

contained in this Amendment. This Amendment, although drawn by one party, shall be construed fairly and reasonably and not more strictly against the drafting party than the nondrafting party.

7. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full force, if the essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each party remain valid, binding, and enforceable.
8. **Required Federal Clauses.** Contractor understands and acknowledges that this Agreement may be totally or partially funded with federal and or state funds from the Department of Homeland Security and or the Office of the Governor. As a condition of receiving these funds, Contractor represents that it is and will remain in compliance with all federal and or state terms as stated below. These terms flow down to all third party contractors and their subcontracts at every tier that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, unless a particular award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. The Contractor shall require that these clauses shall be included in each covered transaction at any tier.

8.1. Activities Conducted Abroad

Contractor must ensure that project activities carried on outside the United States are coordinated as necessary with appropriate government authorities and that appropriate licenses, permits, or approvals are obtained.

8.2. ADA Access.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 et seq., which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities, and any subsequent amendments to these laws; (4) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35; (5) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36; (6) U.S. General Services Administration (U.S. GSA) regulations, "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19; (7) U.S. EEOC, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630.

8.3. Child Support.

Per Texas Family Code 231.006, a child support obligor or business entity remains ineligible to receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property,

materials, or services; or a state funded loan until: (1) all arrearages have been paid; (2) the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency; or (3) the court of continuing jurisdiction over the child support order has granted the obligor an exemption from ineligibility as part of a court-supervised effort to improve earnings and child support payments.

Before payment can be released Contractor will supply County with the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity.

Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

8.4. Civil Rights/Nondiscrimination Requirements.

Contractor will comply, with the nondiscrimination requirements which may include the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC § 2000d); the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 USC § 3601 et seq.); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC § 794); the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 USC § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (USC §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Employment in Education Act) (20 USC § 1681 et seq.); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC §§ 6101-07); Titles I, II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Drug Abuse and Treatment Act of 1972 (PL 92-255); the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (PL 91-616); Sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 USC §§ 290dd-3 and 290ee-3); and 28 CFR 38 (Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); see Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations) and Ex. Order 13559 (fundamental principles and policymaking criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations).

More specifically, Contractor will comply with:

a. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Contractor must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Pub. L. No. 101-336 (1990) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101- 12213), which prohibits recipients of federal funds from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities.

b. Civil Rights Act of 1968. Contractor must comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Pub. L. No. 90- 284, as amended through Pub. L. 113-4, which prohibits recipients of federal funds from discriminating in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of dwellings, or in the provision of services in connection therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex (see 42

U.S.C. Section 3601 et seq.), as implemented by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units- i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)-be designed and constructed with certain accessible features. (See 24 C.F.R. Section 100, Subpart D).

c. Limited English Proficiency

Contractor must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d et seq.) prohibition against discrimination on the basis of national origin, which requires that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to their programs and services. For additional assistance and information regarding language access obligations, please refer to the DHS Recipient Guidance at <https://www.dhs.gov/guidance-published-help-department-supported-organizations-provide-meaningful-access-people-limited> and additional resources on <http://www.lep.gov>.

d. Civil Rights Act of 1964-Title VI. Contractors must comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d et seq.), which provides that no person in the United States will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations for the Act are found at 6 C.F.R. Part 21 and 44 C.F.R. Part 7.

e. Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Contractor must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. Section 794), as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individuals in the United States will, solely by reason of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

f. Nondiscrimination in Matters Pertaining to Faith-Based Organizations. It is DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations in social service programs administered or supported by DHS or its component agencies, enabling those organizations to participate in providing important social services to beneficiaries. Contractors must comply with the equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19 and other applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs.

g. Education Amendments of 1972. Contractors must comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Pub. L. No. 92-318

(1972) (codified as amended at 20 U.S.C. Section 1681 et seq.), which provide that no person in the United States will, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations are codified at 6 C.F.R. Part 17 and 44 C.F.R. Part 19.

h. Age Discrimination Act of 1975. Contractor must comply with the requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Title 42 U.S. Code, Section 6101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

i. Nondiscrimination in Matters Pertaining to Faith-Based Organizations. Contractor will comply, and all its subcontractors will comply, with the nondiscrimination requirements which may include the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 USC § 3789(d)); Victims of Crime Act (42 U.S.C. § 10604(e)); Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. § 5672 (b)); the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 7 94); the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (U.S.C. §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-07); and 28 CFR 38 (Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); see Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations) and Ex. Order 13559 (fundamental principles and policymaking criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations).

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

8.5. Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders.

Contractor's attention is called to the fact that this Agreement between County and Contractor will be subject to financial assistance contracts between the County and various State or Federal agencies. The Agreement to be awarded, therefore, is subject to the terms of these agreements and will not proceed without these agreements having been duly executed. The Contractor will be required to comply with, in addition to other provisions of the agreement, the conditions required by applicable federal regulations. Contractor will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, policies, procedures, and directives.

8.6. Contracting with Small, Minority Firms, Women's Business Enterprises and Labor Surplus Area Firms.

Contractor will take all necessary, affirmative steps to assure that qualified small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor area surplus firms are used when possible by:

- a) Placing small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- b) Assuring that it solicits small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises whenever they are potential sources;
- c) Dividing total requirements, *when economically feasible*, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- d) Establishing delivery schedules, *where the requirement permits*, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- e) Utilizing the assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce;
- f) Contractor must require subcontractors to take the five affirmative steps described in a-e above.

8.7. Cooperation with Monitoring, Audits and Records Requirements.

The Contractor agrees to cooperate with the Office of the Governor and any relevant federal agency generally, including on any compliance review or complaint investigation conducted by the Federal sponsoring agency or the Office of the Governor and on all grant monitoring requests, including requests related to desk reviews, enhanced programmatic desk reviews, and/or site visits.

The Contractor shall maintain adequate records that enable the Office of the Governor and any relevant federal agency to complete monitoring tasks, including to verify all reporting measures, requests for reimbursements, and expenditure of match funds related to this Grant Agreement. The Contractor shall maintain such records as are deemed necessary by the Office of the Governor, the State Auditor's Office, other auditors of the State of Texas, the federal government or such other persons or entities designated or authorized by the Office of the Governor to ensure proper accounting for all costs and performances related to this Grant Agreement.

The Office of the Governor may request documented proof of payment. Acceptable proof of payment includes, but is not necessarily limited to, a receipt or other documentation of a paid invoice, a general ledger detailing the specific revenue and expenditures, a monthly bank statement evidencing payment of the specific expenditure, bank reconciliation detail, copies of processed checks, or a printed copy of an electronic payment confirmation evidencing payment of the specific expenditure to which the reimbursement relates.

The Contractor authorizes DHS, the Office of the Governor, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the Comptroller General of the United States, and any relevant federal agency, and their representatives, the right to audit, examine, and copy all paper and electronic

records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices, and any other requested records, in any form; relevant to this Agreement and will make them readily available upon request. The Contractor will similarly permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary.

If requested, the Contractor shall submit to the Office of the Governor a copy of its most recent independent financial audit, any audited financial statements, related management letters and management responses of Contractor, and financial audit documents or portions thereof that are directly related to the Contractor's performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

The Office of the Governor may make unannounced monitoring visits at any time but will, whenever practical as determined at the sole discretion of the Office of the Governor, provide the Contractor with up to five (5) business days advance notice of any such examination or audit. Any audit of records shall be conducted at the Contractor's principal place of business and/or the location(s) of the Contractor's operations during the Contractor's normal business hours. The Contractor shall provide to the Office of the Governor or its designees, on the Contractor's premises, private space, office furnishings (including lockable cabinets), telephone services and Internet connectivity, utilities, and office-related equipment and duplicating services as the Office of the Governor or its designees may reasonably require to perform the audits described in this section.

