

understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Sixth Amendment, that the total maximum compensation that PS Lightwave may become entitled to and the total maximum sum that County may become liable to pay to PS Lightwave shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed \$64,923.69; or \$2,038,152.12 total.

4. **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, PS Lightwave hereby verifies that PS Lightwave 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, PS Lightwave 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, PS Lightwave 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, PS Lightwave 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.
5. **Remote Access.** As applicable, if PS Lightwave requires remote access to County Systems for support, installation, integrations, configurations, and/or maintenance, except as otherwise agreed by the parties and approved by the County's Information Technology Director in writing, the below requirements must be met before PS Lightwave is granted remote access to County Systems:
 - a. PS Lightwave will adhere to the restricted and monitored channels that are provided by the County, or other technologies approved in advanced in writing

by the County's Information Technology Security Manager or the Assistant Information Technology Manager.

- b. PS Lightwave will neither implement nor deploy a remote access solution which bypasses and/or is designed to bypass County provided or approved controls. PS Lightwave will not access County Systems via unauthorized methods.
 - c. PS Lightwave's remote access to County Systems will only be requested and activated on as-needed basis and disabled when not in use.
 - d. Remote access is restricted only to County Systems necessary for PS Lightwave to provide product and/or services to County pursuant to this Agreement.
 - e. PS Lightwave will allow only its Workforce approved in advance by County to access County Systems. PS Lightwave will promptly notify County whenever an individual member of PS Lightwave's Workforce who has access to County Systems leaves its employ or no longer requires access to County Systems. PS Lightwave will keep a log of access when its Workforce remotely accesses County Systems. PS Lightwave will supply County with evidence of access logs concerning remote access to County Systems upon written request from County. Such access logs will be provided to County, within three business days from the date of County's request. These requests may be used to confirm compliance with these terms and/or to investigate a security incident.
 - f. If any member(s) of PS Lightwave's Workforce is provided with remote access to County Systems, then PS Lightwave's workforce will not remotely log-in to County Systems from a public internet access device (e.g., airport computer terminal, or Internet café). This is due to the possibility of sensitive information being monitored by video or computer surveillance in public areas.
 - g. Failure of PS Lightwave to comply with this Section may result in PS Lightwave and/or PS Lightwave's Workforce losing remote access to County Systems. County reserves the right at any time to disable remote access to protect County Systems.
 - h. For purposes of this Section, "Workforce" means employees, agents, subcontractors (where permitted), and/or other persons whose conduct, in the performance of work for PS Lightwave, is under the direct control of PS Lightwave, whether or not they are paid by PS Lightwave and who have direct or incidental access to County Systems.
 - i. For purposes of this Section, "Systems" means any: (i.) computer programs, including, but not limited to, software, firmware, application programs, operating systems, files and utilities; (ii.) supporting documentation for such computer programs, including, without limitation, input and output formats, program listings, narrative descriptions and operating instructions; (iii.) data and/or media; (iv.) equipment, hardware, servers, and/or devices; and/or (v.) network(s).
6. **Modifications.** Except as modified herein, the Agreement remains in full force and effect and has not been modified or amended.

7. **Conflict.** If there is a conflict among documents, the most recently executed document will prevail with regard to the conflict.
8. **Federal Clauses.** PS Lightwave does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence of this Sixth Amendment, to comply with each provision contained in Exhibits B & C, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
9. **Understanding, Fair Construction.** By execution of this Sixth Amendment, the parties acknowledge that they have read and understood each provision, term and obligation contained in this Sixth Amendment. This Sixth Amendment, although drawn by one party, shall be construed fairly and reasonably and not more strictly against the drafting party than the nondrafting party.
10. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full force, if the essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each party remain valid, binding, and enforceable.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Sixth Amendment is signed, accepted, and agreed to by all parties by and through the parties or their agents or authorized representatives. All parties hereby acknowledge that they have read and understood this Sixth Amendment and the attachments and exhibits hereto. All parties further acknowledge that they have executed this legal document voluntarily and of their own free will.

FORT BEND COUNTY

K.P. George
K.P. George, County Judge

PS LIGHTWAVE

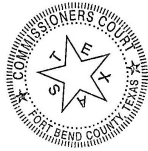
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Rhonda Cook
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Authorized – Agent Signature

October 9, 2025
Date

Rhonda Cook
Authorized – Agent Printed Name

ATTEST:

Laura Richard
Laura Richard, County Clerk



9/15/2025
Date

REVIEWED:

Robyn Doughtie
Information Technology Department

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$ 2,038,152.12 to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County under this Agreement.

Robert Ed Sturdivant
Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

- Exhibit A-6: PS Lightwave's Quotes
- Exhibit B: Federal Clauses
- Exhibit C: Consolidated Certification Form

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EXHIBIT A-6



5959 Corporate Dr. - Suite 3300
 Houston, TX 77036
 Phone: 832-615-8000 Fax: 713.510.1650

Quote Prepared: 09/05/2025
 Quote Expires: 01/01/2026

To: Lee Powell
 Lee.Powell@fortbendcountytexas.gov
 FORT BEND COUNTY
 500 Liberty St
 RICHMOND, TX 77469
 346 4816155

Lead Time: 135 Business Days

Sales Executive	Quote ID	Quote Description
David Caddle 832-615-7721 dcaddle@pslightwave.com	QT-23927/2	3301 Town Center Blvd 1Gb

QTY	TERM	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ALOC/ZLOC	NON-RECURRING COST*	MONTHLY RECURRING COST*
1.00		Ethernet Point-to-Point 1 Gbps	3301 Town Center Blvd South 3737 Bamore Rd	\$16,004.19	\$800.00
*Pricing is subject to applicable taxes & fees.				TOTAL NRC	\$16,004.19
				TOTAL MRC	\$800.00

Special Instructions:

1Gb Point to Point

Coterminous with PLW-21973, Third Amendment, March 6, 2026

25/018MF-57 Technology Products and Services - Choice Partners

Non-recurring charges to be invoiced upon execution of the service order/notice to proceed from Fort Bend County

*Signature:

X Rhonda Cook
DocuSigned by:
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*Print Name:

Rhonda Cook

*Title:

CEO

*Date:

9/15/2025

By signing above, I represent that I have the authority to accept this Quote on behalf of the above referenced Company. Please review, Service Level Agreement and Acceptable Use policy at www.pslightwave.com. This Quote (including pricing) shall remain in effect until the printed expiration date, the parties enter into a fully executed binding contract or PS Lightwave withdraws the quote, whichever occurs first.



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Lead Time: 58 Business Days

Sales Executive	Quote ID	Quote Description
David Caddle 832-615-7721 dcaddle@pslightwave.com	QT-24928/2	100Mb Fairgrounds to the House

QTY	TERM	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ALOC/ZLOC	NON-RECURRING COST*	MONTHLY RECURRING COST*
1.00		Ethernet Point-to-Point 100 Mbps	4310 Hwy 36S FBC - Fairgrounds House	\$3,170.00	\$496.00
*Pricing is subject to applicable taxes & fees.				TOTAL NRC	\$3,170.00
				TOTAL MRC	\$496.00

Special Instructions:

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds

100Mb EPL to the House on the Fairgrounds location

The non-recurring charges are due prior to PS Lightwave commencing provisioning of the service.

Coterminous with PLW-21973, Third Amendment, March 6, 2026

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Lead Time: 25 Business Days

Sales Executive	Quote ID	Quote Description
David Caddle 832-615-7721 dcaddle@pslightwave.com	QT-24667/1	20Mb PTP - 5955 Sienna Parkway to 500 Liberty

QTY	TERM	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ALOC/ZLOC	NON-RECURRING COST*	MONTHLY RECURRING COST*
1.00		Ethernet Point-to-Point 20 Mbps	5955 Sienna Parkway 500 Liberty Street	\$300.00	\$245.00
*Pricing is subject to applicable taxes & fees.				TOTAL NRC	\$300.00
				TOTAL MRC	\$245.00

Special Instructions:

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Coterminous with PLW-21973, Third Amendment, March 6, 2026

25/018MF-57 Technology Products and Services - Choice Partners

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*Print Name:

Rhonda Cook

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FORT BEND COUNTY
500 Liberty St
RICHMOND, TX 77469
346 4816155

Lead Time: 58 Business Days

Sales Executive	Quote ID	Quote Description
David Caddle 832-615-7721 dcaddle@pslightwave.com	QT-24928/1	100Mb Fairgrounds to the Pavilion

QTY	TERM	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ALOC/ZLOC	NON-RECURRING COST*	MONTHLY RECURRING COST*
1.00		Ethernet Point-to-Point 100 Mbps	4310 Hwy 36S FBC - Fairgrounds Pavilion	\$6,883.00	\$496.00
*Pricing is subject to applicable taxes & fees.				TOTAL NRC	\$6,883.00
				TOTAL MRC	\$496.00

Special Instructions:

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds

100Mb EPL to the Pavilion on the Fairgrounds location

The non-recurring charges are due prior to PS Lightwave commencing provisioning of the service.

Coterminous with PLW-21973, Third Amendment, March 6, 2026

25/018MF-57 Technology Products and Services - Choice Partners

*Signature:

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 346 4816155

Lead Time: 133 Business Days

Sales Executive	Quote ID	Quote Description
David Caddle 832-615-7721 dcaddle@pslightwave.com	QT-24280/1	100Mb EPL 2710 Stella Rd to 500 Liberty

QTY	TERM	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ALOC/ZLOC	NON-RECURRING COST*	MONTHLY RECURRING COST*
1.00		Ethernet Point-to-Point 100 Mbps	2710 Stella Rd 500 Liberty Street	\$5,841.00	\$496.00
*Pricing is subject to applicable taxes & fees.				TOTAL NRC	\$5,841.00
				TOTAL MRC	\$496.00

Special Instructions:

100Mb Point to Point circuit from 2710 Stella Rd, Rosenberg, Texas 77471 to 500 Liberty

Coterminous with PLW-21973, Third Amendment, March 6, 2026

25/018MF-57 Technology Products and Services - Choice Partners

Non-recurring charges to be invoiced upon execution of the service order/notice to proceed from Fort Bend County

One-time Non-Recurring charge of \$5,841.00 due upon contract execution and notice to proceed.

*Signature:

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*Print Name:

Rhonda Cook

*Title:

CEO

*Date:

9/15/2025

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EXHIBIT B

CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS UTILIZING FEDERAL AWARDS

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:

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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.

EXHIBIT C



Consolidated Certification Form

This form is to assist subrecipients with managing the federal and state clauses related to the procurement they're interested in completing. This document complies with all pertinent federal and state regulations for each procurement type.

To begin, select the procurement's funding source. If TxDOT is the pass-through entity (Direct Recipient), both Federal and State must be checked.

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Federal Clauses - Procurement Types Summary:

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Award Exceeding \$25,000

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Award Exceeding \$50,000

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Award Exceeding \$100,000

25. Lobbying Restrictions

Award Exceeding \$150,000

26. Environmental Protection (Clean Air and Water Pollution Control)

All FTA-ASSISTED THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS

1. No Federal Government Commitment or Liability to Third Parties

Except as the Federal Government expressly consents in writing, the Recipient agrees that:

- A. The Federal Government does not and shall not have any commitment or liability related to the Underlying Agreement, to any Third-Party Participant at any tier, or to any other person or entity that is not a party (FTA or the Recipient) to the Underlying Agreement; and
- B. Notwithstanding that the Federal Government may have concurred in or approved any Solicitation or Third-Party Agreement at any tier that may affect the Underlying Agreement, the Federal Government does not and shall not have any commitment or liability to any Third-Party Participant or other entity or person that is not a party (FTA or the Recipient) to the Underlying Agreement.

2. Access to Third-Party Contract Records

The Recipient agrees to require, and assures that each of its Subrecipients will require, its Third-Party Contractors at each tier to provide:

- A. The U.S. Secretary of Transportation and the Comptroller General of the United States, the state, or their duly authorized representatives, access to all Third-Party Contract records (at any tier) as required under 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g); and
- B. Sufficient access to all Third-Party Contract records (at any tier) as needed for compliance with applicable federal laws, regulations, and requirements or to assure.
- C. The Recipient will 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, data, documents, reports, statistics, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third-party Contracts of any type, and supporting materials related to those records.
- D. The Recipient agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.334. The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts, and reports required under this Contract for a period of at not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, in which case records shall be maintained until the disposition of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

3. Changes to Federal Requirements

The Recipient agrees to include notice in each Third-Party Agreement that:

- A. Federal requirements that apply to the Recipient or the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto may change due to changes in federal law, regulation, other requirements, or guidance, or changes in the Recipient's Underlying Agreement including any information incorporated by reference and made part of that Underlying Agreement; and
- B. Applicable changes to those federal requirements will apply to each Third-Party Agreement and parties thereto at any tier.

