

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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 COUNTY OF FORT BEND   §

**AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN/BUILD FOR A JUVENILE SHOP BUILDING IN ARCOLA  
 FOR FORT BEND COUNTY  
 RFP 22-063**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between Fort Bend County, (hereinafter "County"), a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, and Apex Consulting Group, Inc., (hereinafter "Contractor"), a company authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County desires that Contractor provide design/build services for the construction of a new Juvenile Shop Building in Arcola, Texas, pursuant to RFP 22-063 and in accordance with Section 2269.301 of the Texas Government Code (hereinafter "Services"); and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth below, the parties agree as follows:

**AGREEMENT**

**Section 1. Scope of Services**

1.1 Contractor shall render Services to County as defined in Contractor's proposal dated June 27, 2022, and relevant portions of Contractor's response to County's Request for Proposals RFP 22-077, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein for all purposes.

1.2 In accordance with Chapter 2258 of the Texas Government Code, all persons employed by Contractor shall be compensated at not less than the rates shown in the attached Exhibit B. Contractor shall keep detailed records of each of its workers and said records shall be made available to County for inspection at all reasonable times.

**Section 2. Personnel**

2.1 Contractor represents that it presently has, or is able to obtain, adequate qualified personnel in its employment for the timely performance of the Scope of Services required under this Agreement and that Contractor shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, adequate and sufficient personnel, in the opinion of County, to perform the Scope of Services when and as required and without delays.

2.2 All employees of Contractor shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of Contractor who, in the 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 exhibits. The Maximum Compensation for the performance of Services within the Scope of Services described in Exhibit A is three hundred ninety-four thousand fifty dollars and no/100 (\$394,050.00). In no case shall the amount paid by County under this Agreement exceed the Maximum Compensation with written agreement executed by the parties.

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 Contractor shall submit all "Applications for Payment" (as herein defined) for installments of the Maximum Compensation for approval and processing to County staff designated by the Facilities Management & Planning Director, one (1) electronic (pdf) or one (1) original on a monthly basis showing the amounts due for services performed on or before the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of each calendar month during the progress of the Services. Each Application for Payment shall be in a form acceptable to the County and shall reflect any amount representing the proportionate part of the Services performed during the previous month. As support of each Application for Payment, Contractor shall submit the following in a form acceptable to the County Auditor to [apauditor@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:apauditor@fortbendcountytexas.gov):

3.3.1 A statement in the form of the current Application and Certificate for Payment, as published by the American Institute of Architects ("Application for Payment") executed by Contractor certifying that:

3.3.1.1 The proportionate part of the Services described in such Application for Payment has been performed;

3.3.1.2 Contractor's amount included in the Application for Payment attributable to the Services provided is due and owing;

3.3.1.3 There are no known mechanics' or materialmen's liens outstanding as of the date of the Application for Payment or if such liens are known, such have been adequately bonded;

3.3.1.4 All due and payable bills with respect to the Services have been paid to date or are included in the amount requested in the current Application for Payment, and

3.3.1.5 Except for such bills not paid but so included, there is no known basis for the filing of any mechanics' or materialmen's liens on the Services.

3.3.2 A partial lien waiver and release in a form acceptable to the County Auditor effective through the date of Contractor's preceding Application for Payment, executed by

Contractor with a statement certifying those matters set forth in clauses 3.3.1.1 through 3.3.1.5 of subparagraph 3.3.1 above, certifying that waivers from all subcontractors and materialmen have been obtained in such form so as to constitute an effective waiver of liens under the laws of the State of Texas.

3.3.3 An affidavit executed by Contractor that payrolls, bills for materials and equipment, and other indebtedness connected with the Services for which County or Contractor might be responsible or encumbered (less amounts withheld by Contractor) have been paid or otherwise satisfied, including unconditional waivers and releases upon final payment from all trade contractors, suppliers, material men, or other third parties that provided labor, services, equipment or material to the Project, satisfying the requirements for such releases set forth in the Texas Property Code Section 53.085.