In addition to the information contained in the required reports, other information may be required as requested by the Office of the Governor, including the Office of the Governor asking for more information regarding project performance or funds expenditures. In the event the Office of the Governor requires additional information regarding the information or data submitted, the Contractor will promptly provide the additional information. The Contractor also agrees to assist the Office of the Governor in responding to questions and assisting in providing information responsive to any audit, legislative request, or other inquiry regarding the grant award. Upon the request of the Office of the Governor, the Contractor must submit to the Office of the Governor any additional documentation or explanation the Office of the Governor may desire to support or document the requested payment or report submitted under this Agreement.

If after a written request by the Office of the Governor or a relevant federal agency, the Contractor fails to provide required reports, information, documentation, or other information within reasonable deadlines set by the Office of the Governor or the relevant federal agency, as required by this Agreement, or fails to fulfil any requirement in this section, then the Office of the Governor may consider this act a possible default under this Agreement, and the Contractor may be subject to sanctions including but not limited to, withholdings and/or other restrictions on the access to funds; referral to relevant agencies for audit review; designation of the Contractor as a high-risk Contractor; or termination of awards.

8.8. Debt to State

The State shall not be responsible for any debts associated with this Agreement.

8.9. DHS Specific Acknowledgements and Assurances.

All Contractors, successors, transferees, and assignees must acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff.

- a. Contractor must cooperate with any compliance reviews or compliance investigations conducted by DHS.
- b. Contractor must give DHS access to, and the right to examine and copy, records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the federal financial assistance award and permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary, as required by DHS regulations and other applicable laws or program guidance.
- c. Contractor must submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.
- d. Contractor must comply with all other special reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

8.10. Drug-Free Workplace Regulations.

Contractor must comply with drug-free workplace requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 3001, which adopts the Government-wide implementation (2 C.F.R. Part 182) of Sec. 5152-5158 of the *Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988* (41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106).

8.11. Examination of Records.

The Contractor agrees to provide County, the Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to the Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

The Contractor agrees to comply and will require all subcontractors of any tier to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.333. The Contractor agrees to retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, all books, records, accounts, statistics, leases, subcontracts, arrangements other third party arrangements of any type, reports, and supporting materials related to those records required under the Agreement for a period of not less than three years after the date of termination or expiration of the Agreement, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of the Agreement,

in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until County, the Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

8.12. Federal Debt

Contractor is required to be non-delinquent in their repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefit overpayments. (See OMB Circular A-129).

8.13. Fly America.

The Contractor agrees to comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C. Section 41102) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. Section 40118) and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981 amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.

And with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and sub-recipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. The Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

8.14. Government-wide Debarment and Suspension.

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180. A contract award in any tier must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. § 180 that implement Executive Orders Nos. 12549 (3 C F R part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive

Order No. 12549. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount).

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the Contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to DHS and County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The Contractor further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

8.15. Health and Human Services, Public Safety or Law Enforcement Agency Compliance

Contractor certifies that it as owner, operator or administrator of a facility has not had any licenses, certificates, or permits revoked by any health and human service agency or public safety or law enforcement agency.

8.16. Program Fraud, False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies.

Contractor understands that County does not tolerate any type of fraud, waste or misuse of funds. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. Section 3729-3733) which prohibits the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the federal government. Contractor understands and agrees that misuse of funds may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds, suspension or debarment from federal and state grants, recoupment of monies provided under an award, and civil and/or criminal penalties. (See 31 U.S.C. Section 381-3812 which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements made.)

The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with funds from this Agreement.

8.17. Domestic Preferences for Procurements.

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, Contractor shall to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products procured with federal funds. For purposes of this clause, (1)

“Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. (2) “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

8.18. Reporting of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.

In the event, County becomes aware of any allegation or a finding of fraud, waste, or misuse of funds received for the performance of this Agreement, the County is required to immediately notify OOG of said allegation or finding and to continue to inform OOG of the status of any such on-going investigations. The County must promptly refer to OOG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has -- (1) submitted a claim for award funds that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving award funds. County must also immediately notify OOG in writing of any misappropriation of funds, fraud, theft, embezzlement, forgery, or any other serious irregularities indicating noncompliance with grant requirements.

The County shall report any possible fraudulent or dishonest acts, waste, or abuse to OOG’s Fraud Coordinator or Ethics Advisor at (512) 463-1788 or in writing to: Ethics Advisor, Office of the Governor, P.O. Box 12428, Austin, Texas 78711.

8.19. Restrictions and Certifications Regarding Non-Disclosure Agreements and Related Matters.

Contractor certifies that they have not required any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a state or federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

8.20. National Environmental Policy Act.

Contractor must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, which requires recipients to use all practicable means within their authority, and consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to create and maintain conditions under which people and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other needs of present and future generations of Americans.

8.21. No Obligation by Federal Government.

The Federal Government is not a party to this Agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the County, Contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Agreement.

8.22. Notice of Funding Opportunity.

All of the instructions, guidance, limitations, and other conditions set forth in the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program are incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

8.23. Political Activities.

Contractor must comply with 31 U.S.C. Section 1352, which provides that none of the funds provided under a federal financial assistance award may be expended by the recipient to pay any person to influence, or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee or a Member of Congress in connection with any federal action related to a federal award or contract, including any extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification.

8.24. Best Practices for Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

If Contractor collects Personally Identifiable Information (PII), they are required to have a publically-available privacy policy that describes standards in the usage and maintenance of PII they collect. DHS defines PII as any information that permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information that is linked or linkable to that individual. Recipients may also find the DHS Privacy Impact Assessments: Privacy Guidance and Privacy template as useful resources respectively.

8.25. Prohibited Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services and Equipment.

Contractor understands and acknowledges that under 2 CFR 200.216, the County is prohibited from using federal funds to procure, obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services, including telecom equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corp. (or subsidiaries or affiliates of such entities).

Contractor, therefore, certifies that they are in compliance with the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019 NDAA), Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018), and that in the performance of this agreement, it will not provide equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei

Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

8.26. Prompt Payment.

The Contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this Agreement for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the Contractor's receipt of payment for that work from County. In addition, the Contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed.

8.27. Procurement of Recovered Materials.

Contractor must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. section 6962). The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition.

8.28. Retention of Records

The Contractor agrees to maintain fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures related to this Agreement pursuant to 2 CFR 200.333, UGMS, and state law. Contractor must retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, these records and any supporting documentation for a minimum period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of the Agreement or any litigation, dispute, or audit arising from the performance of the Agreement. Records related to real property and equipment acquired with grant funds shall be retained for three (3) years after final disposition. If requested by the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grant Division (HSGD), the County may direct the Contractor to retain documents for a

longer period of time or transfer certain records to HSGD custody when it is determined the records possess longer term retention value.

8.29. Terrorist Financing.

Contractor must comply with E.O. 13224 and U.S. law that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism.

