

**Commercial Service Order & Agreement v3.0 8.31.2011**

Account Rep	Joe Bethany	System Address
Phone Number	979-676-3752	
Fax Number	866-670-1295	

Customer Information		Authorized Customer Representative	
Account Number		Full Name	Richard Semple, Director of Williamson County ITS
Legal Company Name	Williamson County Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas	Telephone	512-943-1489
Street Address	508 Rock St	Fax	
City/State/Zip	Georgetown, TX 78626	Email Address	
Billing Address	103 SE Inner Loop Rd, Suite 105	Federal Tax ID	
City/State/Zip	Georgetown, TX 78626	Requested Delivery Date:	ASAP
If Bar or Restaurant account, notate occupancy (1-50; 51-100; 101-150; 151-200; 201-300; 301-500; 501+)			

Taxes and Fees Not Included					
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PLUS , check if Applicable:					
☐ NetSecure Service (Addendum attached) including _____ (number) Nodes					
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Equipment Charges					
Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Fee		

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By signing this Agreement; (i) you represent that you are the Customer or Customer's authorized agent; (ii) you agree that you have received a copy of and have been given an opportunity to review this Commercial Service Order and the Commercial Service Agreement, of which this Service Order is a part; (iii) you agree to the terms and conditions of the Commercial Service Agreement; (iv) you acknowledge that you have read and understood the Notice Regarding 911 Services above; (v) you agree that all work by Suddenlink or Suddenlink's agent has been performed to your satisfaction as set forth herein; and (vi) you acknowledge that THIS BUSINESS SERVICE AGREEMENT CONTAINS A BINDING ARBITRATION PROVISION WHICH MAY BE ENFORCED BY THE PARTIES. This Agreement shall not be deemed effective until it has been executed by both parties. Final proposed prices in this Agreement are valid for 30 business days from the date below of the Suddenlink signatory. The prices are firm for the term of this Agreement when signed below by the Customer and by Suddenlink.	
Customer Authorized Signature	Date
Judge Dan A. Gattis	Williamson County Judge
Cequel Communications, LLC dba Suddenlink Communications, on behalf of its affiliates providing services hereunder ("Suddenlink")	Date
Print Name	Title



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Commercial Service Agreement

TERMS OF SERVICE APPLICABLE TO ANY AND ALL SERVICE(S):

Customer, identified in the Service Order (defined in paragraph 1 below), understands and agrees that this Commercial Service Agreement, together with the Annex and any applicable tariff, (collectively, the "Agreement") applies to each and every communication service provided to Customer by Suddenlink Communications and any affiliate of Suddenlink Communications that to the extent such affiliate provides Services to you under this Agreement ("Suddenlink") ("Service(s)"), which may include, without limitation, cable television service ("Video Service"), high speed data service ("High Speed Internet Service"), voice service ("Phone Service") and related equipment ("Equipment"). This Commercial Service Agreement, along with the Annex, each as may be updated from time to time, can be found on our website at www.suddenlink.com.

