

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES  
CONTRACT NO. HHS001439300010  
AMENDMENT NO. 4**

The **DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES** (“DSHS” or “System Agency”) and **FORT BEND COUNTY** (“Grantee”), each a “Party” and collectively the “Parties” to that certain Cities Readiness Initiative (“CRI”) grant agreement effective July 1, 2024, and denominated DSHS Contract No. HHS001439300010 (the “Contract” or “Grant Agreement”), as amended, now desire to further amend the Grant Agreement.

**WHEREAS**, the System Agency desires to revise the federal award information to reflect updated FAIN and increase in total amount awarded to System Agency;

**WHEREAS**, the System Agency desires to revise the FY2026 Statement of Work to modify certain volunteer, activity coordination, and exercise requirements to align with current project needs; and

**WHEREAS**, System Agency desires to update certain Grant Agreement terms and conditions to comply with applicable law and DSHS policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parties amend and modify the Grant Agreement as follows:

1. **SECTION IV, STATEMENT OF WORK**, of the Grant Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**IV. STATEMENT OF WORK**

A. The Scope of Grant Project to which Grantee is bound comprises the following:

1. **ATTACHMENT A.1: PROJECT FY2025 STATEMENT OF WORK**
2. **ATTACHMENT A.4: REVISED PROJECT FY2026 STATEMENT OF WORK**

B. Project Fiscal Year (“Project FY”) means the period beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year.

2. **SECTION X, FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION**, of the Grant Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**X. FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION**

A. **GRANTEE’S UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER IS: MJG8N8EPN2L3**

B. **Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN): NU90TU000053**

- i. Assistance Listings Title, Number, and Dollar Amount: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement, 93.069, \$47,206,790.00
- ii. Federal Award Date: 06/11/2024
- iii. Federal Award Period: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

- iv. Name of Federal Awarding Agency: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- v. Federal Award Project Description: Texas DSHS Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement.
- vi. Awarding Official Contact Information:
  - Ms. Kimberly Champion
  - Grants Management Specialist
  - (404) 498-4229
  - qrf9@cdc.gov
- vii. Total Amount of Federal Funds Awarded to System Agency: \$47,206,790.00
- viii. Amount of Funds Awarded to Grantee: \$177,227.00
- ix. Identification of Whether the Award is for Research and Development: No

**C. Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN): 6 NU90TU000053-02-01**

- i. Assistance Listings Title, Number, and Dollar Amount: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement, 93.069, \$43,934,445.00
- ii. Federal Award Date: 09/11/2025
- iii. Federal Award Period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- iv. Name of Federal Awarding Agency: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- v. Federal Award Project Description: Texas DSHS Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement
- vi. Awarding Official Contact Information:
  - Ms. Kimberly Champion
  - Grants Management Specialist
  - (404) 498-4229
  - qrf9@cdc.gov
- vii. Total Amount of Federal Funds Awarded to System Agency: \$43,934,445.00
- viii. Amount of Funds Awarded to Grantee: \$147,918.00
- ix. Identification of Whether the Award is for Research and Development: No

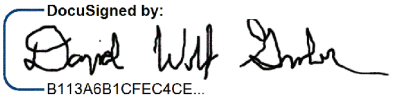
- 3. **ATTACHMENT A.3, REVISED PROJECT FY2026 STATEMENT OF WORK**, of the Grant Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with **ATTACHMENT A.4, REVISED PROJECT FY2026 STATEMENT OF WORK**, which is attached to this Amendment and incorporated into and made part of the Grant Agreement for all purposes.
- 4. **ATTACHMENT C.1, HHS CONTRACT AFFIRMATIONS V 2.5**, of the Grant Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with **ATTACHMENT C.2, HHS CONTRACT AFFIRMATIONS V 2.7**, which is attached to this Amendment and incorporated into and made part of the Grant Agreement for all purposes.
- 5. This Amendment is effective upon execution by the last Party to sign below.
- 6. Except as amended and modified by this Amendment, all terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement, as previously amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

7. Any further revisions to the Grant Agreement shall be by written agreement of the Parties.
8. Each Party represents and warrants that the person executing this Amendment on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Amendment.

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS**

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOR AMENDMENT NO. 4  
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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES      FORT BEND COUNTY**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: David Gruber

Title: Deputy Commissioner for RLHO

Date of Signature: January 28, 2026

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: K.P. George

Title: Fort Bend County Judge

Date of Signature: January 23, 2026

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**I. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Grantee shall deliver services funded by the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (“PHEP”) Cooperative Agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) to advance public health preparedness for the Cities Readiness Initiative (“CRI”).
- B. Grantee shall perform the activities required under this Grant Agreement in the following county(ies): Fort Bend; the county(ies) make(s) up the Grantee’s geographical jurisdiction.
- C. Grantee shall provide DSHS with situational awareness data generated through interoperable networks of electronic data systems.
- D. Grantee shall address the following public health emergency preparedness capabilities:
  - 1. Capability 1 – Community preparedness is the ability of communities to prepare for, withstand, and recover from public health incidents in both the short and long term;
  - 2. Capability 2 – Community recovery is the ability of communities to identify critical assets, facilities, and other services within public health, emergency management, health care, human services, mental/behavioral health, and environmental health sectors that can guide and prioritize recovery operations;
  - 3. Capability 3 – Emergency operations coordination is the ability to coordinate with emergency management and to direct and support an incident or event with public health or health care implications by establishing a standardized, scalable system of oversight, organization, and supervision that is consistent with jurisdictional standards and practices and the National Incident Management System (“NIMS”);
  - 4. Capability 4 – Emergency public information and warning is the ability to develop, coordinate, and disseminate information, alerts, warnings, and notifications to the public and incident management personnel;
  - 5. Capability 5 – Fatality management is the ability to coordinate with partner organizations and agencies to provide fatality management services to ensure the proper recovery and preservation of remains; identification of the deceased; determination of cause and manner of death; release of remains to an authorized individual; and provision of mental/behavioral health assistance for the grieving. The role also may include supporting activities for the identification, collection, documentation, retrieval, and transportation of human remains, personal effects, and evidence to the examination location or incident morgue;
  - 6. Capability 6 – Information sharing is the ability to conduct multijurisdictional and multidisciplinary exchange of health-related information and situational awareness data among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial levels of

