

**STATE OF TEXAS**

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**COUNTY OF BEXAR**

**AGREEMENT**

THIS PROFESIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (the Agreement) is made and entered into by and between the CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ("CITY"), a Texas Home Rule Municipality, on behalf of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District ("Metro Health") pursuant to Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ passed and approved on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of 2018, and THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO (UTHSCSA) on behalf of its Department of Developmental Dentistry. CITY and UTHSCSA shall collectively be referred to as "the Parties."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, CITY provides dental services for children at non-traditional setting such as Head Start and elementary schools; and

WHEREAS the Department of Developmental Dentistry is part of the UTHSCSA School of Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, the CITY does not have the capacity or resources to meet the demand for dental services for children that require comprehensive dental treatment; and

WHEREAS, the CITY believes it is in the best interest of the CITY for UTHSCSA to provide children with quality dental care in an appropriate clinical and/or surgical environment;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements stated herein, the Parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I.**  
**PURPOSE/DEFINITIONS**

1.1 The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which UTHSCSA will provide CITY with certain specified dental health services for uninsured or underinsured children eligible for care through the Title V Child Health Services Dental Grant. This Agreement shall also establish the CITY's and UTHSCSA's obligations, costs, and the manner and method of payment for provided services.

1.2 As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have meanings as set out below:

"CGUS," shall be defined as the Comptroller General of the United States.

"City is defined in the preamble of this Agreement and includes its successors and assigns.

"Department" shall mean the Texas Department of State Health Services.

"UTHSCSA" is defined in the preamble of this Agreement and includes its

successors.

"Director" shall mean the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

"HHSC" shall be defined as the Texas Health and Human Services, the agency that funds, oversees the statewide Title V Child Health Services Dental Grant, and evaluation efforts.

"Title V Dental Grant" shall be defined as the HHSC Title V Child Health Services Dental Grant which is the funding source for this contract.

"SAO," shall be defined as the Texas State Auditor's Office.

"OIG," shall be defined as the Office of the Inspector General.

## **ARTICLE II.**

### **TERM**

2.1 The term of this Agreement commences on September 1, 2018 and terminates on August 31, 2019.

2.2 UTHSCSA acknowledges that CITY has projected costs for this Agreement and that CITY expects to pay all obligations of this Agreement from projected revenue sources, but that all obligations of CITY are subject to funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and annual appropriation by the Texas Health and Human Services. Accordingly, if HHS should fail to appropriate sums to pay any of CITY's obligations under the terms of this Agreement this Agreement shall terminate upon thirty (30) days written notice to UTHSCSA and neither UTHSCSA nor CITY shall have any further obligations hereunder. Lack of funding is not and shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement. Payment for services performed by UTHSCSA through the effective date of termination shall be made pursuant to Article VI herein.

## **ARTICLE III.**

### **DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES**

3.1 UTHSCSA hereby appoints Kevin Donly, DD.S., M.S., Chairman of the Department of Developmental Dentistry, as its designated representative with regard to the services to be performed herein. UTHSCSA may change its designated representative at any time and must provide CITY with written notice of the change.

3.2 CITY hereby appoints Jennifer M. Bankler, DDS, Dental Clinical Director, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, as its designated representative with regard to the services to be performed herein. CITY may change its designated representative at any time and must provide UTHSCSA with written notice of the change.

**ARTICLE IV.**  
**CITY'S OBLIGATIONS**

4.1 In conjunction with its public health dental program activities, Metro Health will perform Title V Grant eligibility screening and program intake documentation for children in need of dental care.

4.2 Metro Health will refer eligible children to UT Health Science Center School of Dentistry, Pediatric Dental Clinics for further evaluation and treatment when appropriate.

4.3 CITY agrees to pay UTHSCSA for services provided as outlined in the HHSC Title V Dental Grant Fee Schedule.

**ARTICLE V.**  
**UTHSCSA'S SERVICES**

5.1 Upon referral by Metro Health, UTHSCSA shall:

5.1.1 Provide diagnostic and preventive care services as set out in the HHSC Title V Dental Grant Fee Schedule for each referred child and determine treatment plan of care;

5.1.2 Determine the family's income eligibility for sliding scale/reduced fees based on the established protocol at the Ricardo Salinas Dental Clinic;

5.1.3 Waive all co-payments for procedures covered by the program and assess fees for non-covered procedures based on the established sliding scale based on family income;

5.1.4 Provide required dental treatment for each child in an outpatient setting through the Ricardo Salinas Dental Clinic and/or other facilities designated by the UT Health Science Center School of Dentistry for pediatric dental patients;

5.15 Communicate on an ongoing basis with Metro Health Case Managers regarding treatment plan/plan of care for each referred child through the program;

5.1.6 Adhere to all subrecipient requirements for HHSC Title V Dental Grant subcontractors and provide related documentation required for inclusion in any report concerning the HHSC Title V Dental Grant.

5.2 UTHSCSA understands and agrees that the services to be provided under this agreement are expected to have a total value of \$271,064.00, but that the cumulative total for all invoices presented by UTHSCSA under this Agreement shall not exceed a total amount of \$216,852.00.

5.3 All work performed by UTHSCSA hereunder shall be performed to the reasonable satisfaction of the Director. CITY shall be under no obligation to pay for any work performed by UTHSCSA, which is not reasonably satisfactory to Director. CITY shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, should UTHSCSA's work not be satisfactory to Director;

5.4 UTHSCSA and the Director or his designee shall engage in an annual quality assurance evaluation for the purpose of: 1) maintaining the highest standards of clinical care, appropriate for the public health program; 2) ensuring compliance with clinical licensure regulations 3) other matters of interest raised by UTHSCSA or the Director.

5.5 UTHSCSA agrees to comply with and be subject to all applicable subrecipient provisions as outlined in the FY18 Statement of Work and HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions for the Title V Dental Grant attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as Attachment I.

**ARTICLE VI.**  
**CONSIDERATION**

6.1 In consideration of UTHSCSA's performance in a satisfactory and efficient manner, as determined solely by the Director, of all services, activities, duties and responsibilities set forth in this agreement, CITY agrees to pay UTHSCSA as set out below:

6.1.1 CITY shall pay an amount up to a maximum of \$216,852.00.

6.1.2 The maximum amount to be paid by CITY and the cumulative total of all invoices from UTHSCSA shall not exceed the amount of \$216,852.00 ( TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY TWOAND 00/100ths DOLLARS.

6.2 UTHSCSA shall submit patient receipts/encounter forms with detailed description of services rendered within 30 days from the date of service. CITY shall pay UTHSCSA within thirty days of receipt of the invoice.

**ARTICLE VI.**  
**PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

7.1 UTHSCSA shall issue a monthly invoice to CITY addressed to:

City of San Antonio  
Finance Attn: Accounts Payable  
P.O. Box 839976  
San Antonio, TX 78283-3976

[Email: ap@sanantonio.gov](mailto:ap@sanantonio.gov)

Such invoice shall separately detail the amount of compensation due for services. CITY shall make its payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice. If any amount set out in any invoice is disputed by CITY, then CITY agrees to notify UTHSCSA in writing of

the disputed amount, and the basis for the dispute, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such invoice. The Parties agree that only the disputed amount may be retained by CITY until the disputed matter is resolved, and that the undisputed balance must be paid in accordance with the terms of this Section.

7.2 CITY and UTHSCSA will determine fees for additional services by mutual agreement through an amendment(s) of this Agreement. In the event the Parties agree that UTHSCSA is to provide additional services and also agree as to the basis for calculating the compensation for such services, the CITY agrees to pay for such services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE VIII.** **TERMINATION**

8.1 For purposes of this Agreement, "termination" of this Agreement shall mean termination by expiration of the Agreement term or earlier termination pursuant to any of the provisions hereof.

8.2 **TERMINATION BY NOTICE:** The Agreement may be canceled by either party upon written notice, provided such notice specifies an effective date of termination, which shall be not less than thirty (30) calendar days nor more than ninety (90) calendar days from the date such notice is received by the other party. If the notice does not specify date of termination, the effective date of termination shall be thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the notice by the other party.