4. Civil Rights

The Recipient agrees to apply these Federal Civil Rights laws and regulations apply to all contracts.

- A. Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Requirements. These include, but are not limited to: a. Nondiscrimination in Federal Public Transportation Programs. 49 U.S.C. § 5332, covering projects, programs, and activities financed under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity. b. Prohibition against Employment Discrimination. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," September 24, 1965, as amended, prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

- B. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq. and implementing Federal regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. part 25 prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.
- C. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age. The "Age Discrimination Act of 1975," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., and Department of Health and Human Services implementing regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, prohibit discrimination by participants in federally assisted programs against individuals on the basis of age. The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), 29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq., and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) implementing regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, also prohibit employment discrimination against individuals age 40 and over on the basis of age.
- D. Federal Protections for Individuals with Disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in programs, activities, and services, and imposes specific requirements on public and private entities. Third party contractors must comply with their responsibilities under Titles I, II, III, IV, and V of the ADA in employment, public services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and other provisions, many of which are subject to regulations issued by other Federal agencies.
- E. Equal Opportunity. The Agency is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As such, the Agency agrees to comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and implementing regulations. Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal laws or regulations, the Agency agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5323(h) (3) by not using any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications. Under this Contract, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.
- I. Nondiscrimination. In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 - II. Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOU regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment," September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 - III. Age. In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S.EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 - IV. Disabilities. In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 et seq., and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 - V. Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty. The Contractor shall ensure that Federal funding is expended in full accordance with the U.S. Constitution, Federal Law, and statutory and public policy requirements: including, but not limited to, those protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, the environment, and prohibiting discrimination.

5. Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms

The provisions within include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth

in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in the current FTA Circular 4220 are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Contract. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any request which would cause a violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

6. Energy Conservation

The Recipient agrees to, and assures that its Subrecipients will, comply with the mandatory energy standards and policies of its state energy conservation plans under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6321 et seq., and perform an energy assessment for any building constructed, reconstructed, or modified with federal assistance required under FTA regulations, "Requirements for Energy Assessments," 49 C.F.R. part 622, subpart C.

7. Trafficking in Persons

The contractor agrees that it and its employees that participate in the Recipient's Award, may not:

- A. Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the Recipient's Award is in effect;
- 8. Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the Recipient's Award is in effect; or
- C. Use forced labor in the performance of the Recipient's Award or subagreements thereunder.

8. False or Fraudulent Statements or Claims

A. Civil Fraud. The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that:

- I. Federal laws, regulations, and requirements apply to itself and its Underlying Agreement, including the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. part 31.
- II. By executing the Underlying Agreement, the Recipient certifies and affirms to the Federal Government the truthfulness and accuracy of any claim, statement, submission, certification, assurance, affirmation, or representation that the Recipient provides to the Federal Government.
- III. The Federal Government may impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, and other applicable penalties if the Recipient presents, submits, or makes available any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information.

B. Criminal Fraud. The Recipient acknowledges that 49 U.S.C. § 5323(1)(1) authorizes the Federal Government to impose the penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 if the Recipient provides a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, certification, assurance, or representation in connection with a federal public transportation program under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other applicable federal law.

9. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

The contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- A. Withholding monthly progress payments;
- B. Assessing sanctions;

C. Liquidated damages; and/or

D. Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. 49 C.F.R. §26.1 3(b).

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 26.29(a), Prime contractors agree to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days from receipt of each payment the recipient makes to the prime contractor using direct federal funds, and no later than 10 days from receipt of payment the recipient makes to the prime contractor using state or federal funds pass-through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) per TxDOT policy.

Finally, for contracts with defined DBE contract goals, each FTA recipient must include in each prime contract a provision stating that the contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed unless the contractor obtains the recipient's written consent; and that, unless the recipient's consent is provided, the contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE. 49 C.F.R. § 26.53(f)(I).

10. Fly America

The recipient agrees to comply with the air transportation requirements of Section 5 of the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974, as amended, 49 U.S.C. § 40118, and U.S. General Services Administration (U.S. GSA) regulations, "Use of United States Flag Air Carriers," 41 C.F.R. §§ 301-10.131 - 301-10.143.

11. ADA Access

The Recipient agrees to comply with the following federal prohibitions against discrimination based on disability:

A. Federal laws, including:

- I. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination based on disability in the administration of federally assisted Programs, Projects, or activities;
- II. 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:
 - a. For FTA Recipients generally, Titles I, II, and III of the ADA apply; but
 - b. For Indian Tribes, Titles II and III of the ADA apply, but Title I of the ADA does not apply because it exempts Indian Tribes from the definition of "employer;"
- III. 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;
- IV. Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332, which now includes disability as a prohibited basis for discrimination; and
- V. Other applicable federal laws, regulations, and requirements pertaining to access for seniors or individuals with disabilities.

B. Federal regulations and guidance, including:

- I. U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 C.F.R. part 37;
- II. U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. part 27;
- III. Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. ATBCB) and U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 C.F.R. part 1192 and 49 C.F.R. part 38;
- IV. U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities: Passenger Vessels," 49 C.F.R. part 39;
- V. U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. part 35;
- VI. U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. part 36;
- VII. U.S. EEOC, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R.

part 1630;

VIII. U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations, "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for Persons with Disabilities," 47 C.F.R. part 64, subpart F;

IX. U.S. ATBCB regulations, "Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards," 36 C.F.R. part 1194;

X. FTA regulations, "Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. part 609;

XI. FTA Circular 4710.1, "Americans with Disabilities Act: Guidance;" and

XII. Other applicable federal civil rights and nondiscrimination regulations and guidance.

12. Special Notification Requirements for States

A. Types of Information. To the extent required under federal law, the State, as the Recipient, agrees to provide the following information about federal assistance awarded for its State Program, Project, or related activities:

I. The Identification of FTA as the federal agency providing the federal assistance for a State Program or Project;

II. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number of the program from which the federal assistance for a State Program or Project is authorized; and

III. The amount of federal assistance FTA has provided for a State Program or Project.

B. Documents. The State agrees to provide the information required under this provision in the following documents: (1) applications for federal assistance, (2) requests for proposals or solicitations, (3) forms, (4) notifications, (5) press releases, and (6) other publications.

13. Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles

Seat Belt Use

The Contractor is encouraged to adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company rented vehicles, or personally operated vehicles. The terms "company-owned" and "company-leased" refer to vehicles owned or leased either by the Contractor or Agency.

Distracted Driving

The Contractor agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this Contract.

14. Federal Tax Liability and Recent Felony Convictions

A. The contractor certifies that it:

I. Does not have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and

II. Was not convicted of the felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months.

If the contractor cannot so certify, the Recipient will refer the matter to FTA and not enter into any Third-Party Agreement with the Third-Party Participant without FTA's written approval.

B. Flow Down

I. The Recipient agrees to require the contractor to flow this requirement down to participants at all lower tiers, without regard to the value of any subagreement.

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

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying 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 underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract 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.

The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5323(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

16. Prompt Payment

The contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work. Per Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) policy, the 30-day payment window is reduced to 10-days from receipt of payment when the contractor is using state or federal funds pass-through TxDOT to reimburse subcontractors. In addition, the contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed. The contractor must promptly notify the Agency, whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of the Agency.

17. Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment

Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

- A. Procure or obtain;
- B. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
- C. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain 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).
- E. 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).
- D. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
- E. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the 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 government of a covered foreign country.

In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.

18. Conformance with ITS National Architecture

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects shall conform to the National ITS Architecture and standards pursuant to 23 CFR § 940. Conformance with the National ITS Architecture is interpreted to mean the use of the National ITS Architecture to develop a

regional ITS architecture in support of integration and the subsequent adherence of all ITS projects to that regional ITS architecture. Development of the regional ITS architecture should be consistent with the transportation planning process for Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning (49 CFR Part 613 and 621).

19. Severability

The Contractor agrees that if any provision of this agreement or any amendment thereto is determined to be invalid, then the remaining provisions thereof that conform to federal laws, regulations, requirements, and guidance will continue in effect.

Awards Exceeding \$10,000

20. Termination

A. Termination for Convenience

The Agency may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in the Agency's best interest. The Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract closeout costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to Agency to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to Agency, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner Agency directs.

8. Termination for Default (Breach or Cause

If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the Agency may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a Notice of Termination on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The Contractor will be paid only the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract. If it is later determined by the Agency that the Contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the Contractor, the Agency, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a Termination for Convenience.

C. Opportunity to Cure

The Agency, in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor (an appropriately short period of time) in which to cure the defect. In such case, the Notice of Termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions.

If Contractor fails to remedy to Agency's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within [10 days] after receipt by Contractor of written notice from Agency setting forth the nature of said breach or default, Agency shall have the right to terminate the contract without any further obligation to Contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude Agency from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

D. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach

In the event that Agency elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this contract, such waiver by Agency shall not limit Agency's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other covenant, term, or condition of this contract.

21. Solid Wastes

A Recipient that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must 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 CFR 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.

Awards Exceeding \$25,000

22. Debarment and Suspension

The Recipient agrees to the following:

- A. It will comply with the following requirements of 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as adopted and supplemented by U.S. DOT regulations at 2 C.F.R. part 1200.
- B. It will not enter into any "covered transaction" (as that phrase is defined at 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.220 and 1200.220) with any Third-Party Participant that is, or whose principal is, suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from participating in covered transactions, except as authorized by:
 - 1. U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 C.F.R. part 1200;
 - II. U.S. OMB regulatory guidance, "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180; and
 - III. Other applicable federal laws, regulations, or requirements regarding participation with debarred or suspended Recipients or Third-Party Participants.
- C. It will review the U.S. GSA "System for Award Management - Lists of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs," if required by U.S. DOT regulations, 2 C.F.R. part 1200.
- D. It will ensure that its Third-Party Agreements contain provisions necessary to flow down these suspension and debarment provisions to all lower tier covered transactions.
- E. If the Recipient suspends, debars, or takes any similar action against a Third-Party Participant or individual, the Recipient will provide immediate written notice to the:
 - I. FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located or implements the Underlying Agreement;
 - II. FTA Headquarters Manager that administers the Grant or Cooperative Agreement;
 - or III. FTA Chief Counsel.

23. Resolution of Disputes, Breaches, or Other Litigation

A. FTA Interest

FTA has a vested interest in the settlement of any violation of federal law, regulation, or requirement, or any disagreement involving the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto including, but not limited to, a default, breach, major dispute, or litigation, and FTA reserves the right to concur in any settlement or compromise.

B. Notification to FTA; Flow Down Requirement

If a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal Government emerges, the Recipient must promptly notify the FTA Chief Counsel and FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located. The Recipient must include a similar notification requirement in its Third-Party Agreements and must require each Third-Party Participant to include an equivalent provision in its sub-agreements at every tier, for any agreement that is a "covered transaction" according to 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.220 and 1200.220.

- I. The types of legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, a major dispute, breach, default, litigation, or naming the Federal Government as a party to litigation or a legal disagreement in any forum for any reason.
- II. Matters that may affect the Federal Government include, but are not limited to, the Federal Government's interests in the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto, or the Federal Government's administration or enforcement of federal laws, regulations, and requirements.
- III. Additional Notice to U.S. DOT Inspector General. The Recipient must promptly notify the U.S. DOT Inspector General in

addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located, if the Recipient has knowledge of potential fraud, waste, or abuse occurring on a Project receiving assistance from FTA. The notification provision applies if a person has or may have submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq., or has or may have committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bid rigging, misappropriation or embezzlement, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance. This responsibility occurs whether the Project is subject to this Agreement or another agreement between the Recipient and FTA, or an agreement involving a principal, officer, employee, agent, or Third-Party Participant of the Recipient. It also applies to subcontractors at any tier. Knowledge, as used in this paragraph, includes, but is not limited to, knowledge of a criminal or civil investigation by a Federal, state, or local law enforcement or other investigative agency, a criminal indictment or civil complaint, or probable cause that could support a criminal indictment, or any other credible information in the possession of the Recipient. In this paragraph, "promptly" means to refer information without delay and without change. This notification provision applies to all divisions of the Recipient, including divisions tasked with law enforcement or investigatory functions.