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government and the private sector. This capability includes the routine sharing of information as well as issuing of public health alerts to all levels of government and the private sector in preparation for and in response to events or incidents of public health significance;

7. Capability 7 – Mass care is the ability of public health agencies to coordinate with and support partner agencies to address, within a congregate location (excluding shelter-in-place locations), the public health, health care, mental/behavioral health, and human services needs of those impacted by an incident. This capability includes coordinating ongoing surveillance and public health assessments to ensure that health needs continue to be met as the incident evolves;
8. Capability 8 – Medical countermeasure dispensation and administration is the ability to provide medical countermeasures to targeted population(s) to prevent, mitigate, or treat the adverse health effects of a public health incident, according to public health guidelines. This capability focuses on dispensing and administering medical countermeasures, such as vaccines, antiviral drugs, antibiotics, and antitoxins;
9. Capability 9 – Medical materiel management and distribution is the ability to acquire, manage, transport, and track medical materiel during a public health incident or event and the ability to recover and account for unused medical materiel, such as pharmaceuticals, vaccines, gloves, masks, ventilators, or medical equipment after an incident;
10. Capability 10 – Medical surge is the ability to provide adequate medical evaluation and care during events that exceed the limits of the normal medical infrastructure of an affected community. It encompasses the ability of the health care system to endure a hazard impact, maintain or rapidly recover operations that were compromised, and support the delivery of medical care and associated public health services, including disease surveillance, epidemiological inquiry, laboratory diagnostic services, and environmental health assessments;
11. Capability 11 – Nonpharmaceutical interventions are actions that people and communities can take to help slow the spread of illness or reduce the adverse impact of public health emergencies. This capability focuses on communities, community partners, and stakeholders recommending and implementing nonpharmaceutical interventions in response to the needs of an incident, event, or threat. Nonpharmaceutical interventions may include isolation, quarantine, restrictions on movement and travel advisories or warnings, social distancing, external decontamination, hygiene, and precautionary protective behaviors;
12. Capability 12 – Public health laboratory testing is the ability to implement and perform methods that may be used to detect, characterize, and confirm public health threats. It also includes the ability to report timely data, provide investigative support, and use partnerships to address actual or potential exposure to threat agents in multiple matrices, including clinical specimens and food,

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water, and other environmental samples. This capability supports passive and active surveillance when preparing for, responding to, and recovering from biological, chemical, and radiological (if a Radiological Laboratory Response Network is established) public health threats and emergencies;

13. Capability 13 – Public health surveillance and epidemiological investigation is the ability to create, maintain, support, and strengthen routine surveillance and detection systems and epidemiological investigation processes. It also includes the ability to expand these systems and processes in response to incidents of public health significance;
  14. Capability 14 – Responder safety and health is the ability to protect public health and other emergency responders during pre-deployment, deployment, and post-deployment; and
  15. Capability 15 – Volunteer management is the ability to coordinate with emergency management and partner agencies to identify, recruit, register, verify, train, and engage volunteers to support the jurisdictional public health agency’s preparedness, response, and recovery activities during pre-deployment, deployment, and post-deployment.
- E. Grantee shall coordinate with DSHS to develop a preparedness activity plan for the Grantee’s geographic jurisdiction. Grantee shall utilize the CDC’s Public Health Response Readiness Framework (currently available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/readiness/php/cr/index.html>, which defines excellence in response operations) and ensure those CDC priority areas are addressed throughout the deliverables:
1. Prioritize a risk-based approach to all-hazards planning that addresses evolving threats and supports medical countermeasure logistics;
  2. Enhance partnerships (federal and nongovernmental organizations) to effectively support community preparedness efforts;
  3. Expand local support to improve jurisdictional readiness to effectively manage public health emergencies;
  4. Improve administrative and budget preparedness systems to ensure timely access to resources for supporting jurisdictional responses;
  5. Build workforce capacity to meet jurisdictional surge management needs and support staff recruitment, retention, resilience, and mental health;
  6. Modernize data collection and systems to improve situational awareness and information sharing with healthcare systems and other partners;
  7. Strengthen risk communications activities to improve proficiency in disseminating critical public health information and warnings and address mis/disinformation;
  8. Incorporate practices to enhance preparedness and response support for communities experiencing differences in health status due to structural barriers;

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9. Advance capacity and capability of public health laboratories to characterize emerging public health threats through testing and surveillance; and
  10. Prioritize community recovery efforts to support health department reconstitution and incorporate lessons learned from public health emergency responses.
- F.** Grantee shall provide matching funds in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the DSHS Direct Costs and Indirect Costs amount as outlined in the budget under the Grant Agreement.
- G.** The non-federal contributions (“Match”) may be provided directly or through donations from public or private entities and may be cash or in-kind donations, fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment, or services. The costs that the Grantee incurs in fulfilling the matching or cost-sharing requirement are subject to the same requirements, including the cost principles, that apply to the use of federal funds, including prior approval requirements and other rules for allowable costs as described in 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 74.23 and 45 CFR 92.24, as amended.

