.

The County reserves the right and sole discretion to determine the controlling provisions where there is any conflict between the terms of this MSA and the terms of any other purchase order(s), contract(s) or any document attached hereto as exhibits relating to the services and goods subject of this MSA.

XXII.

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 MSA on behalf of the County.

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

WILLIAMSON COUNTY:

Authorized Signature

County Judge/Presiding Officer

Date: _____, 20____

SERVICE PROVIDER:

Life Safety Services, LLC

Name of Service Provider

Authorized Signature

R. Craig Rutledge

Printed Name

Date: March 27, 2025