C. Federal Interest in Recovery

The Federal Government retains the right to a proportionate share of any proceeds recovered from any third party, based on the percentage of the federal share for the Underlying Agreement. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Recipient may return all liquidated damages it receives to its Award Budget for its Underlying Agreement rather than return the federal share of those liquidated damages to the Federal Government, provided that the Recipient receives FTA's prior written concurrence.

D- Enforcement

The Recipient must pursue its legal rights and remedies available under any Third-Party Agreement or any federal, state, or local law or regulation.

E. Agency Process

*Vendors may view the dispute resolution process here:

<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/purchasing-agent/fta-funded-procurements>

Awards Exceeding \$50,000

24. Never Contract with the Enemy

The Recipient agrees to the regulations implementing Never Contract with the Enemy in 2 CFR part 183. The regulations in 2 CFR part 183 affect covered contracts, grants and cooperative agreements that are expected to exceed \$50,000 within the period of performance, are performed outside the United States and its territories, and are in support of a contingency operation in which members of the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities.

State of Texas Procurement Contract Clauses

State of Texas - Procurement Types Summary:

All Texas-Assisted Third-Party Contracts and Subcontracts

1. Debarment
2. Family Code Child Support Obligation Certification
3. Debts and Delinquencies Affirmations
4. Disaster Recovery Plan
5. Disclosure of Prior State Employment
6. Entities that Boycott Israel
7. Federal Executive Order 13224 Excluded Parties
8. False Statements
9. Financial Participation Prohibited Affirmation
10. Foreign Terrorist Organizations
11. Disaster Relief Contract Violation
12. Public Information Act
13. Signature Authority
14. State Auditor's Right to Audit
15. Suspension and Debarment
16. Assignment
17. Contracting Information Responsibilities
18. Human Trafficking Prohibition
19. Energy Company Boycotts
20. Firearm Entities and Trade Association Discrimination

1. 34 TAC §20.585 Debarment

The Recipient agrees that The State of Texas, in order to protect the interests of the state may:

- A. Conduct an investigation upon a complaint regarding a contractor's acts and omissions in procurement or performance of that contract where the complaint may constitute cause for debarment;
- B. Cancel one or more of the contractor's active or pending contracts upon a complaint regarding the contractor's acts and omissions in procurement or performance of that contract where the complaint may constitute cause for debarment;
- C. Assess actual damages and costs incurred due to contractor's failure to perform as specified in the contract;
- D. Debar a contractor for a specified period of time; and
- E. Take any other action authorized by law.

2. §231.006 Family Code Child Support Obligation Certification

Under Section 231.006(d) of the Texas Family Code, the Sub-recipient certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Agreement is not ineligible to receive the specified GRANT and acknowledges that this Agreement may be terminated and payment or grant funds may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

3. §2252.903 Gov't Code Debts and Delinquencies Affirmations

Sub-recipient agrees that any payments due it under the Agreement shall be applied toward any debt or delinquency that is owed to the State of Texas.

4. §444.190 Gov't Code Disaster Recovery Plan

In accordance with 13 TAC (Texas Administrative Code) §6.94(a)(9), Sub-recipient shall provide descriptions of its business continuity and disaster recovery plans

S. §2254.033 Gov't Code Disclosure of Prior State Employment

In accordance with Section 2254.033 of the Texas Government Code, relating to consulting services, RESPONDENT certifies that it does not employ an individual who has been employed by TxDOT or another agency at any time during the two years preceding the submission of the Response or, in the alternative, RESPONDENT has disclosed in its Response the following:

- A. The nature of the previous employment with TxDOT or the other agency;
- B. The date the employment was terminated; and
- C. The annual rate of compensation for the employment at the time of its termination.

6. §2271.001 Gov't Code Entities that Boycott Israel

Pursuant to Section 2271.001 of the Texas Government Code, Sub-recipient certifies that either:

- A. It meets an exception criterion under Section 2271.002, or
- B. It does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. Sub-recipient shall in a writing to TxDOT state any fact(s) that make it exempt from the boycott certification.

7. Federal Executive Order 13224 Excluded Parties

Sub-recipient certifies that it is not listed on the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order 13224, Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism", published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

8. §2155.077(a)(2) Gov't Code False Statements

Sub-recipient represents and warrants that all statements and information prepared and submitted in this document are current, complete, true and accurate. Submitting a false statement or material misrepresentation made during the performance of a contract is a material breach of contract and may void this agreement.

9. §2155.004 Gov't Code Financial Participation Prohibited Affirmation

Under Section 2155.004(b) of the Texas Government Code, Sub-recipient certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Agreement is not ineligible to receive the specified agreement/GRANT and acknowledges that this agreement may be terminated, and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

10. §2252.152 Gov't Code Foreign Terrorist Organizations

Sub-recipient represents and warrants that is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization as prohibited by Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code.

11. §2155.006 and 2261.053 Gov't Code Prior Disaster Relief Contract Violation

Under Sections 2155.006 and 2261.053 of the Texas Government Code, the Sub-recipient certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Agreement is not ineligible to receive the specified agreement/GRANT and acknowledges that this agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

12. Chapter 552, Gov't Code and §2252.907 Gov't Code Public Information Act

Information, documentation, and other material in connection with this Agreement may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "Public Information Act"). In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, the Sub-recipient is required to make any information created or exchanged with the State pursuant to the Agreement and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is

accessible by the public at no additional charge to the State.

13. §2252.0012 Gov't Code Signature Authority

The Sub-recipient represents and warrants that the individual executing this Agreement is authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Sub-recipient and to bind the Sub-recipient.

14. §2262.154 Gov't Code State Auditor's Right to Audit

The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the contract. The acceptance of funds directly under the contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit.

15. §2155.077 Gov't Code Suspension and Debarment

Sub-recipient certifies that it and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the State of Texas or federal government as listed on the State of Texas Debarred Vendor List as maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the System for Award Management (SAM) maintained by the General Services Administration.

