



United States Department of the Interior

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Oklahoma-Texas Water Science Center
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Austin, TX 78754

July 26, 2024

Ms. Candi Semple
Project Manager Emergency Svcs
Williamson County
911 Tracy Chambers Ln
Georgetown, TX 78626

Dear Ms. Semple:

Enclosed is our joint-funding agreement 25SJFATX217000 between the U.S. Geological Survey Oklahoma-Texas Water Science Center and Williamson County for negotiated deliverables (see attached), during the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 in the amount of \$49,300 from your agency. U.S. Geological Survey contributions for this agreement are \$0 for a combined total of \$49,300. Please sign and return one fully-executed original to Kandis Becher at GS-W-OT_OTFM@usgs.gov.

Federal law requires that we have a signed agreement before we start or continue work. Please return the signed agreement by **September 1, 2024**. If, for any reason, the agreement cannot be signed and returned by the date shown above, please contact Gregory Stanton at (512) 927-3558 or email gstanton@usgs.gov to make alternative arrangements.

This is a fixed cost agreement to be billed quarterly via Down Payment Request (automated Form DI-1040). Please allow 30-days from the end of the billing period for issuance of the bill. If you experience any problems with your invoice(s), please contact Kandis Becher at phone number (682) 316-5051 or kkbecher@usgs.gov.

The results of all work performed under this agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey. We look forward to continuing this and future cooperative efforts in these mutually beneficial water resources studies.

Sincerely,

Timothy H. Raines
Director

Enclosure
25SJFATX217000

**U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Geological Survey
Joint Funding Agreement
FOR
Water Resource Investigations**

**Customer #: 6000008505
Agreement #: 25SJFATX217000
Project #: SJ009ME
TIN #: 74-6000978**

Fixed Cost Agreement YES[X] NO[]

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the October 1, 2024, by the U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, Oklahoma-Texas Water Science Center, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the Williamson County party of the second part.

1. The parties hereto agree that subject to the availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation for negotiated deliverables (see attached), herein called the program. The USGS legal authority is 43 USC 36C; 43 USC 50, and 43 USC 50b.

2. The following amounts shall be contributed to cover all of the cost of the necessary field and analytical work directly related to this program. 2(b) include In-Kind-Services in the amount of \$0.00

- (a) \$0 by the party of the first part during the period
October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025
- (b) \$49,300 by the party of the second part during the period
October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025
- (c) Contributions are provided by the party of the first part through other USGS regional or national programs,
in the amount of: \$0

Description of the USGS regional/national program:

- (d) Additional or reduced amounts by each party during the above period or succeeding periods as may be
determined by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.
- (e) The performance period may be changed by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters
between the parties.

3. The costs of this program may be paid by either party in conformity with the laws and regulations respectively governing each party.

4. The field and analytical work pertaining to this program shall be under the direction of or subject to periodic review by an authorized representative of the party of the first part.

5. The areas to be included in the program shall be determined by mutual agreement between the parties hereto or their authorized representatives. The methods employed in the field and office shall be those adopted by the party of the first part to insure the required standards of accuracy subject to modification by mutual agreement.

6. During the course of this program, all field and analytical work of either party pertaining to this program shall be open to the inspection of the other party, and if the work is not being carried on in a mutually satisfactory manner, either party may terminate this agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

7. The original records resulting from this program will be deposited in the office of origin of those records. Upon request, copies of the original records will be provided to the office of the other party.

8. The maps, records or reports resulting from this program shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible. The maps, records or reports normally will be published by the party of the first part. However, the party of the second part reserves the right to publish the results of this program, and if already published by the party of the first part shall, upon request, be furnished by the party of the first part, at cost, impressions suitable for purposes of reproduction similar to that for which the original copy was prepared. The maps, records or reports published by either party shall contain a statement of the cooperative relations between the parties. The Parties acknowledge that scientific information and data developed as a result of the Scope of Work (SOW) are subject to applicable USGS review, approval, and release requirements, which are available on the USGS Fundamental Science Practices website (<https://www.usgs.gov/office-of-science-quality-and-integrity/fundamental-science-practices>).

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9. USGS will issue billings utilizing Department of the Interior Bill for Collection (form DI-1040). Billing documents are to be rendered quarterly. Party of the second part aims to make payments goods and services consistent with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code. Invoices will aim to be paid within sixty (60) days from the date the Customers Auditor receives an invoice. In the event that discrepancies arise in relation to an invoice, such as incorrect amount on an invoice or a lack of documentation that is required to be attached to an invoice to evidence the amount claimed to be due. Party of the second party shall notify USGS of the discrepancy. Following Party of the second part's notification of any discrepancies as to an invoice, USGS must resolve the discrepancy and resubmit a corrected or revised invoice, which includes all required support documentation, to Customer's Auditor. Party of the second part will aim to pay the invoice within sixty (60) days from the date the Customer's Auditor receives the corrected or revised invoice. Customer's payment of an invoice that contains a discrepancy shall not be considered late, nor may any interest accrue until the sixty-first day after the Customer's Auditor receives the corrected or revised invoice. Notwithstanding payments of bills are due within 60 days after the billing date. If not paid by the due date, interest will be charged at the current Treasury rate for each 60 day period or portion thereof, that the payment is delayed beyond the due date (31 USC 3717, Comptroller File B-212222, August 22, 1983.

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Williamson County

Signature
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TIMOTHY RAINES
Date: 2024.07.29
09:40:59 -05'00'
By TIMOTHY RAINES **Date:** _____
Name: Timothy H. Raines
Title: Director

Signatures
By Bill Gravell (Sep 17, 2024 12:17 CDT) **Date:** Sep 17, 2024
Name: Bill Gravell
Title: County Judge

By _____ **Date:** _____
Name:
Title:

By _____ **Date:** _____
Name:
Title: