
**WILLIAMSON COUNTY
SERVICE CONTRACT**

Lerch Bates, Inc.

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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 the Texas Constitution, 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 SERVICES CONTRACT (hereinafter "Contract") is made and entered into by and between **Williamson County, Texas** ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its governing body, and **Lerch Bates, Inc.** (hereinafter "Service Provider"), both of which are referred to herein as the parties. The County agrees to engage Service Provider as an independent contractor, to provide certain services described herein pursuant to the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

I.

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, she, or it is not an employee of the County. The service includes Consulting Services of Lerch Bates Maintenance Specifications as described in the attached Proposal LB Project No. [REDACTED] being marked as **Exhibit "A,"** which is incorporated herein.

Should the County choose to add services in addition to those described in **Exhibit "A,"** such additional services shall be described in a separate written amendment to this Contract wherein the additional services shall be described, and the parties shall set forth the amount of compensation to be paid by the County for the additional services. Service Provider shall not begin any additional services and the County shall not be obligated to pay for any additional services unless a written amendment to this Contract has been signed by both parties.

Service Provider represents that Service Provider (including Service Provider's agents, employees, volunteers, and subcontractors, as applicable) possess all certifications, licenses, inspections, and permits required by law to carry out the services and work described in **Exhibit "A."** The Service Provider shall, upon written (including electronic) request, provide proof of valid licensure.

II.

Effective Date and Term: This Contract shall be in full force and effect as of the date of the last party's execution below and shall continue until the Project Completion Date or when terminated pursuant to this Contract, whichever event occurs first. The Project Completion Date is defined as the date by which all services and obligations outlined in Exhibit "A" shall be fully performed and delivered to the satisfaction of the County. The parties acknowledge and agree that the Project Completion Date is initially set to be on or before September 30, 2025, however this date may be amended at the sole discretion of the County. Upon successful completion of the services as described in Exhibit "A", this contract shall automatically terminate without further obligation from either party, except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

III.

Consideration and Compensation: Service Provider will be compensated based on a fixed sum as set out in **Exhibit "A"**. The not-to-exceed amount shall be Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00), unless amended by a change order and approved by 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.

The County is a political subdivision under the laws of the State of Texas and claims exemption from sales and use taxes under Tex. Tax Code Ann. §151.309, as amended. The County agrees to provide exemption certificates to Service Provider upon request. Likewise, the County is neither liable for any taxes, charges, or fees assessed against Service Provider for the supplies or products provided or any Services rendered.

IV.

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)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Aggregate policy limits:		\$2,000,000

- d. Comprehensive automobile and auto liability insurance (covering owned, hired, leased and non-owned vehicles):

COVERAGE	PER PERSON	PER OCCURRENCE
Bodily injury (including death)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Property damage	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Aggregate policy limits		No aggregate limit

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.

V.

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 itself out as an agent or official representative of the County. Service

Provider shall be considered an independent contractor for the purpose of this Contract and shall in no manner incur any expense or liability on behalf of the County other than what may be expressly allowed under this Contract. 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.

VI.

INDEMNIFICATION - EMPLOYEE PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS: TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, (EXCEPT IN CONNECTION WITH CLAIMS MADE UNDER SERVICE PROVIDERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY), (WITH COUNSEL OF THE COUNTY'S CHOOSING), AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COUNTY, AND THE COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, PARTNERS, OFFICERS, AND DIRECTORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "INDEMNITEES") AND SHALL INDEMNIFY (OTHER THAN AS A RESULT OF INDEMNITEES' GROSS NEGLIGENCE) FOR ANY CLAIM OR ACTION BASED ON OR ARISING OUT OF THE PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH, OF ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER, OR OF ANY SUBCONTRACTOR, OR OF ANY OTHER ENTITY FOR WHOSE ACTS THEY MAY BE LIABLE, WHICH OCCURRED ON THE WORK SITE OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK. SERVICE PROVIDER HEREBY INDEMNIFIES THE INDEMNITEES EVEN TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH PERSONAL INJURY WAS CAUSED THE COMPARATIVE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF THE STRICT LIABILITY OF ANY INDEMNIFIED PARTY. THIS INDEMNIFICATION SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO DAMAGES, COMPENSATION, OR BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER INSURANCE POLICIES, WORKERS COMPENSATION ACTS, DISABILITY BENEFITS ACTS, OR OTHER EMPLOYEES BENEFIT ACTS.

INDEMNIFICATION - OTHER THAN EMPLOYEE PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS: TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, (EXCEPT IN CONNECTION WITH CLAIMS MADE UNDER SERVICE PROVIDERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY), (WITH COUNSEL OF THE COUNTY'S CHOOSING), AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COUNTY, AND THE COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, PARTNERS, OFFICERS, AND DIRECTORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "INDEMNITEES") FROM AND AGAINST CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTORNEYS' FEES, ARISING OUT OF OR ALLEGED TO BE RESULTING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT OR THE WORK DESCRIBED HEREIN, TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTS, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDER OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS, ANYONE EMPLOYED BY THEM OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS THEY MAY BE LIABLE.