16. §2262.056 (b) Gov't Code Assignment

Sub-recipient shall not assign its rights under the Agreement or delegate the performance of its duties under the Agreement without prior written approval from the TxDOT. Any attempted assignment in violation of this provision is void and without effect.

17. §552.372 Gov't Code Contracting Information Responsibilities

In accordance with Section 552.372 of the Texas Government Code, Sub-recipient agrees to:

- A. preserve all contracting information related to the Agreement as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to TxDOT for the duration of the Agreement,
- B. promptly provide to TxDOT any contracting information related to the Agreement that is in the custody or possession of the Sub-recipient on request of TxDOT, and
- C. on termination or expiration of the contract, either provide at no cost to TxDOT all contracting information related to the Agreement that is in the custody or possession of the Sub-recipient or preserve the contracting information related to the Agreement as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to TxDOT. Except as provided by Section 552.374(c) of the Texas Government Code, the requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to the Agreement and the Sub-recipient agrees that the Agreement can be terminated if the Sub-recipient knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

18. §2155.0061 Gov't Code Human Trafficking Prohibition

Under Section 2155.0061 of the Texas Government Code, the Sub-recipient certifies that the individual or business entity named in the Agreement is not ineligible to receive the specified Agreement/GRANT and acknowledges that this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

19. §2274.002 Energy Company Boycotts

If Respondent is required to make a verification pursuant to Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, Respondent verifies that Respondent does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the Contract. If Respondent does not make that verification, Respondent must so indicate in its Response and state why the verification is not required.

20. §2274 Firearm Entities and Trade Association Discrimination

If Respondent is required to make a verification pursuant to Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, Respondent verifies that it (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and (2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. If Respondent does not make that verification, Respondent must so indicate in its Response and state why the verification is not required.

21. §2252.908, 2254.032, 2261.252(b) No Conflict of Interest

Respondent represents and warrants that the provision of goods and services or other performance under the contract will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create an appearance of impropriety.



Certification to Purchaser

1. The undersigned vendor certifies that the manufactured good(s) furnished will meet or exceed the specifications, and/or that services rendered will comply with the terms of the solicitation or contract.
2. The undersigned vendor certifies that it has read all of the bid, proposal, or contract documents and agrees to abide by the terms, certifications, and conditions thereof.

Name of Company:

PS Lightwave, LLC

Address:

5959 Corporate Drive, Suite 3300, Houston, Texas 77036

Telephone:

832.615.8000

S_S # o r T a x I D # :

27-3137397

Printed Name of Person Completing Form:

Abayomi Dada

Signature

Date:

9/15/2025

Description of Commodity Service:

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Information

Type of Organization (check the application type of organization)

Sole Proprietorship General Proprietorship Corporation Limited Partnership Limited Proprietorship

Is your firm a DBE? Yes No

If yes, what type?

Third Party Procurement Contract Provisions

Third Party Procurement Contracting Provisions

Select the additional third-party procurement contracting provisions based on the type of solicitation you're procuring:

**Procurements cannot be combined. Example: Construction procurement and Rolling Stock procurement, use separate PTN 130s for each.*

D 1. **Construction Related Clauses**

Federal and State

State Clauses

D 2. **Rolling Stock Related Clauses**

Federal and State

State Clauses

◆ 3. **Professional Services/ Architectural Engineering**

Federal and State

State Clauses

D 4. **Materials & Supplies Related Clauses**

Federal and State

State Clauses

D 5. **Operations/ Management Related Clauses**

Federal and State

State Clauses

3a. Federal Professional Services Architectural & Engineering Related Clauses

- A. Rights in Data and Copyrights (R&D)
- B. Patent Rights and Rights in Data
- C. Termination Clause: (Select One)
 - D Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect and Engineering)
 - Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts)

D For Architectural and Engineering

A. Rights in Data and Copyrights

- I. Definition of "Subject Data." As used in this section, "subject data" means recorded information, whether or not copyrighted, that is delivered or specified to be delivered as required by the Underlying Agreement. Examples of subject data include, but are not limited to computer software, standards, specifications, engineering drawings and associated lists, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information, but do not include financial reports, cost analyses, or other similar information used for performance or administration of the Underlying Agreement.
- II. General Federal Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of the Underlying Agreement:
 - a. Prohibitions. The Recipient may not publish or reproduce any subject data, in whole, in part, or in any manner or form, or permit others to do so.
 - b. Exceptions. The prohibitions do not apply to publications or reproductions for the Recipient's own internal use, an institution of higher learning, the portion of subject data that the Federal Government has previously released or approved for release to the public, or the portion of data that has the Federal Government's prior written consent for release.
- III. Federal Rights in Data and Copyrights. The Recipient agrees that:
 - a. General. It must provide a license to its subject data to the Federal Government that is royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable. The Federal Government's license must permit the Federal Government to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the subject data or permit other entities or individuals to use the subject data provided those actions are taken for Federal Government purposes; and
 - b. U.S. DOT Public Access Plan - Copyright License. The Recipient grants to U.S. DOT a worldwide, non-exclusive, non-transferable, paid-up, royalty free copyright license, including all rights under copyright, to any and all Publications and Digital Data Sets as such terms are defined in the U.S. DOT Public Access plan, resulting from scientific research funded either fully or partially by this funding agreement. The Recipient herein acknowledges that the above copyright license grant is first in time to any and all other grants of a copyright license to such Publications and/or Digital Data Sets, and that U.S. DOT shall have priority over any other claim of exclusive copyright to the same.
- IV. Special Federal Rights in Data for Research, Development, Demonstration, Deployment, Technical Assistance, and Special Studies Programs. In general, FTA's purpose in providing federal assistance for a research, development, demonstration, deployment, technical assistance, or special studies program is to increase transportation knowledge, rather than limit the benefits of the Award to the Recipient and its Third-Party Participants. Therefore, the Recipient agrees that:
 - a. Publicly Available Report. When an Award providing federal assistance for any of the programs described above is completed, it must provide a report of the Underlying Agreement that FTA may publish or make available for publication on the Internet.
 - b. Other Reports. It must provide other reports related to the Award that FTA may request.
 - c. Availability of Subject Data. FTA may make available its copyright license to the subject data, and a copy of the subject data

