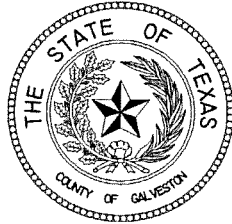


**GALVESTON COUNTY  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**RFP #B202013**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES  
FOR ADULT PROBATION**

**BID DUE DATE: 07/16/2020**

**2:00 P.M. CST**

***Rufus G. Crowder, CPPO, CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
Galveston County  
722 Moody (21<sup>st</sup> Street)  
Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Floor  
Galveston, Texas 77550  
(409) 770-5372***



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Sealed proposals in sets of two (2), one (1) original and one (1) unbound copy, will be received in the office of the Galveston County Purchasing Agent until 2:00 P.M. CST, on Thursday, July 16, 2020, and opened immediately in that office in the presence of Galveston County Auditor and the Purchasing Agent. Sealed proposals are to be delivered to Rufus G. Crowder, CPPO CPPB, Galveston County Purchasing Agent at the Galveston County Courthouse, 722 Moody, (21<sup>st</sup> Street), Floor 5, Purchasing, Galveston, Texas 77550, (409) 770-5372. **The time stamp clock located in the Purchasing Agent's office shall serve as the official time keeping piece for this solicitation process. Any proposals received after 2:00 P.M. CST on the specified date will be returned unopened.**

**Purpose:**

The Galveston County community Supervision and Corrections Department (hereafter called CSCD) is a political entity of 10<sup>th</sup> et al. Judicial District(s) and is seeking vendors to provide substance abuse services to individuals under various types of community supervision in the jurisdiction.

All proposals must be marked on the outside of the envelope:

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Proposer's name and return address should be prominently displayed on the proposal package for identification purposes.

Specifications can be obtained on application at the office of the Galveston County Purchasing Agent, located in the Galveston County Courthouse, 722 Moody, (21<sup>st</sup> Street), Floor 5, Purchasing, Galveston, Texas, 77550, or by visiting the Galveston County website @ <http://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov/pu/Pages/BidListings.aspx>.

Proposal prices shall be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on proposal bid sheets, if applicable. The net price shall be delivered to Galveston County, including all freight, shipping, and license fees. Galveston County is tax exempt and no taxes should be included in proposal pricing.

Upon satisfaction of contractual terms (e.g., goods delivered in promised condition, services rendered as agreed, etc.), contractor shall be paid via Galveston County's normal accounts payable process.

**Bonding Requirements:**

No bond is required with this Request for Proposal.

The Galveston County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any and all proposals, and to accept the proposal which, in its opinion, is most advantageous to Galveston County with total respect for the governing laws.

Rufus G. Crowder, CPPO CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
Galveston County

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**1. PROPOSAL PACKAGE**

*The Request for Proposal, general and special provisions, drawings, specifications/line item details, contract documents, addenda (if any), and the Proposal are all part of the Proposal package. **PROPOSALS must be submitted in sets of two (2), one (1) unbound original and one (1) copy** on the forms provided by the County if County forms are provided, and shall include the Proposal sheets completed in their entirety and signed by an authorized representative by original signature. Failure to complete and sign the proposal sheets/contract page(s) may disqualify the proposal from being considered by the Commissioners Court. Any individual signing on behalf of the Proposer expressly affirms that he or she is duly authorized to tender this proposal and to sign the proposal under the terms and conditions in this request for proposal on behalf of the Proposer and to bind the Proposer to the terms and conditions of this request for proposal and the Proposer's response hereto. Proposer further understands that Proposers' signing of the contract shall be of no effect unless the contract is subsequently awarded by the Commissioners Court and the contract properly executed by the Commissioners Court. All figures must be written in ink or typed. Figures written in pencil or with erasures are not acceptable. However, mistakes may be crossed out, corrections inserted, and initialed in ink by the individual signing the bid. If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price shall prevail. Each Proposer is required to thoroughly review this entire request for proposal package to familiarize themselves with the proposal procedures, the plans and specifications for the requested work, as well as the terms and conditions of the contract the successful Proposer will execute with the County.*

**2. PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY**

The Proposer must affirmatively demonstrate its responsibility. The Proposer must also meet the following minimum requirements:

- A. have adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- B. be able to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders regarding this request for proposal;
- C. have a satisfactory record of performance;
- D. have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics; and
- E. be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

