

**FOURTH RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT
FOR AUTOPSIES AND RELATED SERVICES
BETWEEN FORT BEND COUNTY AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AT
GALVESTON**

This Fourth Renewal of Interlocal Agreement for UTMB Forensic Pathology Services ("Fourth Renewal") is made and entered into by and between **The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston**, an institution of The University of Texas System, which is an agency of the State of Texas, for and on behalf of its Department of Pathology ("UTMB"), and **Fort Bend County, Texas** ("County"), effective March 1, 2016, regardless of the date of execution.

RECITALS

A. UTMB and County (the "parties") entered into that certain Agreement for Autopsies and Related Services (the "Agreement") effective September 1, 2013, wherein UTMB agreed to provide certain medical examiner services to County as more specifically described in the Agreement.

B. The parties executed that certain First Renewal of Interlocal Agreement for UTMB Forensic Pathology Services ("First Renewal") effective March 1, 2014, to extend the term and amend the Agreement as provided therein.

C. The parties executed that certain Second Renewal of Interlocal Agreement ("Second Renewal") to extend the term an additional three (3) months with an automatic renewal upon completion of the said three-month extension on a month-to-month basis throughout the remainder of the UTMB Fiscal year 2014-2015, and to amend the Agreement as provided therein.

D. The parties executed that certain Third Renewal of Interlocal Agreement ("Third Renewal") to extend the term an additional two (2) months with an automatic renewal upon completion of the said two-month extension on a month-to-month basis through February 29, 2016, and to amend the Agreement as provided therein.

E. The parties now wish to enter into this Fourth Renewal of Interlocal Agreement ("Fourth Renewal") to extend the term an additional six (6) through August 31, 2016.

AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of the terms and conditions set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereby agree to renew the Agreement as follows:

1. **Extension of Agreement Term.** The term of the Agreement is extended for an additional six (6) months throughout the remainder of the UTMB fiscal year 2015-2016, which such Fiscal Year ends on August 31, 2016, unless terminated earlier by mutual written agreement of the Parties. UTMB and County agree that execution of this Fourth Renewal by both parties is effective to extend the term of the Agreement, as previously amended, and any other conditions for extension or renewal contained in the Agreement are hereby waived for the purpose of effecting this renewal term. Any additional extensions of the term shall be governed by the provisions of the Agreement.

The Parties further agree and acknowledge that if there are any additional costs or fees imposed upon UTMB by Galveston County pursuant to any new interlocal agreement between those parties, this agreement will be amended to reflect such additional costs or fees.

2. **Continuation of Service Rates.** During the extended term of the Agreement set forth in paragraph 1 of this Fourth Renewal, the Fees and Payment for autopsies and external view autopsies set forth in Third Renewal of the Agreement shall remain in effect through August 31, 2016.

a. Determination of Costs.

1.) **Charges.** The County shall pay UTMB as follows:

- a.) The County shall pay Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$2,500.00) for each full autopsy performed on behalf of Fort Bend County; and
- b.) The County shall pay Eight Hundred Twenty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$825.00) for each determination of death in which a full autopsy is not performed.

3. **Ratification and Defined Terms.** Except as amended or modified by this Fourth Renewal, the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. UTMB and County each hereby ratify, affirm, and agree that the Agreement, as herein modified, represents the valid, binding, and enforceable obligations of UTMB and County, respectively. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of the Agreement, the First Renewal and the Second Renewal, the provisions of this Fourth Renewal shall control and govern. Except as otherwise defined in this Fourth Renewal, each of the terms used herein shall have the same meaning assigned to such terms in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and UTMB have caused this Fourth Renewal to be executed by their authorized representatives, effective as of the year and date first above written.

FORT BEND COUNTY

By: _____
Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

Date: _____

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON**

By: _____
Cheryl A. Sadro, CPA, MSM
Executive Vice President &
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Date: 8/2/16

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Executive Vice President and Provost
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Date: 8/1/16

Approved as to legal form:

Michelle Rangel
Fort Bend County
Assistant County Attorney

By: _____
Rex McCallum, MD, FACP, FACR,
Vice President, Chief Physician
Executive

Date: 7/28/2016

Auditor's Certificate

I hereby certify that funds are available to pay the obligations of Fort Bend County.

Ed Sturdivant, Fort Bend County Auditor

By: _____
Michael Laposata, M.D., Ph.D.
Professor and Chairman
Department of Pathology
Date: 7/21/16