- to any FTA Recipient or any Third-Party Participant at any tier, except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.
- d. Identification of Information. It must identify clearly any specific confidential, privileged, or proprietary information submitted to FTA
 - e. Incomplete. If the Award is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed with federal assistance for the Award becomes subject data and must be delivered as the Federal Government may direct.
 - f. Exception. This section does not apply to an adaptation of any automatic data processing equipment or program that is both for the Recipient's use and acquired with FTA capital program assistance.
- V. License Fees and Royalties. Consistent with the applicable U.S. DOT Common Rules, the Recipient agrees that license fees and royalties for patents, patent applications, and inventions produced with federal assistance provided through the Underlying Agreement are program income and must be used in compliance with federal applicable requirements.
- VI. Hold Harmless. Upon request by the Federal Government, the Recipient agrees that if it intentionally violates any proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy, and if its violation under the preceding section occurs from any of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use or disposition of subject data, then it will indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Federal Government against any liability, including costs and expenses of the Federal Government's officers, employees, and agents acting within the scope of their official duties. The Recipient will not be required to indemnify the Federal Government for any liability described in the preceding sentence, if the violation is caused by the wrongful acts of federal officers, employees or agents, or if indemnification is prohibited or limited by applicable state law.
- VII. Restrictions on Access to Patent Rights. Nothing in this section of this Master Agreement pertaining to rights in data either implies a license to the Federal Government under any patent or may be construed to affect the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent.
- VIII. Data Developed Without Federal Assistance or Support. The Recipient agrees that in certain circumstances it may need to provide to FTA data developed without any federal assistance or support. Nevertheless, this section generally does not apply to data developed without federal assistance, even though that data may have been used in connection with the Award. The Recipient agrees that the Federal Government will not be able to protect data developed without federal assistance from unauthorized disclosure unless that data is clearly marked "Proprietary," or "Confidential."
- IX. Requirements to Release Data. The Recipient understands and agrees that the Federal Government may be required to release data and information that the Recipient submits to the Federal Government as required under:
- a. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552;
 - b. The U.S. DOT Common Rules;
 - c. The U.S. DOT Public Access Plan, which provides that the Recipient agrees to satisfy the reporting and compliance requirements as set forth in the U.S. DOT Public Access plan, including, but not limited to, the submission and approval of a Data Management Plan, the use of Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) numbers, the creation and maintenance of a Research Project record in the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Research in Progress (RiP) database, and the timely and complete submission of all required publications and associated digital data sets as such terms are defined in the DOT Public Access plan. Additional information about how to comply with the requirements can be found at <http://ntl.bts.gov/publicaccess/howtocomply.html>; or
 - d. Other federal laws, regulations, requirements, and guidance concerning access to records pertaining to the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto.

B. Patent Rights and Rights in Data

Intellectual Property Rights

This Project is funded through a Federal award with FTA for experimental, developmental, or research work purposes. As such, certain Patent Rights and Data Rights apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall grant the Agency intellectual property access and licenses deemed necessary for the work performed under this Contract and in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 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 FTA or U.S. DOT.

The terms of an intellectual property agreement and software license rights will be finalized prior to execution of this Contract and

shall, at a minimum, include the following restrictions:

Except for its own internal use, the Contractor may not publish or reproduce subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, nor may the Contractor authorize others to do so, without the written consent of FTA, until such time as FTA may have either released or approved the release of such data to the public. This restriction on publication, however, does not apply to any contract with an academic institution.

For purposes of this Contract, the term "subject data" means recorded information whether or not copyrighted, and that is delivered or specified to be delivered as required by the Contract. Examples of "subject data" include, but are not limited to computer software, standards, specifications, engineering drawings and associated lists, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information, but do not include financial reports, cost analyses, or other similar information used for performance or administration of the Contract.

1. The Federal Government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable licenses to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use for "Federal Government Purposes," any subject data or copyright described below. For "Federal Government Purposes," means use only for the direct purposes of the Federal Government. Without the copyright owner's consent, the Federal Government may not extend its Federal license to any other party.
 - a. Any subject data developed under the Contract, whether or not a copyright has been obtained; and
 - b. Any rights of copyright purchased by the Contractor using Federal assistance in whole or in part by the FTA.
2. Unless FTA determines otherwise, the Contractor performing experimental, developmental, or research work required as part of this Contract agrees to permit FTA to make available to the public, either FTA's license in the copyright to any subject data developed in the course of the Contract, or a copy of the subject data first produced under the Contract for which a copyright has not been obtained. If the experimental, developmental, or research work, which is the subject of this Contract, is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under the Contract shall become subject data as defined herein and shall be delivered as the Federal Government may direct.
3. Unless prohibited by state law, upon request by the Federal Government, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Federal Government, its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by the Contractor of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data furnished under that contract. The Contractor shall not be required to indemnify the Federal Government for any such liability arising out of the wrongful act of any employee, official, or agents of the Federal Government.
4. Nothing contained in this clause on rights in data shall imply a license to the Federal Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent.
5. Data developed by the Contractor and financed entirely without using Federal assistance provided by the Federal Government that has been incorporated into work required by the underlying Contract is exempt from the requirements herein, provided that the Contractor identifies those data in writing at the time of delivery of the Contract work.
6. The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

C. Termination Clauses


Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts)

The Agency, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the Agency's interest. If this contract is terminated, the Agency shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

Professional Services/ A&E Certification

The undersigned vendor certifies to abide by these clauses and include the following clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. Vendors are certifying by reference the entire list FTA's current fiscal year Certifications and Assurances (for fiscal year _____), and shall download at:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grantee-resources/certifications-and-assurances/certifications-assurances>.

Name of Company PS Lightwave, LLC	Printed Name of Person Completing Form Abayomi Dada
Date 9/15/2025	Signature 

3b. State of Texas Required Clauses: A&E

- A. Buy Texas Affirmation
- B. RPS E-Verify Program
- C. Anti-Trust Affirmation
- D. Standard of Care for Architectural and Engineering Contracts
- E. Code Indemnification
- F. Dispute Resolution Contract for Professional Services of Architect, Engineer, or Surveyor
- G. Professional Services Procurement Act

A. §2155.4441 Gov't Code Buy Texas Affirmation

In accordance with Section 2155.4441 of the Texas Government Code, Sub-recipient agrees that during the performance of a contract for services it shall purchase products and material produced in Texas when they are available at a price and time comparable to products and materials produced outside this state.