8.3 **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** Should either party default in the performance of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, the other party shall deliver to the defaulting party written notice thereof specifying the matters on default. The defaulting party shall have ten (10) calendar days after its receipt of the written notice to cure such default. If the defaulting party fails to cure the default within such ten (10) day period, this Agreement shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on the tenth day after the receipt of the notice by the defaulting party.

8.4 **TERMINATION BY LAW:** If any state or federal law or regulation is enacted or promulgated which prohibits the performance of any of the duties herein or if any law is interpreted to prohibit such performance, this Agreement shall automatically terminate as of the effective date of such prohibition.

8.5 Within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of termination (unless an extension is authorized in writing by the CITY), UTHSCSA shall submit to the CITY, its claim, in detail, for the monies owed by the CITY for services performed under this Agreement through the effective date of termination.

8.6 In the event that through action or no action initiated by the City of San Antonio, the CITY'S legislative body does not appropriate funds for the continuation of this contract and has no funds to do so from other sources, this contract may be terminated. To effect this termination, the CITY shall, 30 days prior to the period for which funds are not appropriated, send UTHSCSA written notice stating that the City of San Antonio failed to appropriate funds. Lack of funding is not and shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE IX.**  
**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

9.1 It is expressly understood and agreed that UTHSCSA shall be responsible for its respective acts or omissions and that the CITY shall in no way be responsible therefore, and that neither party hereto has authority to bind the other or to hold out to third parties that it has the authority to bind the other.

9.2 Nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto or by any third party as creating the relationship of employer-employee, principal-agent, partners, joint venture, or any other similar such relationship, between the parties hereto.

9.3 Any and all of the employees of UTHSCSA, wherever located, while engaged in the performance of any work required by the CITY under this Agreement shall be considered employees of UTHSCSA only, and not of the CITY, and any and all claims that may arise from the Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of said employees while so engaged shall be the sole obligation and responsibility of the UTHSCSA.

**ARTICLE X.**  
**INSURANCE**

10.1 UTHSCSA and CITY each maintain a self-insurance fund for general liability and worker's compensation claims and causes of action to meet their statutory obligations to their respective employees.

**ARTICLE XI.**  
**NO INDEMNIFICATION BY PARTIES**

11.1 UTHSCSA and CITY acknowledge they are subject to, and comply with, the applicable provisions of the Texas Tort Claims Act, as set out in Civil Practices and Remedies Code, Section I 01.001 et. seq. and the remedies authorized therein regarding claims or causes of action that may be asserted by third parties for accidents, injuries or deaths.

**ARTICLE XII.**  
**STATISTICS AND DOCUMENTATION**

12.1 CITY and UTHSCSA will follow medical records standards in exchanging client care information. Both Parties shall comply with applicable confidentiality statutory provisions and rules, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements and state medical privacy laws.

**ARTICLE X.**  
**AUDIT**

13.1 UTHSCSA shall keep at all times during the term of this Agreement complete financial records documenting the services provided to CITY. Authorized representatives of CITY shall have the right to examine all financial records of UTHSCSA pertaining to the services rendered for CITY as necessary for the City to meet the requirements of federal awards and subawards as set out in federal regulations. The written request for an audit, which shall list with specificity all records CITY desires to examine during a particular audit, must be submitted to the Director of External Relations for the City of San Antonio and the UTHSCSA at least ten (10) days prior to the requested date of examination by CITY representatives. CITY agrees to provide UTHSCSA with a copy of CITY's final report regarding each audit within thirty (30) days of completion. UTHSCSA shall maintain all pertinent financial records for the term of this Agreement and for four (4) years after termination of this Agreement, or as required by law, whichever is longer.

**ARTICLE XIV.**  
**NOTICES**

14.1 All notices to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall either be personally delivered or sent by certified mail or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the proper party at the address which appears below or at such other address as the Parties may designate.

If intended for City to:

City Clerk	AND	City of San Antonio
City of San Antonio		San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
Director		111 Soledad, Suite 1000
P.O. Box 839966		San Antonio, Texas 78205
San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966		

If intended for UTHSCSA to:

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio		
School of Dentistry	AND	The Office of Sponsored Programs
Department of Developmental Dentistry		7703 Floyd Curl Drive, MSC 7828
Attn: Dr. Kevin Donly, Chair		San Antonio, TX 78229-3900
San Antonio, Texas 78220-3900		Attn: Director

**ARTICLE XV.**  
**ASSIGNMENT**

15.1 Neither Party may assign its rights, privileges or obligations under this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the written consent of the other Party. Any attempt to assign without such approval shall be void.

**ARTICLE XVI.**  
**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

UTHSCSA acknowledges that funds for this agreement are from the HHSC Title V Dental Grant. UTHSCSA agrees to comply with all HHSC terms and conditions associated with said funds as directed by the City or as required by this Agreement, including but not limited to:

16.1 Requirements for pass-through entities per OMB Circular, section 200.331

UTHSCSA acknowledges that this agreement constitutes a subaward from the HHSC Title V Dental Grant for which the following data elements apply. If any of these data elements change or are currently unavailable, City will subsequently provide UTHSCSA changes and updated information.

Subrecipient Name- The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Subrecipient's Unique Entity- Vendor #1018367

FAIN - B04MC30644

Federal Award Date- 9/1/2018

Period of Performance- 9/1/18 through 8/31/19

Funds Obligated- \$216,852.00

Total Amount Obligated - \$216,852.00

Total Amount of Federal Award Committed- \$216,852.00

Federal Award Project Description -To provide or assure the provision of child health and/or child dental services that include screening and eligibility determination, direct clinical and/or dental service, laboratory services, Title V Children and Pregnant Women (Title V CPW) case management and appropriate referrals as necessary.

Name of Federal Awarding Agency- HRSA: Maternal and Child Health Block Grant to the States through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)

CFDA # - 93.994

R&D-N/A

Indirect Cost Rate- N/A

**16.2 Access to records, books and documents**

In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, UTHSCSA and any of UTHSCSA's affiliate or subsidiary organizations, or Subcontractors will permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized representatives, as well as duly authorized federal, state or local authorities, unrestricted access to and the right to examine any site where business is conducted or Services are performed, and all records, which includes but is not limited to financial, client and



patient records, books, papers or documents related to this Contract. If the Contract includes federal funds, federal agencies that will have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the federal agency providing the funds, the Comptroller General of the United States, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, and any of their authorized representatives. In addition, agencies of the State of Texas that will have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the System Agency, HHSC, HHSC's contracted examiners, the State Auditor's Office, the Texas Attorney General's Office, and any successor agencies. Each of these entities may be a duly authorized authority. If deemed necessary by the System Agency or any duly authorized authority, for the purpose of investigation or hearing, UTHSCSA will produce original documents related to this Contract. The System Agency and any duly authorized authority will have the right to audit billings both before and after payment, and all documentation that substantiates the billings. UTHSCSA will include this provision concerning the right of access to, and examination of, sites and information related to this Contract in any Subcontract it awards.

### **16.3 SAO Audit**

UTHSCSA understands that acceptance of funds directly under the Contract or indirectly through a Subcontract under the Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office (SAO), or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the SAO must provide the SAO with access to any information the SAO considers relevant to the investigation or audit. UTHSCSA agrees to cooperate fully with the SAO or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. UTHSCSA will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by Subcontractors through UTHSCSA and the requirement to cooperate is included in any Subcontract it awards.

## **ARTICLE XVII. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND ORDINANCES**

17.1 The Parties hereby agree to comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work or services to be performed under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XVIII LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS**

18.1 UTHSCSA represents and certifies that UTHSCSA faculty and any other person designated to provide services hereunder has the requisite training, license and/or certification to provide said services, and meets all competence standards promulgated by all other authoritative bodies, as applicable to the services provided herein.