“Cash match” is defined as an expenditure of cash by the Grantee on allowable costs under this Grant Agreement that are borne by the Grantee. “In-kind match” is defined as the dollar value of non-cash contributions by a third party given in goods, commodities, or services that are used in activities that benefit this Grant Agreement’s project and that are contributed by non-federal third parties without charge to the Grantee. The Match must:

1. Be an allowable cost under the applicable federal cost principle;
  2. Be necessary and reasonable for the efficient accomplishment of project or program objectives;
  3. Be verifiable within the Grantee’s (or subgrantee’s) records;
  4. Be documented, including methods and sources, in the approved budget (applies only to cost reimbursement contracts);
  5. Not be included as contributions toward any other federally assisted project or program (match can count only once);
  6. Not be paid by the federal government under another award, except where authorized by federal statute to be used for cost-sharing or match;
  7. Conform to other provisions of governing circulars/statutes/regulations as applicable for the Grant Agreement;
  8. Be adequately documented;
  9. Follow procedures for generally accepted accounting practices as well as meet audit requirements; and
  10. Value the in-kind contributions reported and be supported by documentation reflecting the use of goods and/or services during the Grant Agreement term.
- H.** In the event of a public health emergency involving a portion of the state, Grantee shall

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mobilize and dispatch staff or equipment purchased with funds from previous PHEP cooperative agreements that are not currently performing critical duties in the jurisdiction served, to the affected area of the state upon receipt of a written request from DSHS.

- I.** Grantee shall coordinate activities and response plans within its geographical jurisdiction with the state, regional, and other local jurisdictions, among local agencies, and with hospitals and major health care entities, and Councils of Government.
- J.** Grantee shall inform DSHS in writing if Grantee will not continue performance under this Grant Agreement within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of DSHS's notification of an amended standard(s) or guideline(s). In such event, DSHS may terminate this Grant Agreement immediately or within a reasonable period of time as determined by DSHS.
- K.** Grantee shall develop, implement, and maintain a timekeeping system for accurately documenting staff time and salary expenditures for all staff funded through this Grant Agreement, including partial full-time employees and temporary staff.
- L.** Grantee shall complete and submit programmatic reports as directed by DSHS in a format specified by DSHS and as needed to satisfy information-sharing requirements set forth in Sections 421.071 and 421.072(b)-(c) of the Texas Government Code, as amended. Grantee shall provide DSHS other reports, including financial reports, that DSHS determines necessary to accomplish the objectives of this Grant Agreement and to monitor compliance.
- M.** Grantee shall conduct all exercises and training in accordance with Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program ("HSEEP") guidance and have plans, processes, and training in place to meet NIMS compliance requirements.
- N.** Grantee shall work with the DSHS Public Health Region and their Regional Health Care Coalition to develop comprehensive preparedness strategies by participating in meetings, trainings, and exercises.
- O.** Grantee shall comply with all state and DSHS guidance and standards, including the Texas Grant Management Standards (currently available at: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/grant-management/>).
- P.** At the expiration or termination of this Grant Agreement for any reason, title to any remaining equipment and supplies purchased with funds under this Grant Agreement will revert to DSHS. Title may be transferred to any other party designated by DSHS. DSHS may, at its option and to the extent allowed by law, transfer the reversionary interest to such property to Grantee.
- Q.** Grantee shall fill any vacant positions within ninety (90) calendar days. Grantee shall report all position vacancies to their assigned DSHS Contract Representative each month

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until all positions are filled. DSHS may reduce Grantee's budget if Grantee has vacant positions existing for more than ninety (90) consecutive calendar days.

**R.** Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, as amended, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code;
2. Public Law 116-22, Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act ("PAHPAI");
3. Public Law 109-417 Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act ("PAHPA");
4. Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code;
5. Section 319 C-1 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (47 USC § 247d-3a), as amended; and
6. 2 CFR Part 200.

**S.** Grantee shall comply with all requirements related to the cost reimbursement budget, purchases made with grant funds, and uses of grant funds under this Grant Agreement, which include the following:

1. Grantee's approved cost reimbursement budget must document all approved and allowable expenditures;
2. Grantee shall only utilize funding under this Grant Agreement for approved and allowable costs. If Grantee requests to utilize funds for an expense not documented in the approved cost reimbursement budget, Grantee shall notify the DSHS Contract Representative, in writing, and request approval prior to utilizing the funds. DSHS shall provide written notification whether the requested expense is approved or denied;
3. Grantee shall maintain an inventory of equipment, supplies defined as Controlled Assets, and real property. Grantee shall submit an annual cumulative report of the equipment and other property on HHS System Agency Grantee's Property Inventory Report to [FSOequip@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:FSOequip@dshs.texas.gov), with a copy to the assigned DSHS Contract Representative by email not later than October 15 of each year. Controlled Assets include firearms, regardless of the acquisition cost, and the following assets with an acquisition cost of \$500 or more, but less than \$10,000: desktop and laptop computers (including notebooks, tablets, and similar devices), non-portable printers and copiers, emergency management equipment, communication devices and systems, medical and laboratory equipment, and media equipment. Controlled Assets are considered Supplies;
4. Grantee may not use funds for research, clinical care, fundraising activities or lobbying, construction or major renovations, reimbursement of pre-award costs, to supplant existing state or federal funds for activities, payment or reimbursement of backfilling costs for staff, purchase of vehicles of any kind, uniforms, buildings or real property, or funding an award to another party or provider who is ineligible;

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5. Grantee may not use funds made available under this Grant Agreement to promote or advocate the legalization or practice of prostitution or sex trafficking. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed to preclude the provision to individuals of palliative care, treatment, or post-exposure pharmaceutical prophylaxis, and necessary pharmaceuticals and commodities, including test kits, condoms, and, when proven effective, microbicides;
6. Grantee shall initiate the purchase of all equipment approved in writing by DSHS, as applicable. Failure to timely initiate the purchase of equipment may result in the loss of availability of funds for the purchase of equipment. Requests to purchase equipment must be submitted to the assigned DSHS Contract Representative; and
7. Grantee shall not use DSHS funds to lease buildings or real property without prior written approval from DSHS. Further, Grantee shall not use DSHS funds for the purchase of buildings or real property under any circumstance.

**T.** DSHS reserves the right, where allowed by legal authority, to redirect funds in the event of financial shortfalls by Grantee.