8.30. Text Messaging While Driving.

Contractor is encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving as described in E.O. 13513, including conducting initiatives described in Section 3(a) of the Order when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the federal government.

8.31. Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

Contractor will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from awarding funds to a private entity or individual who has (1) engaged in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (2) procured a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) used forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award. Contractor shall inform County immediately upon receipt of any information from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition of the TVPA. Violation of this clause, may result in termination of this Agreement.

8.32. USA Patriot Act of 2001.

Contractor must comply with requirements of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. Sections 175-175c.

8.33. Use of DHS Seal, Logo and Flags.

Contractor must obtain permission from DHS, prior to using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

8.34. Whistleblower Protections

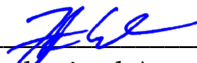
Contractor must comply with the statutory requirements for whistleblower protections (if applicable) at 10 U.S.C Section 2409, 41 U.S.C. 4712, and 10 U.S.C. Section 2324, 41 U.S.C. Sections 4304 and 4310.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment is signed, accepted, and agreed to by all parties by and through the parties or their agents or authorized representatives. All parties hereby acknowledge that they have read and understood this Amendment and the attachments and exhibits hereto. All parties further acknowledge that they have executed this legal document voluntarily and of their own free will.

FORT BEND COUNTY

BOLDPLANNING, INC.

KP George, County Judge



Authorized Agent – Signature

Date

Fulton Wold

Authorized Agent- Printed Name

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk

Owner/Founder

Title

August 9, 2021

Date

AUDITOR’S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$ _____ to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County under this Agreement.

Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

- Exhibit 1: Previous Agreement between the County and BOLDplanning, Inc. for Planning Services, executed on or about June 9, 2020; and
- Exhibit 2: BOLDplanning, Inc.’s Invoice # 3805

EXHIBIT 1

opinion of County, is incompetent or by his conduct becomes detrimental to the project shall, upon request of County, immediately be removed from association with the project.

Section 3. Compensation and Payment

3.1 Contractor's fees shall be calculated at the rates set forth in the attached Exhibit A. The Maximum Compensation for the performance of Services within the Scope of Services described in Exhibit A is sixty-nine thousand four hundred thirteen dollars and no/100 (\$69,413.00). In no case shall the amount paid by County under this Agreement exceed the Maximum Compensation without an approved change order.

3.2 All performance of the Scope of Services by Contractor including any changes in the Scope of Services and revision of work satisfactorily performed will be performed only when approved in advance and authorized by County.

3.3 County will pay Contractor based on the following procedures: Upon completion of the tasks identified in the Scope of Services, Contractor shall submit to County two (2) original copies of invoices showing the amounts due for services performed in a form acceptable to County. County shall review such invoices and approve them within 30 calendar days with such modifications as are consistent with this Agreement and forward same to the Auditor for processing. County shall pay each such approved invoice within thirty (30) calendar days. County reserves the right to withhold payment pending verification of satisfactory work performed.

Section 4. Limit of Appropriation

4.1 Contractor clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that County shall have available the total maximum sum of sixty-nine thousand four hundred thirteen dollars and no/100 (\$69,413.00), specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur.

4.2 Contractor does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total maximum compensation that Contractor may become entitled to and the total maximum sum that County may become liable to pay to Contractor shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed sixty-nine thousand four hundred thirteen dollars and no/100 (\$69,413.00).

Section 5. Time of Performance

The time for performance of the Scope of Services by Contractor shall begin on January 1, 2020 and end no later than December 31, 2020. Contractor shall complete the tasks described in the Scope of Services within this time or within such additional time as may be extended by the County.

Section 6. Modifications and Waivers

6.1 The parties may not amend or waive this Agreement, except by a written agreement executed by both parties.

6.2 No failure or delay in exercising any right or remedy or requiring the satisfaction of any condition under this Agreement, and no course of dealing between the parties, operates as a waiver or estoppel of any right, remedy, or condition.

6.3 The rights and remedies of the parties set forth in this Agreement are not exclusive of, but are cumulative to, any rights or remedies now or subsequently existing at law, in equity, or by statute.

Section 7. Termination

7.1 Termination for Convenience

7.1.1 County may terminate this Agreement at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice.

7.2 Termination for Default

7.2.1 County may terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement for cause in the following circumstances:

7.2.1.1 If Contractor fails to perform services within the time specified in the Scope of Services or any extension thereof granted by the County in writing;

7.2.1.2 If Contractor materially breaches any of the covenants or terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement or fails to perform any of the other provisions of this Agreement or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and in any of these circumstances does not cure such breach or failure to County's reasonable satisfaction within a period of ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice from County specifying such breach or failure.

7.2.2 If, after termination, it is determined for any reason whatsoever that Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the County in accordance with Section 7.1 above.

7.3 Upon termination of this Agreement, County shall compensate Contractor in accordance with Section 3, above, for those services which were provided under this Agreement prior to its termination and which have not been previously invoiced to County. Contractor's final invoice for said services will be presented to and paid by County in the same manner set forth in Section 3 above.

7.4 If County terminates this Agreement as provided in this Section, no fees of any type, other than fees due and payable at the Termination Date, shall thereafter be paid to Contractor.

Section 8. Ownership and Reuse of Documents

All documents, data, reports, research, graphic presentation materials, etc., developed by Contractor as a part of its work under this Agreement, shall become the property of County upon completion of this Agreement, or in the event of termination or cancellation thereof, at the time of payment under Section 3 for work performed. Contractor shall promptly furnish all such data and material to County on request.

Section 9. Inspection of Books and Records

Contractor will permit County, or any duly authorized agent of County, to inspect and examine the books and records of Contractor for the purpose of verifying the amount of work performed under the Scope of Services. County's right to inspect survives the termination of this Agreement for a period of four years.

Section 10. Insurance

10.1 Prior to commencement of the Services, Contractor shall furnish County with properly executed certificates of insurance which shall evidence all insurance required and provide that such insurance shall not be canceled, except on 30 days' prior written notice to County. Contractor shall provide certified copies of insurance endorsements and/or policies if requested by County. Contractor shall maintain such insurance coverage from the time Services commence until Services are completed and provide replacement certificates, policies and/or endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of Services. Contractor shall obtain such insurance written on an Occurrence form from such companies having Bests rating of A/VII or better, licensed or approved to transact business in the State of Texas, and shall obtain such insurance of the following types and minimum limits:

10.1.1 Workers' Compensation insurance. Substitutes to genuine Workers' Compensation Insurance will not be allowed. Employers' Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per injury by accident, \$1,000,000 per injury by disease, and \$1,000,000 per bodily injury by disease.

10.1.2 Commercial general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate. Policy shall cover liability for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage and products/completed operations arising out of the business operations of the policyholder.

10.1.3 Business Automobile Liability insurance with a combined Bodily Injury/Property Damage limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. The policy shall cover liability arising from the operation of licensed vehicles by policyholder.

10.1.4 Professional Liability insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000.

10.2 County and the members of Commissioners Court shall be named as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation. All Liability policies including Workers' Compensation written on behalf of Contractor shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County and members of Commissioners Court.

10.3 If required coverage is written on a claims-made basis, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of the contract; and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of 2 years beginning from the time that work under the Agreement is completed.

Section 11. Indemnity

CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND COUNTY AGAINST ALL LOSSES, LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, AND OTHER EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES, ARISING FROM ACTIVITIES OF CONTRACTOR, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES, PERFORMED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT THAT RESULT FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION OF CONTRACTOR OR ANY OF CONTRACTOR'S AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES.