**3. TIME FOR RECEIVING PROPOSALS**

Proposals may be submitted by mail or hand delivery and **must be submitted only to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent**. If by delivery, the Proposer must deliver the Proposal to the reception desk in the County Purchasing Agent's Office. The delivery and mailing instructions for the Galveston County Purchasing Agent are the following:

**Rufus Crowder, CPPO CPPB  
Galveston County Purchasing Agent  
722 Moody, Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Floor  
Galveston, Texas 77550**

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Proposals will **not** be accepted by facsimile transmission or by electronic mail (email) unless superseded by instructions within the Special Provisions sections of this solicitation. Proposals must be received by the County Purchasing Agent on or before the deadline for the opening of the proposals. For clarity, mailing date/postmark is **not** sufficient – proposals **must be received** by the County Purchasing Agent on or before the deadline. Late proposals will not be accepted and will be returned to the proposer unopened. Proposals received prior to the submission deadline will be maintained unopened until the specified time for opening.

The County Purchasing Agent will accept proposals from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each business day up to the submission deadline. Business days do not include Saturdays and Sundays, and do not include other days in which the County is closed for business in observance of holidays or for other reasons.

*The time-stamp clock within the County Purchasing Agent's Office shall be the official time-clock for the purpose of this solicitation and thus shall be the determinant of whether the proposal was timely received.*

**The proposer should prominently identify the procurement number and name on the outside of the envelope/ mailing package.** A label shall be provided for this purpose and usage of the label is preferred. If the proposer fails to identify the request for proposal number and name on the outside of the envelope as required, the Purchasing Agent will open the envelope for the sole purpose of identifying the solicitation number for which the submission was made. The envelope will then be resealed. No liability will attach to a County office or employee for the premature opening of a proposal.

If a proposal is not submitted, return this Request for Proposal and state reason (s), otherwise your name may be removed from the Purchasing Agent's mailing list.

**4. COMPETITIVENESS, INTEGRITY, INQUIRIES AND QUESTIONS**

To prevent biased evaluations and to preserve the competitiveness and integrity of the procurement process, **proposers are to direct all communications regarding this invitation to bid only to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent**, unless otherwise specifically noted.

**Do not contact the requesting department.** Attempts by offering firms to circumvent this requirement will be viewed negatively and may result in rejection of the proposal of the firm found to be in non-compliance.

**All questions regarding this Request for Proposal must be submitted in writing to:**

**Rufus Crowder, CPPO CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
722 Moody  
Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Floor  
Galveston, Texas 77550  
Fax: (409) 621-7997  
E-mail: [purchasing.bids@co.galveston.tx.us](mailto:purchasing.bids@co.galveston.tx.us)**

All questions received and the responses thereto will be mailed, emailed, or faxed to all prospective proposers by addendum. No inquiries except clarification of instructions will be addressed by telephone.

Proposer is advised to carefully review this Request for Proposal – it provides specific information necessary to aid participating firms in formulating a thorough response. Proposer's failure to examine all documents shall not entitle the proposer to any relief from the conditions imposing in the Request for Proposal and the resultant contract.

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**An authorized person from the proposer must sign the proposal.** This signatory must be a person from the submitting firm who is duly authorized to tender and sign the proposal on behalf of the proposer and to bind the proposer to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal, the proposer's response, and all other terms and conditions of the contract. By this signature, the proposer further acknowledges that the proposer has read the request for proposal and proposal documents thoroughly before submitting a proposal and will fulfill the obligations in accordance to the terms, conditions, and specifications detailed herein.

**5. PROPOSAL OPENING**

The Purchasing Agent shall open the proposals on the date and time specified herein. Only the names of the proposers will be read at the opening. Proposals shall be opened in a manner that avoids disclosure of the contents to competing offerors and that keeps the proposals secret during negotiations. The Purchasing Agent will examine proposals promptly and thoroughly. Upon opening, no proposal may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the proposal opening date.

**6. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL/FIRM BID RULE**

Proposers may request withdrawal of their sealed proposal prior to the scheduled proposal opening time provided the request for withdrawal is submitted to the Purchasing Agent in writing. No proposals may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after opening of the proposals.

**7. COMMISSIONERS COURT**

No contract is binding on the County until it is properly placed on the Commissioners Court agenda, approved in open Court, authorized to be executed by the County Judge, and fully executed by both parties.