1. **Agreement.** This Agreement shall be effective upon execution by the parties, and Services shall be provided for the Term (as defined in Section 5 below). Customer agrees to be bound to this Agreement by: (i) executing a copy of the Commercial Service Order presented to Customer at the time of installation ("Service Order"), (ii) ordering a Service, or (iii) using one or more Services at Customer's location. Suddenlink may, in its sole discretion, change, modify, add or remove portions of this Agreement at any time by giving Customer notice in accordance with this Agreement. Customer's continued use of the Services following such notice shall be deemed as Customer's acceptance to any revision in this Agreement. If Customer does not agree to the revised Agreement, Customer must immediately notify Suddenlink of Customer's intent to terminate Service and return all Equipment.
2. **Services and Use.** Suddenlink shall use reasonable efforts to make the Services available by any requested service date. Suddenlink shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever resulting from delays in meeting any service dates due to delays resulting from construction or for reasons beyond its control. The parties acknowledge and agree that, except for Web hosting, if applicable, and as otherwise set forth in the Commercial Services Order, Customer may only use the Services for its own commercial purposes and not that of any third party, and Customer shall not resell the Services. Customer shall be responsible for any software and content displayed and distributed by Customer or Customer's web hosting customers, if any. Unless otherwise expressly set forth in the Commercial Service Order, Customer acknowledges that pay per view events and premium video and audio services may not be available, and, if provided, may be subject to additional charges beyond the base rate. Suddenlink shall provide Customer with the Services and Equipment identified on Customer's Commercial Service Order; provided, however, if Suddenlink determines that Customer's location is not serviceable under Suddenlink's normal installation guidelines, Suddenlink may terminate this Agreement. Unless provided otherwise herein, Suddenlink shall use reasonable efforts to maintain the Services in accordance with applicable performance standards, however, Suddenlink shall have no responsibility for the maintenance or repair of networks, facilities and equipment not furnished by Suddenlink.
3. **Payment.** Customer shall pay all monthly service charges, plus non-recurring, one-time set-up, installation and/or construction charges as set forth on the Commercial Service Order. Unless stated otherwise on the Commercial Service Order, Monthly Recurring Charges/Access Charges ("MRCs") for Services shall begin upon, and Non Recurring Charge/One-time Activation and Set-up Fees ("NRCs") if any shall be due upon, the commencement of Services. Any amount not received by the due date will be subject to additional fees as set forth below. If applicable to the Service, Customer shall pay sales, use, gross receipts, excise, access, universal service fund assessments, 911 fees, franchise fees, bypass or other local, state and Federal taxes or charges imposed on the use of the Services. Taxes will be separately stated on the Customer's invoice. Unpaid balances shall be subject to interest or late charges at the maximum rate allowed by law. Failure to pay the total balance when due may be grounds for Suddenlink to impose an administrative fee ("Administrative Fee") in accordance with applicable law. Any Administrative Fee imposed on Customer is intended to be a reasonable advance estimate of costs of managing past due accounts. Suddenlink does not extend credit to Suddenlink's customers and the Administrative Fee is not interest, a credit service charge or a finance charge. Failure to receive a bill does not release Customer from Customer's obligation to pay. Failure to pay the total balance when due shall constitute a breach of this Agreement and may be grounds for termination of Service upon written notice to Customer if Customer has failed to correct such

non-payment default within ten (10) days of written notice from Suddenlink, removal of Equipment from Customer's premises and/or imposition of an Administrative fee in accordance with applicable law. To the extent that any provision of this Agreement conflicts with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code shall control.

4. **Additional Fees.** In addition to MRCs, NRCs, late charges, interest, and any Administrative Fee, additional fees may be imposed, including fees for returned checks, charge card chargeback, early termination, reconnection and service calls. Additional charges, including attorney fees, may also be imposed if collection activities are required to recover past due balances. A list of fees is available on Suddenlink's website (www.suddenlink.com) ("Schedule of Fees"). Suddenlink reserves the right to amend or change the Schedule of Fees from time to time by posting the changes on Suddenlink's website.
5. **Term, Early Termination.** The term of the Service Order shall commence on the date that any Service commences and shall terminate upon the expiration or earlier termination of the term set forth on the Service Order (the "Term"). If a Service Order does not specify a term, the Term shall be one (1) year from the date that any Service commences. Upon the expiration of the Term, each Service Order(s) shall automatically renew for successive periods of one (1) year each ("Renewal Term(s)"), unless prior notice of non-renewal is delivered by either party to the other at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of the Service Term or the then current Renewal Term. Effective at any time after the end of the Term and from time to time therein, Suddenlink may, modify the charges for HSI and/or Video Services to reflect then-current prevailing pricing subject to thirty (30) days prior notice. Customer will have thirty (30) days from receipt of such notice to cancel the applicable Service without further liability. Should Customer fail to cancel within this timeframe, Customer will be deemed to have accepted the modified Service pricing for the remainder of the Renewal Term. Customer may terminate this Agreement during a Renewal Term, for convenience and without cause, upon sixty (60) days written notice to Suddenlink. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, including any of the foregoing, upon such a termination, Customer shall be liable to Suddenlink for any unpaid past due balance(s). Customer shall reimburse Suddenlink in such amount as soon as reasonably practicable after such a termination. If Customer cancels, terminates or downgrades the Service before the completion of the Term, or prior to the term of any promotional offer, Customer agrees to pay Suddenlink all sums, which shall become due and owing as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination, including: (i) all non-recurring charges reasonably expended by Suddenlink to establish service to Customer and not remunerated, (ii) any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid by Suddenlink to third parties on behalf of Customer, and (iii) all recurring charges for the remaining balance of the Term or term of the promotional offer.
6. **Disputed Charges.** Customer must notify Suddenlink in writing of billing errors disputes or requests for credit within thirty (30) days after Customer receives the bill for which correction of an error or credit is sought. The date of the dispute shall be the date Suddenlink receives sufficient documentation to enable Suddenlink to investigate the dispute. The date of the resolution is the date Suddenlink completes its investigation and notifies the Customer of the disposition of the dispute.
7. **Default.** If Customer fails to comply with any material provision of this Agreement, including, but not limited to failure to make payment as specified, then Suddenlink, at its sole option, may elect to pursue one or more of the following courses of action upon proper notice to Customer as required by applicable law: (i) terminate service whereupon all sums then due and payable shall become immediately due and payable, (ii) suspend all or any part of Services, and/or (iii) pursue any other remedies, including reasonable attorneys' fees, as may be provided at law or in equity, including the applicable termination liabilities. If Suddenlink fails to comply with any material provision of this Agreement, then Customer, at its sole option, may elect to pursue one or more of the following courses of action: (i) terminate this Agreement whereupon only the sums earned and accrued as of the date of Customer's termination shall become due and payable, and/or (ii) pursue any other remedies, including reasonable attorneys' fees, as may be provided at law or in equity, including the applicable termination liabilities.

8. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** EXCEPT FOR ANY REFUNDS OR CREDITS AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT, SUDDENLINK, ITS OFFICERS, SHAREHOLDERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AFFILIATES, VENDORS, CARRIER PARTNERS, CONTENT PROVIDERS AND OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES INVOLVED IN PROVIDING THE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT (COLLECTIVELY, THE "SUDDENLINK PARTIES") SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, COST OR EXPENSE INCLUDING DIRECT, SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, TREBLE, PUNITIVE, EXEMPLARY OR CONSEQUENTIAL LOSSES OR DAMAGES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF PROFITS, EARNINGS, BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, LOSS OF DATA, PERSONAL INJURY (INCLUDING DEATH), PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LEGAL FEES AND EXPENSES, SOUGHT BY CUSTOMER OR ANYONE ELSE USING CUSTOMER'S SERVICE ACCOUNT, AND/OR USE OF THE EQUIPMENT OR OTHERWISE ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, FAILURE, REMOVAL OR USE OF SERVICES AND/OR EQUIPMENT OR CUSTOMER'S RELIANCE ON THE SERVICES AND/OR EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY LIABILITY THAT ARISES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OUT OF THE USE OR INABILITY TO USE THE SERVICES (INCLUDING THE INABILITY TO ACCESS EMERGENCY 911 OR E911 SERVICES), MISTAKES, OMISSIONS, INTERRUPTIONS, FAILURE OR MALFUNCTION, DELETION OR CORRUPTION OF FILES, WORK STOPPAGE, ERRORS, DEFECTS, DELAYS IN OPERATION, DELAYS IN INSTALLATION, FAILURE TO MAINTAIN PROPER STANDARDS OF OPERATION, FAILURE TO EXERCISE REASONABLE SUPERVISION, DELAYS IN TRANSMISSION, BREACH OF WARRANTY OR FAILURE OF PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES AND/OR EQUIPMENT; OR RESULTING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OUT OF, OR OTHERWISE ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH, ANY ALLEGATION, CLAIM, SUIT OR OTHER PROCEEDING RELATING TO SERVICES AND/OR EQUIPMENT, OR THE INFRINGEMENT OF THE COPYRIGHT, PATENT, TRADEMARK, TRADE SECRET, CONFIDENTIALITY, PRIVACY, OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OR CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS OF ANY THIRD PARTY. SUDDENLINK'S MAXIMUM LIABILITY TO CUSTOMER ARISING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE THE LESSER OF \$5,000.00 OR THE AMOUNT ACTUALLY PAID BY CUSTOMER FOR SERVICES HEREUNDER FOR THE RESPECTIVE REGULAR BILLING PERIOD.
9. **WARRANTIES.** CUSTOMER AGREES THAT THE SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT ARE PROVIDED BY SUDDENLINK ON AN "**AS IS**" AND "**AS AVAILABLE**" BASIS WITHOUT WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN, THERE ARE NO AGREEMENTS, WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF TITLE, NON-INFRINGEMENT MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, RELATING TO THE SERVICES. SERVICES PROVIDED ARE A BEST EFFORTS SERVICE AND SUDDENLINK DOES NOT WARRANT THAT THE SERVICES, EQUIPMENT OR SOFTWARE SHALL BE ERROR-FREE OR WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. SUDDENLINK MAKES NO WARRANTY AS TO TRANSMISSION OR UPSTREAM OR DOWNSTREAM SPEEDS OF THE NETWORK. ALL USE OF THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED AT CUSTOMER'S SOLE RISK AND CUSTOMER ASSUMES TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CUSTOMER'S OR ANY USER'S USE OF THE SERVICES. THE SUDDENLINK PARTIES MAKE NO WARRANTIES THAT THE SERVICE, EQUIPMENT OR SOFTWARE ARE COMPATIBLE WITH ANY CUSTOMER EQUIPMENT AND ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR IMPAIRMENT OF SERVICE DUE IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO CUSTOMER EQUIPMENT. THE SUDDENLINK PARTIES MAKE NO WARRANTY AS TO THE SECURITY OF CUSTOMER'S COMMUNICATIONS VIA SUDDENLINK'S FACILITIES OR SERVICES, OR THAT THIRD PARTIES WILL NOT GAIN UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO OR MONITOR CUSTOMER'S COMMUNICATIONS. CUSTOMER AGREES THAT CUSTOMER HAS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE CUSTOMER'S COMMUNICATIONS AND THAT THE SUDDENLINK PARTIES WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS.
10. **Indemnity.** Suddenlink acknowledges and agrees that under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, Customer cannot enter into an agreement whereby Customer agrees to indemnify or hold harmless any other party, including but not limited to Suddenlink; therefore, all references of any kind to Customer indemnifying, holding or saving harmless any other party, including but not limited to Suddenlink, for any reason whatsoever are hereby deemed void and deleted.
11. **Miscellaneous.** The Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Suddenlink and Customer for the Services and equipment provided herein. 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 either Williamson County, Texas or in the Austin Division of the Western Federal District of Texas. 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. The invalidity or unenforceability of any term or condition of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. This Agreement may be modified, waived or amended only by a written instrument signed by the parties; provided however, that Suddenlink may modify this Agreement and the AUP and if Customer continues to use the Service, Customer shall be bound by such modifications. The rights and obligations of the parties under this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York. The failure by either party to exercise one or more rights provided in this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to exercise such right in the future. Notices required by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered either by personal delivery or by mail. If delivered by mail, notices shall be sent by any overnight mail service with proof of receipt; or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested; with all postage and charges prepaid. All notices and other written communications under this Agreement shall be addressed to the parties at the addresses on the first page of this Agreement, or as specified by subsequent written notice delivered by the party whose address has changed. Suddenlink may also deliver any required or desired notice hereunder to Customer by contacting the telephone number on Customer's account. All representations, warranties, indemnifications, dispute resolution provisions and limitations of liability contained in this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement, as well as any other obligations of the parties hereunder which, by their terms, would be expected to survive such termination or which relate to the period prior to termination (including legal conditions, payment, and Suddenlink rights and the rights of others).
12. **Regulatory Authority-Force Majeure.** This Agreement and the obligations of the parties shall be subject to modification to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, court rulings, and administrative orders, as amended. In no event shall either party have any claim against the other for failure of performance if such failure is caused by acts of God, natural disasters including fire, flood, or winds, civil or military action, including riots, civil insurrections or acts of terrorists or the taking of property by condemnation. Suddenlink may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, in the event there is a material change in any law, rule, regulation, Force Majeure event, or judgment of any court or government agency, and that change affects Suddenlink's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.
13. **Dispute Resolution.** The parties to this Agreement will work together in good faith to resolve any controversy, dispute or claim between them which arises out of or relates to this Agreement, whether stated in tort, contract, statute, claim for benefits, bad faith, professional liability or otherwise ("Claim"). If the parties are unable to resolve the Claim within thirty (30) days following the date in which one party sent written notice of the Claim to the other party, and if a party wishes to pursue the Claim, such Claim shall be addressed through non-binding mediation under the Commercial Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"). A single mediator engaged in the practice of law, who is knowledgeable about subject matter of this Agreement, will conduct the mediation under the then current rules of the AAA. Any mediation under this Agreement shall be conducted in Williamson County, Texas. All costs involved in the mediation shall be borne equally between the parties, except that each party shall bear its own attorneys fees. Nothing herein is intended to prevent either party from seeking any other remedy available at law including seeking redress in a court of competent jurisdiction. This provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
14. **Assignment.** Customer may not assign, in whole or in part, this Agreement without the prior written consent of Suddenlink, which consent may be withheld in Suddenlink's discretion. Suddenlink may assign, in whole or in part, this Agreement, and Service may be provided by one or more legally authorized Suddenlink affiliates.