Section 12. Confidential and Proprietary Information

12.1 Contractor acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, in the course of performing their responsibilities under this Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to County. Any and all information of any form obtained by Contractor or its employees or agents from County in the performance of this Agreement shall be deemed to be confidential information of County ("Confidential Information"). Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the Confidential Information by Contractor shall be treated with respect to confidentiality in the same manner as the Confidential Information. Confidential Information shall be deemed not to include information that (a) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by Contractor) publicly known or is contained in a publicly available document; (b) is rightfully in Contractor's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Agreement; or (c) is independently developed by employees or agents of Contractor who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.

12.2 Contractor agrees to hold Confidential Information in strict confidence, using at least the same degree of care that Contractor uses in maintaining the confidentiality of its own confidential information, and not to copy, reproduce, sell, assign, license, market, transfer or otherwise dispose of, give, or disclose Confidential Information to third parties or use Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than the provision of Services to County hereunder, and to advise each of its employees and agents of their

obligations to keep Confidential Information confidential. Contractor shall use its best efforts to assist County in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information. Without limitation of the foregoing, Contractor shall advise County immediately in the event Contractor learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Agreement and Contractor will at its expense cooperate with County in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of County or Contractor against any such person. Contractor agrees that, except as directed by County, Contractor will not at any time during or after the term of this Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, and that upon termination of this Agreement or at County's request, Contractor will promptly turn over to County all documents, papers, and other matter in Contractor's possession which embody Confidential Information.

12.3 Contractor acknowledges that a breach of this Section, including disclosure of any Confidential Information, or disclosure of other information that, at law or in equity, ought to remain confidential, will give rise to irreparable injury to County that is inadequately compensable in damages. Accordingly, County may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interest of County and are reasonable in scope and content.

12.4 Contractor in providing all services hereunder agrees to abide by the provisions of any applicable Federal or State Data Privacy Act.

12.5 Contractor expressly acknowledges that County is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 552.001 *et seq.*, as amended, and notwithstanding any provision in the Agreement to the contrary, County will make any information related to the Agreement, or otherwise, available to third parties in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act. Any proprietary or confidential information marked as such provided to County by Contractor shall not be disclosed to any third party, except as directed by the Texas Attorney General in response to a request for such under the Texas Public Information Act, which provides for notice to the owner of such marked information and the opportunity for the owner of such information to notify the Attorney General of the reasons why such information should not be disclosed. The terms and conditions of the Agreement are not proprietary or confidential information.

Section 13. Independent Contractor

13.1 In the performance of work or services hereunder, Contractor shall be deemed an independent contractor, and any of its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers performing work required hereunder shall be deemed solely as employees of contractor or, where permitted, of its subcontractors.

13.2 Contractor and its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers shall not, by performing work pursuant to this Agreement, be deemed to be employees, agents, or servants of County and shall not be entitled to any of the privileges or benefits of County employment.

Section 14. Notices

14.1 Each party giving any notice or making any request, demand, or other communication (each, a "Notice") pursuant to this Agreement shall do so in writing and shall use one of the following methods of delivery, each of which, for purposes of this Agreement, is a writing: personal delivery, registered or certified mail (in each case, return receipt requested and postage prepaid), or nationally recognized overnight courier (with all fees prepaid).

14.2 Each party giving a Notice shall address the Notice to the receiving party at the address listed below or to another address designated by a party in a Notice pursuant to this Section:

County: Fort Bend County
Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
307 Fort St.
Richmond, Texas 77469

With a copy to: Fort Bend County
Attn: County Judge
401 Jackson Street
Richmond, Texas 77469

Contractor: Boldplanning, Inc.
4515 Harding Pike, Suite 375
Nashville, TN 37205

14.3 A Notice is effective only if the party giving or making the Notice has complied with subsections 14.1 and 14.2 and if the addressee has received the Notice. A Notice is deemed received as follows:

14.3.1 If the Notice is delivered in person, or sent by registered or certified mail or a nationally recognized overnight courier, upon receipt as indicated by the date on the signed receipt.

14.3.2 If the addressee rejects or otherwise refuses to accept the Notice, or if the Notice cannot be delivered because of a change in address for which no Notice was given, then upon the rejection, refusal, or inability to deliver.

Section 15. Compliance with Laws

Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations. When required by County, Contractor shall furnish County with certification of compliance with said laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees above specified.

Section 16. Performance Warranty

16.1 Contractor warrants to County that Contractor has the skill and knowledge ordinarily possessed by well-informed members of its trade or profession practicing in the greater Houston metropolitan area and Contractor will apply that skill and knowledge with care and diligence to ensure that the Services provided hereunder will be performed and delivered in accordance with the highest professional standards.

16.2 Contractor warrants to County that the Services will be free from material errors and will materially conform to all requirements and specifications contained in the attached Exhibit A.

Section 17. Assignment and Delegation

17.1 Neither party may assign any of its rights under this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of the other party. That party shall not unreasonably withhold its consent. All assignments of rights are prohibited under this subsection, whether they are voluntarily or involuntarily, by merger, consolidation, dissolution, operation of law, or any other manner.

17.2 Neither party may delegate any performance under this Agreement.

17.3 Any purported assignment of rights or delegation of performance in violation of this Section is void.

Section 18. Applicable Law

The laws of the State of Texas govern all disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge that venue is proper in Fort Bend County, Texas, for all legal actions or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement and waive the right to sue or be sued elsewhere. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed to waive the County's sovereign immunity.

Section 19. Successors and Assigns

County and Contractor bind themselves and their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of the other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement.

Section 20. Third Party Beneficiaries

This Agreement does not confer any enforceable rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties.

Section 21. Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full force, if the essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each party remain valid, binding, and enforceable.

Section 22. Publicity

Contact with citizens of Fort Bend County, media outlets, or governmental agencies shall be the sole responsibility of County. Under no circumstances whatsoever, shall Contractor release any material or information developed or received in the performance of the Services hereunder without the express written permission of County, except where required to do so by law.

Section 23. Captions

The section captions used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

Section 24. Conflict

If there is a conflict between this Agreement and any attached item, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

Section 25. Travel and Mileage

Travel and mileage expenses incurred in the performance of required Services will be compensated only when approved in advance by County and provided that expenses comply with the County's Travel Policy, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B to this Agreement.

Section 26. Certain State Law Requirements for Contracts:

The contents of this Section are required by Texas Law and are included by County regardless of content.

26.1 Agreement to Not Boycott Israel Chapter 2271 Texas Government Code: Contractor verifies that if Contractor employs ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000 or more, Contractor does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement.

26.2 Texas Government Code Section 2252.152 Acknowledgment: By signature below, Contractor represents pursuant to Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, that Contractor is not listed on the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that are identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051 or Section 2253.153.

Section 27. Human Trafficking

BY ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT FORT BEND COUNTY IS OPPOSED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THAT NO COUNTY FUNDS WILL BE USED IN SUPPORT OF SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES THAT VIOLATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS.

Section 28. Required Federal Clauses

Contractor understands and acknowledges that this Agreement may be totally or partially funded with federal and or state funds from the Department of Homeland Security. As a condition of receiving these funds, Contractor represents that it is and will remain in compliance with all federal and or state terms as stated below. These terms flow down to all third party contractors and their subcontracts at every tier that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, unless a particular award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. The Contractor shall require that these clauses shall be included in each covered transaction at any tier.