3.4 Within thirty (30) days after receipt of each uncontested Application for Payment together with the supporting materials required under this Agreement, County shall advance to Contractor the uncontested amount requested in such uncontested Application for Payment, except five percent (5%) of the amount requested (hereinafter "Retainage") in each Application for Payment by County. The Retainage withheld shall be released upon final completion of the entire Project and verification of satisfactory work performed, unless grounds exist for withholding payment on account of other defaults by Contractor, including Services provided by its sub-contractors.

3.5 Payment, constituting the entire unpaid balance of the Maximum Compensation, less fifty percent (50%) of the Retainage then held by County and such amount as the Facilities Management & Planning Director determines is reasonably necessary for all incomplete Services (including, without limitation, punchlist items) and for all unsettled claims, as provided in this Agreement, shall be advanced by County to Contractor upon the date determined substantially completed. County shall pay all outstanding and withheld portions of the Maximum Compensation to Contractor upon the later to occur of (i) thirty (30) days after the Project is accepted by the County or, (ii) the date the Contractor causes all mechanics' and materialmen's liens filed against the Project to be removed. County shall have received from Contractor a lien waiver or an affidavit to the effect that it and all its subcontractors and suppliers of labor and materials have been paid in full (which lien waiver or affidavit must be in form and substance sufficient as a matter of law to dissolve all liens or claims of liens for labor or service performed or rendered and material supplied or furnished, in connection with the construction and installation of the Project), and with respect to this Agreement, Contractor shall have provided County the Final Certificate of Occupancy for the building.

3.6 Upon payment of the entire balance of the Maximum Compensation and all other amounts withheld by County pursuant to Section 3.5, Contractor shall execute and deliver to County a release discharging County from all liabilities, obligations and claims to pay the Maximum Compensation to this Agreement.

**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 three hundred ninety-four thousand fifty dollars and no/100 (\$394,050.00), 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 three hundred ninety-four thousand fifty dollars and no/100 (\$394,050.00).

**Section 5. Time of Performance**

5.1 The time for performance of the Scope of Services by Contractor shall begin with receipt of the Notice to Proceed from County and end no later than seven (7) months thereafter. 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.

5.2 If the Services are not substantially completed within the time for performance or within such additional time as may be extended by County, County will deduct from the final payment as liquidated damages and not as a penalty the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) per calendar day that the Services are not substantially complete. Such sum is agreed upon as a reasonable and proper measure of the damages County will sustain.

**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 – 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 presented for payment by Contractor to County. Contractor's final Pay Application 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 (or a Claims Made form for Professional Liability Insurance) from such companies having Best's 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 in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Substitutes to genuine Workers' Compensation Insurance will not be allowed.

10.1.2 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.

10.1.3 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.

10.1.4 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.

10.2 County and the members of Commissioners Court shall be named as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability (if required). 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. For Commercial General Liability, the County shall be named as an Additional Insured on a Primary & Non-Contributory basis.

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.

10.4 Builders Risk Insurance: Contractor shall obtain and keep in full force and effect until the Transfer Date, Builders Risk Insurance, subject to policy terms and conditions, of direct physical loss or damage to property, materials, equipment and supplies which are to become an integral part of the Project, whether owned by Contractor, or subcontractors of every tier, and in which one or more of same has an insurable interest, while in transit, while at the Construction Site awaiting construction, during construction, and until the Transfer Date. Such insurance shall be maintained to cover, as nearly as practicable, the insurable value of such property, materials, equipment and supplies at risk, and shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of Contractor, Architect, subcontractors of any tier and County for loss or damage occurring during the Work and shall name Contractor as the named insured and County as additional insureds. All Builder's Risk Insurance proceeds shall be paid directly to the Contractor.

## **Section 11. Performance and Payment Bond**

Contractor shall post with County, not later than ten (10) days of the execution of this Agreement, a performance and payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total lump sum price in such form as is satisfactory to County. The bond shall be executed by a corporate surety company duly authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and licensed to issue such a bond in the State of Texas.

