

shall occur. The County may also choose to have the entire Court act as its contact in which case Consultant shall report to the Court by reporting to each of the five members of the Court or their designees.

4. **TERM AND TERMINATION.** The term of this Agreement shall begin on **October 1, 2015**, and shall continue in effect through **September 30, 2016**. Either party upon thirty (30) days written notice may terminate this Agreement with or without cause.
5. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.** Consultant agrees to render services in a manner that complies with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including ethics laws, rules and regulations. Consultant agrees to properly register, if necessary, as a lobbyist representing the County, and to make all necessary lobbying reports to the proper authorities.
6. **POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.** All of the compensation to be paid to Consultant is for services to be rendered and is not paid pursuant to any agreement or understanding between Consultant and the County that Consultant will make any contribution to a political party or candidate.
7. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** From time to time, the County may give Consultant information, either orally or in writing, and indicate that the information is confidential. Consultant shall protect such information, shall not disclose such information to anyone, and shall not use the information for any purpose except for rendering service to the County.
8. **CONTACT WITH MEDIA.** Contact with any media outlet, citizens of Fort Bend County or governmental agencies shall be the sole responsibility of the County. Under no circumstances, whatsoever, shall Consultant release any material or information developed in the performance of its services hereunder without the express written permission of the County, except where required to do so by law.
9. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** Consultant agrees that he is an independent contractor. Consultant shall be solely responsible for the performance of his duties under this Agreement and for all withholding taxes, including all federal, state and local taxes, and all workers' compensation insurance.
10. **ASSIGNMENT.** Consultant shall not assign his rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the County.
11. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** The foregoing contains the entire Agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any and all prior written or oral Agreements between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. No modification of this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing signed by the parties.

FORT BEND COUNTY
Robert E. Hebert
Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

10-6-2015
Date

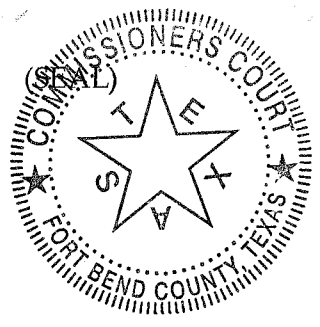
ATTEST:
Laura Richard
Laura Richard, County Clerk

HICKS-RICHARDSON ASSOCIATES
Fred B. Hicks
Signature of Authorized Agent

Fred B. Hicks
Name of Authorized Agent

Managing Partner
Title of Authorized Agent

September 16, 2015
Date



AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$42,000.00 to pay the obligation of Fort Bend County within the foregoing Agreement.

Robert Ed Sturdivant
Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor