
MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH 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 May 19, 2029, unless terminated sooner pursuant to paragraph IX below.

III.

On-Site Representative for Work Monitoring: The County may appoint an on-site project representative to observe the work being performed. The County may conduct inspections to determine the date or dates of substantial completion and the date of final completion. If the County so desires, it may seek written adequate assurance that the work is progressing on-time and pursuant to terms and conditions of this Agreement and all related contract documents.

IV.

Labor, Materials, Tools & Misc. Items: Service Provider shall provide or cause to be provided and shall pay for labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, utilities, transportation and other facilities and services necessary for proper execution and completion of the work, whether temporary or permanent and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated in the work. Service Provider shall enforce strict discipline and good order among their respective employees and other persons carrying out the Agreement. Service Provider shall not permit employees of unfit persons or persons not skilled in tasks assigned to them.

V.

Consideration and Compensation: Service Provider will be compensated based on a fixed sum as set out in the cooperative purchasing contract (Sourcewell Contract # #031125-LSS). The not-to-exceed amount shall be Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), per fiscal year, unless amended and approved by Williamson County Commissioners Court. For purposes of this Agreement, the County's fiscal year shall be October 1st to September 30th.

Pursuant to State Law ("Texas Prompt Payment Act") the payment terms are governed as follows:

County's 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 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 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 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 (1) 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.

In the event that an error appears on an invoice submitted by Service Provider, County shall notify Service Provider of the error not later than the twenty first (21st) day after the date County receives the invoice. If the error is resolved in favor of Service Provider, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive interest on the unpaid balance of the invoice submitted by Service Provider beginning on the date that the payment for the invoice became overdue. If the error is resolved in favor of the County, Service Provider shall submit a corrected invoice that must be paid in accordance within the time set forth above. The unpaid balance accrues interest as provided by Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code if the corrected invoice is not paid by the appropriate date.

As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- a) Name, address, and telephone number of Service Provider and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address
- b) County Agreement, Purchase Order, and/or delivery order number
- c) Identification of items or services as outlined in the Agreement

- d) Quantity or quantities, applicable unit prices, total prices and total amounts
- e) Any additional payment information which may be called for by the Agreement

Payment inquiries should be directed to the Williamson County Auditor's Office, Accounts Payable Department: accountspayable@wilcotx.gov 512-943-1500.

VI.

The County's Decision to Withhold Payment: The County may withhold a payment in whole or in part to the extent reasonably necessary to protect the County due to the County's determination that the work has not progressed to the point indicated in the Agreement documents or that the quality of work is not in accordance with the Agreement documents. The County may also withhold a payment or, because of subsequently discovered evidence, may nullify the whole or a part of any request for payment to such extent as may be necessary to protect the County from loss for which Service Provider is responsible, including loss resulting from acts and omissions, because of the following:

1. defective work not remedied;
2. reasonable evidence that the work cannot be completed for the unpaid balance of the Agreement sum;
3. damage to the County;
4. reasonable evidence that the work will not be completed within the Agreement time and that the unpaid balance would not be adequate to cover actual or liquidated damages for the anticipated delay; or
5. persistent failure to carry out the work in accordance with the Agreement documents.

VII.

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	\$1,000,000	
	\$1,000,000 (<i>including premises, completed operations and contractual</i>)	
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	

“Williamson County, Texas, its directors, officers and employees” shall be added as additional insureds under the policies required above, and on those policies where “Williamson County, Texas, its directors, officers and employees” are additional insureds, such insurance shall be primary and any insurance maintained by County shall be excess and not contribute with it.

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. Service Provider shall not be entitled to worker’s compensation coverage, or any other type of insurance coverage held by the County.

The name of the Certificate Holder in the Certificate of Insurance issued by the insurer shall be as follows:

Williamson County, Texas
C/O: Williamson County Risk Management
301 SE Inner Loop
Georgetown, TX. 78626
Email: coi.submission@wilcotx.gov

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

VIII.

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 in any manner 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 Agreement. 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 construction services being provided. Service Provider agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the County against any claim, demand, loss, injury, damages, actions, or liability of any kind against the County resulting from any services Service Provider performs on behalf of the County.

IX.

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.

X.

Service Provider's Employees: Service Provider covenants and agrees that all personnel engaged shall be employees of Service Provider, and Service Provider shall pay all salaries, and all Social Security taxes, Federal and State Unemployment Insurance, Workers' Compensation Insurance and any similar taxes or expenses related to such employees, including but not limited to, license fees, insurance premiums and outfitting expenses. Service

Provider shall be responsible for complying with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances and regulations regarding its employees, including all Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations. Service Provider shall be responsible for the supervision, control and direction of the day-to-day activities of the personnel provided hereunder and shall provide close supervision on a continual basis.

XI.

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.

XII.

Warranty: Service Provider warrants to the County that materials, workmanship for materials and equipment installation, and equipment furnished under this Agreement will be of good quality and new unless otherwise required or permitted by the County, that the work will be free from defects not inherent in the quality required or permitted by law or otherwise, and that the work will conform to the requirements of the Agreement documents. Work not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized, may be considered defective.

XIII.

Taxes: Service Provider shall pay all sales, consumer, use and similar taxes for the work provided by Service Provider which had been legally enacted on the date of the Agreement, whether or not yet effective or merely scheduled to go into effect.

XIV.

Compliance With All Laws: Service Provider agrees, in connection with the services or any related items to the subject matter of this Agreement, to comply with any and all local, state, or federal requirements, including but not limited to compliance with regulations of the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Additionally, Service Provider shall obtain from the appropriate City, Williamson County, or State of Texas the necessary permit(s) required by the ordinances of the City of Georgetown, Williamson County, or State of Texas, for performance of the work.

XV.

Termination: This Agreement may be terminated at any time at the option of the County, without further or prospective liability for performance upon giving upon thirty (30) calendar day's written notice to thereof. In the event Williamson County exercises its right to terminate without cause, it is understood and agreed that only amounts due to Service Provider 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 Williamson

County's termination for convenience.

XVI.

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.

XVII.

Duty To Report Problems: Service Provider agrees to advise the County and its representative(s) within 24 hours of any errors, mistakes, potential problems or any other problematic issue(s) coming under observation during the progress of the work and will make good faith efforts to correct any errors that come to light in a timely and reasonable manner.

XVIII.

Cleaning Up: Service Provider shall keep the premises and surrounding area free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by operations under this Agreement. At completion of the work, Service Provider shall remove from and about the project: waste materials, rubbish, tools, construction equipment, machinery and surplus materials. If Service Provider fails to clean up as provided, the cost thereof shall be charged to Service Provider by deducting from final fee or as necessary.

XIX.

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.

XX.

Right of Funds: Despite the agreed upon method of payment set forth above, Service Provider agrees to return to Williamson County pro-rata portion of unearned funds distributed to Service Provider if (a) Service Provider's project progress is insufficient; (b) this Agreement is terminated for any reason; or (c) Service Provider fails in any other respect under this Agreement.

XXI.

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.

XXII.

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

XXIII.

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

XXIV.

Notice: Any notice required to be given under the terms of this AGREEMENT shall be effective if and when given in writing and mailed by certified mail to the addresses listed below or subsequently provided in writing:

WILLIAMSON COUNTY:

Williamson County Judge
710 Main Street, Suite 101
Georgetown, TX 78626

SERVICE PROVIDER

Life Safety Services, LLC
908 S. 8th St., Ste. 500
Louisville, KY 40203

XXV.

Mediation: The parties agree to use non-binding mediation for dispute resolution prior to and formal legal action being taken on this Agreement.

XXVI.

Non-Appropriation and Fiscal Funding: The obligations of the Parties under this Agreement do not constitute a general obligation or indebtedness of either Party for which such Party is obligated to levy, pledge, or collect any form of taxation. It is understood and agreed that County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at the end of any County fiscal year if the governing body of County does not appropriate sufficient funds as determined by County's budget for the fiscal year in question. County may effect such termination by giving written notice of termination at the end of its then-current fiscal year.

XXVII.

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.

XXVIII.

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.

XXIX.

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.

XXX.

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.

XXXI.

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.

XXXII.

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](#)). 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.

XXXIII.

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 # #031125-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.

XXXIV.

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.

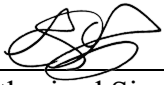
WILLIAMSON COUNTY:

Authorized Signature

County Judge/Presiding Officer

Dated: _____, 20____

LIFE SAFETY SERVICES, LLC:



Authorized Signature

R. Craig Rutledge

Printed Name

Dated: September 8, 20 25