18.2 UTHSCSA faculty and any other person designated to provide services must carry an original of his/her license/credentials and shall present said license/credentials for posting at their designated work station under this agreement.

18.3 UTHSCSA faculty and any other person designated to provide services must, where applicable, have current CPR certification and have a hepatitis B vaccination or be made aware of its availability and has declined it.

**ARTICLE XIX.**  
**TEXAS LAW TO APPLY**

19.1 This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. The Parties agree that venue for any action is proper in Bexar County, Texas.

**ARTICLE XX.**  
**PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED**

20.1 This Agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the Parties and supersedes all prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the Parties regarding the subject matter of the Agreement.

**ARTICLE XXI.**  
**AMENDMENT**

21.1 No amendment, modification, or alteration of the terms hereof shall be binding unless the same be in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereof and duly executed by the CITY and UTHSCSA. The Director may execute contract amendments on behalf of CITY in the following circumstances a) no cost extensions up to one year, b) modifications to the scope of service listed in the contract so long as the terms of the amendment stay within the parameters set forth in the statement of work of said contract and c) changes in state or federal regulations mandated by the funding agency.

**ARTICLE XXII.**  
**MULTIPLE COUNTERPARTS**

22.1 This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts by the Parties hereto and each counterpart, when so executed and delivered, shall constitute an original instrument and such separate counterparts shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

**ARTICLE XXIII.**  
**PARTIES BOUND**

23.1 This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure only to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns where permitted by this Agreement. There are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XXIV.**  
**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

24.1 The Charter of the City of San Antonio and its Ethics Code prohibit a City officer or employee, as defined in Section 2-52 of the Ethics Code, from having a financial interest in any contract with the City or any City agency such as city owned utilities. An officer or employee has a “prohibited financial interest” in a contract with the City or in the sale to the City of land, materials, supplies or service, if any of the following individual(s) or entities is a party to the contract or sale:

- (i) a City officer or employee;
- (ii) his parent, child or spouse;
- (iii) a business entity in which the officer or employee, or his parent, child or spouse owns (i) 10% or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity, or (ii) 10% or more of the fair market value of the business entity;
- (iv) a business entity in which any individual or entity above listed is a (i) subcontractor on a City contract, (ii) a partner, or (iii) a parent or subsidiary business entity.

24.2 UTHSCSA represents and certifies as follows:

- (i) UTHSCSA and its officers, employees and agents are neither officers nor employees of the City.
- (ii) UTHSCSA has tendered to the City a Contracts Disclosure Statement in compliance with the City’s Ethics Code.

24.3 UTHSCSA acknowledges that City’s reliance on the above representations and certifications is reasonable.

**ARTICLE XXV.**  
**DEBARMENT**

25.1 UTHSCSA certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in any State or Federal Program.

25.2 UTHSCSA shall provide immediate written notice to CITY, in accordance with Article XIV. Notice, if, at any time during the term of this contract, including any renewals hereof, UTHSCSA learns that its certification was erroneous when made or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

**ARTICLE XXVI.  
LEGAL CONSTRUCTION**

26.1 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 invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision shall not affect any other provision hereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

**EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE ORIGINALS, EACH OF WHICH SHALL HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF AN ORIGINAL, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH  
SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO  
VIN No. 1018367**

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# TEXAS

## Health and Human Services

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**Version 2.14**

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## ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

### 1.01 Definitions

As used in this Contract, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms and conditions have the meanings assigned below:

“Amendment” means a written agreement, signed by the parties hereto, which documents changes to the Contract other than those permitted by Work Orders or Technical Guidance Letters, as herein defined.

“Attachment” means documents, terms, conditions, or additional information physically added to this Contract following the Signature Document or included by reference, as if physically, within the body of this Contract.

“Contract” means the Signature Document, these Uniform Terms and Conditions, along with any Attachments, and any Amendments, or Technical Guidance Letters that may be issued by the System Agency, to be incorporated by reference herein for all purposes if issued.

“Deliverable” means the work product(s) required to be submitted to the System Agency including all reports and project documentation.

“Effective Date” means the date agreed to by the Parties as the date on which the Contract takes effect.

“System Agency” means HHSC or any of the agencies of the State of Texas that are overseen by HHSC under authority granted under State law and the officers, employees, and designees of those agencies. These agencies include: the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Department of Family and Protective Services, and the Department of State Health Services.

“Federal Fiscal Year” means the period beginning October 1 and ending September 30 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the United States government.

“GAAP” means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

“GASB” means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

“Grantee” means the Party receiving funds under this Contract, if any. May also be referred to as "Contractor" in certain attachments.

“Health and Human Services Commission” or “HHSC” means the administrative agency established under Chapter 531, Texas Government Code or its designee.

“HUB” means Historically Underutilized Business, as defined by Chapter 2161 of the Texas Government Code.

“Intellectual Property” means inventions and business processes, whether or not patentable; works of authorship; trade secrets; trademarks; service marks; industrial designs; and creations



that are subject to potential legal protection incorporated in any Deliverable and first created or developed by Grantee, Grantee's contractor or a subcontractor in performing the Project.

“Mentor Protégé” means the Comptroller of Public Accounts’ leadership program found at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/mentorprotege/>.

“Parties” means the System Agency and Grantee, collectively.

“Party” means either the System Agency or Grantee, individually.

“Program” means the statutorily authorized activities of the System Agency under which this Contract has been awarded.

“Project” means specific activities of the Grantee that are supported by funds provided under this Contract.

“Public Information Act” or “PIA” means Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

“Statement of Work” means the description of activities performed in completing the Project, as specified in the Contract and as may be amended.

“Signature Document” means the document executed by both Parties that specifically sets forth all of the documents that constitute the Contract.

“Solicitation or "RFA"” means the document issued by the System Agency under which applications for Program funds were requested, which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes in its entirety, including all Amendments and Attachments.

“Solicitation Response” or “Application” means Grantee’s full and complete response to the Solicitation, which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes in its entirety, including any Attachments and addenda.

“State Fiscal Year” means the period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the State of Texas.

“State of Texas Textravel” means Texas Administrative Code, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.22, relative to travel reimbursements under this Contract, if any.

“Technical Guidance Letter” or “TGL” means an instruction, clarification, or interpretation of the requirements of the Contract, issued by the System Agency to the Grantee.

## **1.02 Interpretive Provisions**

- a. The meanings of defined terms are equally applicable to the singular and plural forms of the defined terms.
- b. The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereunder,” and similar words refer to this Contract as a whole and not to any particular provision, section, Attachment, or schedule of this Contract unless otherwise specified.
- c. The term “including” is not limiting and means “including without limitation” and, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Contract, (i) references to contracts (including this Contract) and other contractual instruments shall be deemed to include all subsequent

Amendments and other modifications thereto, but only to the extent that such Amendments and other modifications are not prohibited by the terms of this Contract, and (ii) references to any statute or regulation are to be construed as including all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, or interpreting the statute or regulation.

- d. Any references to “sections,” “appendices,” or “attachments” are references to sections, appendices, or attachments of the Contract.
- e. Any references to agreements, contracts, statutes, or administrative rules or regulations in the Contract are references to these documents as amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time during the term of the Contract.
- f. The captions and headings of this Contract are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Contract.
- g. All Attachments within this Contract, including those incorporated by reference, and any Amendments are considered part of the terms of this Contract.
- h. This Contract may use several different limitations, regulations, or policies to regulate the same or similar matters. All such limitations, regulations, and policies are cumulative and each will be performed in accordance with its terms.
- i. Unless otherwise expressly provided, reference to any action of the System Agency or by the System Agency by way of consent, approval, or waiver will be deemed modified by the phrase “in its sole discretion.”
- j. Time is of the essence in this Contract.