## **Section 12. Indemnity**

**12.1 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.**

12.2 Contractor shall timely report all such matters to County and shall, upon the receipt of any such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment, not later than the fifteenth day of each month; provide County with a written report on each such matter, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of County required by Contractor in the defense of each matter.

12.3 Contractor's duty to defend indemnify and hold County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of the Agreement unless otherwise agreed by County in writing. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the Agreement and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.

12.4 In the event of any dispute between the parties as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of Contractor, Contractor shall never-the-less fully defend such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of Contractor are not at issue in the matter.

12.5 Contractor's indemnification shall cover, and Contractor agrees to indemnify County, in the event County is found to have been negligent for having selected Contractor to perform the work described in this request.

12.6 The provision by Contractor of insurance shall not limit the liability of Contractor under this Agreement.

12.7 Contractor shall cause all trade contractors and any other contractor who may have a contract to perform construction or installation work in the area where work will be performed under this request, to agree to indemnify County and to hold it harmless from all claims for bodily injury and property damage that arise may from said Contractor's operations. Such provisions shall be in form satisfactory to County.

12.8 Loss Deduction Clause - County shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of deductibles shall be the sole responsibility of Contractor and/or trade contractor providing such insurance.

### **Section 13. Confidential and Proprietary Information**

13.1 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.

13.2 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.

13.3 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.

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

13.5 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 Consultant 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.

#### **Section 14. Independent Contractor**

14.1 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.

14.2 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 15. Notices**

15.1 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).

15.2 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:

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| County: | Fort Bend County Facilities Management and Planning<br>Attn: Director<br>301 Jackson Street, Suite 301<br>Richmond, Texas 77469 |
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With a copy to: Fort Bend County  
Attn: County Judge  
401 Jackson Street  
Richmond, Texas 77469

Contractor: Apex Consulting Group, Inc.  
9888 Bissonnet Street, Suite 415  
Houston, Texas 77036

15.3 A Notice is effective only if the party giving or making the Notice has complied with subsections 15.1 and 15.2 and if the addressee has received the Notice. A Notice is deemed received as follows:

15.3.1 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.

15.3.2 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 16. 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 17. Performance Warranty**

17.1 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.

17.2 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 18. Assignment and Delegation**

18.1 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.

18.2 Neither party may delegate any performance under this Agreement.

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

**Section 19. 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 20. 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 21. Third Party Beneficiaries**

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

**Section 22. 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 23. 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 24. 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 25. Conflict**

In the event there is a conflict between this Agreement and the attached exhibits this Agreement controls.

**Section 26. Certain State Law Requirements for Contracts**

For purposes of sections 2252.152, 2271.002, and 2274.002, Texas Government Code, as amended, Contractor hereby verifies that Contractor and any parent company, wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, and affiliate:

26.1 Unless affirmatively declared by the United States government to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization, is not identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code.

26.2 If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor does not boycott Israel and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to boycott Israel during the term of such contracts. "Boycott Israel" has the meaning provided in section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code.

26.3 If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor does not boycott energy companies and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to boycott energy companies during the term of such contracts. "Boycott energy company" has the meaning provided in section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code.

26.4 If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of such contracts. "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" has the meaning provided in section 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code. "Firearm entity" and "firearm trade association" have the meanings provided in section 2274.001(6) and (7) of the Texas Government Code.

**Section 27. Human Trafficking**

BY ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE 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.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed or have caused their respective names to be signed to multiple counterparts to be effective on the day signed by the last party.

FORT BEND COUNTY

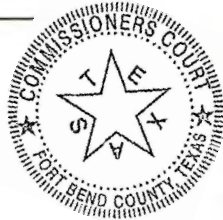
*KP George*

County Judge KP George

KP George, County Judge

August 23, 2022

Date



ATTEST:

*Laura Richard*

Laura Richard, County Clerk

APPROVED:

*James Knight*

James Knight, Facilities Management/Planning Director

APEX CONSULTING GROUP, INC

*Charles Mgbieke*

Authorized Agent – Signature

CHARLES MGBEIKE, P.E.

