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COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

AGREEMENT FOR SECURITY SERVICES

(Utilizing Choice Partners Purchasing Cooperative Contract No. 22/047 MR)

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS ("County"), a political subdivision of the state of Texas, and BLUE KNIGHT SECURITY, LLC ("Contractor"), a limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in the state of Texas. County and Contractor may be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, Contractor is a company which provides security guard services in the Greater Houston area; and

WHEREAS, County desires for Contractor to provide such security guard services for the benefit of County pursuant to Choice Partners Contract No. 22/047 MR; and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it is qualified and desires to provide such Services to County; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is not subject to competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Section 271.102 of the Texas Local Government Code which authorizes County's participation in a cooperative purchasing program; and

WHEREAS, Section 262.011(d) of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes the County Purchasing Agent to make purchases that are not subject to competitive solicitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. **Recitals.** The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement.
2. **Scope of Services.** Contractor shall provide Security Guard Services (the “Services”) at the Fort Bend County Health and Human Services located in Rosenberg, Texas pursuant to Choice Partners Contract No. 22/047 MR, and as further described in Contractor’s Response to Request for Quote (“Contractor’s Quote”) attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated by reference for all intents and purposes.
3. **Term.** The Parties agree that this Agreement is effective upon execution by the parties and shall terminate at 11:59 pm on December 31, 2024, unless sooner terminated in accordance with this Agreement. 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. This Agreement may only be renewed by written instrument executed by both Parties.

4. **Compensation and Payment Terms.** Contractor shall be paid in accordance with Exhibit "A."
- (a) The Maximum Compensation to Contractor for the Services provided under this Agreement is Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) calculated as follows:
 - (b) In no event shall the amount paid by County to Contractor under this Agreement exceed said Maximum Compensation without a County approved change order.
 - (c) Contractor understands and agrees that the Maximum Compensation stated is an all-inclusive amount and no additional fee, cost or reimbursed expense shall be added whatsoever to the fees stated in the attached Exhibit "A."
 - (d) County does not waive the Service Guarantee provided by Contractor, but that all performance of the Scope of Services above by Contractor including any changes in said Scope of Services and revision of work satisfactorily performed will be performed only when approved in advance and authorized by County.
 - (e) County will pay Contractor based on the following procedures: Upon completion of the tasks identified in the Scope of Services above, Contractor shall submit to County two (2) original copies of invoices showing the amounts due for services performed in a form acceptable to County. Contractor may submit electronically via: apauditor@fortbendcountytexas.gov. County shall review such invoices and approve them within 30 calendar days with such modifications as are consistent with this Agreement and forward same to the Auditor for processing. County shall pay each such approved invoice within thirty (30) calendar days. County reserves the right to withhold payment pending verification of satisfactory work performed.
5. **Limit of Appropriation.** Contractor understands and agrees that the Maximum Compensation provided to Contractor for performance of the Scope of Services described in Section 2 above is Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00). In no event shall the amount paid by County under this Agreement exceed the Maximum Compensation without a County approved change order. 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 Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur under this Agreement. 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 under this Agreement shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00).

6. **Taxes.** County is a political subdivision of the state of Texas and as such, is exempt from sales and use taxes. County shall furnish evidence of its tax-exempt status upon written request by Contractor.
7. **Indemnity.** **CONTRACTOR HEREBY AGREES THAT IT WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, SUITS, OR CAUSES OF ACTION, WHETHER FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO ANY ACTION OR FAILURE TO ACT BY CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS, OR ASSIGNS WITH RESPECT TO CONTRACTORS PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. CONTRACTOR FURTHER AGREES TO PROCURE AND MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH COVERAGE AND LIMITS OF LIABILITY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 8 OF THIS AGREEMENT.**
8. **Insurance.** 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 from such companies having Bests 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:
 - (a) Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of Texas. Substitutes to genuine Workers' Compensation Insurance will not be allowed.
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) 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.

- (d) Business Automobile Liability insurance applying to owned, non-owned and hired automobiles with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage combined.

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 the work under this Contract is completed.

Contractor shall not commence any portion of the work under this Contract until it has obtained the insurance required herein and certificates of such insurance have been filed with and approved by Fort Bend County.

No cancellation of or changes to the certificates, or the policies, may be made without thirty (30) days prior, written notification to Fort Bend County.

Approval of the insurance by Fort Bend County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Contractor.