## **ARTICLE II PAYMENT METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS**

### **2.01 Payment Methods**

Except as otherwise provided by the provisions of the Contract, the payment method will be one or more of the following:

- a. cost reimbursement. This payment method is based on an approved budget and submission of a request for reimbursement of expenses Grantee has incurred at the time of the request;
- b. unit rate/fee-for-service. This payment method is based on a fixed price or a specified rate(s) or fee(s) for delivery of a specified unit(s) of service and acceptable submission of all required documentation, forms and/or reports; or
- c. advance payment. This payment method is based on disbursement of the minimum necessary funds to carry out the Program or Project where the Grantee has implemented appropriate safeguards. This payment method will only be utilized in accordance with governing law and at the sole discretion of the System Agency.

Grantees shall bill the System Agency in accordance with the Contract. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, Grantee shall submit requests for reimbursement or payment monthly by the last business day of the month following the month in which expenses were incurred or services provided. Grantee shall maintain all documentation that substantiates invoices and make the documentation available to the System Agency upon request.

### **2.02 Final Billing Submission**

Unless otherwise provided by the System Agency, Grantee shall submit a reimbursement or payment request as a final close-out invoice not later than forty-five (45) calendar days following

the end of the term of the Contract. Reimbursement or payment requests received in the System Agency's offices more than forty-five (45) calendar days following the termination of the Contract may not be paid.

### **2.03 Financial Status Reports (FSRs)**

Except as otherwise provided in these General Provisions or in the terms of any Program Attachment(s) that is incorporated into the Contract, for contracts with categorical budgets, Grantee shall submit quarterly FSRs to Accounts Payable by the last business day of the month following the end of each quarter of the Program Attachment term for System Agency review and financial assessment. Grantee shall submit the final FSR no later than forty-five (45) calendar days following the end of the applicable term.

### **2.04 Debt to State and Corporate Status**

Pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code § 403.055, the Department will not approve and the State Comptroller will not issue payment to Grantee if Grantee is indebted to the State for any reason, including a tax delinquency. Grantee, if a corporation, certifies by execution of this Contract that it is current and will remain current in its payment of franchise taxes to the State of Texas or that it is exempt from payment of franchise taxes under Texas law (Tex. Tax Code §§ 171.001 et seq.). If tax payments become delinquent during the Contract term, all or part of the payments under this Contract may be withheld until Grantee's delinquent tax is paid in full.

### **2.05 Application of Payment Due**

Grantee agrees that any payments due under this Contract will be applied towards any debt of Grantee, including but not limited to delinquent taxes and child support that is owed to the State of Texas.

### **2.06 Use of Funds**

Grantee shall expend funds provided under this Contract only for the provision of approved services and for reasonable and allowable expenses directly related to those services.

### **2.07 Use for Match Prohibited**

Grantee shall not use funds provided under this Contract for matching purposes in securing other funding without the written approval of the System Agency.

### **2.08 Program Income**

Income directly generated from funds provided under this Contract or earned only as a result of such funds is Program Income. Unless otherwise required under the Program, Grantee shall use the addition alternative, as provided in UGMS § \_\_.25(g)(2), for the use of Project income to further the Program, and Grantee shall spend the Program Income on the Project. Grantee shall identify and report this income in accordance with the Contract, applicable law, and any programmatic guidance. Grantee shall expend Program Income during the Contract term and may not carry Program Income forward to any succeeding term. Grantee shall refund program income to the System Agency if the Program Income is not expended in the term in which it is earned. The System Agency may base future funding levels, in part, upon Grantee's proficiency in identifying, billing, collecting, and reporting Program Income, and in using it for the purposes and under the conditions specified in this Contract.

## **2.09 Nonsupplanting**

Grantee shall not use funds from this Contract to replace or substitute for existing funding from other but shall use funds from this Contract to supplement existing state or local funds currently available. Grantee shall make a good faith effort to maintain its current level of support. Grantee may be required to submit documentation substantiating that a reduction in state or local funding, if any, resulted for reasons other than receipt or expected receipt of funding under this Contract.

## **ARTICLE III. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING**

### **3.01 Funding**

This Contract is contingent upon the availability of sufficient and adequate funds. If funds become unavailable through lack of appropriations, budget cuts, transfer of funds between programs or agencies, amendment of the Texas General Appropriations Act, agency consolidation, or any other disruptions of current funding for this Contract, the System Agency may restrict, reduce, or terminate funding under this Contract. This Contract is also subject to immediate cancellation or termination, without penalty to the System Agency, if sufficient and adequate funds are not available. Grantee will have no right of action against the System Agency if the System Agency cannot perform its obligations under this Contract as a result of lack of funding for any activities or functions contained within the scope of this Contract. In the event of cancellation or termination under this Section, the System Agency will not be required to give notice and will not be liable for any damages or losses caused or associated with such termination or cancellation.

### **3.02 No debt Against the State**

The Contract will not be construed as creating any debt by or on behalf of the State of Texas.

### **3.03 Debt to State**

If a payment law prohibits the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts from making a payment, the Grantee acknowledges the System Agency's payments under the Contract will be applied toward eliminating the debt or delinquency. This requirement specifically applies to any debt or delinquency, regardless of when it arises.

### **3.04 Recapture of Funds**

The System Agency may withhold all or part of any payments to Grantee to offset overpayments made to the Grantee. Overpayments as used in this Section include payments (i) made by the System Agency that exceed the maximum allowable rates; (ii) that are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, or regulations; or (iii) that are otherwise inconsistent with this Contract, including any unapproved expenditures. Grantee understands and agrees that it will be liable to the System Agency for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Contract. Grantee further understands and agrees that reimbursement of such disallowed costs will be paid by Grantee from funds which were not provided or otherwise made available to Grantee under this Contract.

## ARTICLE IV ALLOWABLE COSTS AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

### 4.01 Allowable Costs.

System Agency will reimburse the allowable costs incurred in performing the Project that are sufficiently documented. Grantee must have incurred a cost prior to claiming reimbursement and within the applicable term to be eligible for reimbursement under this Contract. The System Agency will determine whether costs submitted by Grantee are allowable and eligible for reimbursement. If the System Agency has paid funds to Grantee for unallowable or ineligible costs, the System Agency will notify Grantee in writing, and Grantee shall return the funds to the System Agency within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this written notice. The System Agency may withhold all or part of any payments to Grantee to offset reimbursement for any unallowable or ineligible expenditure that Grantee has not refunded to the System Agency, or if financial status report(s) required under the Financial Status Reports section are not submitted by the due date(s). The System Agency may take repayment (recoup) from funds available under this Contract in amounts necessary to fulfill Grantee's repayment obligations. Applicable cost principles, audit requirements, and administrative requirements include-

Applicable Entity	Applicable Cost Principles	Audit Requirements	Administrative Requirements
State, Local and Tribal Governments	2 CFR, Part 225	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
Educational Institutions	2 CFR, Part 220	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
Non-Profit Organizations	2 CFR, Part 230	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
For-profit Organization other than a hospital and an organization named in OMB Circular A-122 (2 CFR Part, 230) as not subject to that circular.	48 CFR Part 31, Contract Cost Principles Procedures, or uniform cost accounting standards that comply with cost principles acceptable to the federal or state awarding agency	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS

OMB Circulars will be applied with the modifications prescribed by UGMS with effect given to whichever provision imposes the more stringent requirement in the event of a conflict.

#### **4.02 Independent Single or Program-Specific Audit**

If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends a total amount of at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in federal funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with 2 CFR 200. The \$750,000 federal threshold amount includes federal funds passed through by way of state agency awards. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends a total amount of at least \$750,000 in state funds awarded, Grantee must have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with UGMS, State of Texas Single Audit Circular. The audit must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant and in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Government Auditing Standards, and UGMS. For-profit Grantees whose expenditures meet or exceed the federal or state expenditure thresholds stated above shall follow the guidelines in 2 CFR 200 or UGMS, as applicable, for their program-specific audits. HHSC Single Audit Services will notify Grantee to complete the Single Audit Determination Form. If Grantee fails to complete the Single Audit Determination Form within thirty (30) calendar days after notification by HHSC Single Audit Services to do so, Grantee shall be subject to the System Agency sanctions and remedies for non-compliance with this Contract. Each Grantee that is required to obtain a single audit must competitively re-procure single audit services once every six years. Grantee shall procure audit services in compliance with this section, state procurement procedures, as well as with the provisions of UGMS.

