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**ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCES**  
**Agreement**  
**FOR THE USE OF THE OCDETF STRIKE FORCE/STRATEGIC INITIATIVE**  
**PROGRAMS**

Federal Tax Identification #: 74-6001969 DC #: P-32-

Amount Requested  
\$ 98,000.00

OCDETF Investigation/Strategic Initiative #:  
SW-TXS-0928

From: July 13, 2015  
Beginning Date of Agreement  
To: September 30, 2015  
Ending Date of Agreement

Federal Agency Investigation #:  
M3-13-0277

Strike Force/Strategic Initiative Name and Address:  
DEA Houston OCDETF Strike Force  
1433 W. Loop S. #600, Houston, Texas 77027

State or Local Agency Name and Address:  
Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office  
1410 Williams Way Boulevard  
Richmond, Texas 77469

Sponsoring Federal Agency (SF only): DEA  
Lead Investigator: ASAC Michael T. Eschmi  
Telephone Number: (713) 693-3490  
Email Address: Michael.T.Eschmi@usdoj.gov

State or Local Agency  
Narcotics Supervisor: Lt. Josh Dale  
Telephone Number: (281) 633-7780  
E-mail Address: Josh.Dale@fortbendcountytexas.gov  
Fax Number: (281) 342-1394

Brief explanation of services/goods provided and basis for determining costs:  
The currency requested will be maintained, utilized, controlled and accounted for by the ASAC of the DEA Houston OCDETF Strike Force. The purpose for the currency will be for the purchase of evidence (PE) and the purchase of information (PI).

Please provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address for the administrative or financial staff person at the state or local agency, who is directly responsible for the billings under this Reimbursement Agreement:

Name: Linda Rosenberg - Accountant Fort Bend County Auditor's Office  
Telephone Number: (281) 633-7680  
E-mail Address: Linda.Rosenberg@fortbendcountytexas.gov  
Fax Number: (281) 341-3744

Agreement - (FY15)

This agreement is between the above named state or local agency and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Program. This agreement shall be effective when signed by a state or local law enforcement agency official, who is authorized to approve the expenditure of funds in support of OCDETF investigations, the Strike Force leader or his/her designee (Strike Forces) or the AUSA OCDETF Coordinator (Strategic Initiatives) and the OCDETF Executive Office Budget Officer, or his/her designee.

1. This agreement is limited to the amount of funds stated on the cover page of the agreement and no reimbursements will be made in excess of this amount prior to written approval from the United States Attorney's Office and the OCDETF Executive Office. Any request for modification for the above funding amount or type equipment (if different or more than originally approved) must be justified in writing and approved prior to the expenditure of funds. Monitoring of overtime usage and the available authorized reimbursement balance is the responsibility of the sponsoring agency and the state and/or local party to the agreement.
2. It is agreed that the state or local agency named on this agreement will assist in OCDETF investigations, strategic initiatives, and/or prosecutions as set forth in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Strike Force/Strategic Initiative Programs and Policy and Procedures Manual, October 2010.
3. An Agreement for the use of the OCDETF Strike Force/Strategic Initiative Programs ("Agreement") must be completed whenever state or local law enforcement agencies plan to seek reimbursement for permissible costs resulting from their participation in a Strike Force investigation/Strategic Initiative. Agreements are specific to a single OCDETF Strike Force investigation/Strategic Initiative. Each Agreement must be approved and signed by a state or local law enforcement agency official, who is authorized to approve the expenditure of funds in support of OCDETF investigations, the Strike Force leader (Strike Forces) or AUSA Coordinator (Strategic Initiatives) and the OCDETF Executive Office. All required signatures must be obtained before the Agreement can be accepted and the funds obligated.
4. An agreement must fall within a fiscal year period (October 1 – September 30). State and local agencies must use an accurate "Beginning Date of Agreement" (Not always October 1). An agreement can never be dated before the investigation was approved as an OCDETF case.
5. If an Agreement does not have any activity during the last ninety (90) days from the last time a bill has been submitted or during the first ninety (90) days from the date the Agreement was signed, the funds shall be deobligated. Further, if a state or local agency determines that it is no longer performing work under a particular Agreement, a modification memorandum identifying the amount to be deobligated will be submitted by the Strike Force Leader or AUSA Coordinator to the OCDETF Executive Office as soon as possible.

6. A listing of costs that will be reimbursed by the Strike Force/Strategic Initiative Programs will be attached to each agreement. The total cost listed on the Cost Estimate Sheet should match the Amount Requested on the Agreement Cover Page. This must be a detailed listing of each expense expected to be purchased under the Agreement. For example, simply listing "Equipment" or "Surveillance Equipment" is not acceptable. In this example, all equipment should be listed separately such as binoculars, cameras, camera mounts, etc. Each expense listed on the cost estimate sheet must also have a price quote submitted with the Agreement to verify the accuracy of the cost estimates.
7. The Strike Force Leader (Strike Forces) or AUSA Coordinator (Strategic Initiative) must ensure that the cumulative authorized expense commitments do not exceed the total Strike Force/Strategic Initiative fund allocation.
8. Reimbursement for any expenditure above the Agreement amount must be approved by both the Strike Force Leader (Strike Forces) or AUSA Coordinator (Strategic Initiative) and the OCDETF Executive Office.
9. All approving officials must agree to amendments or changes to the amount of the Agreement, the listing of eligible items to be reimbursed, and associated estimates that occur after an Agreement has been executed. These amendments or changes must be transmitted by a memorandum approved and signed by the Strike Force Leader (Strike Forces) or AUSA Coordinator (Strategic Initiatives), and forwarded to the OCDETF Executive Office. All changes made to the original agreement must be approved and initialed by the person making the revision and the Strike Force Leader (Strike Forces) or AUSA Coordinator (Strategic Initiatives).
10. This agreement may be terminated by any of the parties by written notice to the other parties ten (10) business days prior to termination. Billing for outstanding obligations shall be received by OCDETF within thirty (30) days of the notice of termination.
11. Costs incurred pursuant to an OCDETF investigation or due to participation in an OCDETF Strategic Initiative by a state and local program participant, including informant fees, purchase of evidence, travel, either by a state or local officer, witness or confidential source; rental of automobiles; cost of interpreters or translators; training in support of OCDETF; technical surveillance equipment; rental of office space for temporary use, such as an off-site location for electronic monitoring or off-site command post, may be reimbursed by OCDETF under certain circumstances.
12. Rental payments cannot be paid in advance and must be paid in arrears. Reimbursable Requests with rent included are due on the first workday of each month, and must be for the month that just ended rather than the month beginning. For example, reimbursement for rental space incurred in February cannot take place before March 1<sup>st</sup>. Any exceptions or additions to the approved reimbursable costs listed above must be detailed and attached in Addendum A of the Agreement.

13. Property and equipment purchased through the OCDETF Program must remain available to the Strike Force/Strategic Initiative for the duration of its existence. The reimbursement of these items must be permissible under the AFF statute, Section 524 (c)(1)(I) of Title 28, United States Code, and this guidance, and are subject to the availability of funds.
14. Subsequent to payment of invoices by the state and local agency to a third party vendor, the DOJ will reimburse the agency for approved investigation or initiative related equipment and service costs. Claims must be submitted monthly on the OCDETF Reimbursement Request Form.
15. State and local agencies must provide official procurement documents to support all reimbursable expenditures to the Strike Force leadership (Strike Forces) or AUSA Coordinator (Strategic Initiatives). If proper supporting documentation is not available, OCDETF will not make reimbursement payments. The cumulative amount of all reimbursements cannot exceed the agreement amount without proper modification.
16. Under no circumstances will the state or local agency charge any indirect costs for the administration or implementation of this agreement.
17. By the 25th day of the month the quarter ends (December, March, June and September), the Strike Force Leader (Strike Forces) or AUSA Coordinator (Strategic Initiatives) will provide to the Executive Office a status of funds report detailing expenditures for each reimbursable agreement.
18. The state or local agency shall permit examination and auditing by representatives of the OCDETF Program, the sponsoring Federal agencies, DOJ, the Comptroller General of the United States, and/or any of their duly-authorized agents and representatives, of all records, documents, accounts, invoices, receipts, or expenditures relating to this agreement. In addition, the state or local agency will maintain all such foregoing reports and records until all audits and examinations are completed and resolved, or for a period of six (6) years after termination of this Agreement, whichever is later. Failure to provide proper documentation will limit State or Local law enforcement agencies from receiving OCDETF funding in the future.
19. The state or local agency will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all requirements applicable to OCDETF agreements pursuant to the regulations of the Department of Justice (see, e.g., 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subparts C and G; 28 C.F.R. 50.3 (1991)) relating to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, national origin or handicap.

20. Electronic Funds Transfer Process

- a) The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that most payments made by the Federal government, including vendor payments, must be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT). All participating State and Local agencies must complete and submit the attached ACH vendor enrollment form. The OCDETF Executive Office must receive one ACH form from each participating agency or police department prior to processing their reimbursement payments.

This agreement is not a contract or obligation to commit Federal funds in the maximum amounts projected. Funding allocations for the time period set forth, agreed to herein represent projections only, and are based upon consultation between the Strike Force or AUSA Coordinator and the state or local law enforcement agency. They are, therefore, subject to modification by OCDETF based upon the progress and needs of the OCDETF investigation. Additionally, resources are contingent upon the availability of funds per the approval and signature of the OCDETF Executive Office obligating authority. The OCDETF Executive Office will approve and certify that all the terms and conditions of the agreement have been met.

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

July 28, 2015

Date

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Strike Force Leader (SF /AUSA Coordinator (SI) Title

Date

Funds are encumbered for the costs specified above, **subject to the availability of funds.**

Funds Certified: \_\_\_\_\_

OCDETF Executive Office

Date

Approving Official: \_\_\_\_\_

OCDETF Executive Office

Date