**U.** DSHS will monitor Grantee's expenditures on a monthly basis. If expenditures are below the amount projected in Grantee's total Project FY amount, Grantee's budget may be subject to a decrease for the remainder of the Project FY.

**II. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**A.** Grantee shall submit all reporting requirements in accordance with the deadlines set forth in **Section VII, Reporting Requirements**, of the Grant Agreement.

**B.** Grantee shall prepare and electronically submit a current Multi-Year Integrated Preparedness Plan ("MYIPP") each Project FY, which must include at least five (5) years of progressive exercise, planning and training, via email to [phep@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:phep@dshs.texas.gov) with a copy to the DSHS Contract Representative identified in **Section VIII, Contract Representatives**, of the Grant Agreement. The MYIPP must be based on the results of the Grantee's training needs assessment and the evaluations of previous exercises and responses, including the After-Action Review/Improvement Plan. The MYIPP must include a description of:

1. Summary of the MYIPP Workshop;
2. The proposed location, month(s), and year(s) of future exercise(s);
3. The type(s) of future exercise(s) that will take place; and
4. The partnering entities.

MYIPP must include at least one access and functional needs or underserved populations (FEMA Definition), training to support a ready responder workforce (WHF-B, AHA-G,

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LOC-B), and recovery operations (REC-A). Data elements listed in CDC’s Supplemental Guidance must also be provided to DSHS.

- C. Grantee shall prepare and submit a self-assessment on Capacity Indicators each Project FY via Qualtrics or as otherwise directed by DSHS. For Project FY2026, Grantee shall submit the Capacity Indicators Form to DSHS on the template prescribed by DSHS.
- D. Grantee shall prepare and electronically submit a Jurisdictional Risk Assessment (JRA) to [phep@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:phep@dshs.texas.gov) with a copy to the DSHS Contract Representative identified in **Section VIII, Contract Representatives**, of the Grant Agreement using a weblink provided by DSHS. Grantee may submit previously completed JRAs if they are not more than 5 years old. The JRA must include:
  - 1. Disproportionately impacted populations or access and functional needs populations and any additional information provided by CDC’s Supplemental Guidance.
  - 2. Data elements listed in CDC’s Supplemental Guidance must be provided to DSHS.
- E. Grantee shall conduct, at minimum, one exercise following CDC’s guidance during the Project FY2026. (Exercises are listed on pages 55 to 58 of the PHEP Cooperative Agreement Notice of Funding Opportunity (CDC-FRA-TU24-0137), a document made available to Grantee via a DSHS-directed link. Grantee shall conduct exercises in accordance with CDC and DSHS requirements, including all supplemental guidance, and submit documentation to DSHS. Data elements listed in CDC’s Supplemental Guidance must be provided to DSHS.
- F. Grantee shall submit a Financial Status Report (FSR) twice per Federal Fiscal Year (“FFY”) (July 1 through June 30 of the following year). Grantee shall electronically submit FSRs to [invoices@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:invoices@dshs.texas.gov) and [FSRGrants@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:FSRGrants@dshs.texas.gov) with a copy to the DSHS Contract Representative.

At DSHS’ direction, Grantee shall submit the reports by mail or fax and send the required information to one of the following:

- 1. For submission by mail, use address below:  
 Department of State Health Services  
 Claims Processing Unit  
 P.O. Box 149347, MC 1940  
 Austin, TX 78714-9347
- 2. For submission by fax, use number below:  
 (512) 458-7442

- G. Grantee shall immediately notify DSHS in writing if Grantee is legally prohibited from providing any report required under this Grant Agreement.

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**III. INVOICE AND PAYMENT**

- A.** Grantee shall request monthly payments following the month in which expenses were incurred and use the State of Texas Purchase Voucher (Form B-13 and Form B-13A), currently available at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/contractor-forms>. Grantee's final invoice is due thirty (30) calendar days following the expiration or termination date of the Grant Agreement.
- B.** Grantee shall electronically submit requests for reimbursements by electronic mail to [invoices@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:invoices@dshs.texas.gov) and [CMSInvoices@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:CMSInvoices@dshs.texas.gov), with a copy to the DSHS Contract Representative. Invoice approval and payment by DSHS is contingent upon receipt of adequate and acceptable supporting documentation timely.
- C.** At a minimum, every invoice must include:
1. Grantee name, address, email address, vendor identification number, and telephone number;
  2. DSHS Contract and Purchase Order number;
  3. Identification of service(s) provided; including line-item budget justifications;
  4. The total invoice amount; and
  5. Any additional supporting documentation that is required by this Statement of Work or as requested by DSHS.
- D.** DSHS will reimburse Grantee on a cost reimbursement basis and in accordance with the corresponding budget period under this Grant Agreement. DSHS will reimburse Grantee only for allowable and reported expenses incurred within the Project FY.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
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**Attachment C.2 CONTRACT AFFIRMATIONS**

For purposes of these Contract Affirmations, HHS includes both the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). System Agency refers to HHSC, DSHS, or both, that will be a party to this Contract. These Contract Affirmations apply to all Contractors and Grantees (referred to as “Contractor”) regardless of their business form (e.g., individual, partnership, corporation).

By entering into this Contract, Contractor affirms, without exception, understands, and agrees to comply with the following items through the life of the Contract:

**1.** Contractor represents and warrants that these Contract Affirmations apply to Contractor and all of Contractor's principals, officers, directors, shareholders, partners, owners, agents, employees, subcontractors, independent contractors, and any other representatives who may provide services under, who have a financial interest in, or otherwise are interested in this Contract and any related Solicitation.

**2. Complete and Accurate Information**

Contractor represents and warrants that all statements and information provided to HHS are current, complete, and accurate. This includes all statements and information in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response.

**3. Public Information Act**

Contractor understands that HHS will comply with the Texas Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code) as interpreted by judicial rulings and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. Information, documentation, and other material prepared and submitted in connection with this Contract or any related Solicitation may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act. In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor is required to make any information created or exchanged with the State pursuant to the Contract, 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.

**4. Contracting Information Requirements**

Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of Section 552.372(a) of the Texas Government Code. Except as provided by Section 552.374(c) of the Texas Government Code, the requirements of Subchapter J (Additional Provisions Related to Contracting Information), Chapter 552 of the Government Code, may apply to the Contract and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

**5. Assignment**

- A. Contractor shall not assign its rights under the Contract or delegate the performance of its duties under the Contract without prior written approval from System Agency. Any attempted assignment in violation of this provision is void and without effect.
- B. Contractor understands and agrees the System Agency may in one or more transactions assign, pledge, or transfer the Contract. Upon receipt of System Agency's notice of assignment, pledge, or transfer, Contractor shall cooperate with System Agency in giving effect to such assignment, pledge, or transfer, at no cost to System Agency or to the recipient entity.

**6. Terms and Conditions**

Contractor accepts the Solicitation terms and conditions unless specifically noted by exceptions advanced in the form and manner directed in the Solicitation, if any, under which this Contract was awarded. Contractor agrees that all exceptions to the Solicitation, as well as terms and conditions advanced by Contractor that differ in any manner from HHS' terms and conditions, if any, are rejected unless expressly accepted by System Agency in writing.

**7. HHS Right to Use**

Contractor agrees that HHS has the right to use, produce, and distribute copies of and to disclose to HHS employees, agents, and contractors and other governmental entities all or part of this Contract or any related Solicitation Response as HHS deems necessary to complete the procurement process or comply with state or federal laws.

**8. Release from Liability**

Contractor generally releases from liability and waives all claims against any party providing information about the Contractor at the request of System Agency.

**9. Dealings with Public Servants**

Contractor has not given, has not offered to give, and does not intend to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with this Contract or any related Solicitation, or related Solicitation Response.

**10. Financial Participation Prohibited**

Under Section 2155.004, Texas Government Code (relating to financial participation in preparing solicitations), Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response is not ineligible to receive this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**11. Prior Disaster Relief Contract Violation**

Under Sections 2155.006 and 2261.053 of the Texas Government Code (relating to convictions and penalties regarding Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Katrina, and other disasters), the Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response is not ineligible to receive this Contract

and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**12. Child Support Obligation**

Under Section 231.006(d) of the Texas Family Code regarding child support, Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response is not ineligible to receive the specified payment and acknowledges that the Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate. If the certification is shown to be false, Contractor may be liable for additional costs and damages set out in 231.006(f).

**13. Suspension and Debarment**

Contractor certifies that it and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the state or federal government as listed on the *State of Texas Debarred Vendor List* maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the *System for Award Management (SAM)* maintained by the General Services Administration. This certification is made pursuant to the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549 and Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, 2 C.F.R. Part 376, and any relevant regulations promulgated by the Department or Agency funding this project. This provision shall be included in its entirety in Contractor’s subcontracts, if any, if payment in whole or in part is from federal funds.

**14. Excluded Parties**

Contractor certifies that it is not listed in 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.’

**15. Foreign Terrorist Organizations**

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

**16. Executive Head of a State Agency**

In accordance with Section 669.003 of the Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with the executive head of a state agency, Contractor certifies that it is not (1) the executive head of an HHS agency, (2) a person who at any time during the four years before the date of this Contract was the executive head of an HHS agency, or (3) a person who employs a current or former executive head of an HHS agency.

**17. Human Trafficking Prohibition**

Under Section 2155.0061 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**18. Franchise Tax Status**

Contractor represents and warrants that it is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise taxes owed the State of Texas under Chapter 171 of the Texas Tax Code.

**19. Debts and Delinquencies**

Contractor agrees that any payments due under this Contract shall be applied towards any debt or delinquency that is owed to the State of Texas.

**20. Lobbying Prohibition**

Contractor represents and warrants that payments to Contractor and Contractor's receipt of appropriated or other funds under this Contract or any related Solicitation are not prohibited by Sections 556.005, 556.0055, or 556.008 of the Texas Government Code (relating to use of appropriated money or state funds to employ or pay lobbyists, lobbying expenses, or influence legislation).

**21. Buy Texas**

Contractor agrees to comply with Section 2155.4441 of the Texas Government Code, requiring the purchase of products and materials produced in the State of Texas in performing service contracts.

**22. Disaster Recovery Plan**

Contractor agrees that upon request of System Agency, Contractor shall provide copies of its most recent business continuity and disaster recovery plans.

**23. Computer Equipment Recycling Program**

If this Contract is for the purchase or lease of computer equipment, then Contractor certifies that it is in compliance with Subchapter Y, Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code related to the Computer Equipment Recycling Program and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules in 30 TAC Chapter 328.

**24. Television Equipment Recycling Program**

If this Contract is for the purchase or lease of covered television equipment, then Contractor certifies that it is compliance with Subchapter Z, Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code related to the Television Equipment Recycling Program.

**25. Cybersecurity Training**

- A. Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of Section 2063.104 of the Texas Government Code relating to cybersecurity training and required verification of completion of the training program.
- B. Contractor represents and warrants that if Contractor or Subcontractors, officers, or employees of Contractor have access to any state computer system or database, the Contractor, Subcontractors, officers, and employees of Contractor shall complete cybersecurity training pursuant to and in accordance with Government Code, Section 2063.104.

**26. Restricted Employment for Certain State Personnel**

Contractor acknowledges that, pursuant to Section 572.069 of the Texas Government Code, a former state officer or employee of a state agency who during the period of state service or employment participated on behalf of a state agency in a procurement or contract negotiation involving Contractor may not accept employment from Contractor before the second anniversary of the date the Contract is signed or the procurement is terminated or withdrawn.

**27. No Conflicts of Interest**

- A. Contractor represents and warrants that it has no actual or potential conflicts of interest in providing the requested goods or services to System Agency under this Contract or any related Solicitation and that Contractor’s provision of the requested goods and/or services under this Contract and any related Solicitation will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create an appearance of impropriety.
- B. Contractor agrees that, if after execution of the Contract, Contractor discovers or is made aware of a Conflict of Interest, Contractor will immediately and fully disclose such interest in writing to System Agency. In addition, Contractor will promptly and fully disclose any relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict after its discovery by Contractor or by System Agency as a potential conflict. System Agency reserves the right to make a final determination regarding the existence of Conflicts of Interest, and Contractor agrees to abide by System Agency’s decision.

**28. Fraud, Waste, and Abuse**

Contractor understands that HHS does not tolerate any type of fraud, waste, or abuse. Violations of law, agency policies, or standards of ethical conduct will be investigated, and appropriate actions will be taken. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 321.022, if the administrative head of a department or entity that is subject to audit by the state auditor has reasonable cause to believe that money received from the state by the department or entity or by a client or contractor of the department or entity may have been lost, misappropriated, or misused, or that other fraudulent or unlawful conduct has occurred in relation to the operation of the department or entity, the administrative head shall report the reason and basis for the belief to the Texas State Auditor’s Office (SAO). All employees or contractors who have reasonable cause to believe that fraud, waste, or abuse has occurred (including misconduct by any HHS employee, Grantee officer, agent, employee, or subcontractor that would constitute fraud, waste, or abuse) are required to immediately report the questioned activity to the Health and Human Services Commission's Office of Inspector General. Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and System Agency policies regarding fraud, waste, and abuse including, but not limited to, HHS Circular C-027.

A report to the SAO must be made through one of the following avenues:

- SAO Toll Free Hotline: 1-800-TX-AUDIT
- SAO website: <http://sao.fraud.state.tx.us/>

All reports made to the OIG must be made through one of the following avenues:

- OIG Toll Free Hotline 1-800-436-6184
- OIG Website: ReportTexasFraud.com
- Internal Affairs Email: InternalAffairsReferral@hhsc.state.tx.us
- OIG Hotline Email: OIGFraudHotline@hhsc.state.tx.us.
- OIG Mailing Address: Office of Inspector General  
Attn: Fraud Hotline  
MC 1300  
P.O. Box 85200  
Austin, Texas 78708-5200

**29. Antitrust**

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

- A. in connection with this Contract and any related Solicitation Response, neither I nor any representative of the Contractor has violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;
- B. in connection with this Contract and any related Solicitation Response, neither I nor any representative of the Contractor has violated any federal antitrust law; and
- C. neither I nor any representative of the Contractor has directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this Contract and any related Solicitation Response to a competitor of the Contractor or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Contractor.

**30. Legal and Regulatory Actions**

Contractor represents and warrants that it is not aware of and has received no notice of any court or governmental agency proceeding, investigation, or other action pending or threatened against Contractor or any of the individuals or entities included in numbered paragraph 1 of these Contract Affirmations within the five (5) calendar years immediately preceding execution of this Contract or the submission of any related Solicitation Response that would or could impair Contractor's performance under this Contract, relate to the contracted or similar goods or services, or otherwise be relevant to System Agency's consideration of entering into this Contract. If Contractor is unable to make the preceding representation and warranty, then Contractor instead represents and warrants that it has provided to System Agency a complete, detailed disclosure of any such court or governmental agency proceeding, investigation, or other action that would or could impair Contractor's performance under this Contract, relate to the contracted or similar goods or services, or otherwise be relevant to System Agency's consideration of entering into this Contract. In addition, Contractor acknowledges this is a continuing disclosure requirement. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor shall notify System Agency in writing within five (5) business days of any changes to the representations or warranties in this clause and understands that failure to so timely update System Agency shall constitute breach of contract and may result in immediate contract termination.

**31. No Felony Criminal Convictions**

Contractor represents that neither Contractor nor any of its employees, agents, or representatives, including any subcontractors and employees, agents, or representative of such subcontractors, have been convicted of a felony criminal offense or that if such a conviction has occurred Contractor has fully advised System Agency in writing of the facts and circumstances surrounding the convictions.

**32. Unfair Business Practices**

Contractor represents and warrants that it has not been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations under Chapter 17 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, or allegations of any unfair business practice in any administrative hearing or court suit and that Contractor has not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings. Contractor certifies that it has no officers who have served as officers of other entities who have been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations or allegations of any unfair business practices in an administrative hearing or court suit and that such officers have not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings.

**33. Entities that Boycott Israel**

Contractor represents and warrants that (1) it does not, and shall not for the duration of the Contract, boycott Israel or (2) the verification required by Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the Contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the Contract, Contractor shall promptly notify System Agency.

**34. E-Verify**

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

1. all persons employed by Contractor to perform duties within Texas; and
2. all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by Contractor to perform work pursuant to this Contract within the United States of America.

**35. Former Agency Employees – Certain Contracts**

If this Contract is an employment contract, a professional services contract under Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, or a consulting services contract under Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with Section 2252.901 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor represents and warrants that neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's employees including, but not limited to, those authorized to provide services under the Contract, were former employees of an HHS Agency during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of the execution of the Contract.

**36. Disclosure of Prior State Employment – Consulting Services**

If this Contract is for consulting services,

- A. In accordance with Section 2254.033 of the Texas Government Code, a Contractor providing consulting services who has been employed by, or employs an individual who has been employed by, System Agency or another State of Texas agency at any time during the two years preceding the submission of Contractor’s offer to provide services must disclose the following information in its offer to provide services. Contractor hereby certifies that this information was provided and remains true, correct, and complete:
  - 1. Name of individual(s) (Contractor or employee(s));
  - 2. Status;
  - 3. The nature of the previous employment with HHSC or the other State of Texas agency;
  - 4. The date the employment was terminated and the reason for the termination; and
  - 5. The annual rate of compensation for the employment at the time of its termination.
  