#### **4.03 Submission of Audit**

Due the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the independent certified public accountant's report or nine months after the end of the fiscal year, Grantee shall submit electronically, one copy of the Single Audit or Program-Specific Audit to the System Agency as directed in this Contract and another copy to: [single\\_audit\\_report@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:single_audit_report@hhsc.state.tx.us)

### **ARTICLE V AFFIRMATIONS, ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

#### **5.01 General Affirmations**

Grantee certifies that, to the extent General Affirmations are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, the General Affirmations have been reviewed and that Grantee is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein.

#### **5.02 Federal Assurances**

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent Federal Assurances are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, the Federal Assurances have been reviewed and that Grantee is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein.

#### **5.03 Federal Certifications**

Grantee further certifies, to the extent Federal Certifications are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, that the Federal Certifications have been reviewed, and that Grantee is in compliance with each of the requirements reflected therein. **In addition, Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable federal laws, rules, or regulations, as they may pertain to this Contract.**

## **ARTICLE VI OWNERSHIP AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

### **6.01 Ownership**

The System Agency will own, and Grantee hereby assigns to the System Agency, all right, title, and interest in all Deliverables.

### **6.02 Intellectual Property**

- a. The System Agency and Grantee will retain ownership, all rights, title, and interest in and to, their respective pre-existing Intellectual Property. A license to either Party's pre-existing Intellectual Property must be agreed to under this or another contract.
- b. Grantee grants to the System Agency and the State of Texas a royalty-free, paid up, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use any Intellectual Property invented or created by Grantee, Grantee's contractor, or a subcontractor in the performance of the Project. Grantee will require its contractors to grant such a license under its contracts.

## **ARTICLE VII RECORDS, AUDIT, AND DISCLOSURE**

### **7.01 Books and Records**

Grantee will keep and maintain under GAAP or GASB, as applicable, full, true, and complete records necessary to fully disclose to the System Agency, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the United States Government, and their authorized representatives sufficient information to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and all state and federal rules, regulations, and statutes. Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee will maintain legible copies of this Contract and all related documents for a minimum of seven (7) years after the termination of the contract period or seven (7) years after the completion of any litigation or dispute involving the Contract, whichever is later.

### **7.02 Access to records, books, and documents**

In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, Grantee and any of Grantee's affiliate or subsidiary organizations, or Subcontractors will permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized representatives, as well as duly authorized federal, state or local authorities, unrestricted access to and the right to examine any site where business is conducted or Services are performed, and all records, which includes but is not limited to financial, client and patient records, books, papers or documents related to this Contract. If the Contract includes federal funds, federal agencies that will have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the federal agency providing the funds, the Comptroller General of the United States, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, and any of their authorized representatives. In addition, agencies of the State of Texas that will have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the System Agency, HHSC, HHSC's contracted examiners, the State Auditor's Office, the Texas Attorney General's Office, and any successor agencies. Each of these entities may be a duly authorized authority. If deemed necessary by the System Agency or any duly authorized authority, for the purpose of investigation or hearing, Grantee will produce original documents related to this Contract. The System Agency and any duly authorized authority will have the right to audit billings both before and after payment, and all documentation that substantiates the billings. Grantee will include this provision concerning

the right of access to, and examination of, sites and information related to this Contract in any Subcontract it awards.

### **7.03 Response/compliance with audit or inspection findings**

- a. Grantee must act to ensure its and its Subcontractor's compliance with all corrections necessary to address any finding of noncompliance with any law, regulation, audit requirement, or generally accepted accounting principle, or any other deficiency identified in any audit, review, or inspection of the Contract and the goods or services provided hereunder. Any such correction will be at Grantee or its Subcontractor's sole expense. Whether Grantee's action corrects the noncompliance will be solely the decision of the System Agency.
- b. As part of the Services, Grantee must provide to HHSC upon request a copy of those portions of Grantee's and its Subcontractors' internal audit reports relating to the Services and Deliverables provided to the State under the Contract.

### **7.04 SAO Audit**

Grantee understands that acceptance of funds directly under the Contract or indirectly through a Subcontract under the Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office (SAO), or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the SAO must provide the SAO with access to any information the SAO considers relevant to the investigation or audit. Grantee agrees to cooperate fully with the SAO or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Grantee will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by Subcontractors through Grantee and the requirement to cooperate is included in any Subcontract it awards.

### **7.05 Confidentiality**

Any specific confidentiality agreement between the Parties takes precedent over the terms of this section. To the extent permitted by law, Grantee agrees to keep all information confidential, in whatever form produced, prepared, observed, or received by Grantee. The provisions of this section remain in full force and effect following termination or cessation of the services performed under this Contract.

### **7.06 Public Information Act**

Information related to the performance of this Contract may be subject to the PIA and will be withheld from public disclosure or released only in accordance therewith. Grantee must make all information not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the PIA available in portable document file (".pdf") format or any other format agreed between the Parties.

## **ARTICLE VIII CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND EARLY TERMINATION**

### **8.01 Contract Management**

To ensure full performance of the Contract and compliance with applicable law, the System Agency may take actions including:

- a. Suspending all or part of the Contract;



- b. Requiring the Grantee to take specific corrective actions in order to remain in compliance with term of the Contract;
- c. Recouping payments made to the Grantee found to be in error;
- d. Suspending, limiting, or placing conditions on the continued performance of the Project;
- e. Imposing any other remedies authorized under this Contract; and
- f. Imposing any other remedies, sanctions or penalties permitted by federal or state statute, law, regulation, or rule.

### **8.02 Termination for Convenience**

The System Agency may terminate the Contract at any time when, in its sole discretion, the System Agency determines that termination is in the best interests of the State of Texas. The termination will be effective on the date specified in HHSC's notice of termination.

### **8.03 Termination for Cause**

Except as otherwise provided by the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or any successor law, the System Agency may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, upon either of the following conditions:

#### **a. Material Breach**

The System Agency will have the right to terminate the Contract in whole or in part if the System Agency determines, at its sole discretion, that Grantee has materially breached the Contract or has failed to adhere to any laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction and such violation prevents or substantially impairs performance of Grantee's duties under the Contract. Grantee's misrepresentation in any aspect of Grantee's Solicitation Response, if any or Grantee's addition to the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) will also constitute a material breach of the Contract.

#### **b. Failure to Maintain Financial Viability**

The System Agency may terminate the Contract if, in its sole discretion, the System Agency has a good faith belief that Grantee no longer maintains the financial viability required to complete the Services and Deliverables, or otherwise fully perform its responsibilities under the Contract.

### **8.04 Equitable Settlement**

Any early termination under this Article will be subject to the equitable settlement of the respective interests of the Parties up to the date of termination.

## **ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **9.01 Amendment**

The Contract may only be amended by an Amendment executed by both Parties.

### **9.02 Insurance**

Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee will acquire and maintain, for the duration of this Contract, insurance coverage necessary to ensure proper fulfillment of this Contract and potential liabilities thereunder with financially sound and reputable insurers licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance, in the type and amount customarily carried within the industry as determined by the System Agency. Grantee will provide evidence of insurance as required

under this Contract, including a schedule of coverage or underwriter's schedules establishing to the satisfaction of the System Agency the nature and extent of coverage granted by each such policy, upon request by the System Agency. In the event that any policy is determined by the System Agency to be deficient to comply with the terms of this Contract, Grantee will secure such additional policies or coverage as the System Agency may reasonably request or that are required by law or regulation. If coverage expires during the term of this Contract, Grantee must produce renewal certificates for each type of coverage.

These and all other insurance requirements under the Contract apply to both Grantee and its Subcontractors, if any. Grantee is responsible for ensuring its Subcontractors' compliance with all requirements.