- 9. **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.
- 10. **Public Information Act.** Contractor expressly acknowledges and agrees that County is a public entity and as such, is subject to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. In no event shall County be liable to Contractor for release of information pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code or any other provision of law. Except to the extent required by law or as directed by the Texas Attorney General, County agrees to maintain the confidentiality of information provided by Contractor expressly marked as proprietary or confidential. County shall not be liable to Contractor for any disclosure of any proprietary or confidential information if such information is disclosed under Texas law or at the direction of the Texas Attorney General. Contractor further acknowledges and agrees that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are not proprietary or confidential information.
- 11. **Independent Contractor.** 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. 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.

12. **Personnel.** Contractor represents that it presently has, or is able to obtain adequate qualified personnel in its employment for the timely performance of the 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 Services when and as required and without delays.

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 or agent of Contractor who, in County's opinion, is incompetent or by his conduct become detrimental to providing Services pursuant to this Agreement, shall, upon request of County, immediately be removed from association with the Services required under this Agreement.

When performing Services on-site at County's facilities, Contractor shall comply with, and ensure that all Contractor's Personnel comply with, all rules, regulations and policies of County that are communicated to Contractor in writing, including security procedures concerning systems and data and remote access thereto, building security procedures, including the restriction of access by County to certain areas of its premises or systems for security reasons, and general health and safety practices and procedures.

13. **Confidential and Proprietary Information.** 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.

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.

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.

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

14. **Notice.** Any and all notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, or personally delivered to the following addresses:

If to County:

Fort Bend County, Texas
Attn: County Judge
401 Jackson Street, 1st Floor
Richmond, Texas 77469

And

Fort Bend County Purchasing
Attn: Purchasing Agent
301 Jackson Street
Richmond, Texas 77469

If to Contractor:

Blue Knight Security, LLC
411 N. Sam Houston Pkwy E.
Suite 375
Houston, Texas 77060

15. **Termination.** County may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to Contractor. Upon termination of this Agreement by County, Contractor shall be in accordance with Section 4, above, for those Services which were provided under this Agreement prior to its termination and which have not been previously invoiced to County. Contractor's final invoice for said services will be presented to and paid by County in the same manner set forth in Section 4 above. No fees of any type, other than fees due and payable at the Termination Date, shall thereafter be paid to Contractor by County.
16. **Right to Inspect Books and Records.** Contractor shall 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 such books and records shall survive the termination of this Agreement for a period of four years.
17. **Use of Customer Name.** Contractor may use County's name without County's prior written consent only in Contractor's customer lists. Any other use of County's name by Contractor must have the prior written consent of County.
18. **County Data.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive the requirements of Section 205.009 of the Texas Local Government Code or of any record retention laws.
19. **Entire Agreement and Modification.** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties and supersedes all previous agreements, written or oral, pertaining to the subject matter of this Agreement. Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by each Party to come into full force and effect.
20. **Understanding Fair Construction.** By execution of this Agreement, the Parties acknowledge that they have read and understood each provision, term, and obligation contained herein. This Agreement, although drawn by one party, shall be construed fairly and reasonably and not more strictly against the drafting Party than the non-drafting Party.

21. **Severability.** In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
22. **No Waiver of Immunity.** Neither the execution of this Agreement nor any other conduct of either party relating to this Agreement shall be considered a waiver or surrender by County of its governmental powers or immunity under the Texas Constitution or the laws of the state of Texas.
23. **Conflict.** In the event of a conflict between the Exhibits attached hereto, the Cooperative Contract, or the terms of this Agreement, this Agreement shall prevail.
24. **Certain State Law Requirements for Contracts** The contents of this Section are required by Texas law and are included by County regardless of content 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:
- (a) 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.
 - (b) 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 § 808.001 of the Texas Government Code.
 - (c) 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 § 809.001 of the Texas Government Code.
 - (d) 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 § 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code. "Firearm entity" and "firearm trade association" have the meanings provided in § 2274.001(6) and (7) of the Texas Government Code.

