

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
   §  
 COUNTY OF FORT BEND         §

**NINTH AMENDMENT (FY 2023 RENEWAL)  
 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR LANGUAGE ANALYST  
 SERVICES BETWEEN FORT BEND COUNTY AND THE KACE COMPANY, LLC.**

**THIS NINTH AMENDMENT for RENEWAL**, 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 The Kace Company, LLC., (hereinafter “Contractor”), a company authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas (collectively hereafter as the “Parties”).

**WHEREAS**, the parties executed and accepted that certain Professional Services Agreement for Language Analyst Services on or about October 22, 2013, and as amended on or about September 25, 2014, as amended on September 9, 2015, as amended on October 25, 2016, and on October 24, 2017, October 23, 2018, and on December 5, 2019, and January 28, 2021, and as last amended on or about march 22, 2022 (herein known as the “Agreement”); and incorporated by reference herein for all purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff’s Office has received grant funding for Professional Language Analyst Services for the 2023 Fiscal Year under the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force/Strategic Initiative Program Grant as outlined in the OCDETF FY 2023 Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, County desires that Contractor provide professional services for the Sheriff’s Office (hereinafter “Services”); and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to renew the term of performance for Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the following changes are incorporated as if a part of the original Agreement and are incorporated by reference in the same as if fully set forth verbatim herein:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. The Agreement is hereby renewed for an additional one-year period effective as of October 1, 2022 and will terminate on September 30, 2023. The Parties

acknowledge and agree that services were and will be supported by good and valuable consideration during the Term of this Agreement, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged by the Parties.

2. **Maximum Compensation.** Contractor's fees shall be calculated at the rates set forth in the attached Exhibit "A". The Maximum Compensation for the performance of services under this Ninth Amendment is One Hundred Seventy Thousand Twelve and 80/100 dollars (\$170,012.80). In no case shall the amount paid by County for Scope of Services exceed the Maximum Compensation without a mutually agreed upon change in writing.
3. **Limit of Appropriation.** Contractor clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence of this Ninth Amendment, that County shall have available the total maximum sum of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Twelve and 80/100 dollars (\$170,012.80) specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur. Contractor does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Ninth Amendment, 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 One Hundred Seventy Thousand Twelve and 80/100 dollars (\$170,012.80).
4. **Federal Clauses.** Contractor does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence of this Ninth Amendment, to comply with each provision contained in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
5. **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.
6. **Modification.** All terms and conditions of the Agreement, including any addenda or amendments, not modified herein shall remain in full force and effect for the term of the Agreement.

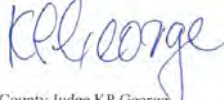
7. **Conflict.** If there is a conflict between this Ninth Amendment and the Agreement for Professional Services Agreement for Language Analysts, the provisions of this Ninth Amendment shall prevail with regard to the conflict.

{REMAINDER OF PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK}

{EXECUTION TO FOLLOW}

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties put their hands to this Ninth Amendment on the dates indicated below.

**FORT BEND COUNTY**



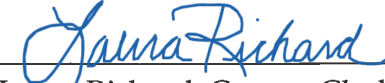
County Judge KP George

\_\_\_\_\_  
KP George, County Judge

4.11.2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTEST:



\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Richard, County Clerk

Approved:



\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff Eric Fagan



**The Kace Company, LLC**



\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Agent- Signature

Lorena M. Austin, JM

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Agent- Printed Name

Contracts Manager

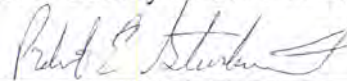
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

March 30, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$ 170,012.80  
to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County under this contract.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

Exhibit A: Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) FY 2023  
Agreement

Exhibit B: Federal Clauses

# EXHIBIT A

## ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCES (OCDETF)

### FY 2023 AGREEMENT

**ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCES**  
**FY 2023 Agreement**  
**FOR USE OF OCDETF STRIKE FORCE/STRATEGIC INITIATIVE PROGRAMS**

DUNS/UEI #: _____ Federal Tax Identification #: <u>7 4 - 6 0 0 1 1 6 9</u>	<u>EXO USE Only</u> DC#: <u>Z-32-</u> _____
Amount Requested \$ <u>170,012.80</u>	OCDETF Investigation/Strategic Initiative #: <u>SW-TXS-1258</u>
From: <u>October 1, 2022</u> Beginning Date of Agreement To: <u>September 30, 2023</u> Ending Date of Agreement	Federal Agency Investigation #: <u>M3-21-0036</u>
Strike Force/Strategic Initiative Name: <b>DEA Houston OCDETF Strike Force</b> Strike Force/Strategic Initiative Address: <b>1433 W. Loop S. #600</b> <b>Houston, Texas 77072</b>	State & Local Agency Name and Address: <b>Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office</b> <b>1840 Richmond Pkwy,</b> <b>Richmond, Texas 77469</b>
Sponsoring Federal Agency (SF only): <u>DEA</u>  Lead Investigator: <u>GS Allan Manco</u>  Telephone Number: <u>(281) 660-0718</u>  Email Address: <u>Allan.j.manco@dea.gov</u>	State & Local Agency Narcotics Supervisor: <u>Lt. R. Glendening</u>  Telephone Number: <u>(832) 473-7847</u>  E-mail Address: <u>Rodney.Glendening@fortbendcountytx.gov</u>  Fax Number: _____

Brief explanation of services/goods provided and basis for determining costs:  
 Professional Language Analyst services to be utilized for DEA Houston OCDETF Strike Force investigations. This has been reviewed by management of DEA Houston OCDETF Strike Force and it has been determined there is a need/use for this service.

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: Elva Lopez  
 Telephone Number: (281) 341-3971  
 E-mail Address: Elva.lopez@fortbendcountytx.gov

This Agreement is between the above named State & Local agency and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) Program. This Agreement shall be effective when signed by a State & Local law enforcement agency official, who is authorized to approve the expenditure of funds in support of OCDETF investigations, the Strike Force Commander, or designee, (Strike Forces) or the OCDETF Regional Director (Strategic Initiatives) and the OCDETF Executive Office Budget Officer, or 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 & Local Organization to the agreement.
2. It is agreed that the State & 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 Forces Strike Force/Strategic Initiative Operations Program Policy and Procedures Manual.
3. An Agreement for the use of the OCDETF Strike Force/Strategic Initiative Programs ("Agreement") must be completed whenever a State & Local Organization plans to seek reimbursement for permissible costs resulting from their participation in a Strike Force investigation/Strategic Initiative. It must be carefully reviewed and understood by all approving officials.
4. Agreements are approved on a fiscal year basis. The fiscal year of the Federal Government begins on October 1 of a given year and ends on September 30 of the following year. An agreement must fall within a fiscal year period. Since investigations and initiatives frequently span two or more fiscal years, new Agreements must be initiated for each fiscal year. However, if a case is newly initiated during the fiscal year, the beginning agreement date should accurately reflect when the case will begin using Operations funding (beginning date of the Agreement through September 30). It is extremely important that start dates are accurate on the agreement, as funds may be de-obligated if there is prolonged inactivity.
5. If a State & Local Organization indicates that it no longer expects to expend funds obligated under a particular Agreement, any unexpended funds under that Agreement should be immediately deobligated and a Funding Change Notification identifying the amount to be deobligated shall be submitted by the Strike Force Commander (Strike Forces) or Regional Director (Strategic Initiatives) to the OCDETF EXO as soon as possible. Moreover, if an agreement does not have a bill entered in MIS within ninety (90) days of the agreement funding date (in MIS) or ninety (90) days between the last bill payment date (in MIS), the funds should be deobligated. Upon this occurrence, it is the responsibility of the Strike Force Commander (Strike Force) or the OCDETF Program Specialist (Strategic Initiative) to submit a funding change notification (modification memo) to the State & Local Organizations stating that funding has been deobligated because of the ninety (90) day rule.

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 (i.e., 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 Commander (Strike Forces) or Regional Director (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 Commander (Strike Forces) or Regional Director (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 modification memo approved and signed by the Strike Force Commander (Strike Forces) or Regional Director (Strategic Initiatives) and forwarded to the OCDETF EXO.
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 & 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 & local organization to a third party vendor, OCDETF will reimburse the organization for approved investigation or initiative related equipment and service costs. Claims must be submitted monthly on the OCDETF Reimbursement Request Form.
15. State & Local Organizations must provide official procurement documents to support all reimbursable expenditures to the Strike Force Commander (Strike Forces) or Regional Director (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. The State & Local Organization 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 organizations from receiving OCDETF funding in the future.
17. The State & Local Organization 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.
18. 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). In accordance with the act, all OCDETF reimbursement payments will be issued via EFT. Participants are required to register in SAM.gov to receive reimbursements; registration information will be provided upon request. In certain circumstances the OCDETF Executive Office may make exceptions for Organizations that are unable to accept this form of payment, however, such Organizations must include written justification in the addendum of each new Agreement.

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 Regional Director and the state or local law enforcement organization. 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:  Fort Bend County Judge 1/10/2023  
*Authorized State & Local Official* *Title* *Date*

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Strike Force Commander (SF) /Regional Director (SI)* *Date*

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

Approving Official: \_\_\_\_\_  
*OCDETF Executive Office* *Date*

**ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCES**

**STRIKE FORCE/STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AGREEMENT  
COST ESTIMATE**

Name of Strike Force/Strategic Initiative: DEA Houston OCDEFT Strike Force

OCDETF Investigation/Strategic Initiative Number: SW-TXS-1258

The following is an estimate of operational costs expected to be incurred by state and local law enforcement in an OCDETF Strike Force investigation or Strategic Initiative. These costs are reimbursable under this agreement, subject to the availability of funds.

	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1.	<u>Professional Language Analyst</u>	<u>\$ 170,012.80</u>
2.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
3.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
4.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
5.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
6.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
7.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
8.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
9.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
10.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
11.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
12.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
13.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>

# EXHIBIT B

CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS UTILIZING FEDERAL AWARDS FROM THE U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA) ORGANIZED DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCES (OCDETF) PROGRAM

Contractor understands and acknowledges that this Agreement is totally or partially funded with federal funds. 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, set be the County at \$50,000, 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.

1. Access to Records, Audits and Reports and Retention.

The following clause applies to all contracts and subawards regardless of dollar amount.

The Contractor agrees to provide County, DEA, 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 six (6) 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 DEA, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

2. Civil Rights Requirements.

The following contract clause applies to all contracts and subawards regardless of dollar amount.

Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender

identity, age, status as a parent or disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements the DEA may issue.

3. Clean Air.

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$150,000 or more.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq . The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the appropriate EPA Regional Office. The Contractor agrees it will not use any violating facilities. It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA “List of Violating Facilities”. It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

4. Clean Water.

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$150,000 or more.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the appropriate EPA Regional Office. The Contractor agrees it will not use any violating facilities. It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA “List of Violating Facilities”. It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

5. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708).

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$100,000 or more that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers.

Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5).

Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

Contractor shall include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5) in all subcontracts of \$100,000 or more that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers.

6. Disputes and Resolutions.

The following clause applies for all contracts and subgrants that meet or exceed the County's small purchase threshold of \$50,000.

Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set by the County at \$50,000 must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

7. Domestic Preferences for Procurements.

The following contract clause applies to all contracts and subawards regardless of dollar amount.

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. Equal Employment Opportunity for Non-construction Contracts.

The following clause applies for all non-construction contracts.

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- (3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
- (4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by



Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

- (7) In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (8) The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

9. Equal Employment Opportunity for all "federally assisted" Construction Contracts.

The following clause applies for all federally assisted construction contracts where "federally assisted construction contracts" is defined as in 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1.3, or any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include,

but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- (2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- (3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
- (4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (7) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government

contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

- (8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

#### 10. Government-wide Debarment and Suspension.

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$25,000 or more.

The Contractor certifies that it shall comply and facilitate compliance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide 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 County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$25,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

11. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.

The following clause applies only for contracts of \$100,000 or more.

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 C.F.R. Part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Contractor certifies that it and all its subcontractors at every tier will not and have not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, award, including any extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352.

12. Personally Identifiable Information (PII).

The following contract clause applies to all contracts and subawards regardless of dollar amount.

Take reasonable measures to safeguard protected PII and other information DEA designates consistent with applicable Federal, state, and local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.

13. Prevailing Wage (Davis-Bacon) and Copeland Anti-Kickback Acts.

The following clause applies only for prime construction contracts of \$2,000 or more.

The Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141 – 3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141 - 3144, and 3146 – 3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The County must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or sub-recipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he

or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

14. Procurement of Recovered Materials.

The Contractor agrees to comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. 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, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

15. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statement and Related Acts.

The following contract clause applies to all contracts and subawards regardless of dollar amount.

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. apply to its actions pertaining to this Agreement. Upon execution of the 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 the Agreement or the DEA 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.

16. Prohibited Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services and Equipment.

For contracts that include the purchase of equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system.

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).

- (1) 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);
- (2) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or
- (3) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of 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 People's Republic of China.

17. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.

The following clause only applies to contracts where the work is related to the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work funded by Federal funds or where the work performed is subject to copyright.

Contractor acknowledges that the DEA reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use (in whole or in part, including in connection with derivative works), for state (or Federal) purposes. Contractor will comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by DEA.

18. Termination for Cause and Termination for Convenience.

The following contract clause applies to all contracts and subawards of \$10,000 or more.

All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the Contractor including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

19. 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. Contractor may not require employees or subcontractors seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or contractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information. This limitation shall not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312, Form 4414, or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

# 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:  
2023-1001058

Date Filed:  
03/30/2023

Date Acknowledged:  
04/11/2023

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

The KACE Company LLC  
Ashburn, VA 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.

22451  
Linguist Services

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)