Department heads and elected officials are not authorized to enter into any type of agreement or contract on behalf of the County. Only the Commissioners Court acting as a body may enter into a contract on behalf of and contractually bind the County. Additionally, department heads and elected officials are not authorized to agree to any type of supplemental agreements or contracts for goods or services. Supplemental agreements are subject to review by the County Legal Department prior to being accepted and signed by the County's authorized representative.

**8. REJECTION OF PROPOSALS/DISQUALIFICATION**

Galveston County, acting through its Commissioners Court, reserves the right to:

- reject any and all proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this request for proposal;
- waive any informality in the proposals received;
- disregard the proposal of any proposer determined to be not responsible;
- disregard the proposal of any proposer determined to have not submitted its proposal timely; and/or
- discontinue its efforts for any reason under this request for proposal package at any time prior to actual execution of contract by the County.

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Proposers may be disqualified and rejection of proposals may be recommended to the Commissioners Court for any of (but not limited to) the following causes:

- A. Failure to use the proposal forms furnished by the County, if applicable;
- B. Lack of signature by an authorized representative of proposer;
- C. Failure to properly complete the proposal;
- D. Engaging in communications regarding this procurement during the pendency of this procurement with County officials and/or personnel who are not within the Purchasing Agent's Office;
- E. Failure to meet the mandatory requirements of this request for proposal; and/or
- F. Evidence of collusion among proposers.

**9. RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS SPECIFICATIONS**

It is the responsibility of the prospective proposer to review the entire request for proposal packet and to notify the Purchasing Agent if the specifications are formulated in a manner that would restrict competition or appear ambiguous. Any protest or question(s) regarding the specifications or proposal procedures must be received in the Purchasing Agent's Office not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time set for proposal opening. Proposers are to submit their proposal as specified herein or propose an approved equal.

**10. SUBSTITUTES/DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT**

Any brand name or manufacturer reference used herein is intended to be descriptive and not restrictive, unless otherwise noted, and is used to indicate the type and quality of material. The term "or equal" if used, identifies commercially produced items that have the essential performance and salient characteristics of the brand name stated in the item description. All supplies, material, or equipment shall be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. For clarification, "new" includes products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items and additionally see Section 63 of these General Provisions on contracts involving federal funds. It is not the County's intent to discriminate against any materials or equipment of equal merit to those specified. However, if proposer desires to use any substitutions, prior written approval must be obtained from the Purchasing Agent and sufficiently in advance such that an addendum may be issued. All material supplied must be one hundred percent (100%) asbestos free. Proposer, by submission of its proposal, certifies that if awarded any portion of this procurement, the proposer will supply only material and equipment that is 100% asbestos free.

**11. EXCEPTIONS TO PROPOSAL**

The proposer will list on a separate sheet of paper any exceptions to the conditions of this request for proposal. This sheet will be labeled, "Exceptions to Proposal Conditions", and will be attached to the proposal. If no exceptions are stated, it will be understood that all general and special conditions will be complied with, without exception.

The proposer must specify in its proposal any alternatives it wishes to propose for consideration by the County. Each alternative should be sufficiently described and labeled within the proposal and should indicate its possible or actual advantage to the program being offered.

The County reserves the right to offer these alternatives to other proposers.

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**12. PRICING**

Proposals will be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on the proposal sheet. The net priced items will be delivered to Galveston County, including all freight, shipping, and delivery charges.

Cash discount must be shown on the proposal, otherwise prices will be considered net. Unless prices and all information requested are complete, the proposal may be disregarded and given no consideration.

In case of default by the contractor, the County of Galveston may procure the articles or services from other sources and may deduct from any monies due, or that may thereafter become due to the contractor, the difference between the price named in the contract of purchase order and the actual cost thereof to the County of Galveston. Prices paid by the County of Galveston shall be considered the prevailing market price at the time such purchase is made. Periods of performance may be extended if the facts as to the cause of delay justify such extension in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent and the Commissioners' Court.

**13. PROCUREMENT CARD (P-CARD) PROGRAM**

The County of Galveston participates in a Procurement Card (P-Card) program that allows payments made to a vendor by credit card. This method typically results in substantially faster bill payments, sometimes within three (3) to five (5) days of the actual transaction date. All transaction fees from the card provider are to be paid by the successful contractor. If your company will accept payment via credit card (Visa, MasterCard), please notate this in your Proposal submittal.