28.1 Activities Conducted Abroad

Contractor must ensure that project activities carried on outside the United States are coordinated as necessary with appropriate government authorities and that appropriate licenses, permits, or approvals are obtained.

28.2 ADA Access.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 et seq., which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities, and any subsequent amendments to these laws; (4) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35; (5) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36; (6) U.S. General Services

Administration (U.S. GSA) regulations, "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19; (7) U.S. EEOC, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630.

28.3 Child Support.

Per Texas Family Code 231.006, a child support obligor or business entity remains ineligible to receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services; or a state funded loan until: (1) All arrearages have been paid; (2) the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency; or (3) the court of continuing jurisdiction over the child support order has granted the obligor an exemption from ineligibility as part of a court-supervised effort to improve earnings and child support payments.

Before payment can be released Contractor will supply County with the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity.

Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

28.4 Civil Rights/Nondiscrimination Requirements.

Contractor will comply, with the nondiscrimination requirements which may include the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC § 2000d); the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 USC § 3601 et seq.); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC § 794); the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 USC § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (USC §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Employment in Education Act) (20 USC § 1681 et seq.); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC §§ 6101-07); Titles I, II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Drug Abuse and Treatment Act of 1972 (PL 92-255); the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (PL 91-616); Sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 USC §§ 290dd-3 and 290ee-3); and 28 CFR 38 (Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); see Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations) and Ex. Order 13559 (fundamental principles and policymaking criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations).

More specifically, Contractor will comply with:

a. *Civil Rights Act of 1964*

Contractor must comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d et seq.), which provides that no person in the United States will, on the g r o u n d s

of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations for the Act are found at 6 C.F.R. Part 21 and 44 C.F.R. Part 7 (for FEMA related activities).

b. *Civil Rights Act of 1968*

Contractor must comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which prohibits recipients from discriminating in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of dwellings, or in the provision of services in connection therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex (See 42 U.S.C. Section 3601 et seq.), as implemented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units- i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)-be designed and constructed with certain accessible features. (See 24 C.F.R. Section 100, Subpart D)

c. *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

Contractor must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. Section 794), as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individuals in the United States will, solely by reason of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

d. *Education Amendments of 1972*

Contractor must comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. Section 1681 et seq.), which provide that no person in the United States will, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations are codified at 6 C.F.R. Part 17 and 44 C.F.R. Part 19.

e. *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*

Contractor must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities. (42 U.S.C. Sections 12101- 12213).

f. *Age Discrimination Act of 1975*

Contractor must comply with the requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Title 42 U.S. Code, Section 6101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

g. *Nondiscrimination in Matters Pertaining to Faith-Based Organizations*

It is DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations in social service programs administered or supported by DHS or its component agencies, enabling those organizations to participate in providing important social services to beneficiaries. Contractor must comply with the equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19 and other applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs.

28.5 Cooperation with Monitoring, Audits and Records Requirements.

The Contractor agrees to cooperate with the Office of the Governor and any relevant federal agency generally, including on any compliance review or complaint investigation conducted by the Federal sponsoring agency or the Office of the Governor and on all grant monitoring requests, including requests related to desk reviews, enhanced programmatic desk reviews, and/or site visits.

The Contractor shall maintain adequate records that enable the Office of the Governor and any relevant federal agency to complete monitoring tasks, including to verify all reporting measures, requests for reimbursements, and expenditure of match funds related to this Grant Agreement. The Contractor shall maintain such records as are deemed necessary by the Office of the Governor, the State Auditor's Office, other auditors of the State of Texas, the federal government or such other persons or entities designated or authorized by the Office of the Governor to ensure proper accounting for all costs and performances related to this Grant Agreement.

The Office of the Governor may request documented proof of payment. Acceptable proof of payment includes, but is not necessarily limited to, a receipt or other documentation of a paid invoice, a general ledger detailing the specific revenue and expenditures, a monthly bank statement evidencing payment of the specific expenditure, bank reconciliation detail, copies of processed checks, or a printed copy of an electronic payment confirmation evidencing payment of the specific expenditure to which the reimbursement relates.

The Contractor authorizes DHS, the Office of the Governor, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the Comptroller General of the United States, and any relevant federal agency, and their representatives, the right to audit, examine, and copy all paper and electronic records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices, and any other requested records, in any form; relevant to this Agreement and will make them readily available upon request. The Contractor will similarly permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary.

If requested, the Contractor shall submit to the Office of the Governor a copy of its most recent independent financial audit, any audited financial statements, related management letters and management responses of Contractor, and financial audit documents or portions thereof that are directly related to the Contractor's performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

The Office of the Governor may make unannounced monitoring visits at any time but will, whenever practical as determined at the sole discretion of the Office of the Governor, provide the Contractor with up to five (5) business days advance notice of any such examination or audit. Any audit of records shall be conducted at the Contractor's principal place of business and/or the location(s) of the Contractor's operations during the Contractor's normal business hours. The Contractor shall provide to the Office of the Governor or its designees, on the Contractor's premises, private space, office furnishings (including lockable cabinets), telephone services and Internet connectivity, utilities, and office-related equipment and duplicating services as the Office of the Governor or its designees may reasonably require to perform the audits described in this section.

In addition to the information contained in the required reports, other information may be required as requested by the Office of the Governor, including the Office of the Governor asking for more information regarding project performance or funds expenditures. In the event the Office of the Governor requires additional information regarding the information or data submitted, the Contractor will promptly provide the additional information. The Contractor also agrees to assist the Office of the Governor in responding to questions and assisting in providing information responsive to any audit, legislative request, or other inquiry regarding the grant award. Upon the request of the Office of the Governor, the Contractor must submit to the Office of the Governor any additional documentation or explanation the Office of the Governor may desire to support or document the requested payment or report submitted under this Agreement.

If after a written request by the Office of the Governor or a relevant federal agency, the Contractor fails to provide required reports, information, documentation, or other information within reasonable deadlines set by the Office of the Governor or the relevant federal agency, as required by this Agreement, or fails to fulfil any requirement in this section, then the Office of the Governor may consider this act a possible default under this Agreement, and the Contractor may be subject to sanctions including but not limited to, withholdings and/or other restrictions on the access to funds; referral to relevant agencies for audit review; designation of the Contractor as a high-risk Contractor; or termination of awards.

28.6 Debt to State

The State shall not be responsible for any debts associated with this Agreement.

28.7 DHS Specific Acknowledgements and Assurances.

All Contractors, successors, transferees, and assignees must acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff.

- a. Contractor must cooperate with any compliance reviews or compliance investigations conducted by DHS.
- b. Contractor must give DHS access to, and the right to examine and copy, records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the federal financial assistance award and permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary, as required by DHS regulations and other applicable laws or program guidance.
- c. Contractor must submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.
- d. Contractor must comply with all other special reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.
- e. If, during the past three years, Contractor has been accused of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency (LEP)), sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status, recipients must provide a list of all such proceedings, pending or completed, including outcome and copies of settlement agreements to the DHS FAO and the DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) by e-mail at crcl@hq.dhs.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Building 410, Mail Stop #0190 Washington, D.C. 20528.
- f. In the event courts or administrative agencies make a finding of discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin (including LEP), sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status against the Contractor or Contractor settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, Contractor is obligated to share this information with the County. The County is required to then forward a copy of the complaint and findings to the DHS FAO and the CRCL office by e-mail or mail at the addresses listed above.