25. **Human Trafficking.** BY ACCEPTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, 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.
26. **Federal Clauses.** Contractor understands and acknowledges that this Agreement may be totally or partially funded with federal and or state funds. As a condition of receiving federal and/or state grant funds, Contractor represents that it is and will remain in compliance with all federal and/or state terms as listed in Exhibit B. These terms flow down to all third party contractors and their subcontracts at every tier that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, 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.
27. **Electronic and Digital Signatures.** The Parties to this Agreement agree that any electronic and/or digital signatures of the Parties included in this Agreement are intended to authenticate this writing and shall have the same force and effect as the use of manual signatures.
28. **Certification.** By his or her signature below, each signatory individual certifies that he or she is the properly authorized person or officer of the applicable Party hereto and has the requisite authority necessary to execute this Agreement on behalf of such Party, and each Party hereby certifies to the other that it has obtained the appropriate approvals or authorizations from its governing body as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound, County and Contractor hereto have executed this Agreement to be effective upon execution.

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FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

KP George
KP George, County Judge

3.26.24
Date

ATTEST:

Laura Richard
Laura Richard, County Clerk



BLUE KNIGHT SECURITY, LLC

Marilyn R. O'Hara
Authorized Agent – Signature

Marilyn R. O'Hara
Authorized Agent- Printed Name

Owner
Title

18 MAR 24
Date

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$ 50,000.00 are available to pay the obligation of Fort Bend County, Texas within the foregoing Agreement.

Robert Ed Sturdivant
Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

Exhibit A: Contractor's Response to Request for Quote

Exhibit B: Federal Clauses

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EXHIBIT A



BLUE KNIGHT SECURITY LLC

411 N. Sam Houston Pkwy E.
Suite 375, Houston, Texas 77060

**RESPONSE TO
REQUEST FOR QUOTE
Fort Bend County**

To	Cheryl Krejci, CPPB
Reference	Fort Bend County HHS/Rosenberg Annex
Scope/Term	Blue Knight Security, LLC will provide on-site security customized with specific needs of the referenced tax office, 5 days a week 9 hours per day with 1 hour 40 hours per week with an Armed Security Officer at both locations
Certifications	SBA Certified-SB, WOSB, Minority Owned, VOSB, SBE, WBE, MBE, PDBE, Certified With City of Houston, Metro Transit Authority SBE, Hire Houston First, and Port of Houston SBE Certified
License #	B20338
NAICS Code	561612
SIC Code	7381
Service Areas	Texas
Security Quote	Armed Officer rate per contract with Choice Partners #22/047MR-R1 8am-5pm Mon-Fri \$32.00/hourly *prices will change when holidays occur at \$48.00/hourly Time and a half
Company Profile	In a highly competitive field, Blue Knight Security LLC excels in surpassing the standards of what a security guard company consists of in the industry today. Founded in 2015, Blue Knight is headquartered in Houston, Texas with another office opening in Frisco, Texas. Blue Knight is a Minority, Veteran Owned Small Business. The founder, Marilyn O'Hara, is a 16 year Veteran, Armed/Unarmed Officer, Personal Protection Officer (PPO), in which we are staffed with all. Blue Knight Officers' leadership abilities and training surpasses any of our competitors. Our security officers have yearly field training and continuous on-the-job training to ensure that they are always attentive to detail. Our extensive experience in hostile environments and our use of elite security professionals also ensure top-notch service, which gives us the edge over our competitors. Blue Knight provides superior security services to federal, state, commercial, industrial, professional and all other types of businesses. With Blue Knight, you can reach a live officer at any time of the day or night with any questions or concerns. Whatever type of protection you need, Blue Knight has the capability to handle it at any level of security. Blue Knight's leadership abilities, expertise, quality work ethics, values, morals and high regard for safety with our clients show that "We provide a service that others only promise."
Contact	Marilyn R. O'Hara Phone: (832) 405-4211 marilyn@blueknightsecurity.biz

EXHIBIT B

FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIRED CLAUSES

Contractor understands and acknowledges that this Agreement may be totally or partially funded with federal and or state funds from the Department of Homeland Security and or the Office of the Governor. 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, 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. ADA Access.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 et seq., which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities, and any subsequent amendments to these laws; (4) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35; (5) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36; (6) U.S. General Services Administration (U.S. GSA) regulations, "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19; (7) U.S. EEOC, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630.

2. Child Support.

Per Texas Family Code 231.006, a child support obligor or business entity remains ineligible to receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services; or a state funded loan until: (1) all arrearages have been paid; (2) the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency; or (3) the court of continuing jurisdiction over the child support order has granted the obligor an exemption from ineligibility as part of a court-supervised effort to improve earnings and child support payments.

