## PROVISIONAL STATE AND LOCAL TASK FORCE AGREEMENT

This agreement is made this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2022, between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (hereinafter "DEA"), and the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office (hereinafter "parent agency"), ORI Number TX0790000. The DEA is authorized to enter into this cooperative agreement concerning the use and abuse of controlled substances under the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 873.

Whereas there is evidence that trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs exists in the Houston, Texas, area and that such illegal activity has a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the people of Texas, the parties hereto agree to the following:

- 1. The Houston Task Force will perform the activities and duties described below:
  - a. disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the area by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations;
  - b. gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs; and
  - c. conduct undercover operations where appropriate and engage in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the Task Force's activities will result in effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the State of Texas.
- 2. To accomplish the objectives of the Houston Task Force, the parent agency agrees to detail two experienced officer(s) to the Houston Task Force for a period of not less than two years. During this period of assignment, the parent agency officer(s) will be under the direct supervision and control of DEA supervisory personnel assigned to the Task Force.
- 3. The parent agency officer(s) assigned to the Task Force shall adhere to DEA policies and procedures. Failure to adhere to DEA policies and procedures shall be grounds for dismissal from the Task Force.
- 4. The parent agency officer(s) assigned to the Task Force shall be deputized as Task Force Officer(s) of DEA pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 878.
- 5. To accomplish the objectives of the Houston Task Force, DEA will assign 25 Special Agents to the Task Force. DEA will also, subject to the availability of annually appropriated funds or any continuing resolution thereof, provide necessary funds and equipment to support the activities of the DEA Special Agents and parent agency officer(s) assigned to the Task Force. This support will include: office space, office supplies, travel funds, funds for the purchase of evidence and information, investigative equipment, training, and other support items.
- 6. The parent agency shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and all

requirements imposed by or pursuant to the regulations of the United States Department of Justice implementing those laws, 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subparts C, F, G, H and I.

7. The term of this agreement shall be effective from the date in paragraph number one until September 30, 2026. This agreement may be terminated by either party on thirty days' advance written notice. DEA's support to the Task Force is subject to the availability of funds on a fiscal year basis (October 1 through September 30 of the next year). Billing for all outstanding obligations must be received by DEA within 60 days of the end of each fiscal year or within 60 days of the date of termination of this agreement. DEA will be responsible only for obligations incurred during the term of this agreement.

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Daniel C. Comeaux	
Special Agent in Charge	
For the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office:	
	Date:
Eric Fagan Sheriff	
For Fort Bend County:	
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LEGAL REVIEW FORM

On October 28, 2022, the County Attorney's Office reviewed the following:

Provisional State and Local Task Force Agreement with the US Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration

OnBase Request (23-SO-100108)

Comments: Approved as to form.

This document was reviewed for legal form. Please keep in mind that the special conditions included in this grant award/agreement may create specific obligations for the department in administering this grant funded program. It is incumbent upon the department to read through all terms and conditions associated with the grant to ensure full compliance with all federal requirements.

In addition, please remember to submit a copy of this grant award/agreement with any requests for subsequent purchases made for goods or services using funds from this grant award in order to ensure that all appropriate clauses are added to any agreements with contractors or vendors.

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