Authorized Agent – Printed Name

PRESIDENT

Title

8/5/22

Date

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$ 394,050.00 to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County under this contract.

*Robert Ed Sturdivant*

Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

# EXHIBIT A



Fort Bend County: RFQ #22-063

June 27, 2022

**Mr. Jon McGuff**  
Fort Bend County Facilities  
301 Jackson  
Richmond, Texas TX 77469

**Re: Cost Proposal-RFQ #22-063 - JUNENILE SHOP BUILDING, ARCOLA TX**

Dear Mr. McGuff:

Per your request, attached is our cost proposal for the referenced structure to be built in Arcola, Texas. The cost to design and construct the subject building is **\$394,050.00** (Three Hundred & Ninety Four Thousand & fifty dollars). This is a “**not to exceed**” cost, assuming no unforeseen site conditions and/ or scope changes by the County.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our services to Fort Bend County. ACG will commit its full resources to complete this project on time and within the budget. Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles C. A. Mgbeike", is written over a large, stylized blue flourish that extends across the page.

Charles C. A. Mgbeike, P.E.  
President

**FBC JUVENILE SHOP BUILDING - ARCOLA, TX  
Prelim Cost Estimate**

| <u>Division # - DESCRIPTION</u>  | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Unit Price</u> | <u>Projected Cost</u> |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Division 01 - General Requirements</u>                                |                 |             |                   |                       |
| General Conditions   | 3%              | %           | \$ 283,500        | \$ 8,505              |
| General Contractor Overhead and Profit                                   | 10%             | %           | \$ 283,500        | \$ 28,350             |
| Site Supervision & Project management                                    | 5%              | %           | \$ 283,500        | \$ 14,175             |
| Performance and Payment Bonds  | 4%              | %           | \$ 283,500        | \$ 11,340             |
| Insurance  | 3%              | %           | \$ 283,500        | \$ 8,505              |
| Project Design Fees  | 5%              | %           | \$ 283,500        | \$ 14,175             |
| Geotech Report   | 1               |             | \$ 3,000          | \$ 3,000              |
| Clean Up   | 1               |             | \$ 2,500          | \$ 2,500              |
| <b>1 - OWNER'S CONTINGENCIES</b>   | <b>1</b>        | <b>Ls</b>   | <b>\$ 20,000</b>  | <b>\$ 20,000</b>      |
| <b>Subtotal - Division 01 - General Requirements.....</b>                |                 |             |                   | <b>\$ 110,550</b>     |
| <u>Division 02 Temporary Facilities &amp; Controls</u>                   |                 |             |                   |                       |
| 1 - Temporary Erosion & Sediment Control (as Needed)                     | 1               | Ls          | \$ 2,500          | \$ 2,500              |
| <b>Subtotal - Division 02 - Temporary Facilities &amp; Controls.....</b> |                 |             |                   | <b>\$ 2,500</b>       |
| <u>Division 03 - Concrete</u>  |                 |             |                   |                       |
| 1 - Concrete Foundation - Complete                                       | 1               | Ls          | \$ 50,000         | \$ 50,000             |
| 2 - Floor Finishes   | 1               | Ls          | \$ 15,000         | \$ 15,000             |
| <b>Subtotal - Division 03 - Concrete.....</b>                            |                 |             |                   | <b>\$ 65,000</b>      |
| <u>Division 04 - Masonry</u>   |                 |             |                   |                       |
| 4 - Misc   | 1               | Ls          | \$ 0              | \$ 0                  |
| <b>Subtotal - Division 04 - Masonry.....</b>                             |                 |             |                   | <b>\$ 0</b>           |
| <u>Division 05 - Steel</u>   |                 |             |                   |                       |
| 1 - Steel - Pre-engineered + Banded Insulation                           | 1               | Ls          | \$ 55,000         | \$ 55,000             |
| 2 - Steel - Erection   | 1               | Ls          | \$ 15,000         | \$ 15,000             |
| 3 - 2 - Auto Roll-up Doors   | 2               | Ls          | \$ 4,500          | \$ 9,000              |
| <b>Subtotal - Division 05 - Steel.....</b>                               |                 |             |                   | <b>\$ 79,000</b>      |
| <u>Division 06 - Wood, Plastic, Composites</u>                           |                 |             |                   |                       |
| 1 - Toilet accessories   | 1               | Ls          | \$ 2500           | \$ 2,500              |
| 3 - Doors & Hardware   | 1               | Ls          | \$ 8500           | \$ 8,500              |
| <b>Subtotal Division 06 - Wood, Plastic, Composites.....</b>             |                 |             |                   | <b>\$ 11,000</b>      |
| <u>Division 09 - Finishes</u>  |                 |             |                   |                       |
| 1 - Metal framing, Insulation, Gyp. Bd, etc                              | 1               | Ls          | \$ 20000          | \$ 20,000             |
| 2 - Acoustic Ceiling -   | 1               | Ls          | \$ 15000          | \$ 15,000             |
| 2 - Painting   | 1               | Ls          | \$ 7500           | \$ 7,500              |
| <b>Subtotal - Division 09 - Finishes .....</b>                           |                 |             |                   | <b>\$ 42,500</b>      |
| <u>Division 22 - Plumbing</u>  |                 |             |                   |                       |