### **9.03 Legal Obligations**

Grantee will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations, including all federal and state accessibility laws relating to direct and indirect use of information and communication technology. Grantee will be deemed to have knowledge of all applicable laws and regulations and be deemed to understand them. In addition to any other act or omission that may constitute a material breach of the Contract, failure to comply with this Section may also be a material breach of the Contract.

### **9.04 Permitting and Licensure**

At Grantee's sole expense, Grantee will procure and maintain for the duration of this Contract any state, county, city, or federal license, authorization, insurance, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by Grantee to provide the goods or Services required by this Contract. Grantee will be responsible for payment of all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Grantee agrees to be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its contactors or subcontractors during performance of this Contract.

### **9.05 Indemnity**

**TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, GRANTEE WILL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND THE SYSTEM AGENCY AND ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, SUITS, DEMANDS, PROCEEDINGS, COSTS, DAMAGES, AND LIABILITIES, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS ARISING OUT OF, OR CONNECTED WITH, OR RESULTING FROM:**

- a. GRANTEE'S PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF GRANTEE, OR ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR SUPPLIER OF GRANTEE, OR ANY THIRD PARTY UNDER THE CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OF GRANTEE, IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT; OR**
- b. ANY BREACH OR VIOLATION OF A STATUTE, ORDINANCE, GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION, STANDARD, RULE, OR BREACH OF CONTRACT BY GRANTEE, ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR SUPPLIER OF GRANTEE, OR ANY THIRD PARTY UNDER THE CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OF GRANTEE, IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT; OR**
- c. EMPLOYMENT OR ALLEGED EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING CLAIMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GRANTEE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS AGENTS; OR**

- d. WORK UNDER THIS CONTRACT THAT INFRINGES OR MISAPPROPRIATES ANY RIGHT OF ANY THIRD PERSON OR ENTITY BASED ON COPYRIGHT, PATENT, TRADE SECRET, OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.**

**GRANTEE WILL COORDINATE ITS DEFENSE WITH THE SYSTEM AGENCY AND ITS COUNSEL. THIS PARAGRAPH IS NOT INTENDED TO AND WILL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE GRANTEE TO INDEMNIFY OR HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OR THE SYSTEM AGENCY FOR ANY CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES RESULTING SOLELY FROM THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF THE SYSTEM AGENCY OR ITS EMPLOYEES. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WILL SURVIVE TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT.**

#### **9.06 Assignments**

Grantee may not assign all or any portion of its rights under, interests in, or duties required under this Contract without prior written consent of the System Agency, which may be withheld or granted at the sole discretion of the System Agency. Except where otherwise agreed in writing by the System Agency, assignment will not release Grantee from its obligations under the Contract.

Grantee understands and agrees the System Agency may in one or more transactions assign, pledge, or transfer the Contract. This assignment will only be made to another State agency or a non-state agency that is contracted to perform agency support.

#### **9.07 Relationship of the Parties**

Grantee is, and will be, an independent contractor and, subject only to the terms of this Contract, will have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct performance of the details incident to its duties under this Contract. Nothing contained in this Contract will be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create for the System Agency any liability whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of Grantee or any other Party.

Grantee will be solely responsible for, and the System Agency will have no obligation with respect to:

- a. Payment of Grantee's employees for all Services performed;
- b. Ensuring each of its employees, agents, or Subcontractors who provide Services or Deliverables under the Contract are properly licensed, certified, or have proper permits to perform any activity related to the Work;
- c. Withholding of income taxes, FICA, or any other taxes or fees;
- d. Industrial or workers' compensation insurance coverage;
- e. Participation in any group insurance plans available to employees of the State of Texas;
- f. Participation or contributions by the State to the State Employees Retirement System;
- g. Accumulation of vacation leave or sick leave; or
- h. Unemployment compensation coverage provided by the State.

#### **9.08 Technical Guidance Letters**

In the sole discretion of the System Agency, and in conformance with federal and state law, the System Agency may issue instructions, clarifications, or interpretations as may be required during Work performance in the form of a Technical Guidance Letter. A TGL must be in

writing, and may be delivered by regular mail, electronic mail, or facsimile transmission. Any TGL issued by the System Agency will be incorporated into the Contract by reference herein for all purposes when it is issued.

### **9.09 Governing Law and Venue**

This Contract and the rights and obligations of the Parties hereto will be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the State of Texas, exclusive of conflicts of law provisions. Venue of any suit brought under this Contract will be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas unless otherwise elected by the System Agency. Grantee irrevocably waives any objection, including any objection to personal jurisdiction or the laying of venue or based on the grounds of forum non conveniens, which it may now or hereafter have to the bringing of any action or proceeding in such jurisdiction in respect of this Contract or any document related hereto.

### **9.10 Severability**

If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract will be construed as if such provision did not exist and the non-enforceability of such provision will not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Contract unenforceable.

### **9.11 Survivability**

Termination or expiration of this Contract or a Contract for any reason will not release either party from any liabilities or obligations in this Contract that the parties have expressly agreed will survive any such termination or expiration, remain to be performed, or by their nature would be intended to be applicable following any such termination or expiration, including maintaining confidentiality of information and records retention.

### **9.12 Force Majeure**

Except with respect to the obligation of payments under this Contract, if either of the Parties, after a good faith effort, is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this Contract by reason of war; terrorism; rebellion; riots; strikes; acts of God; any valid order, rule, or regulation of governmental authority; or similar events that are beyond the control of the affected Party (collectively referred to as a "Force Majeure"), then, while so prevented, the affected Party's obligation to comply with such covenant will be suspended, and the affected Party will not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenant. In any such event, the Party claiming Force Majeure will promptly notify the other Party of the Force Majeure event in writing and, if possible, such notice will set forth the extent and duration thereof.

### **9.13 No Waiver of Provisions**

Neither failure to enforce any provision of this Contract nor payment for services provided under it constitute waiver of any provision of the Contract.

### **9.14 Publicity**

Except as provided in the paragraph below, Grantee must not use the name of, or directly or indirectly refer to, the System Agency, the State of Texas, or any other State agency in any media release, public announcement, or public disclosure relating to the Contract or its subject

matter, including in any promotional or marketing materials, customer lists, or business presentations.

Grantee may publish, at its sole expense, results of Grantee performance under the Contract with the System Agency's prior review and approval, which the System Agency may exercise at its sole discretion. Any publication (written, visual, or sound) will acknowledge the support received from the System Agency and any Federal agency, as appropriate.

#### **9.15 Prohibition on Non-compete Restrictions**

Grantee will not require any employees or Subcontractors to agree to any conditions, such as non-compete clauses or other contractual arrangements that would limit or restrict such persons or entities from employment or contracting with the State of Texas.

#### **9.16 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity**

Nothing in the Contract will be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the System Agency.

#### **9.17 Entire Contract and Modification**

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms in any future document incorporated into the Contract will be harmonized with this Contract to the extent possible by the System Agency.

#### **9.18 Counterparts**

This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, and all such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Contract.

#### **9.19 Proper Authority**

Each Party hereto represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Contract. Any Services or Work performed by Grantee before this Contract is effective or after it ceases to be effective are performed at the sole risk of Grantee with respect to compensation.

#### **9.20 Employment Verification**

Grantee will confirm the eligibility of all persons employed during the contract term to perform duties within Texas and all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the contractor to perform work pursuant to the Contract.

#### **9.21 Civil Rights**

- a. Grantee agrees to comply with state and federal anti-discrimination laws, including:
  1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000d *et seq.*);
  2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794);
  3. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.*);
  4. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107);
  5. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1688);
  6. Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. §2011 *et seq.*); and

7. The System Agency's administrative rules, as set forth in the Texas Administrative Code, to the extent applicable to this Agreement.

Grantee agrees to comply with all amendments to the above-referenced laws, and all requirements imposed by the regulations issued pursuant to these laws. These laws provide in part that no persons in the United States may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, or religion, be excluded from participation in or denied any aid, care, service or other benefits provided by Federal or State funding, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.