Before payment can be released Contractor will supply County with the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity.

Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

3. Civil Rights/Nondiscrimination Requirements.

Contractor will comply, with the nondiscrimination requirements which may include the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC § 2000d); the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 USC § 3601 et seq.); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC § 794); the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 USC § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (USC §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Employment in Education Act) (20 USC § 1681 et seq.); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC §§ 6101-07); Titles I, II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Drug Abuse and Treatment Act of 1972 (PL 92-255); the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (PL 91-616); Sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 USC §§ 290dd-3 and 290ee-3); and 28 CFR 38 (Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); see Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations) and Ex. Order 13559 (fundamental principles and policymaking criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations).

More specifically, Contractor will comply with:

- a. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Contractor must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Pub. L. No. 101-336 (1990) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101- 12213), which prohibits recipients of federal funds from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities.
- b. Civil Rights Act of 1968. Contractor must comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Pub. L. No. 90- 284, as amended through Pub. L. 113-4, which prohibits recipients of federal funds from discriminating in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of dwellings, or in the provision of services in connection therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex (see 42 U.S.C. Section 3601 et seq.), as implemented by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units-i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)-be designed and constructed with certain accessible features. (See 24 C.F.R. Section 100, Subpart D).
- c. Civil Rights Act of 1964-Title VI. Contractors must comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d et seq.), which provides that no person in the United States will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations for the Act are found at 6 C.F.R. Part 21 and 44 C.F.R. Part 7.
- d. Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Contractor must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. Section 794), as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individuals in the United States will, solely by reason

of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

e. Nondiscrimination in Matters Pertaining to Faith-Based Organizations. It is DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations in social service programs administered or supported by DHS or its component agencies, enabling those organizations to participate in providing important social services to beneficiaries. Contractors must comply with the equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19 and other applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs.

f. Education Amendments of 1972. Contractors must comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Pub. L. No. 92-318 (1972) (codified as amended at 20 U.S.C. Section 1681 et seq.), which provide that no person in the United States will, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations are codified at 6 C.F.R. Part 17 and 44 C.F.R. Part 19.

g. Age Discrimination Act of 1975. Contractor must comply with the requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Title 42 U.S. Code, Section 6101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

4. Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders.

Contractor's attention is called to the fact that this Agreement between County and Contractor will be subject to financial assistance contracts between the County and various State or Federal agencies. The Agreement to be awarded, therefore, is subject to the terms of these agreements and will not proceed without these agreements having been duly executed. The Contractor will be required to comply with, in addition to other provisions of the agreement, the conditions required by applicable federal regulations. Contractor will comply with all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, policies, procedures, and directives.

5. Contracting with Small, Minority Firms, Women's Business Enterprises and Labor Surplus Area Firms.

Contractor will take all necessary, affirmative steps to assure that qualified small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor area surplus firms are used when possible by:

- a) Placing small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- b) Assuring that it solicits small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises whenever they are potential sources;

- c) Dividing total requirements, *when economically feasible*, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- d) Establishing delivery schedules, *where the requirement permits*, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- e) Utilizing the assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce;
- f) Contractor must require subcontractors to take the five affirmative steps described in a-e above.

6. Cooperation with Monitoring, Audits and Records Requirements.

The Contractor agrees to cooperate with the Office of the Governor and any relevant federal agency generally, including on any compliance review or complaint investigation conducted by the Federal sponsoring agency or the Office of the Governor and on all grant monitoring requests, including requests related to desk reviews, enhanced programmatic desk reviews, and/or site visits.

The Contractor shall maintain adequate records that enable the Office of the Governor and any relevant federal agency to complete monitoring tasks, including to verify all reporting measures, requests for reimbursements, and expenditure of match funds related to this Grant Agreement. The Contractor shall maintain such records as are deemed necessary by the Office of the Governor, the State Auditor's Office, other auditors of the State of Texas, the federal government or such other persons or entities designated or authorized by the Office of the Governor to ensure proper accounting for all costs and performances related to this Grant Agreement.

The Office of the Governor may request documented proof of payment. Acceptable proof of payment includes, but is not necessarily limited to, a receipt or other documentation of a paid invoice, a general ledger detailing the specific revenue and expenditures, a monthly bank statement evidencing payment of the specific expenditure, bank reconciliation detail, copies of processed checks, or a printed copy of an electronic payment confirmation evidencing payment of the specific expenditure to which the reimbursement relates.