- B. If no information was provided in response to Section A above, Contractor certifies that neither Contractor nor any individual employed by Contractor was employed by System Agency or any other State of Texas agency at any time during the two years preceding the submission of Contractor’s offer to provide services.

**37. Abortion Funding Limitation**

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Article IX of the General Appropriations Act (the Act), to the extent allowed by federal and state law, money appropriated by the Texas Legislature may not be distributed to any individual or entity that, during the period for which funds are appropriated under the Act:

- 1. performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state’s Medicaid program;
- 2. is commonly owned, managed, or controlled by an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state’s Medicaid program; or
- 3. is a franchise or affiliate of an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state’s Medicaid program.

The provision does not apply to a hospital licensed under Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, or an office exempt under Section 245.004(a)(2), Health and Safety Code. Contractor represents and warrants that it is not ineligible, nor will it be ineligible during the term of this Contract, to receive appropriated funding pursuant to Article IX.

**38. Funding Eligibility**

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Chapter 2273 of the Texas Government Code, except as exempted under that Chapter, HHSC cannot (1) contract with (a) an abortion provider or an affiliate of an abortion provider; or (b) an abortion assistance entity for the purpose of providing an abortion or abortion assistance;

or (2) contract or appropriate or spend money to provide any person logistical support for the express purpose of assisting a woman with procuring an abortion or the services of an abortion provider. Respondent certifies that it is not ineligible to contract with System Agency under the terms of Chapter 2273 of the Texas Government Code and certifies that the contract is not a taxpayer resource transaction, appropriation, or expenditure of money prohibited by Chapter 2273 of the Texas Government Code.

**39. Gender Transitioning and Gender Reassignment Procedures and Treatments for Certain Children – Prohibited Use of Public Money; Prohibited State Health Plan Reimbursement.**

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Section 161.704 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (eff. Sept. 1, 2023), public money may not directly or indirectly be used, granted, paid, or distributed to any health care provider, medical school, hospital, physician, or any other entity, organization, or individual that provides or facilitates the provision of a procedure or treatment to a child that is prohibited under Section 161.702 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Contractor also understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Section 161.705 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (eff. Sept. 1, 2023), HHSC may not provide Medicaid reimbursement and the child health plan program established under Chapter 62 may not provide reimbursement to a physician or health care provider for provision of a procedure or treatment to a child that is prohibited under Section 161.702 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to contract with System Agency under the terms of Chapter 161, Subchapter X, of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

**40. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (2 CFR 200.216)**

Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Response or Contract is not ineligible to receive the specified Contract or funding pursuant to 2 CFR 200.216.

**41. COVID-19 Vaccine Passports**

Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 161.0085(c), Contractor certifies that it does not require its customers to provide any documentation certifying the customer's COVID-19 vaccination or post-transmission recovery on entry to, to gain access to, or to receive service from the Contractor's business. Contractor acknowledges that such a vaccine or recovery requirement would make Contractor ineligible for a state-funded contract.

**42. Entities that Boycott Energy Companies**

Pursuant to Section 2276.002 of the Texas Government Code (relating to prohibition on contracts with companies boycotting certain energy companies), Contractor represents and warrants that: (1) it does not, and will not for the duration of the Contract, boycott energy companies or (2) the verification required by Section 2276.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the Contract. If circumstances relevant to this

provision change during the course of the Contract, Contractor shall promptly notify System Agency.

**43. Entities that Discriminate Against Firearm and Ammunition Industries**

In accordance with Senate Bill 19, Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., pursuant to Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (relating to prohibition on contracts with companies that discriminate against firearm and ammunition industries), Contractor verifies that: (1) it does not, and will not for the duration of the Contract, have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association or (2) the verification required by Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the Contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the Contract, Contractor shall promptly notify System Agency.

**44. Security Controls for State Agency Data**

In accordance with Senate Bill 475, Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2054.138, Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that if, pursuant to this Contract, Contractor is or will be authorized to access, transmit, use, or store data for System Agency, Contractor is required to meet the security controls the System Agency determines are proportionate with System Agency's risk under the Contract based on the sensitivity of System Agency's data and that Contractor must periodically provide to System Agency evidence that Contractor meets the security controls required under the Contract.

**45. Cloud Computing State Risk and Authorization Management Program (TX-RAMP)**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2063.408, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, if providing cloud computing services for System Agency, Contractor must comply with the requirements of the state risk and authorization management program and that System Agency may not enter or renew a contract with Contractor to purchase cloud computing services for the agency that are subject to the state risk and authorization management program unless Contractor demonstrates compliance with program requirements. If providing cloud computing services for System Agency that are subject to the state risk and authorization management program, Contractor certifies it will maintain program compliance and certification throughout the term of the Contract.

**46. Contract for Professional Services of Physicians, Optometrists, and Registered Nurses**

In accordance with Senate Bill 799, Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., if Texas Government Code, Section 2254.008(a)(2) is applicable to this Contract, Contractor affirms that it possesses the necessary occupational licenses and experience.

**47. Foreign-Owned Companies in Connection with Critical Infrastructure**

If Texas Government Code, Section 2275.0102(a)(1) (relating to prohibition on contracts with certain foreign-owned companies in connection with critical infrastructure) is applicable to this Contract, pursuant to Government Code Section 2275.0102, Contractor certifies that neither it nor its parent company, nor any affiliate of Contractor or its parent company, is: (1) majority owned or controlled by citizens or governmental entities of

China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or any other country designated by the Governor under Government Code Section 2275.0103 or (2) headquartered in any of those countries.

**48. Critical Infrastructure Subcontracts**

For purposes of this Paragraph, the designated countries are China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and any countries lawfully designated by the Governor as a threat to critical infrastructure. Pursuant to Section 117.002 of the Business and Commerce Code, Contractor shall not enter into a subcontract that will provide direct or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure, as defined by Section 117.001 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, in this state, other than access specifically allowed for product warranty and support purposes to any subcontractor unless (i) neither the subcontractor nor its parent company, nor any affiliate of the subcontractor or its parent company, is majority owned or controlled by citizens or governmental entities of a designated country; and (ii) neither the subcontractor nor its parent company, nor any affiliate of the subcontractor or its parent company, is headquartered in a designated country. Contractor will notify the System Agency before entering into any subcontract that will provide direct or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure, as defined by Section 117.001 of the Texas Business & Commerce Code, in this state.