- b. Grantee agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 80 or 7 C.F.R. Part 15, prohibiting a contractor from adopting and implementing policies and procedures that exclude or have the effect of excluding or limiting the participation of clients in its programs, benefits, or activities on the basis of national origin. State and federal civil rights laws require contractors to provide alternative methods for ensuring access to services for applicants and recipients who cannot express themselves fluently in English. Grantee agrees to take reasonable steps to provide services and information, both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, in order to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits, and activities.
- c. Grantee agrees to post applicable civil rights posters in areas open to the public informing clients of their civil rights and including contact information for the HHS Civil Rights Office. The posters are available on the HHS website at: <http://hhscx.hhsc.texas.gov/system-support-services/civil-rights/publications>
- d. Grantee agrees to comply with Executive Order 13279, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 87 or 7 C.F.R. Part 16. These provide in part that any organization that participates in programs funded by direct financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Health and Human Services shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.
- e. Upon request, Grantee will provide HHSC Civil Rights Office with copies of all of the Grantee's civil rights policies and procedures.
- f. Grantee must notify HHSC's Civil Rights Office of any civil rights complaints received relating to its performance under this Agreement. This notice must be delivered no more than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of a complaint. Notice provided pursuant to this section must be directed to:

HHSC Civil Rights Office  
701 W. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Mail Code W206  
Austin, Texas 78751  
Phone Toll Free: (888) 388-6332  
Phone: (512) 438-4313

TTY Toll Free: (877) 432-7232  
Fax: (512) 438-5885.

# **Attachment C – Special Conditions**





# TEXAS

## Health and Human Services

**Health and Human Services Commission**  
**Special Conditions**  
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## HHSC SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions of these Special Conditions are incorporated into and made a part of the Contract. Capitalized items used in these Special Conditions and not otherwise defined have the meanings assigned to them in HHSC Grantee Uniform Terms and Conditions – Version 2.14

### **Article I. SPECIAL DEFINITIONS**

**“Conflict of Interest”** means a set of facts or circumstances, a relationship, or other situation under which Grantee, a Subcontractor, or individual has past, present, or currently planned personal or financial activities or interests that either directly or indirectly: (1) impairs or diminishes the Grantee’s, or Subcontractor’s ability to render impartial or objective assistance or advice to the HHSC; or (2) provides the Grantee or Subcontractor an unfair competitive advantage in future HHSC procurements.

**“Grantee Agents”** means Grantee’s representatives, employees, officers, as well as any contractor or subgrantee's employees, contractors, officers, principals and agents.

**“Data Use Agreement”** means the agreement incorporated into the Contract to facilitate creation, receipt, maintenance, use, disclosure or access to Confidential Information.

**“Item of Noncompliance”** means Grantee’s acts or omissions that: (1) violate a provision of the Contract; (2) fail to ensure adequate performance of the Project; (3) represent a failure of Grantee to be responsive to a request of HHSC relating to the Project under the Contract.

**“Minor Administrative Change”** refers to a change to the Contract that does not increase the fees or term and done in accordance with Section 6.02 of these Special Conditions.

**“Confidential System Information”** means any communication or record (whether oral, written, electronically stored or transmitted, or in any other form) provided to or made available to Grantee; or that Grantee may create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to on behalf of HHSC or through performance of the Project, which is not designated as Confidential Information in a Data Use Agreement.

**“State”** means the State of Texas and, unless otherwise indicated or appropriate, will be interpreted to mean HHSC and other agencies of the State of Texas that may participate in the administration of HHSC Programs; provided, however, that no provision will be interpreted to include any entity other than HHSC as the contracting agency.

**“Software”** means all operating system and applications software used or created by Grantee to perform the work under the Contract.

**“Third Party Software”** refers to software programs or plug-ins developed by companies or individuals other than Grantee which are used in performance of the Project. It does not include items which are ancillary to the performance of the Project, such as internal systems of Grantee which were deployed by Grantee prior to the Contract and not procured to perform the Project.

**“UTC”** means HHSC’s Uniform Terms and Conditions –Grantee- Version 2.14

## **Article II.**

### **Article II. GRANTEES PERSONNEL**

#### **Section 2.01 Qualifications**

Grantee agrees to maintain the organizational and administrative capacity and capabilities proposed in its response to the Solicitation, as modified, to carry out all duties and responsibilities under the Contract. Grantee Agents assigned to perform the duties and responsibilities under the Contract must be and remain properly trained and qualified for the functions they are to perform. Notwithstanding the transfer or turnover of personnel, Grantee remains obligated to perform all duties and responsibilities under the Contract without degradation and in strict accordance with the terms of the Contract.

#### **Section 2.02 Conduct and Removal**

While performing the Project, Grantee Agents must comply with applicable Contract terms, State and federal rules, regulations, HHSC's policies, and HHSC's requests regarding personal and professional conduct; and otherwise conduct themselves in a businesslike and professional manner.

If HHSC determines in good faith that a particular Grantee Agent is not conducting himself or herself in accordance with the terms of the Contract, HHSC may provide Grantee with notice and documentation regarding its concerns. Upon receipt of such notice, Grantee must promptly investigate the matter and, at HHSC's election, take appropriate action that may include removing the Grantee Agent from performing the Project.

## **Article III. CONFIDENTIALITY**

#### **Section 3.01 Confidential System Information**

HHSC prohibits the unauthorized disclosure of Other Confidential Information. Grantee and all Grantee Agents will not disclose or use any Other Confidential Information in any manner except as is necessary for the Project or the proper discharge of obligations and securing of rights under the Contract. Grantee will have a system in effect to protect Other Confidential Information. Any disclosure or transfer of Other Confidential Information by Grantee, including information requested to do so by HHSC, will be in accordance with the Contract. If Grantee receives a request for Other Confidential Information, Grantee will immediately notify HHSC of the request, and will make reasonable efforts to protect the Other Confidential Information from disclosure until further instructed by the HHSC.

Grantee will notify HHSC promptly of any unauthorized possession, use, knowledge, or attempt thereof, of any Other Confidential Information by any person or entity that may become known to Grantee. Grantee will furnish to HHSC all known details of the unauthorized possession, use, or knowledge, or attempt thereof, and use reasonable efforts to assist HHSC in investigating or preventing the reoccurrence of any unauthorized possession, use, or knowledge, or attempt thereof, of Other Confidential Information.

HHSC will have the right to recover from Grantee all damages and liabilities caused by or arising from Grantee or Grantee Agents' failure to protect HHSC's Confidential Information as required by this section.

**IN COORDINATION WITH THE INDEMNITY PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE UTC, GRANTEE WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS HHSC FROM ALL DAMAGES, COSTS, LIABILITIES, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING FROM GRANTEE OR GRANTEE AGENTS FAILURE TO PROTECT OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. GRANTEE WILL FULFILL THIS PROVISION WITH COUNSEL APPROVED BY HHSC.**

## **Article IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **Section 4.01 Minor Administrative Changes**

HHSC's designee, referred to as the Contract Manager, Project Sponsor, or other equivalent, in the Contract, is authorized to provide written approval of mutually agreed upon Minor Administrative Changes to the Project or the Contract that do not increase the fees or term. Changes that increase the fees or term must be accomplished through the formal amendment procedure, as set forth in the UTC. Upon approval of a Minor Administrative Change, HHSC and Grantee will maintain written notice that the change has been accepted in their Contract files.

### **Section 4.02 Conflicts of Interest**

Grantee warrants to the best of its knowledge and belief, except to the extent already disclosed to HHSC, there are no facts or circumstances that could give rise to a Conflict of Interest and further that Grantee or Grantee Agents have no interest and will not acquire any direct or indirect interest that would conflict in any manner or degree with their performance under the Contract. Grantee will, and require Grantee Agents, to establish safeguards to prohibit Contract Agents from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational Conflict of Interest, or for personal gain. Grantee and Grantee Agents will operate with complete independence and objectivity without actual, potential or apparent Conflict of Interest with respect to the activities conducted under the Contract.