The United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of these obligations.

28.8 Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

The Contractor must comply with the requirements of The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. Section 6201) which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.

28.9 Drug-Free Workplace Regulations.

Contractor must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B (or Subpart C, if the recipient is an individual) of 2 C.F.R. Part 3001, which adopts the Government-wide implementation (2 C.F.R. Part 182) of Sec. 5152-5158 of the *Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988* (41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106).

28.10 Examination of Records.

The Contractor agrees to provide County, the Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to the Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

The Contractor agrees to comply and will require all subcontractors of any tier to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.333. The Contractor agrees to retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, all books, records, accounts, statistics, leases, subcontracts, arrangements other third party arrangements of any type, reports, and supporting materials related to those records required under the Agreement for a period of not less than three years after the date of termination or expiration of the Agreement, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of the Agreement, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until County, the Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

28.11 Fly America.

The Contractor agrees to comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C. Section 41102) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. Section 40118) and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981 amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.

And with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and sub-recipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. The Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

28.12 Government-wide Debarment and Suspension.

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180. A contract award in any tier must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. § 180 that implement Executive Orders Nos. 12549 (3 C.F.R. part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order No. 12549. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount).

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the Contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to DHS and County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

28.13 Health and Human Services, Public Safety or Law Enforcement Agency Compliance

Contractor certifies that it as owner, operator or administrator of a facility has not had any licenses, certificates, or permits revoked by any health and human service agency or public safety or law enforcement agency.

28.14 Program Fraud, False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies.

Contractor must comply with the requirements of the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. Section 3729-3733) which prohibits the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the federal government. (See also 31 U.S.C. Section 3801-3812 which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements.)

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to Agreement or

the DHS assisted project for which the Agreement work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by DHS, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor agrees to include the above three clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by DHS. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

28.15 Reporting of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.

Contractor understands that in the event County becomes aware of any allegation or a finding of fraud, waste, or misuse of funds received from the Office of the Governor that is made against the Contractor, the County is required to immediately notify OOG of said allegation or finding and to continue to inform OOG of the status of any such on-going investigations. The County must also promptly refer to OOG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has -- (1) submitted a claim for award funds that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving award funds. County must also immediately notify OOG in writing of any misappropriation of funds, fraud, theft, embezzlement, forgery, or any other serious irregularities indicating noncompliance with grant requirements. County must notify the local prosecutor's office of any possible criminal violations.

28.16 Restrictions and Certifications Regarding Non-Disclosure Agreements and Related Matters.

Contractor certifies that they have not required any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a state or federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

28.17 National Environmental Policy Act.

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations

for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, which requires recipients to use all practicable means within their authority, and consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to create and maintain conditions under which people and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other needs of present and future generations of Americans.

28.18 Political Activities.

Contractors are prohibited from using federal funds directly or indirectly for political purposes, including polling, lobbying or advocating for legislative programs or changes; campaigning for, endorsing, contributing to, or otherwise supporting political candidates or parties; and voter registration or get-out-the-vote campaigns. Generally, organizations or entities which receive federal funds by way of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements do not lose their rights as organizations to use their own, private, non-federal resources for “political” activities because of or as a consequence of receiving such federal funds. These recipient organizations must thus use private or other non-federal money, receipts, contributions, or dues for their political activities, and may not charge off to or be reimbursed from federal contracts or grants for the costs of such activities.

28.19 Procurement of Recovered Materials.

The Contractor agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with and facilitating compliance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), “Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials,” 40 C.F.R. part 247.

28.20 Retention of Records

The Contractor agrees to maintain fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures related to this Agreement pursuant to 2 CFR 200.333, UGMS, and state law. Contractor must retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, these records and any supporting documentation for a minimum period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of the Agreement or any litigation, dispute, or audit arising from the performance of the Agreement. Records related to real property and equipment acquired with grant funds shall be retained for three (3) years after final disposition. The Office of the Governor’s Homeland Security Grant Division (HSGD) reserves the right to direct a grantee to retain documents for a longer period of time or transfer certain records to HSGD custody when it is determined the records possess longer term retention value.

28.21 Prompt Payment.

The Contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to the Underlying Agreement for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the Contractor's receipt of payment for that work from County. In addition, the Contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed.

28.22 Terrorist Financing.

Contractor must comply with E.O. 13224 and U.S. law that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism.

28.23 Text Messaging While Driving.

Contractor is encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving as described in E.O. 13513, including conducting initiatives described in Section 3(a) of the Order when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the federal government.

28.24 Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

Contractor will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from awarding funds to a private entity or individual who has (1) engaged in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (2) procured a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) used forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award. Contractor shall inform County immediately upon receipt of any information from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition of TVP. Violation of this clause, may result in termination of this Agreement.

28.25 USA Patriot Act of 2001.

Contractor must comply with requirements of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. Sections 175-175c.

28.26 Use of DHS Seal, Logo and Flags.

Contractor must obtain permission from their DHS FAO, prior to using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United

States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

28.27 No Obligation by Federal Government.

The Federal Government is not a party to this Agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the County, Contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

28.28 Notice of Funding Opportunity.

All of the instructions, guidance, limitations, and other conditions set forth in the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program are incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

28.29 Contracting with Small, Minority Firms, Women's Business Enterprises and Labor Surplus Area Firms.

Contractor will take all necessary, affirmative steps to assure that qualified small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor area surplus firms are used when possible by:

- a. Placing small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- b. Assuring that it solicits small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises whenever they are potential sources;
- c. Dividing total requirements, *when economically feasible*, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- d. Establishing delivery schedules, *where the requirement permits*, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- e. Utilizing the assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce;
- f. Contractor must require subcontractors to take the five affirmative steps described in a-e above.

28.30 Whistleblower Protections.

Contractor must comply with the statutory requirements for whistleblower protections (if applicable) at 10 U.S.C Section 2409, 41 U.S.C. 4712, and 10 U.S.C. Section 2324, 41 U.S.C. Sections 4304 and 4310.

28.31 Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders.

Contractor's attention is called to the fact that this Agreement between County and Contractor will be subject to financial assistance contracts between the County and various State or Federal agencies. The Agreement to be awarded, therefore, is subject to the terms of these agreements and will not proceed without these agreements having been duly executed. The Contractor will be required to comply with, in addition to other provisions of the agreement, the conditions required by applicable federal regulations. Contractor will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, policies, procedures, and directives.

Section 29. Entire Agreement

This instrument contains the entire Agreement between the parties hereto relating to the rights herein granted and the obligation herein assumed. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this instrument shall be of no force or effect excepting a subsequent modification in writing signed by all the parties hereto.

IN TESTIMONY OF WHICH, THIS AGREEMENT shall be effective upon execution of all parties.

FORT BEND COUNTY

KP George
County Judge KP George

KP George, County Judge

6-9-2020

Date

ATTEST:

Laura Richard

Laura Richard, County Clerk



BOLDPLANNING, INC.

[Signature]

Authorized Agent- Signature

Fulton Wold

Authorized Agent- Printed Name

Owner

Title

May 28, 2020

Date

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$ 69,413.00 to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County under this contract.



Robert E. Sturdivant, County Auditor

EXHIBIT A



NOW YOU'RE READY.