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| <u>Division # - DESCRIPTION</u>                 | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Unit Price</u> | <u>Projected Cost</u> |
|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Plumbing                                    | 1               | Ls          | \$ 18000          | \$ 18,000             |
| <b>Subtotal - Division 22 - Plumbing .....</b>  |                 |             |                   | \$ 18,000             |
| <u>Division 23 - HVAC</u>                       |                 |             |                   |                       |
| 1 - HVAC  | 1               | Ls          | \$ 18,500         | \$ 18,500             |
| <b>Subtotal - Division 23 - HVAC.....</b>       |                 |             |                   | \$ 18,500             |
| <u>Division 26 - Electrical</u>                 |                 |             |                   |                       |
| 1 - Electrical                                  | 1               | Ls          | \$ 22,500         | \$ 22,500             |
| <b>Subtotal - Division 26 - Electrical.....</b> |                 |             |                   | \$ 22,500             |
| <u>Division 31 - Earthwork</u>                  |                 |             |                   |                       |
| 1 - Site Work                                   | 1               | Ls          | \$ 24,500         | \$ 24,500             |
| <b>Subtotal - Division 31 - Earthwork.....</b>  |                 |             |                   | \$ 24,500             |
| <b>Subtotal Div 2 - Div 31.....</b>             |                 |             |                   | \$ 283,500            |
| <b>Subtotal All divisions.....</b>              |                 |             |                   | \$ 394,050            |

# EXHIBIT B

## **PREVAILING WAGES:**

This project is subject to the prevailing wage rate requirements of Chapter 2258 of the Texas Government Code. All persons employed by Contractor shall be compensated at not less than the rates shown below. The Contractor shall not use any labor classification not covered below until such classification is established and approved for use by the County.

The prevailing wage rate does not prohibit the payment of more than the rates stated. Contractor shall keep detailed records of each of its workers and said records shall be made available to County for inspection at all reasonable times. Records should specify (1) the name and classification of each worker employed under the contract; and (2) the actual per diem wages paid to each worker, and the applicable hourly rate.

Contractor shall clearly display a poster of the Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule below on each job site from the time the project starts until the work is completed.

The Contractor shall pay Fort Bend County sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each worker employed by the Contractor for the provision of services described herein for each calendar day or part of the day that the worker is paid less than the below stated rates. Contractors may also visit [www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx](http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx).

The County may withhold money required to be withheld under Chapter 2258 of the Texas Government Code from the final payment to Contractor or earlier payments if County makes a determination that there is good cause to believe that the Contractor has not complied with these provisions and Chapter 2258 of the Government Code, in which case, the County may withhold the money at any time subsequent to the findings by the County.