VII.

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

Additionally, the parties agree that under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, the County cannot enter into an agreement whereby the County agrees to indemnify or hold harmless another party; therefore, all references of any kind to County defending, indemnifying, holding, or saving harmless Service Provider for any reason are hereby deleted.

VIII.

Compliance With All Laws: Service Provider agrees and will comply with all local, state, or federal requirements with respect to the services rendered. Any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of the Contract that are required by changes in federal, state, or local law or regulations are automatically incorporated into the Contract without written amendment hereto and shall become effective on the date designed by such law or by regulation.

IX.

Termination: This Contract 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.

X.

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.

XI.

Severability: In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract 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 Contract and this Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in it.

XII.

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 Contract, 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 Contract 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 workspace 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.

XIII.

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

XIV.

No Assignment: Service Provider may not assign this Contract.

XV.

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.

XVI.

Foreign Terrorist Organizations: Service Provider represents and warrants that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization, as prohibited by Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code.

XVII.

Public Information: Service Provider understands that County will comply with the Texas Public Information Act as interpreted by judicial ruling and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. Information, documentation, and other material in connection with this Purchase Order or any resulting contract may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.

XVIII.

Damage to County Property: Service Provider shall be liable for all damage to county-owned, leased, or occupied property and equipment caused by Service Provider and its employees, agents, subcontractors, and suppliers, including any delivery, or transporting company, in connection with any performance pursuant to this Contract. Service Provider shall notify County in writing of any such damage within one (1) calendar day.

XIX.

Media Releases: Service Provider shall not use County's name, logo, or other likeness in any press release, marketing materials, or other announcement without the County's prior written approval.

XX.

Authorized Expenses: In the event County authorizes, in advance and in writing, reimbursement of non-labor expenses related to the services subject of this Contract, County will pay such actual non-labor expenses in strict accordance with the Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy (as amended), which is incorporated into and made a part of this Contract by reference. The Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy can be found at: [WilliamsonCountyVendorReimbursementPolicyMarch2023.pdf \(wilco.org\)](#). Invoices requesting reimbursement for authorized non-labor expenses must be accompanied by copies of the provider's invoice and clearly set forth the actual cost of the expenses, without markup.

XXI.

Entire Contract & Incorporated Documents; Conflicting Terms: 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 into this Contract include the following:

- A. As described in the attached Proposal, marked **Exhibit "A,"** which is incorporated to the extent the Quote(s)/Proposal(s) meets or exceeds the requirements of County's solicitation, if applicable;
- B. Insurance certificates evidencing coverages required herein above and
- C. Any Amendments agreed to by both parties.

In the event a dispute arises between terms and conditions of this (1) Agreement, its exhibits and amendments (if any) and (2) the Terms and Conditions issued in the Proposal; applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification, conflict resolution or for additional detail in the following order of precedence: (1) the terms and conditions of this Agreement, its exhibits and amendments (if any), (2) the Terms and Conditions issued in the Proposal.

XXII.

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 that this Contract shall be effective as of the date of the last party's execution below.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY:



Authorized Signature

Steve Snell

County Judge/Presiding Officer

Date: 05/21/2025, 20__

LERCH BATES, INC.:



Authorized Signature

John Arther

Printed Name

Date: May 5, 2025

Approved as to Legal Form

HAL HAWES

General Counsel, Commissioners Court

Date: May 06 2025 Time: 3:02 pm

Reviewed by Contract Audit

SARA GREER, CGAP

Contract Auditor

Williamson County Auditor's Office

Date: May 06 2025 Time: 8:39 am

Exhibit “A”
Quote/Proposal

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY – MULTIPLE LOCATIONS
GEORGETOWN, TX**

**MAINTENANCE AUDIT/PREPARATION OF
LERCH BATES MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATION
CONSULTING SERVICES PROPOSAL**

4.22.2025

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I. BASIC VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING SERVICES

Lerch Bates Inc. agrees to provide Williamson County (Client) with the following consulting services for the following County properties:

Building	Address	Equipment
Animal Shelter	1855 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown, TX 78626	1 Schindler 3300, traction (TDLR 105118)
Cedar Park Annex (Precinct 2)	350 Discovery Blvd, Cedar Park TX 78613	1 Dover DMC hydro (TDLR 35115)
EMS Training	3189 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown, TX 78626	1 TKE TAC-32 HMRL (TDLR 97372)
Georgetown Annex	100 Wilco Way, Georgetown, TX 78626	2 TAC-32 HMRL (TDLR 93139 & 93140)
Historical Museum	716 S Austin Ave, Georgetown, TX 78626	1 TKE TAC-20 hydro (TDLR 55617)
Historical Courthouse	710 S Main Street, Georgetown, TX 78626	1 Schindler 330A hydro (TDLR 65369)
Taylor Annex	412 Vance St, Taylor, TX 76574	1 Dover DMC hydro (TDLR 43985)
TX Ave/WCCHD	355 Texas Ave, Round Rock, TX 78664	1 Otis 211 hydro (TDLR 44548)
Justice Center	405 MLK St, Georgetown, TX 78626	5 Dover hydros (TDLR 13821, 13822, 13823, 13824, 43117) and 4 TAC-20 hydros (TDLR 57754, 57607, 57608, 57609)
Parking Garage	305 W 4th Street, Georgetown 78626	1 TKE TAC-20 hydro (TDLR 51476)
Jail/Sheriff's Office	508 S Rock Street, Georgetown, TX 78626	9 hydros (TDLR 13813, 13814, 13818, 13819, 13820, 55628, 55649, 55650, 55651)

A. Limited Maintenance Survey:

1. Review existing Maintenance Agreement(s) to determine the extent of coverage, Terms and Conditions, and pricing.
2. Audit of the existing elevator will consist of the following:
 - a. Review the elevator machine room equipment to determine the level of preventive maintenance and operational quality. Observe operation of hoist machine, power unit, controller, power conversion unit, and governor. Overall machine room condition will be evaluated including quality of housekeeping, level of lubrication, and state of repair.

- b. Review elevator equipment in each hoistway to determine the level of preventive maintenance and operation. Observe operation of equipment including hoistway doors, interlocks, hangers, and door gibs. Evaluate quality of housekeeping, level of lubrication, and state of repair.
 - c. Review pit equipment for condition, level of preventive maintenance, and cleanliness.
 - d. Test elevator emergency communication and signaling devices for accessibility and proper operation.
 3. Provide immediate verbal and written notification to on-site Client personnel and Maintenance Contractor when the review reveals major deferred maintenance, critical repairs, or safety conditions requiring immediate corrective action.
 4. Reports:
 - a. Submit written Executive Summary to Client. This summary will include the following:
 - (1) Overview of the current level of maintenance and repair, including opinion of probable cost to correct all noted deficiencies covered under the terms of the Maintenance Agreement.
 - (2) Summary of work requiring the immediate attention of the Maintenance Contractor under the terms of the Maintenance Agreement.
 - (3) Maintenance rating for housekeeping, lubrication, repairs, adjustments, and performance.
 - (4) List of conditions requiring immediate corrective action by Client.
 - (5) Findings related to compliance with monthly firefighters' operation and standby power tests.
 - b. Submit a detailed Maintenance Contractor's Deficiency List to Client. The report will include the following:
 - (1) List of deficiencies to be addressed and resolved under the terms of the Maintenance Agreement.
 - (2) Photographs of equipment to correspond with report findings.
 5. Telephone Consultation: Lerch Bates will provide telephone consultation on matters relating to elevator equipment covered by the scope of services. Extra services beyond the telephone dialogue (investigation, analysis study, reports, etc.) must be authorized in writing by Client and will be billed at the Lerch Bates hourly rates.
- B. Preparation of Lerch Bates Maintenance Specification (LBMS):
 1. Prepare a detailed maintenance agreement (specification) including the following sections:
 - a. Duties of elevator Maintenance Contractor.
 - b. Agreement Term cancellation provisions.
 - c. Price adjustment provisions.
 - d. Maintenance Contractor insurance requirements.
 - e. Hours and manners of work:
 - (1) Specific preventive maintenance hours.
 - (2) Response times.
 - f. Purchaser's rights.
 - g. Contractor Code (Law) compliance responsibilities.
 - h. Contractor employee requirements.
 - i. Extent of maintenance work exclusions.
 - j. Performance requirements.
 - k. Special conditions.
 - l. Miscellaneous provisions.
 2. If requested, provide a bid form.
 3. If requested, assist in negotiating a final agreement with the appropriate elevator company and review results with the Owner. All agreements have legal consequences, and Client may wish to seek the advice

of its attorneys, before executing any Maintenance Agreement. Lerch Bates services are not legal services, but rather intended only to address the vertical transportation needs of the Client.

II. FEES AND EXPENSES

A. Fee for Basic Services will be **\$10,500**.

B. The Fee Schedule is listed below:

Limited Maintenance Audit (excludes Jail, Justice, & Annex Precinct 2 locations)	\$3,500
Preparation of LBMS	\$7,000

C. Reimbursable Expenses

1. Travel expense, lodging, meals, parking, all mileage charged at standard per mile rates, tolls, all mailing costs, special document handling, any applicable local service/sales tax, and other authorized expenses are not included in the Agreement fee and will be billed at cost and pursuant to Williamson County's Reimbursement Policy, see attached "Exhibit D."

III. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Parties to this Agreement: Lerch Bates Inc. (hereinafter "LB" or "Lerch Bates") shall proceed based upon the terms and conditions of this Proposal ("the Terms" or "Agreement"), including the Basic Services, Compensation, Reimbursable Expenses, and Terms and Conditions herein, to provide such services to Client ("Client") for Client's proposed scope of work ("Project"). Client shall notify Lerch Bates immediately in writing with any changes to the scope of services or other requested changes prior to commencement of services covered by this Agreement.
- B. Standard of Care: Lerch Bates shall perform its services as expeditiously as is consistent with professional care and diligence. Services provided by Lerch Bates in connection with the Project shall be performed in a manner consistent with that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession practicing at the same time and under similar circumstances.
- C. Documents: All documents furnished by Lerch Bates are Instruments of Service and shall remain the sole property of Lerch Bates. Lerch Bates shall retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including the copyright thereto. LB's Instruments of Service are to be used only for this Project and are not to be modified, distributed, or used for any other project, in whole or in part, except with the written authorization of Lerch Bates. Lerch Bates accepts no liability for any unauthorized use or modification of these documents. Upon execution of this Agreement, Lerch Bates grants a worldwide, perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive license to use the Instruments of Service for any and all purposes relating to the construction, maintenance, renovation, or other attendant work of the equipment that is the subject of this Agreement.
- D. Cost Estimates: Opinions of probable cost, if any, shall be based on training and experience. Lerch Bates does not control contractors' costs of labor or materials or other conditions affecting market pricing, and accordingly Lerch Bates does not warrant its estimates, or guarantee that contractors' actual or quoted costs will not vary from LB's opinions of probable costs.
- E. Submittal Review: Lerch Bates review of shop drawings and other submittals shall be for conformance with the general intent of the Lerch Bates documents, and action taken, or comments made by Lerch Bates shall not create or transfer responsibility for the content of such submittals. Responsibility for submittals shall remain with the contractor or the party preparing said submittals.

- F. Review of Pay Applications: Review by Lerch Bates of the contractor's applications for payment, if any, shall constitute Lerch Bates' opinion based on its review of the work in progress, but shall neither be a warranty nor a representation that the contractor has appropriately applied payments for any purpose of the contractor's work.
- G. Construction Observation:
1. Lerch Bates shall visit the site at intervals appropriate to the state of construction, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by Client and Lerch Bates, in order to observe the progress and quality of the work completed by Project's contractor. Such visits and observations shall not be an exhaustive check or a detailed inspection of any contractor's work but are to allow Lerch Bates to become familiar with the work in progress and to determine, in general, if the applicable Project work is proceeding in accordance with the contract documents. Based on this general observation, Lerch Bates shall keep Client informed about the progress of the work and shall advise Client about observed deficiencies in the work.
 2. If Client desires more extensive project observation or full-time project representation, Client shall request that such services be provided by Lerch Bates as Additional Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
 3. Lerch Bates shall not supervise, direct, or have control over contractors' work and shall not have any responsibility for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures selected by any contractor, nor for any contractor's safety precautions or programs in connection with the work. These rights and responsibilities are solely those of the applicable contractor in accordance with the contract documents.
- H. Services Excluded: Lerch Bates offers a scope of services that is required for a successful project outcome. Such services are not offered on a phased or a-la-carte basis. In the event Client does not authorize all services offered, Client assumes responsibility for interpretation of the Lerch Bates deliverables.
- I. Force Majeure/Matters Outside Parties' Control: Client acknowledges that Lerch Bates, by undertaking this engagement, assumes no obligation nor responsibility to Client or its employees, guests, customers, suppliers, or vendors, nor any other person whatsoever, for prevention or mitigation of property damage, personal or bodily injury, loss detention, or delay caused by accidents, strikes, lockouts, civil or governmental unrest, epidemics or pandemics, natural disasters, and any other cause including those resulting from force majeure.
- J. Consequential Damages: Notwithstanding any other part of this Agreement and to the fullest extent permitted by law, neither Client nor Lerch Bates, their respective employees, agents, or subconsultants, shall be liable to the other Party for any incidental, indirect, or consequential damages arising out of or connected in any way to the Project or this Agreement. This mutual waiver of consequential damages shall include, but is not limited to, loss of use, loss of profit, loss of business, loss of income, loss of reputation, and any other consequential damages that either party may have incurred, whether caused by negligence, breach of contract, express or implied warranty, or any other theory.
- K. Use of Equipment: Except for Lerch Bates' negligence or willful misconduct, Lerch Bates shall have no responsibility for property damage or personal or bodily injury occurring while in, on, or about the equipment which is the subject of this agreement, or for the consequences of such damage or injury.
- L. Code Opinions: Client acknowledges that Lerch Bates' recommendations, interpretations, opinions, and conclusions regarding requirements of applicable codes, ordinances, laws, and regulations shall be based on current versions of said authorities in existence at the time of site review and may not reflect versions existing before or after the date of review.

- M. Maintenance: Client acknowledges that preventive and ongoing maintenance is required on all mechanical and electrical systems to assure safe, proper, and consistent operation of the equipment, and that said preventive or other maintenance is and shall remain solely as Client's responsibility.
- N. Client Information: Client is responsible for providing, at its expense, to Lerch Bates such information as may be necessary to facilitate Lerch Bates' services herein; Lerch Bates shall be entitled to rely on all Client-supplied information being current, complete, and accurate regardless of the original source.
- O. Corporate Protection: Lerch Bates' services in connection with the Project shall not subject individual employees, officers, or directors to any personal liability for risks associated with this Project. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Client agrees that as the Client's sole and exclusive remedy, any claim demand or suit shall be directed and/or asserted only against Lerch Bates Inc., a Colorado corporation, and not against any of Lerch Bates' individual employees, officers, or directors.
- P. Limitation of Liability and Indemnity:
1. Client agrees to limit the liability of Lerch Bates and its employees to Client for any and all claims, losses, costs, and damages of any nature whatsoever arising from Lerch Bates work on the Project, including but not limited to additional services not referred to in this Agreement or other contract, so that the total aggregate liability of Lerch Bates and its employees to Client shall not exceed Lerch Bates total fees for work on the Project or \$100,000, whichever is greater. It is intended that this limitation shall apply to any and all liability or cause of action however alleged or arising, unless otherwise prohibited by law. The parties agree that this Limitation of Liability bears a reasonable and proportional relationship to Lerch Bates's fees for the Project.
 2. Lerch Bates shall not be liable for Client's employees or agents who accompany Lerch Bates while in or on Client's property. Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Lerch Bates, its employees, officers, directors, subsidiaries, and consultants from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, or expenses, including attorneys' fees, which result or arise from, or relate to Client, or an agent or employee acting on behalf of Client, accompanying Lerch Bates' employees or consultants at any time during Lerch Bates' onsite activities.
 3. Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Lerch Bates, its employees, and its consultants from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, or expenses, including attorneys' fees, which are asserted by any other party, firm, or individual and which are alleged to result from or be related to this Agreement or the services hereunder, and which exceed the sum of \$100,000, or Lerch Bates fee for the services, whichever is greater.
 4. Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Lerch Bates, its employees, and its consultants from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, or expenses, including attorneys' fees, which are asserted by any other party, firm, or individual and which are alleged to result from or be related to this Agreement or the services hereunder, and which exceed the sum of \$100,000, or Lerch Bates fee for the services, whichever is greater.
 5. Insurance: Lerch Bates shall provide Insurance Certificates to the Client upon request following execution of this Agreement. In the event of insurance cancellation or material alteration, Lerch Bates shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice to Client. Client shall add Lerch Bates Inc. as an Additional Insured on Client's General Liability and Umbrella policies and shall provide Lerch Bates with an insurance certificate that includes such coverage.
- Q. Invoice Payment, Interest on Unpaid Amount and Disputed Invoices: Lerch Bates shall submit progress invoices which are due upon receipt and considered past due if not paid within thirty (30) days of invoice date. If payment in full is not received by Lerch Bates within sixty (60) calendar days of invoice date, invoices will bear interest at one-and-one-half (1.5) percent (or the maximum rate allowable by law, whichever is less) of the unpaid amount

per month, which will be calculated from the invoice date. Furthermore, if the Client has not objected to the invoice, as provided for below, and the invoice is more the sixty (60) days outstanding, Lerch Bates may proceed immediately to collection of the invoice without mediation as a condition precedent. Payment thereafter shall first be applied to accrued interest and then to the unpaid principal.

1. Lerch Bates shall be compensated to the extent that Lerch Bates' services are requested, directed, and provided regardless of project schedule or Client's billing arrangement with Owner.
 2. If the Client objects to any portion of an invoice, the Client shall so notify Lerch Bates in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the invoice. The Client shall identify in writing the specific cause of the disagreement and the amount in dispute and shall pay that portion of the invoice not in dispute in accordance with the other payment terms of this Agreement.
 3. Any dispute over invoiced amounts due which the Client has objected to and cannot be resolved within twenty-five (25) calendar days after presentation of invoice by direct negotiation between the parties shall be resolved in accordance with the following Disputed Invoice Resolution process:
 - a. A demand for mediation shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to the Agreement, and filed with the person or entity administering the mediation.
 - b. The other party shall deliver a written response to the party demanding mediation within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the demand for mediation indicating that the other party agrees to mediate.
 - c. Should the other party fail to provide a written response to the demand for mediation within the seven (7) day period, the requirement of mediation as a condition precedent under Terms and Conditions paragraph A.14 shall be deemed waived, and Lerch Bates may proceed directly with the filing of a civil complaint in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- R. Additional Services: Lerch Bates' services exceeding the scope of the basic services shall be considered additional services and hourly rates shall be provided upon request. Lerch Bates' services exceeding the scope of the basic services shall be considered additional services and will be provided based upon a mutually agreeable fee and terms.
- S. Collection Costs: Should litigation or arbitration be necessary to collect any portion of amounts due Lerch Bates for work on the Project, Lerch Bates shall also be entitled to all costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' and expert fees and costs.
- T. Mediation:
1. Client and Lerch Bates agree that all disputes between them arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the Project shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation as a pre-condition to litigation or arbitration.
 2. Client and Lerch Bates further agree to include a similar mediation provision in all agreements with independent contractors and consultants retained for the Project and to require all independent contractors and consultants also to include a similar mediation provision in all agreements with their respective subcontractors, subconsultants, suppliers, and fabricators.
- U. Termination of Services: Lerch Bates reserves the right, in its sole reasonable discretion, to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' notice for any reason. Lerch Bates may, at its option, suspend work in the event payments are not received and shall have no liability for any delay caused thereby.
- V. Extent of Agreement: This Agreement, when executed by authorized representatives of both Lerch Bates and Client, constitutes all understandings and agreements between the parties hereto and all prior representations or agreements, oral or written, not expressly incorporated herein, are superseded.