B. Executive Order No. RPS E-Verify Program

Sub-recipient certifies that for contracts for services, Sub-recipient shall utilize the U.S Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system during the term of the agreement to determine the eligibility of:

- I. All persons employed by the Sub-recipient to perform duties within Texas; and
- II. All persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Sub-recipient to perform work pursuant to the Agreement within the United States of America.

C. §2155.005 Texas Government Code Anti-Trust Affirmation

The undersigned affirms under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that

- I. In connection with this Response, neither I nor any representative of the Respondent have violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;
- II. In connection with this Response, neither I nor any representative of the Respondent have violated any federal antitrust law; and
- III. Neither I nor any representative of the Respondent have directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this Response to a competitor of the Respondent or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Respondent.

D. §2254.0031 Gov't Code and §271.904(a)-(e) and (g) Tex Local Gov't Code Standard of Care for Architectural and Engineering Contracts

Pursuant to Section 2254.0031 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporates by reference Section 271.904(d) of the Texas Local Government Code, Sub-recipient shall perform services

- I. With professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineer or architect practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license, and
- II. As expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent engineer or architect.

E. §2254.0031 Gov't Code and §271.904 (a)-(e) and (g) Tex Local Govt Code Indemnification

Sub-recipient shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Texas and TxDOT, and/or their officers, agents, employees, representatives, contractors, assignees, and/or designees from any and all liability, actions, claims, demands, or suits and all related damages, costs, attorneys fees, and expense to the extent caused by, arising out of, or resulting from any acts of negligence, intentional torts, willful misconduct, personal injury, or damage to property, and/or otherwise related to Sub-recipient's performance and/or failures to pay a subcontractor or supplier by the Sub-recipient or its agents, employees, subcontractors, order fulfillers, consultants under contract to sub-recipient, or any other entity over which the contractor exercises control, or suppliers of sub-contractors in the execution or performance of the Agreement. The defense shall be coordinated by Sub-recipient with the Office of the Texas Attorney General when Texas state agencies are named defendants in any lawsuit and Sub-recipient may not agree to any settlement without first obtaining the concurrence from the Office of the Texas Attorney General. Sub-recipient and TxDOT agree to furnish timely written notice to each other of any such claim.

F. §2254.004 Gov't Code Dispute Resolution Contract for Professional Services of Architect, Engineer, or Surveyor

The Recipient will comply with Texas Government Code, Section 2260.002, the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code and set forth below in subsections (a)-(d) shall be used by the parties to attempt to resolve all disputes arising under the agreement. In accordance with the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 114.005, the parties agree claims encompassed by Texas Government Code, Section 2260.002(3) and Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Section 114.002 shall be governed by the dispute resolution process set forth below in subsections (a)-(d).

- I. Notwithstanding Texas Government Code Chapter 2260.002 (3) and Chapter 114.12 and any other statute or applicable law, if the Sub-recipient's claim for breach of contract cannot be resolved by the parties in the ordinary course of business, Sub-

recipient may make a claim against Agency for breach of contract and the Agency may assert a counterclaim against Sub-recipient as is contemplated by Texas Government Code Chapter 2260, Subchapter B. In such event, Sub-recipient must provide written notice to Agency of a claim for breach of the agreement not later than the 180th day after the date of the event giving rise to the claim. The notice must state with particularity:

- a. the nature of the alleged breach;
 - b. the amount the Sub-recipient seeks as damages; and
 - c. the legal theory of recovery.
- II. The chief administrative officer, or if designated in the Agreement another officer of TxDOT, shall examine the claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with Sub-recipient in an effort to resolve them. The negotiation must begin no later than the 120th day after the date the claim is received, as is contemplated by Texas Government Code, Chapter 2260, Section 2260.052.
- III. If the negotiation under paragraph. Above results in the resolution of some disputed issues by agreement or in a settlement, the parties shall reduce the agreement or settlement to writing and each party shall sign the agreement or settlement. A partial settlement or resolution of a claim does not waive a party's rights under this Agreement as to the parts of the claim that are not resolved.
- IV. If a claim is not entirely resolved under paragraph (b) above, on or before the 270th day after the date the claim is filed with TxDOT, unless the parties agree in writing to an extension of time, the parties may agree to mediate a claim made under this dispute resolution procedure. This dispute resolution procedure is Sub-provider's sole and exclusive process for seeking a remedy or an alleged breach of contract by TxDOT if the parties are unable to resolve their dispute as described in this section.
- V. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of the state's or TxDOT's sovereign immunity. This Agreement shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the State of Texas. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the State of Texas under this Agreement or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities, or be considered as a basis for estoppel. TxDOT does not waive any privileges, rights, defenses, or immunities available to TxDOT by entering into this Agreement or by its conduct or by the conduct of any representatives of TxDOT, prior to or subsequent to entering into this Agreement.
- VI. Compliance with the dispute resolution process provided for in Texas Government Code, Chapter 2260, subchapter Band incorporated by reference in subsection (a)-(d) above is a condition precedent to the Sub-recipient:
- a. filing suit pursuant to Chapter 114 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code; or
 - b. initiating a contested case hearing pursuant to subchapter C of Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code.


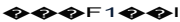
G. §22S4.004 Gov't Code Professional Services Procurement Act

In procuring architectural or engineering services, a government entity shall:

- I. First select the most highly qualified provider of those services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications; and then attempt to negotiate with that provider a contract.
- II. At a fair and reasonable price.

Professional Services/ A&E Certification

The undersigned vendor certifies to abide by these clauses and include the following clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with State of Texas funds.

Name of Company PS Lightwave, LLC	Printed Name of Person Completing Form Abayomi Dada
Date 9/15/2025	Signature  <input type="checkbox"/> eSigned by: 

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:
2025-1327588

Date Filed:
06/23/2025

Date Acknowledged:
10/09/2025

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.
PS LIGHTWAVE, LLC
HOUSTON, TX United States

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

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.
PLW-24708/9
Agreement 21-IT-100048-A6, internet services

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary
	Caddle, David	Houston, TX United States		X
	Cook, Rhonda	Houston, TX United States	X	
	PS Lightwave, LLC	Houston, TX United States	X	

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____.

My address is _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
(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)