General Decision Number: TX20220247 02/25/2022

Superseded General Decision Number: TX20210247

State: Texas

Construction Type: Building

County: Fort Bend County in Texas.

**BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS** (does not include single family homes or apartments up to and including 4 stories).

Note: Contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act are generally required to pay at least the applicable minimum wage rate required under Executive Order 14026 or Executive Order 13658.

Please note that these Executive Orders apply to covered contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but do not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(2)-(60).

If the contract is entered into on or after January 30, 2022, or the contract is renewed or extended (e.g., an option is exercised) on or after January 30, 2022, Executive Order 14026 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$15.00 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on that contract in 2022.

If the contract was awarded on or between January 1, 2015 and January 29, 2022, and the contract is not renewed or extended on or after January 30, 2022, Executive Order 13658 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$11.25 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on that contract in 2022.

The applicable Executive Order minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. If this contract is covered by one of the Executive Orders and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must still submit a conformance request.

Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the Executive Orders is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

| Modification Number | Publication Date |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 0                   | 01/07/2022       |
| 1                   | 01/21/2022       |
| 2                   | 02/18/2022       |
| 3                   | 02/25/2022       |

|  | Rates    | Fringes    |
|--|----------|------------|
| ASBE0022-009 06/28/2021  |          |            |
| ASBESTOS WORKER/HEAT & FROST<br>INSULATOR (Duct, Pipe and Mechanical System Insulation)  | \$ 24.90 | 15.90      |
| BOIL0074-003 01/01/2021<br>BOILERMAKER   | \$ 29.47 | 24.10      |
| CARP0551-008 04/01/2016<br>CARPENTER (Excludes Acoustical Ceiling Installation, Drywall<br>Hanging, Form Work and Metal Stud Installation) | \$ 23.05 | 8.78       |
| ELEC0716-005 08/30/2021<br>ELECTRICIAN (Excludes Low Voltage Wiring and Installation<br>of Alarms)   | \$ 32.20 | 10.37      |
| ELEV0031-003 01/01/2022<br>ELEVATOR MECHANIC   | \$ 47.04 | 36.885+a+b |

FOOTNOTES:

A. 6% under 5 years based on regular hourly rate for all hours worked. 8% over 5 years based on regular hourly rate for all hours worked.

B. Holidays: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; Friday after Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day; and Veterans Day.