Grantee agrees that, if after Grantee's execution of the Contract, Grantee discovers or is made aware of a Conflict of Interest, Grantee will immediately and fully disclose such interest in writing to HHSC. In addition, Grantee will promptly and fully disclose any relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict after its discovery by Grantee or by HHSC as a potential conflict. HHSC reserves the right to make a final determination regarding the existence of Conflicts of Interest, and Grantee agrees to abide by HHSC's decision.

If HHSC determines that Grantee was aware of a Conflict of Interest and did not disclose the conflict to HHSC, such nondisclosure will be considered a material breach of the Contract. Furthermore, such breach may be submitted to the Office of the Attorney General, Texas Ethics Commission, or appropriate State or federal law enforcement officials for further action.

### **Section 4.03 Flow Down Provisions**

Grantee must include any applicable provisions of the Contract in all subcontracts based on the scope and magnitude of work to be performed by such Subcontractor. Any necessary terms will be modified appropriately to preserve the State's rights under the Contract.

## **Article V. DSHS LEGACY PROVISIONS**

### **Section 5.01 Notice of Criminal Activity and Disciplinary Actions**

- (a) Grantee shall immediately report in writing to their contract manager when Grantee has knowledge or any reason to believe that they or any person with ownership or controlling interest in the organization/business, or their agent, employee, subcontractor or volunteer that is providing services under this Contract has:

Engaged in any activity that could constitute a criminal offense equal to or greater than a Class A misdemeanor or grounds for disciplinary action by a state or federal regulatory authority; or

Been placed on community supervision, received deferred adjudication, or been indicted for or convicted of a criminal offense relating to involvement in any financial matter, federal or state program or felony sex crime.

- (b) Grantee shall not permit any person who engaged, or was alleged to have engaged, in any activity subject to reporting under this section to perform direct client services or have direct contact with clients, unless otherwise directed in writing by the System Agency.

### **Section 5.02 Notice of IRS or TWC Insolvency**

Grantee shall notify in writing their assigned contract manager their insolvency, incapacity or outstanding unpaid obligations to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or Texas Workforce Commission within five days of the date of becoming aware of such.

### **Section 5.03 Disaster Services**

In the event of a local, state, or federal emergency, including natural, man-made, criminal, terrorist, and/or bioterrorism events, declared as a state disaster by the Governor, or a federal disaster by the appropriate federal official, Grantee may be called upon to assist the System Agency in providing the following services:

- a. Community evacuation;
- b. Health and medical assistance;
- c. Assessment of health and medical needs;
- d. Health surveillance;
- e. Medical care personnel;
- f. Health and medical equipment and supplies;
- g. Patient evacuation;
- h. In-hospital care and hospital facility status;
- i. Food, drug and medical device safety;
- j. worker health and safety;
- k. Mental health and substance abuse;

- l. Public health information;
- m. Vector control and veterinary services; and
- n. Victim identification and mortuary services.

#### **Section 5.04 Consent by Non-Parent or Other State Law to Medical Care of a Minor**

Unless a federal law applies, before a Grantee or its subcontractor can provide medical, dental, psychological or surgical treatment to a minor without parental consent, informed consent must be obtained as required by Texas Family Code Chapter 32.

#### **Section 5.05 Services and Information for Persons with Limited English Proficiency**

- a. Grantee shall take reasonable steps to provide services and information both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits and activities.
- b. Grantee shall identify and document on the client records the primary language/dialect of a client who has limited English proficiency and the need for translation or interpretation services and shall not require a client to provide or pay for the services of a translator or interpreter.
- c. Grantee shall make every effort to avoid use of any persons under the age of 18 or any family member or friend of the client as an interpreter for essential communications with a client with limited English proficiency unless the client has requested that person and using the person would not compromise the effectiveness of services or violate the client's confidentiality and the client is advised that a free interpreter is available.

#### **Section 5.06 Third Party Payors**

Except as provided in this Contract, Grantee shall screen all clients and may not bill the System Agency for services eligible for reimbursement from third party payors, who are any person or entity who has the legal responsibility for paying for all or part of the services provided, including commercial health or liability insurance carriers, Medicaid, or other federal, state, local and private funding sources.

As applicable, the Grantee shall:

- a. Enroll as a provider in Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid if providing approved services authorized under this Contract that may be covered by those programs and bill those programs for the covered services;
- b. Provide assistance to individuals to enroll in such programs when the screening process indicates possible eligibility for such programs;
- c. Allow clients that are otherwise eligible for System Agency services, but cannot pay a deductible required by a third party payor, to receive services up to the amount of the deductible and to bill the System Agency for the deductible;
- d. Not bill the System Agency for any services eligible for third party reimbursement until all appeals to third party payors have been exhausted;
- e. Maintain appropriate documentation from the third party payor reflecting attempts to obtain reimbursement;
- f. Bill all third party payors for services provided under this Contract before submitting any request for reimbursement to System Agency; and
- g. Provide third party billing functions at no cost to the client.

#### **Section 5.07 HIV/AIDS Model Workplace Guidelines**

Grantee shall implement System Agency's policies based on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS), AIDS Model Workplace Guidelines for Businesses at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/policy/policies.shtm>, State Agencies and State Grantees Policy No. 090.021.

Grantee shall also educate employees and clients concerning HIV and its related conditions, including AIDS, in accordance with the Texas Health & Safety Code §§ 85.112-114.

### **Section 5.08 Medical Records Retention**

Grantee shall retain medical records in accordance with 22 TAC §165.1(b) or other applicable statutes, rules and regulations governing medical information.

### **Section 5.09 Notice of a License Action**

Grantee shall notify their contract manager of any action impacting its license to provide services under this Contract within five days of becoming aware of the action and include the following:

- a. Reason for such action;
- b. Name and contact information of the local, state or federal department or agency or entity;
- c. Date of the license action; and
- d. License or case reference number.

### **Section 5.10 Interim Extension Amendment**

- a. Prior to or on the expiration date of this Contract, the Parties agree that this Contract can be extended as provided under this Section.
- b. The System Agency shall provide written notice of interim extension amendment to the Grantee under one of the following circumstances:
  1. Continue provision of services in response to a disaster declared by the governor; or
  2. To ensure that services are provided to clients without interruption.
- c. The System Agency will provide written notice of the interim extension amendment that specifies the reason for it and period of time for the extension.
- d. Grantee will provide and invoice for services in the same manner that is stated in the Contract.
- e. An interim extension under Section (b)(1) above shall extend the term of the contract not longer than 30 days after governor's disaster declaration is declared unless the Parties agree to a shorter period of time.
- f. An interim extension under Section (b)(2) above shall be a one-time extension for a period of time determined by the System Agency.

### **Section 5.11 Child Abuse Reporting Requirement**

- a. Grantees shall comply with child abuse and neglect reporting requirements in Texas Family Code Chapter 261. This section is in addition to and does not supersede any other legal obligation of the Grantee to report child abuse.
- b. Grantee shall develop, implement and enforce a written policy that includes at a minimum the System Agency's Child Abuse Screening, Documenting, and Reporting Policy for Grantees/Providers and train all staff on reporting requirements.



- c. Grantee shall use the System Agency's Child Abuse Reporting Form located at [www.SystemAgency.state.tx.us/childabusereporting](http://www.SystemAgency.state.tx.us/childabusereporting) as required by the System Agency. Grantee shall retain reporting documentation on site and make it available for inspection by the System Agency.

**Section 5.12 Grantee's Certification of Meeting or Exceeding Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy Minimum Standards**

Grantee certifies that it has adopted and enforces a Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy that meets or exceeds all of the following minimum standards of:

- a) Prohibiting the use of all forms of tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco;
- b) Designating the property to which this Policy applies as a "designated area," which must at least comprise all buildings and structures where activities funded under this Contract are taking place, as well as Grantee owned, leased, or controlled sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and attached parking structures immediately adjacent to this designated area;
- c) Applying to all employees and visitors in this designated area; and
- d) Providing for or referring its employees to tobacco use cessation services.

If Grantee cannot meet these minimum standards, it must obtain a waiver from the System Agency.

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