Be Prepared. Be **BOLD**.

Proposal for
Fort Bend County



Continuity of
Operations Planning

March 4, 2020

Submitted by

BOLDplanning, Inc.

Brittney Whatley – Point of Contact

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Fort Bend County

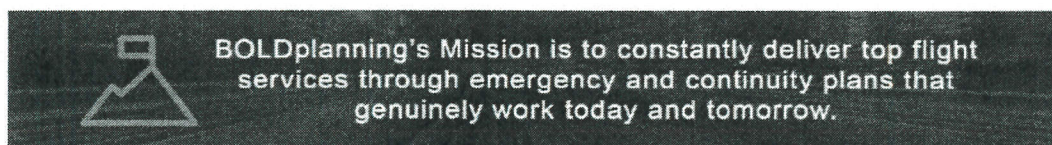
Continuity of Operations Planning

BOLDplanning appreciates the opportunity to present you with the following Continuity of Operations Planning proposal for Fort Bend County. Based on our discussion, we have given you a layout of what BOLDplanning can do for the County to help your organization be better prepared.

The BOLDplanning Story

Sixteen years ago, BOLDplanning pioneered an approach to emergency plans that combined the use of proprietary technology with expert consulting. The company's founders recognized that methods used then were not adequate for the more demanding environment that was developing. At first, the approach was met with skepticism. But now, over 10,000 preparedness plans have been produced using the BOLDplanning approach.

BOLDplanning's approach simplified and strengthened the planning process. The interactive BOLDplanning.com platform replaced bulky binders, clunky templates and endless spreadsheets. BOLDplanning's technology created better collaboration and much more effective updates. Now, after producing 10,000 plans, BOLDplanning maintains a **95% retention rate** of customers. Along the way, we've been true to our mission statement:

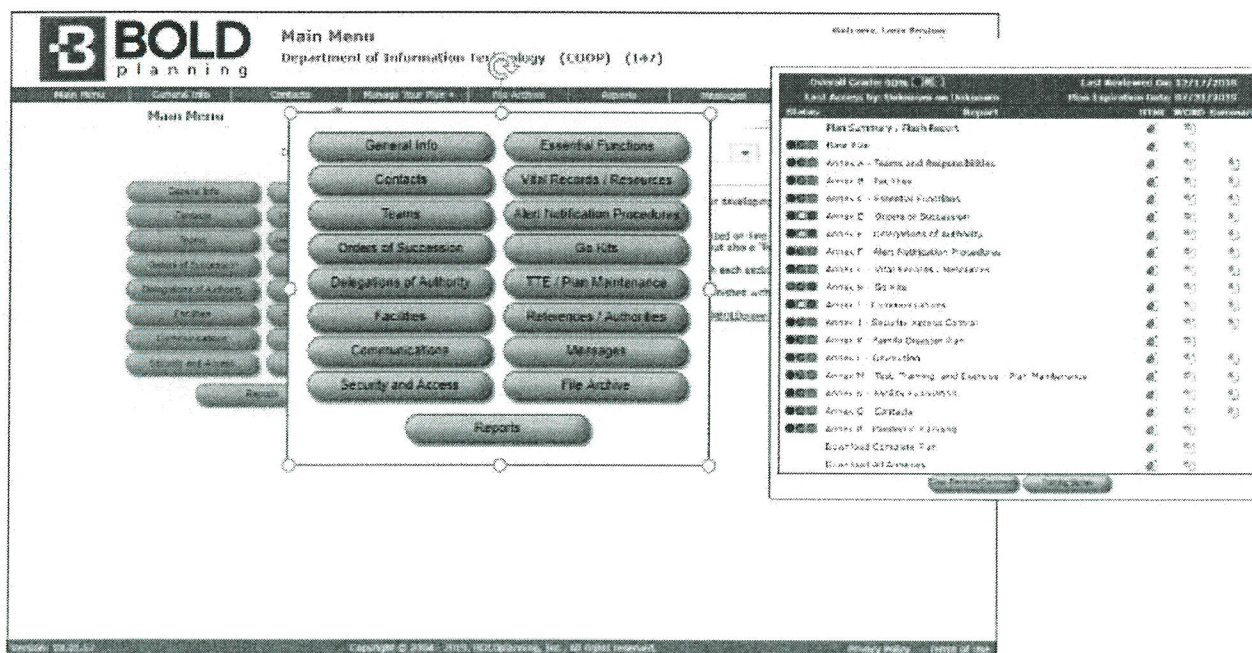


BOLDplanning brings a team of highly experienced, certified, knowledgeable professionals to every project. These team members have an intimate understanding of planning. In addition to subject-matter expertise, BOLDplanning emphasizes the need for our managers and planners to be personable and engaging. That is why BOLDplanning has successfully engaged stakeholders to ensure participation, build consensus, drive the planning process forward, and keep it fresh and compliant.

Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) with BOLDplanning

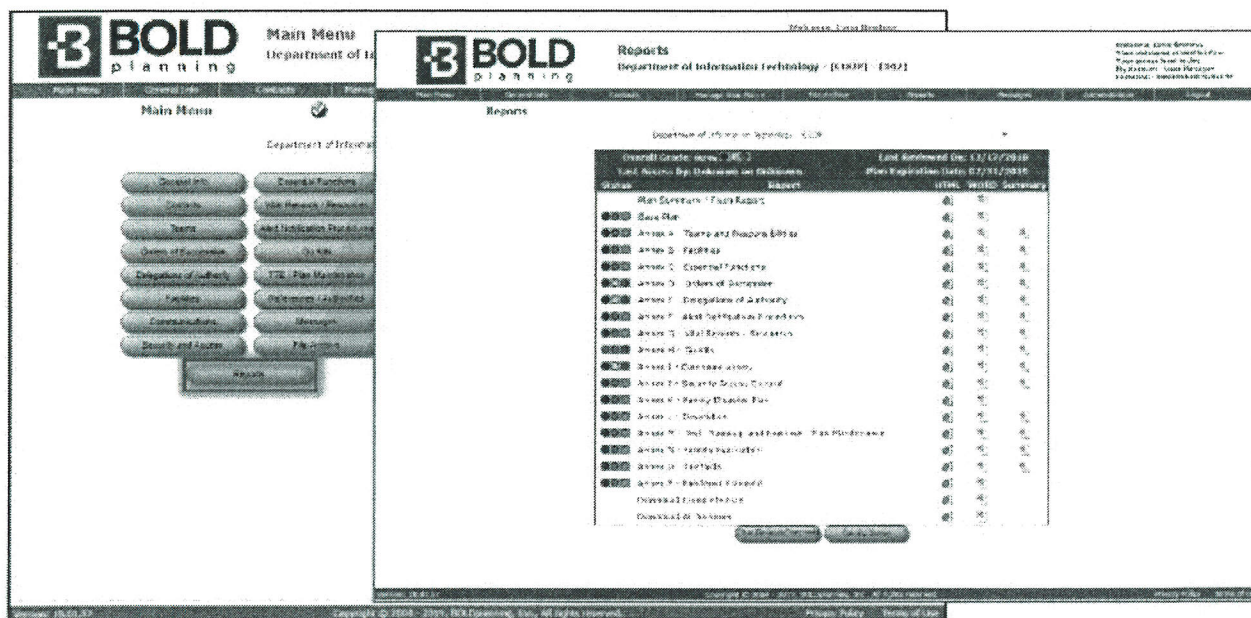
A strong COOP is important for any government organization. It helps ensure that, no matter what happens, the public continues to receive its government services. BOLDplanning knows that building strong COOPs can be challenging. Ever-evolving guidance must be followed. Careful thought must be given. Data must be maintained. Stakeholders throughout an organization must be engaged even though most have many other responsibilities that do not include emergency planning. BOLDplanning understands this and is devoted to making the planning process as efficient as possible for the County through our turn-key approach.