ENGI0450-002 04/01/2014

POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

Cranes \$ 34.85 9.85

\* IRON0084-002 06/01/2021

IRONWORKER (ORNAMENTAL AND STRUCTURAL) \$ 26.01 7.56

\* PLAS0783-001 04/01/2021

PLASTERER \$ 26.04 9.02

\* PLUM0068-002 10/01/2021

PLUMBER \$ 36.83 11.71

\* PLUM0211-010 10/01/2021

PIPEFITTER (Including HVAC Pipe Installation) \$ 37.03 12.56

SHEE0054-003 04/01/2020

SHEET METAL WORKER (Excludes HVAC Duct and Unit Installation) \$ 29.70 13.85

SUTX2014-023 07/21/2014

ACOUSTICAL CEILING MECHANIC \$ 16.41 3.98

BRICKLAYER \$ 19.86 0.00

CAULKER \$ 15.36 0.00

CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER \$ 13.82\*\* 0.00

DRYWALL FINISHER/TAPER \$ 16.30 3.71

DRYWALL HANGER AND METAL STUD INSTALLER \$ 17.45 3.96

ELECTRICIAN (Alarm Installation Only) \$ 17.97 3.37

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| ELECTRICIAN (Low Voltage Wiring Only)              | \$ 18.00   | 1.68 |
| FLOOR LAYER: Carpet                                | \$ 20.00   | 0.00 |
| FORM WORKER  | \$ 11.87** | 0.00 |
| GLAZIER  | \$ 19.12   | 4.41 |
| INSULATOR – BATT                                   | \$ 14.87** | 0.73 |
| IRONWORKER, REINFORCING                            | \$ 12.10** | 0.00 |
| LABORER: Common or General                         | \$ 10.79** | 0.00 |
| LABORER: Mason Tender – Brick                      | \$ 13.37** | 0.00 |
| LABORER: Mason Tender - Cement/Concrete            | \$ 10.50** | 0.00 |
| LABORER: Pipelayer                                 | \$ 12.94** | 0.00 |
| LABORER: Roof Tearoff                              | \$ 11.28** | 0.00 |
| LABORER: Landscape and Irrigation                  | \$ 9.49**  | 0.00 |
| LATHER   | \$ 19.73   | 0.00 |
| OPERATOR:<br>Backhoe/Excavator/Trackhoe            | \$ 14.10** | 0.00 |
| OPERATOR: Bobcat/Skid<br>Steer/Skid Loader         | \$ 13.93** | 0.00 |
| OPERATOR: Bulldozer                                | \$ 20.77   | 0.00 |
| OPERATOR: Drill                                    | \$ 16.22   | 0.34 |
| OPERATOR: Forklift                                 | \$ 15.64   | 0.00 |
| OPERATOR: Grader/Blade                             | \$ 13.37** | 0.00 |
| OPERATOR: Loader                                   | \$ 13.55** | 0.94 |
| OPERATOR: Mechanic                                 | \$ 17.52   | 3.33 |
| OPERATOR: Paver (Asphalt, Aggregate, and Concrete) | \$ 16.03   | 0.00 |

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| OPERATOR: Roller   | \$ 16.00   | 0.00 |
| PAINTER (Brush, Roller and Spray), Excludes Drywall Finishing/Taping | \$ 16.77   | 4.51 |
| ROOFER   | \$ 15.40   | 0.00 |
| SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Duct Installation Only)                     | \$ 17.81   | 2.64 |
| SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Unit Installation Only)                     | \$ 16.00   | 1.61 |
| SPRINKLER FITTER (Fire Sprinklers)                                   | \$ 22.17   | 9.70 |
| TILE FINISHER  | \$ 12.00** | 0.00 |
| TILE SETTER  | \$ 16.17   | 0.00 |
| TRUCK DRIVER: 1/Single Axle Truck                                    | \$ 14.95** | 5.23 |
| TRUCK DRIVER: Dump Truck   | \$ 12.39** | 1.18 |
| TRUCK DRIVER: Flatbed Truck  | \$ 19.65   | 8.57 |
| TRUCK DRIVER: Semi-Trailer Truck                                     | \$ 12.50** | 0.00 |
| TRUCK DRIVER: Water Truck  | \$ 12.00** | 4.11 |
| WATERPROOFER   | \$ 14.39** | 0.00 |

WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

\*\* Workers in this classification may be entitled to a higher minimum wage under Executive Order 14026 (\$15.00) or 13658 (\$11.25). Please see the Note at the top of the wage determination for more information.

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2017. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must provide employees with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours they work, up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year. Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their own illness, injury or other health-related needs, including preventive care; to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is ill, injured, or has other health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons resulting from, or to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is a victim of, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

The body of each wage determination lists the classification and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of "identifiers" that indicate whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local), a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate (weighted union average rate).

#### Union Rate Identifiers

A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than "SU" or "UAVG" denotes that the union classification and rate were prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of the union which prevailed in the survey for this classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1, 2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing this classification and rate.

#### Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the "SU" identifier indicate that no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a new survey is conducted.

#### Union Average Rate Identifiers

Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate that no single majority rate prevailed for those classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is based.

## WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

- \* an existing published wage determination
- \* a survey underlying a wage determination
- \* a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
- \* a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour Regional Office for the area in which the survey was conducted because those Regional Offices have responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations  
Wage and Hour Division  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

# 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:  
2022-878908

Date Filed:  
04/27/2022

Date Acknowledged:  
08/23/2022

**1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.**  
APEX CONSULTING GROUP  
houston, TX 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.**  
Q22-063  
DESIGN/BUILD FOR A JUVENILE SHOP BUILDING IN ARCOLA TEXAS

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