The Contractor authorizes DHS, the Office of the Governor, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the Comptroller General of the United States, and any relevant federal agency, and their representatives, the right to audit, examine, and copy all paper and electronic records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices, and any other requested records, in any form; relevant to this Agreement and will make them readily available upon request. The Contractor will similarly permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary.

If requested, the Contractor shall submit to the Office of the Governor a copy of its most recent independent financial audit, any audited financial statements, related management letters and management responses of Contractor, and financial audit documents or portions thereof that are directly related to the Contractor's performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

The Office of the Governor may make unannounced monitoring visits at any time but will, whenever practical as determined at the sole discretion of the Office of the Governor, provide the Contractor with up to five (5) business days advance notice of any such examination or audit. Any audit of records shall be conducted at the Contractor's principal place of business and/or the location(s) of the Contractor's operations during the Contractor's normal business hours. The Contractor shall provide to the Office of the Governor or its designees, on the Contractor's premises, private space, office furnishings (including lockable cabinets), telephone services and Internet connectivity, utilities, and office-related equipment and duplicating services as the Office of the Governor or its designees may reasonably require to perform the audits described in this section.

In addition to the information contained in the required reports, other information may be required as requested by the Office of the Governor, including the Office of the Governor asking for more information regarding project performance or funds expenditures. In the event the Office of the Governor requires additional information regarding the information or data submitted, the Contractor will promptly provide the additional information. The Contractor also agrees to assist the Office of the Governor in responding to questions and assisting in providing information responsive to any audit, legislative request, or other inquiry regarding the grant award. Upon the request of the Office of the Governor, the Contractor must submit to the Office of the Governor any additional documentation or explanation the Office of the Governor may desire to support or document the requested payment or report submitted under this Agreement.

If after a written request by the Office of the Governor or a relevant federal agency, the Contractor fails to provide required reports, information, documentation, or other information within reasonable deadlines set by the Office of the Governor or the relevant federal agency, as required by this Agreement, or fails to fulfil any requirement in this section, then the Office of the Governor may consider this act a possible default under this Agreement, and the Contractor may be subject to sanctions including but not limited to, withholdings and/or other restrictions on the access to funds; referral to relevant agencies for audit review; designation of the Contractor as a high-risk Contractor; or termination of awards.

7. Debt to State

The State shall not be responsible for any debts associated with this Agreement.

8. DHS Specific Acknowledgements and Assurances.

All Contractors, successors, transferees, and assignees must acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff.

- a. Contractor must cooperate with any compliance reviews or compliance investigations conducted by DHS.
- b. Contractor must give DHS access to, and the right to examine and copy, records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the federal financial assistance award and permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary, as required by DHS regulations and other applicable

- laws or program guidance.
- c. Contractor must submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.
 - d. Contractor must comply with all other special reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

9. Drug-Free Workplace Regulations.

Contractor must comply with drug-free workplace requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 3001, which adopts the Government-wide implementation (2 C.F.R. Part 182) of Sec. 5152-5158 of the *Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988* (41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106).

10. Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

The Contractor must comply with the requirements of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. Section 6201) which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.

11. Examination of Records.

The Contractor agrees to provide County, the Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 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 three 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 Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

12. Federal Debt

Contractor is required to be non-delinquent in their repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefit overpayments. (See OMB Circular A-129).

13. Fly America.

The Contractor agrees to comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C. Section 41102) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. Section 40118) and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981 amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.

And with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and sub-recipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. The Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

14. Government-wide Debarment and Suspension.

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

Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The Contractor further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

15. Health and Human Services, Public Safety or Law Enforcement Agency Compliance

Contractor certifies that it as owner, operator or administrator of a facility has not had any licenses, certificates, or permits revoked by any health and human service agency or public safety or law enforcement agency.

16. Program Fraud, False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies.

Contractor understands that County does not tolerate any type of fraud, waste or misuse of funds. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. Section 3729-3733) which prohibits the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the federal government. Contractor understands and agrees that misuse of funds may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds, suspension or debarment from federal and state grants, recoupment of monies provided under an award, and civil and/or criminal penalties. (See 31 U.S.C. Section 381-3812 which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements made.)

The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with funds from this Agreement.