BOLDplanning.com COOP Module is an easy-to-use planning tool that walks users, both planning practitioners and other stakeholders, through each step of developing a Continuity of Operations Plan. It focuses on the people, places, and things that make a COOP work. Stakeholders can concentrate on their own departments, divisions, or organizations. As they follow the main menu (below), they'll find that their plans start addressing important elements of a COOP such as: Orders of Succession, Delegation of Authority, Primary and Alternate Facilities, and Essential Functions. Their Alert Notification Procedures will be organized and inventories for Drive Away Kits will be established. Then, processes will be automatically established within the COOP Module for ensuring that plans are maintained for years.



COOP Module Main Menu and Reports Page

At the same time, they'll find that their department or divisions plans start integrating with other plans from throughout the organization. This, while becoming compliant with CGC 1 & 2, other FEMA guidance and any other pertinent Rules and Authorities. Then, the whole plan is automatically compiled into an actionable plan ready for real world use.



COOP Reports Page

Along the way, progress of the COOP project can be tracked. Stakeholders will be able to see gaps in their sections of interest. Practitioners can watch progress of the overall plan as it develops. There's even a grading tool that provides **Red/Yellow/Green** status lights for individual plan elements, or the organization's plan as a whole. To strengthen the process of watching the plan as it matures, roll-up reports can be produced that collate data from all plans. Audit logs provide a way to identify which individuals are making progress on their plans, and which are not. Plus, there's an on-line survey tool that allows users to provide feedback.

As the plan comes together, the BOLDplanning.com COOP module facilitates communication, notification, and dissemination among users and other interested parties to make sure plans are kept fresh, and that they are easily available when they are needed most. Real time emergency notifications can be sent, along with plan update reminders, change management and plan maintenance details.

The BOLDplanning.com COOP Module, when combined with top notch support from our Global Solutions Project Managers, our Operations team, and Customer Success professionals assures our customers of Continuity of Operations plans that are easy to build and maintain, thorough, and compliant.

BOLDplanning.com Reports

The BOLDplanning.com platform contains useful reports for monitoring plan activity and revealing critical gaps, especially as they relate to three key EOP and COOP elements—people, places and things.

People: A roll-up “Contacts” report provides a view of rich content, i.e., emergency contact information, for each and every person whose name is associated with these plans. The report can be used to verify and update contact information.

Places: During a continuity activation that requires an organization to relocate for a few days, weeks or months, the Alternate Facility Deconfliction Report will show which departments plan to use which Alternate Facilities during a disruption. Each location’s capacity, or lack thereof, to accommodate secondary operations will be shown. The report will help plan how to restore operations faster and more efficiently.

Things: Day in and day out, an organization relies on a number of things, or resources, to perform its duties. They include computers, equipment, internet access, phones, money, documents, etc. Lose one, some, or all of these things, and operations can grind to a halt. The BOLDplanning.com platform contains reports that facilitate establishment of priorities and control of resources for planning for a disruption.

Other Reports include:

- Plan level Annex Reports
- Plan Grades/Status Reports
- Exercise/HSEEP Event Log
- User Management Reports
- User Access Reports
- Audit/Change Logs

Project Management

The BOLDplanning designated Project Manager (“PM”) will work with the County to develop an understanding of the organization to make sure your goals are met and that the BOLDplanning approach serves your organization and its nuances. The PM will help present the BOLDplanning system to senior officials to solicit buy-in and support and work with the County to promote engagement of stakeholders needed. The PM will conduct workshops to engage stakeholders regardless of their level of understanding of emergency planning. Progress reports will be presented on a regular basis in the form Situation Reports (SitReps) and SitRep calls, which will provide a complete update on progress, plans, and gaps. BOLDplanning proposes will develop the plan and update the annexes through a simultaneous process that has proved successful in many comparable environments.



Kick-Off Workshops

Shortly after project launch, COOP Kick-Off Workshops will be held on-site and led by BOLDplanning. These workshops are intended for stakeholders throughout the organization whose involvement will be necessary to develop a COOP that is comprehensive and serves the County well. The workshops are true hands-on sessions. Each participant will work with their actual departmental or division plans and develop a good understanding of their COOP roles during both plan development and activation. Existing response capabilities and available resources will be reviewed. Action lists will be created for each department or division, along with their coordinating and supporting departments or divisions. As the workshops end, the plans will have taken form. Plan structures will have been established and data will have been entered. Clear instructions will have been provided for advancing the plans to the next level.

Mid-Term Workshops

As the COOP project matures, BOLDplanning will conduct Mid-Term Workshops. By this time, some stakeholders from various departments, divisions, and organizations will have progressed nicely with their plan development; the Mid-Term Workshops will help them move toward finalization. Others will not have progressed as far; they, too, will benefit. The Mid-Term Workshops focus on required elements of a successful and compliant COOP such as Essential Functions, Vital Records, Alternate Facilities, Orders of Succession, and Delegations of Authority. They'll also cover procedures and policy for COOP activation, deployment and implementation.

Plan Reviews

As part of the effort to ensure that plans are complete and compliant and, most importantly, that they work well when needed, BOLDplanning subject matter experts will review and grade the County's plans. Each section of a plan will receive a **Red/Yellow/Green** status level along with comments for improvement. Gaps will be identified. Suggestions will be made.

Finalization Workshops

COOP Finalization Workshops represent the home stretch of a COOP project. Like other workshops in the series, they are hands-on sessions carefully crafted to adapt to each individual facility's level of development of their COOP. Plan Finalization Workshops are conducted one-on-one with individual facilities. Gaps and errors not corrected after the Plan Reviews will be identified and specific instructions for plan completion will be provided to each facility. As the COOP Finalization Workshop(s) conclude(s), all elements of the COOP will have been thoroughly presented and demonstrated.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

**OFFICE USE ONLY
CERTIFICATION OF FILING**

Certificate Number:
2020-624885

Date Filed:
05/28/2020

Date Acknowledged:
06/09/2020

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

BOLDplanning, Inc.
Nashville, TN United States

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

Fort Bend County

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

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Continuity of Operations Planning

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____.

My address is _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the ____ day of _____, 20____.
(month) (year)

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)

EXHIBIT 2

BOLDplanning, Inc.

480 Duke Drive, Suite 130
Franklin, TN 37067-2700

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
6/14/2021	3805

Bill To
County Auditor 301 Jackson Richmond, TX 77469

P.O. No.	Terms
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Description	Qty	Rate	Class	Amount
FortBendCOOP.com COOP Module Annual License/Support Renewal - Term Period May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 With the renewal of the subscription, customer will receive the following benefits for year of renewal: - Access to the web-based planning system - System updates and functionality as developed - System services, hosting and data backup service - Help Desk and Technical Assistance	1	19,050.00	COOP/BCP Subsc...	19,050.00

July 14, 2021 (5K)?

Total			\$19,050.00
Payments/Credits			\$0.00
Balance Due			\$19,050.00