

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

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SERVICES CONTRACT
(Audio/Video System Modulators Upgrade)

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 Tex. Const. art. XI, § 7, 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 CONTRACT is made and entered into by and between **Williamson County, Texas** (hereinafter "The County"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its governing body, and **Ford Audio-Video Systems, LLC**, (hereinafter "Service Provider"), with principal offices in Austin, TX. The County agrees to engage Service Provider as an independent contractor, to assist in providing certain operational goods and services pursuant to the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

I.

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 himself out as an agent or official representative of The County unless expressly authorized to do so by a majority of the Williamson County Commissioners Court. Service Provider shall be considered an independent contractor for the purpose of this agreement 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 services being provided. Service Provider agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend The County against any claim, demand, loss, injury, damages, action, or liability of any kind against The County resulting from any services Service Provider perform on behalf of The County.

II.

No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity or Powers: Nothing in this agreement 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.

III.

No Assignment: Service Provider may not assign this contract.

IV.

Compliance with All Laws: Service Provider agrees and will comply with any and all local, state or federal requirements with respect to the services rendered.

V.

Consideration and Compensation: Service Provider will be compensated based on the attached **Proposal dated January 9, 2017**, which is attached and incorporated herein as if copied in full. **The not-to-exceed amount under this agreement is \$23,190.96 (plus optional amount of \$556.00 for preventative maintenance), unless amended by a change order and approved by the 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 contract; (2) the date the performance of the service under the contract 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.

VI.

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 or she is not an employee of The County.

VII.

Insurance: Service Provider shall provide and maintain, until the services covered in this Contract is completed and accepted by The County, 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)	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Aggregate policy limits:	\$1,000,000	

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 Contract, Service Provider shall provide The County with insurance certificates evidencing compliance with the insurance requirements of this Contract.

VIII.

Entire Contract & Incorporated Documents: This Contract constitutes the entire Contract between the parties and may not be modified or amended other than by a written instrument executed by both parties. Documents expressly incorporated (as if copied in full) into this Contract include the following:

- 1) This contract;
- 2) Proposal dated January 9, 2017;
- 3) Buyboard Contract #482-15; and
- 4) Any required insurance certificates for this project.

IX.

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

X.

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.

XI.

Termination: This agreement may be terminated at any time at the option of either party, without future or prospective liability for performance upon giving seven (7) days written notice thereof. In the event of termination, The County will only be liable for its pro rata share of services rendered and goods actually received.

XII.

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

XIII.

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

XIV.

Effective Date and Term: This contract shall be in full force and effect when signed by all parties and shall continue for a reasonable time period for the specific project and shall terminate upon project completion or when terminated pursuant to paragraph XI above.

XI.

Severability: In case 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 any other provision in this agreement and this agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in it.

XVI.

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 Agreement, 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 Agreement 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 work space 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.

XVII.

Proprietary Information and Texas Public Information Act: All material submitted to the County shall become public property and subject to the Texas Public Information Act upon receipt. If a Service Provider does not desire proprietary information in the Proposal to be disclosed, each page must be clearly identified and marked proprietary at time of submittal or, more preferably, all proprietary information may be placed in a folder or appendix and be clearly identified and marked as being proprietary. The County will, to the extent allowed by law, endeavor to protect from public disclosure the information that has been identified and marked as proprietary. The final decision as to what information must be disclosed, however, lies with the Texas Attorney General. Failure to clearly identify and mark information as being proprietary as set forth under this provision will result in all unmarked information being deemed non-proprietary and available to the public. For all information that has not been clearly identified and marked as proprietary by the Service Provider, the County may choose to place such information on the County's website and/or a similar public database without obtaining any type of prior consent from the Service Provider.

To the extent, if any, that any provision in this RFP or in the Service Provider's Proposal 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 Williamson County, 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 Williamson County as to whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further understood that Williamson County's officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that Williamson County, 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 Williamson County by a party hereto, in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

XVIII.

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 contract on behalf of The County.

WITNESS the signatures of all parties in duplicate originals this the 10 day
of February, 2017.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY:


Authorized Signature

SERVICE PROVIDER:

Ford Audio Video Systems, LLC


Authorized Signature
Greg Bowes, Sr. Contracts Administrator