- W. This Agreement shall be governed by the state laws of Colorado and Douglas County and all actions pertaining to or arising out of this Agreement shall be filed in said jurisdiction.
- X. If applicable, Lerch Bates and Client shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR §§ 60-1.4(a), 60-300.5(a) and 60-741.5(a). These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. Moreover, these regulations require that covered entities take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status or disability.
- Y. This proposal expires sixty (60) days from the submission date.

FOR: WILLIAMSON COUNTY

FOR: LERCH BATES INC.

ACCEPTED

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BY:

Steven Snell

BY:

Diane Rawson
Diane Rawson

TITLE:

County Judge

TITLE:

Sr. Market Development Consultant

DATE:

05/21/2025

DATE:

4.22.2025

With an accepted contract we request that you complete the following information and return:

Project Name:	
(Client) Internal Project #:	
P.O. No.:	
Bill To Person [or]	
Project Manager:	
Phone	
Email	
Billing Address:	
Project Billing Schedule?	(If a project billing schedule exists, please provide)
Accounts Payable Contact:	
Phone:	
Email Address:	
Insurance Certificate:	Blanket COI attached on next page (If specific COI is required then please send requirements or Addt'l insured)
Lien Waivers Required:	
Expenses Billable:	
Other Instructions:	

REQUEST: If a Client Billing Template is required, please provide with this completed document.

EXHIBIT D

Williamson County

Vendor Reimbursement Policy

The purpose of this Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy ("Policy") is to provide clear guidelines to vendors on Williamson County's expectations and requirements regarding allowable reimbursable expenditures and required backup. The Policy will also minimize conflicts related to invoice payments and define non-reimbursable items. This Policy is considered a guideline and is not a contract.

This Policy may be altered, deleted or amended, at any time and without prior notice to vendors, by action of the Williamson County Commissioners Court. Unenforceable provisions of this Policy, as imposed by applicable law, regulations, or judicial decisions, shall be deemed to be deleted. Any revisions to this Policy will be distributed to all current vendors doing business with the County.

1. Invoices and Affidavits

- 1.1 Invoices must adequately describe the goods or services provided to County and include all required backup (i.e. reimbursable expenses, mileage log, timesheets, receipts detailing expenses incurred etc.) that is in a form acceptable to the Williamson County Auditor. Invoices that do not adequately describe the goods or services provided to County or contain backup that is satisfactory to the Williamson County Auditor will be returned to vendor for revisions and the provision above relating to invoice errors resolved in favor of the County shall control as to the required actions of vendor and when such invoice must be paid by the County.
- 1.2 In the event an invoice includes charges based upon hourly billing rates for services or any other rates based upon the amount of time worked by an individual or individuals in performing services, whether the charges are being billed directly to the County or whether they are the basis of invoices from subcontractors for which the vendor seeks reimbursement from the County, the charges shall be accompanied by an affidavit signed by an officer or principal of the vendor certifying that the work was performed, it was authorized by the County and that all information contained in the invoice that is being submitted is true and correct.
- 1.3 Upon County's request, vendor must submit all bills paid affidavits wherein vendor must swear and affirm that vendor has paid each of its subcontractors, laborers, suppliers and material in full for all labor and materials provided to vendor for or in connection with services and work performed for County and, further, vendor must swear and affirm that vendor is not aware of any unpaid bills, claims, demands, or causes of action by any of its subcontractors, laborers, suppliers, or material for or in connection with the furnishing of labor or materials, or both, for services and work performed for County.

2. Travel Reimbursement

- 2.1 The County will only cover costs associated with travel for vendors outside a 45-mile radius from the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626.
- 2.2 The County will only cover costs associated with travel as documented work for County. If a vendor is also doing business for another client, the travel costs must be split in proportion to the amount of work actually performed for the County and the other client. The only allowable travel expense will be for the specific days worked for Williamson County.
- 2.3 No advance payments will be made to vendor for travel expenditures. The travel expenditure may only be reimbursed after the expenditure/trip has already occurred and vendor has provided the Williamson County Auditor with all necessary and required backup.

- 2.4 Vendors must submit all travel reimbursement requests on each employee in full. Specifically, a travel reimbursement request must include all related travel reimbursement expenses relating to a particular trip for which vendor seeks reimbursement. Partial travel reimbursement requests will not be accepted (i.e. vendor should not submit hotel and mileage one month then the next month submit rental car and airfare). If the travel reimbursement appears incomplete, the invoice will be sent back to the vendor to be submitted when all information is ready to submit in full.
- 2.5 Reimbursement for transportation costs will be at the most reasonable means of transportation (i.e.: airline costs will be reimbursed for coach rate, rental car costs will only be reimbursed if rental car travel was most reasonable means of travel as compared to travel by air).
- 2.6 The County will not be responsible for, nor will the County reimburse additional charges due to personal preference or personal convenience of individual traveling.
- 2.7 The County will not reimburse airfare costs if airfare costs were higher than costs of mileage reimbursement.
- 2.8 Additional expenses associated with travel that is extended to save costs (i.e. Saturday night stay) may be reimbursed if costs of airfare would be less than the cost of additional expenses (lodging, meals, car rental, mileage) if the trip had not been extended. Documentation satisfactory to the Williamson County Auditor will be required to justify expenditure.
- 2.9 County will only reimburse travel expense to necessary personnel of the vendor (i.e. no spouse, friends or family members).
- 2.10 Except as otherwise set forth herein, a vendor must provide a paid receipt for all expenses. If a receipt cannot be obtained, a written sworn statement of the expense from the vendor may be substituted for the receipt.
- 2.11 Sales tax for meals and hotel stays are the only sales taxes that will be reimbursed. Sales tax on goods purchased will not be reimbursed. A sales tax exemption form is available from the Williamson County Auditor's Office upon request.
- 2.12 The County will not pay for any late charges on reimbursable items. It is the responsibility of the vendor to pay the invoice first and seek reimbursement from the County.

3. Meals

- 3.1 Meal reimbursements are limited to a maximum of \$59.00 per day on overnight travel. On day travel (travel that does not require an overnight stay), meal reimbursements are limited to a maximum of \$25.00 per day. The travel must be outside the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626 by a 45-mile radius.
- 3.2 Receipts are required on meal reimbursement amounts up to the maximum per day amount stated for overnight or day travel. If receipts are not presented, the vendor can request per diem (per diem limits refer to 3.2). However, a vendor cannot combine per diem and meal receipts. Only one method shall be allowed.
- 3.3 Meals are reimbursable only to vendors who do not have necessary personnel located within a 45-mile radius of the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626, who are capable of carrying the vendor's obligations to the County. Meals will not be reimbursed to vendors who are located within a 45-mile radius of the Williamson County Courthouse.
- 3.4 County will not reimburse for alcoholic beverages.
- 3.5 Tips are reimbursable but must be reasonable to limitation of meal allowance
- 3.6 No meals purchased for entertainment purposes will be allowed.
- 3.7 Meal reimbursement must be substantiated with a hotel receipt.

4. Lodging

- 4.1 Hotel accommodations require an itemized hotel folio as a receipt. The lodging receipt should include name of the motel/hotel, number of occupant(s), goods or services for each individual charge (room rental, food, tax, etc.) and the name of the occupant(s). Credit card receipts or any other form of receipt are not acceptable.
- 4.2 Vendors will be reimbursed for a single room rate charge plus any applicable tax. If a single room is not available, the vendor must provide documentation to prove that a single room was not available in order to justify the expense over and above the single room rate. A vendor may also be required to provide additional documentation if a particular room rate appears to be excessive.
- 4.3 Personal telephone charges, whether local or long distance, will not be reimbursed.

5. Airfare

- 5.1 The County will only reimburse up to a coach price fare for air travel.
- 5.2 The County will exclude any additional charges due to personal preference or personal convenience of the individual traveling (i.e. seat preference charges, airline upgrades, etc. will not be an allowable reimbursement)
- 5.3 Air travel expenses must be supported with receipt copy of an airline ticket or an itinerary with actual ticket price paid. If tickets are purchased through a website, vendor must submit a copy of the webpage showing the ticket price if no paper ticket was issued.
- 5.4 Cancellation and/or change flight fees may be reimbursed by the County but vendor must provide the Williamson County Auditor with documentation in writing from a County department head providing authorization for the change.
- 5.5 The County will not reimburse vendor for tickets purchased with frequent flyer miles.