**49. Enforcement of Certain Federal Firearms Laws Prohibited**

In accordance with House Bill 957, Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., if Texas Government Code, Section 2.101 is applicable to Contractor, Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to receive state grant funds pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2.103.

**50. Prohibition on Abortions**

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Article II of the General Appropriations Act, (1) no funds shall be used to pay the direct or indirect costs (including marketing, overhead, rent, phones, and utilities) of abortion procedures provided by contractors of HHSC; and (2) no funds appropriated for Medicaid Family Planning, Healthy Texas Women Program, or the Family Planning Program shall be distributed to individuals or entities that perform elective abortion procedures or that contract with or provide funds to individuals or entities for the performance of elective abortion procedures. Contractor represents and warrants that it is not ineligible, nor will it be ineligible during the term of this Contract, to receive appropriated funding pursuant to Article II.

**51. Hardening of State Government**

Pursuant to Executive Order GA-48, relating to hardening of state government, issued November 19, 2024, Contractor certifies it is not and, if applicable, any of its holding companies or subsidiaries is not:

- a. Listed in Section 889 of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA); or
- b. Listed in Section 1260H of the 2021 NDAA; or

- c. Owned by the government of a country on the U.S. Department of Commerce’s foreign adversaries list under 15 C.F.R. § 791.4; or
- d. Controlled by any governing or regulatory body located in a country on the U.S. Department of Commerce’s foreign adversaries list under 15 C.F.R. § 791.4.

**52. Artificial Intelligence Disclosure.**

Contractor certifies that it has disclosed in writing to System Agency each artificial intelligence system it may use to complete any deliverable or a portion of any deliverable under the Contract. “Artificial intelligence system” means a machine-based system that for explicit or implicit objectives infers from provided information a method to generate outputs, such as predictions, content, recommendations, or decisions, to influence a physical or virtual environment with varying levels of autonomy and adaptiveness after deployment. Contractor promises not to use an artificial intelligence system to perform the Contract without the prior written consent of System Agency.

**53. Surveillance, Intimidation, and Related Acts.**

Contractor certifies that it (and its subcontractors) have not, and if awarded a contract, will not, either directly or indirectly through a third party, engage in surveillance targeting or engage in an act of intimidation, coercion, extortion, undue influence, or other similar conduct intended to influence, silence, or retaliate against:

- (1) a member of the state legislature or person employed to support the state legislature in any capacity;
- (2) a family member of a person described by (1);
- (3) a state agency employee; or
- (4) an individual making a complaint or raising concerns regarding state agency operations or contracting.

Contractor certifies that it and its subcontractors have not, and if awarded a contract will not, either directly or indirectly through a third party, use private or confidential information to manipulate or influence a state contracting decision or proceeding. Contractor acknowledges that it, its executives and directors, and other associated entities and individuals could be terminated, barred from state contracts, and penalized up to \$2 million for a violation of Government Code, Section 2261.302.

**54. False Representation**

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that any false representation or any failure to comply with a representation, warranty, or certification made by Contractor is subject to all civil and criminal consequences provided at law or in equity including, but not limited to, immediate termination of this Contract.

**55. False Statements**

Contractor represents and warrants that all statements and information prepared and submitted by Contractor in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response are current, complete, true, and accurate. Contractor acknowledges any false statement or material misrepresentation made by Contractor during the performance of this Contract or any related Solicitation is a material breach of contract and may void this Contract. Further, Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that any false representation or any failure to comply with a representation, warranty, or certification made by Contractor is subject to all civil and criminal consequences provided at law or in equity including, but not limited to, immediate termination of this Contract.

**56. Permits and License**

Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with all applicable laws and maintain all permits and licenses required by applicable city, county, state, and federal rules, regulations, statutes, codes, and other laws that pertain to this Contract.

**57. Equal Employment Opportunity**

Contractor represents and warrants its compliance with all applicable duly enacted state and federal laws governing equal employment opportunities.

**58. Federal Occupational Safety and Health Law**

Contractor represents and warrants that all articles and services shall meet or exceed the safety standards established and promulgated under the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended (29 U.S.C. Chapter 15).

**59. Signature Authority**

Contractor represents and warrants that the individual signing this Contract Affirmations document is authorized to sign on behalf of Contractor and to bind the Contractor.

**Signature Page Follows**

**Authorized representative on behalf of Contractor must complete and sign the following:**

Fort Bend County

**Legal Name of Contractor**

N/A

**Assumed Business Name of Contractor, if applicable (d/b/a or 'doing business as')**

Fort Bend County

**Texas County(s) for Assumed Business Name (d/b/a or 'doing business as')**

**Attach Assumed Name Certificate(s) filed with the Texas Secretary of State and Assumed Name Certificate(s), if any, for each Texas County Where Assumed Name Certificate(s) has been filed.**

DocuSigned by:

*K.P. George*

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**Signature of Authorized Representative**

January 23, 2026

**Date Signed**

KP George

County Judge, Fort Bend County

**Printed Name of Authorized Representative  
First, Middle Name or Initial, and Last Name**

**Title of Authorized Representative**

301 Jackson Street

Richmond, Texas 77469

**Physical Street Address**

**City, State, Zip Code**

301 Jackson Street

Richmond, Texas 77469

**Mailing Address, if different**

**City, State, Zip Code**

n/a

n/a

**Phone Number**

**Fax Number**

281 341-8608

n/a

**Email Address**

**DUNS Number**

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n/a

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**Texas Identification Number (TIN)**

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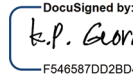
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