17. Reporting of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.

In the event, County becomes aware of any allegation or a finding of fraud, waste, or misuse of funds received for the performance of this Agreement, the County is required to immediately notify OOG of said allegation or finding and to continue to inform OOG of the status of any such ongoing investigations. The County must promptly refer to OOG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has -- (1) submitted a claim for award funds that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving award funds. County must also immediately notify OOG in writing of any misappropriation of funds, fraud, theft, embezzlement, forgery, or any other serious irregularities indicating noncompliance with grant requirements.

The County shall report any possible fraudulent or dishonest acts, waste, or abuse to OOG's Fraud Coordinator or Ethics Advisor at (512) 463-1788 or in writing to: Ethics Advisor, Office of the Governor, P.O. Box 12428, Austin, Texas 78711.

18. National Environmental Policy Act.

Contractor must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, which requires recipients to use all practicable means within their authority, and consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to create

and maintain conditions under which people and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other needs of present and future generations of Americans.

19. No Obligation by Federal Government.

The Federal Government is not a party to this Agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the County, Contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Agreement.

20. Notice of Funding Opportunity.

All of the instructions, guidance, limitations, and other conditions set forth in the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program are incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

21. Political Activities.

Contractor must comply with 31 U.S.C. Section 1352, which provides that none of the funds provided under a federal financial assistance award may be expended by the recipient to pay any person to influence, or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee or a Member of Congress in connection with any federal action related to a federal award or contract, including any extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification.

22. Best Practices for Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

If Contractor collects Personally Identifiable Information (PII), they are required to have a publically-available privacy policy that describes standards in the usage and maintenance of PII they collect. DHS defines PII as any information that permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information that is linked or linkable to that individual. Recipients may also find the DHS Privacy Impact Assessments: Privacy Guidance and Privacy template as useful resources respectively.

23. Prohibited Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services and Equipment.

In the performance of this Agreement, Contractor 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 no part 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 will include any covered equipment or services as defined by section 889(f)(2)-(3) of the FY 2019 NDAA. "Covered equipment or services" shall include:

- i. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such

- entities);
- ii. 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);
- iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or
- iv. 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.

24. Prompt Payment.

The Contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this Agreement for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the Contractor's receipt of payment for that work from County. In addition, the Contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed.

25. Procurement of Recovered Materials.

Contractor must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. section 6962). 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.

26. Retention of Records

The Contractor agrees to maintain fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures related to this Agreement pursuant to 2 CFR 200.333, UGMS, and state law. Contractor must retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, these records and any supporting documentation for a minimum period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of the Agreement or any litigation, dispute, or audit arising from the performance of the Agreement. Records related to real property and equipment acquired with grant funds shall be retained for three (3) years after final disposition. If requested by the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grant Division (HSGD), the County may direct the Contractor to retain documents for a longer period of time or transfer certain records to HSGD custody when it is determined the records possess longer term retention value.

27. Restrictions and Certifications Regarding Non-Disclosure Agreements and Related Matters.

Contractor certifies that they have not required any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a state or federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

28. SAFECOM

Any emergency communication equipment and its related activities provided as a part of this Agreement must comply with the SAFECOM Guidance for Emergency Communication Grants, including provisions on technical standards that ensure and enhance interoperable communications.

29. Termination for Cause and Termination for Convenience.

Contractor understands that all contracts in excess of \$10,000, including subcontracts, must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

30. Terrorist Financing.

Contractor must comply with E.O. 13224 and U.S. law that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism.

31. Text Messaging While Driving.

Contractor is encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving as described in E.O. 13513, including conducting initiatives described in Section 3(a) of the Order when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the federal government.

32. Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

Contractor will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from awarding funds to a private entity or individual who has (1) engaged in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (2) procured a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) used forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award. Contractor shall inform County immediately upon receipt of any information from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition of the TVPA. Violation of this clause, may result in termination of this Agreement.

33. USA Patriot Act of 2001.

Contractor must comply with requirements of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. Sections 175-175c.

34. Use of DHS Seal, Logo and Flags.

Contractor must obtain permission from DHS, prior to using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

35. 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.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

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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

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

Blue Knight Security LLC
Houston, TX United States

Certificate Number:
2024-1133601

Date Filed:
03/11/2024

Date Acknowledged:
03/26/2024

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

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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.

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4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary
	Blue Knight Security LLC	Houston, TX United States	X	

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

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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)