6. Car Rental

- 6.1 Vendors that must travel may rent a car at their destination when it is less expensive than other transportation such as taxis, airport shuttles or public transportation such as buses or subways.
- 6.2 Cars rented must be economy or mid-size. Luxury vehicle rentals will not be reimbursed. Any rental costs over and above the cost of a mid-size rental will be adjusted.
- 6.3 Vendors will be reimbursed for rental cars if the rental car cost would have been less than the mileage reimbursement cost (based on the distance from vendor's point of origin to Williamson County, Texas) had the vendor driven vendor's car.
- 6.4 Vendors must return a car rental with appropriate fuel levels as required by rental agreement to avoid the car rental company from adding fuel charges.
- 6.5 Rental agreement and credit card receipt must be provided to County as back up for the request for reimbursement.
- 6.6 Insurance purchased when renting vehicle may also be reimbursed.
- 6.7 Car Rental optional extras such as GPS, roadside assistance, and administrative fees on Tolls will not be reimbursed.

7. Personal Car Usage

- 7.1 Personal vehicle usage will be reimbursed in an amount equal to the standard mileage rate allowed by the IRS.
- 7.2 Per code of Federal Regulations, Title 26, Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Part IX, Section 274(d), all expense reimbursement requests must include the following:
 - 7.2.1.1 Date
 - 7.2.1.2 Destination
 - 7.2.1.3 Purpose

- 7.2.1.4 Name of traveler(s)
- 7.2.1.5 Correspondence that verifies business purpose of the expense
- 7.3 The mileage for a personal vehicle must document the date, location of travel to/from, number of miles traveled and purpose of trip.
- 7.4 Mileage will be reimbursed on the basis of the most commonly used route.
- 7.5 Reimbursement for mileage shall not exceed the cost of a round trip coach airfare.
- 7.6 Reimbursement for mileage shall be prohibited between place of residence and usual place of work.
- 7.7 Mileage should be calculated from employee's regular place of work or their residence, whichever is the shorter distance when traveling to a meeting or traveling to Williamson County, Texas for vendors who are located outside of the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626 by at least a 45-mile radius.
- 7.8 When more than one person travels in same vehicle, only one person may claim mileage reimbursement.
- 7.9 Tolls, if reasonable, are reimbursable. Receipts are required for reimbursement. If a receipt is not obtainable, then written documentation of expense must be submitted for reimbursement (administrative fees on Tolls will not be reimbursed).
- 7.10 Parking fees, if reasonable are reimbursable for meetings and hotel stays. For vendors who contract with a third party for visitor parking at vendor's place of business, Williamson County will not reimburse a vendor based on a percentage of its contracted visitor parking fees. Rather, Williamson County will reimburse Vendor for visitor parking on an individual basis for each time a visitor uses Vendor's visitor parking. Receipts are required for reimbursement. If a receipt is not obtainable, then written documentation of expense must be submitted for reimbursement.
- 7.11 Operating and maintenance expenses as well as other personal expenses, such as parking tickets, traffic violations, and car repairs and collision damage are not reimbursable.

8. Other Expenses

- 8.1 Taxi fare, bus tickets, conference registrations, parking, etc. must have a proper original receipt.

9. Repayment of Non-reimbursable Expense.

Vendors must, upon demand, immediately repay County for all inappropriately reimbursed expenses whenever an audit or subsequent review of any expense reimbursement documentation finds that such expense was reimbursed contrary to these guidelines and this Policy. Williamson County reserves the right to retain any amounts that are due or that become due to a vendor in order to collect any inappropriately reimbursed expenses that a vendor was paid.

10. Non-Reimbursable Expenses

In addition to the non-reimbursable items set forth above in this Policy, the following is a non-exhaustive list of expenses that will not be reimbursed by Williamson County:

- 10.1 Alcoholic beverages/tobacco products
- 10.2 Personal phone calls
- 10.3 Laundry service
- 10.4 Valet service (excludes hotel valet)
- 10.5 Movie rentals
- 10.6 Damage to personal items
- 10.7 Flowers/plants

- 10.8 Greeting cards
- 10.9 Fines and/or penalties
- 10.10 Entertainment, personal clothing, personal sundries and services
- 10.11 Transportation/mileage to places of entertainment or similar personal activities
- 10.12 Upgrades to airfare, hotel and/or car rental
- 10.13 Airport parking above the most affordable rate available
- 10.14 Excessive weight baggage fees or cost associated with more than two airline bags
- 10.15 Auto repairs
- 10.16 Babysitter fees, kennel costs, pet or house-sitting fees
- 10.17 Saunas, massages or exercise facilities
- 10.18 Credit card delinquency fees or service fees
- 10.19 Doctor bills, prescription and other medical services
- 10.20 Hand tools
- 10.21 Safety Equipment (hard hats, safety vests, etc.)
- 10.22 Office Supplies
- 10.23 Lifetime memberships to any association
- 10.24 Donations to other entities
- 10.25 Any items that could be construed as campaigning
- 10.26 Technology Fees
- 10.27 Sales tax on goods purchased
- 10.28 Any other expenses which Williamson County deems, in its sole discretion, to be inappropriate or unnecessary expenditures.