15. **Appropriation of Funds by Customer.** Customer believes it has sufficient funds currently available and authorized for expenditure to finance the costs of this Agreement. Suddenlink Communications understands and agrees that the Customer's payment of amounts under this Agreement is contingent on the Customer receiving appropriations or other expenditure authority sufficient to allow the Customer, in the exercise of reasonable administrative discretion, to continue to make payments under this Agreement. If Customer fails to appropriate funds or if funds are not otherwise made available for continued performance by Customer for any funding year during the Term of this Agreement, succeeding the first funding period, the Agreement may be cancelled by Customer upon written notice thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the funding year for which funds were not appropriated or otherwise made available. The effect of termination of the Agreement under this section will be to discharge both Suddenlink and Customer from future performance of the Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, including any of the foregoing, upon such a termination, Customer shall be liable to Suddenlink for any unpaid past due balance(s). Customer shall reimburse Suddenlink in such amount as soon as reasonably practicable after such a termination.
16. **Right to Audit.** Suddenlink agrees that the representatives of the office of the Williamson County Auditor or other authorized representatives of Customer shall have access to, and the right to audit, examine, or reproduce, any and all records relating to Suddenlink's performance of the Services hereunder, provided that the Customer's right to audit such books and records are limited to the verification of invoice quantities to shipments and shipment receipts, upon advance notice and during normal business hours no more than once per calendar year. Audits shall be at the Customer's expense.
17. **Independent Contractors.** Both parties hereto, 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. The contractor shall be responsible for providing all necessary unemployment and workers' compensation insurance for the contractor's employees.

18. **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 Customer, its past or present officers, employees, or agents or employees, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. Customer 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.
19. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, the tariffs, the documents referenced herein, and the AUP constitute the entire agreement between Suddenlink and Customer for the Services and equipment provided herein and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either oral or written. This Agreement may be modified, waived or amended only by a written instrument signed by the parties; provided Suddenlink may modify the AUP and if Customer continues to use the Service, Customer shall be bound by such AUP as modified. NO OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CUSTOMER HAS ANY AUTHORITY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, TO AMEND THIS AGREEMENT, EXCEPT PURSUANT TO SUCH EXPRESS AUTHORITY AS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.