

PURCHASING COOPERATIVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

This Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement") is by and between Montgomery County Hospital District, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas ("MCHD"); and Williamson County, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas ("Williamson County") acting by and through their authorized officers.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, this Agreement is authorized by Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and Subchapter F, Chapter 271, Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 271.102 of the TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE authorizes a local government to participate in a Cooperative Purchasing Program with another local government or a local cooperative organization; and

WHEREAS, a local government that purchases goods and services pursuant to a Cooperative Purchasing Program with another local government satisfies the requirement of the local government to seek competitive bids for the purchase of the goods, services and materials; and

WHEREAS, except for competitively bid contracts that are renewable, each party has and will on an annual basis obtain competitive bids for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Program which will allow each party to purchase goods and services under each other's competitively bid contracts pursuant to Subchapter F, Chapter 271 of the Tex. Loc. Gov't Code;

WHEREAS, the parties, in performing governmental functions or in paying for the performance of governmental functions hereunder shall make that performance or those payments from current revenues legally available to that party;

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of each party find that the subject of this Agreement is necessary for the benefit of the public and that each party has the legal authority to perform and to provide the governmental function or service which is the subject matter of this Agreement; furthermore, the governing bodies find that the performance of this Agreement is in the common and best interest of both parties; and that the division of cost fairly compensates the performing party for the services under this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a Cooperative Purchasing Program between the parties, which will allow each party to purchase goods and services under each other's competitively bid contracts pursuant to Subchapter F, Chapter 271 of the TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE.

ARTICLE II TERM

The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year commencing on the last date of execution hereof ("Effective Date"). Thereafter, this Agreement shall automatically renew for successive periods of one (1) year each under the terms and conditions stated herein, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

ARTICLE III TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

ARTICLE IV PURCHASING

The Chief Administrative Officer of MCHD or his/her designee is authorized to act on behalf of MCHD in all matters relating to this Cooperative Purchasing Program and the Williamson County Judge or his designee is authorized to act on behalf of Williamson County in all matters relating to this Cooperative Purchasing Program. Each party shall make payments directly to the vendor under the contract made pursuant to Subchapter F, Chapter 271 of the TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE. Each party shall be responsible for the respective vendor's compliance with provisions relating to the quality of items and terms of delivery.

ARTICLE V MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 **Relationship of 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.

5.2 **Notice:** Any notice required or permitted to be delivered hereunder shall be deemed received when sent in the United States Mail, Postage Prepaid, Certified Mail,

Return Receipt Requested, or by hand-delivery or facsimile transmission addressed to the respective party at the address set forth below the signature of the party.

5.3 **Amendment:** This Agreement may be amended by the mutual written agreement of both parties hereto.

5.4 **Severability:** In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect the other provisions, and the Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in this Agreement.

5.5 **Assignment:** No party to this Agreement may assign or transfer its interest in or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of all parties to this Agreement.

5.6 **No Third Party Beneficiaries:** This Agreement is for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer or shall be construed as conferring upon any other person any rights, remedies or any other type or types of benefits.

5.7 **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.

5.8 **Construction:** Each party to this Agreement acknowledges that it and its counsel have reviewed this Agreement and that the normal rules of construction are not applicable and there will be no presumption that any ambiguities will be resolved against the drafting party in the interpretation of this Agreement.

5.9 **No Waiver of Immunities:** Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to either party or their past or present officers, employees, or agents or employees, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. Neither party hereby waives, modifies, or alters 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.

5.10 **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. Furthermore, 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.

5.11 **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement represents the entire agreement among the parties with respect to the subject matter covered by this Agreement. There is no other

collateral, oral or written agreement between the parties that in any manner relates to the subject matter of this Agreement.

5.12 **Recitals:** The recitals to this Agreement are incorporated herein.

5.13 **Counterparts:** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of whom shall be deemed an original and constitute one and the same instrument.

EXECUTED this 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2011.

Montgomery County Hospital District

By: _____

Printed Name: John Hennigan

Title: CEO

Address: 1400 SOUTH LOOP 336 WEST
COURSE, TX 77304

EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

By: _____

DAN A. GATIS,
WILLIAMSON COUNTY JUDGE
710 Main Street, Suite 105
Georgetown, Texas 78626