# COUNTY ADDENDUM FOR ENVELOPENER (Tax Office)

(Opex Corporation)

Important Notice: County Purchase Orders and Contracts constitute expenditures of public funds, and all vendors are hereby placed on notice that such procurement is 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, and the Texas Transportation Code, the Texas Health & Safety Code.

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into by and between Williamson County, Texas (hereinafter "Customer" or "The County" or "Williamson County"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its governing body, and Opex Corporation (hereinafter "Opex"). Customer agrees to engage Opex as an independent contractor, to assist in providing certain operational goods/services pursuant to the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

I.

<u>Incorporated Documents</u>: This Agreement 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 (as if copied in full) into this Agreement include the following:

- A. OPEX Proposal #
- B. Opex Maintenance & Support Agreement(s); and
- C. This Williamson County Addendum ("County Addendum").

In the event a dispute arises between terms and conditions of: 1) this County Addendum; (2) the Maintenance & Support Agreement(s); and (3) OPEX Proposal 2022), applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of Clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence: (1) terms and conditions of this County Addendum; (2) the Maintenance & Support Agreement(s); and (3) OPEX Proposal 2022).

No Agency Relationship: It is understood and agreed that Opex shall not in any sense be considered a partner or joint venturer with The County, nor shall Opex 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. Opex 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 Opex or failure to act relating to the services being provided.

### III.

No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity or Powers: Nothing in the contract relevant to this addendum will be deemed to constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity or powers of Customer, the Williamson County Commissioners Court, or the Williamson County Judge.

### IV.

<u>Compliance with All Laws</u>: Customer and Opex agree to and will comply with any and all local, state or federal laws with respect to the services rendered under this Agreement.

## V.

<u>Payment</u>: Opex will be compensated as set forth in the OPEX Proposal #175056-2(03-MAR-2022), which is incorporated herein as if copied in full.

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.

<u>Termination for Convenience</u>: This agreement 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. In the event of termination, The County will only be liable for its pro rata share of services rendered and goods actually received.

## VII.

Right to Audit: Opex agrees that Customer or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment under this Contract, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of Opex which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. Opex agrees that Customer shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary Opex facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate workspace in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. Customer shall give Opex reasonable advance notice of intended audits. In no circumstances will Opex be required to create or maintain documents not kept in the ordinary course of Opex' business operations, nor will Opex be required to disclose any information, including but not limited to product cost data, which it considers confidential or proprietary.

### VIII.

<u>Mediation</u>: The parties agree to use mediation for dispute resolution prior to and formal legal action being taken on the contracts relevant to this contract. The parties expressly agree and acknowledge that Customer does not agree to arbitration.

## IX.

<u>Venue and Governing Law</u>: Venue of this contract shall be Williamson County, Texas, and the law of the State of Texas shall govern.

# X.

<u>Texas Law Applicable to Indemnification</u>: All indemnifications or limitations of liability or statutes of limitations shall be to the extent authorized under Texas law and shall follow Texas law without modifying the County's rights.

#### XI.

<u>County Judge or Presiding Officer Authorized to Sign Contract</u>: The presiding officer of Customer's governing body who is authorized to execute this instrument by order duly recorded may execute this addendum on behalf of Customer.

WITNESS the signatures of all parties in duplicate originals to be effective as of the date of the last party's execution below.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY:

**OPEX CORPORATION:** 

Authorized Signature Date: Mar 29, 2022

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Winnie W. Chow, Director, Legal Affairs

Authorized Signature
Date: March 7, 2022