**14. PASS THROUGH COST ADJUSTMENTS**

Except in instances of extreme extenuating circumstances, Contractor prices shall remain firm throughout the contract period and any renewals. Examples of extreme extenuating circumstances include such situations as a nationwide rail strike, oil shortage or oil embargo.

In extreme extenuating circumstances, Contractors may be allowed to temporarily "pass through" additional costs they are forced to incur through no fault of their own. A request for a pass through cost increase will not be considered unless a Contractor's cost for the Contractor's product exceeds 10% over the original cost for the product. Also, the increase in cost must be nationwide and consistent for a minimum period of sixty (60) calendar days. Costs that historically are anticipated to rise over a period of time (for example only, such as wages or insurance costs) do not qualify for pass through. If a Contractor thinks he will be asking for a pass through cost adjustment during the term of the contract, then the original cost of the product to Contractor must be stated in Contractor's original proposal.

A request for a pass through cost does not guarantee that one will be granted. Contractors must submit such information on each request as required by the County Purchasing Agent. The County Purchasing Agent will review each request on a case-by-case basis and if valid submit the request to the Commissioners Court for authorization and determination of the appropriateness of each request as well as amount and duration of increase. Contractors will not be permitted any additional compensation for mark-ups or profits based on the increase in price. Rather, such additional compensation will be limited to the actual increase in original cost to the Contractor as such increase is reflected by the original cost stated in the bid. But in no event will the amount of additional compensation exceed 25% increase in Contractor's original cost for the product as such cost is reflected in Contractor's original proposal or the duration exceed a period of sixty (60) calendar days. In addition should the cost, during the period of the pass through, return to normal or decrease to below pre pass through prices, appropriate downward adjustments shall be made. No more than one pass through adjustment will be permitted per year.

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**15. MODIFICATION OF PROPOSALS**

A proposer may modify a proposal by letter at any time prior to the submission deadline for receipt of proposals. Modification requests must be received by the Purchasing Agent prior to the submission deadline. Modifications made before opening time must be initialed by proposer guaranteeing authenticity. Proposals may not be amended or altered after the official opening with the single exception that any product literature and/or supporting data required by the actual specifications, if any, will be accepted at any time prior to the Commissioners Court considering of same.

**16. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE**

A pre-proposal conference for the purpose of discussing contract requirements and answering questions of prospective proposers may be conducted in this procurement. A pre-proposal conference may be mandatory or voluntary. If the pre-proposal conference is mandatory, then the County is authorized to condition acceptance of a proposal on compliance with attendance. The Special Provisions of this procurement shall specify if a pre-proposal conference is to be held and shall specify whether the pre-proposal conference is mandatory or voluntary. Regardless of whether the pre-proposal conference is mandatory or voluntary, only a principal, officer, or employee of the proposer may represent the proposer at the pre-proposal conference and no person may represent more than one proposer at the pre-proposal conference.

**17. SIGNATURE OF PROPOSALS**

Each proposal shall give the complete name of the proposer and the mailing address of the proposer and be signed by an authorized representative by original signature with the authorized representative's name and legal title typed below the signature line. Each proposal shall include the proposer's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). Failure to sign the Contract page(s) and proposal response sheets may disqualify the proposal from being considered by the County. The person signing on behalf of the proposer expressly affirms that the person is duly authorized to tender the proposal on behalf of the proposer and to sign the proposal sheets and contract under the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal and to bind the proposer hereto and further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect until it is properly placed on the Commissioners Court agenda, approved in open Court, authorized to be executed by the County Judge, and fully executed by both parties.

**18. AWARD OF PROPOSALS – EVALUATION CRITERIA AND FACTORS**

The award will be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined to be the lowest and best evaluated offer demonstrating the best ability to fulfill the requirements set forth in this Request for Proposal. **The proposed cost to the County will be considered firm and cannot be altered after the submission deadline, unless the County invokes its right to request a best and final offer.**

"Lowest and best" means a bid or offer providing the best value considering associated direct and indirect costs, including transport, maintenance, reliability, life cycle, warranties, and customer service after a sale.

In determining the lowest and best bid for a contract for the purchase of earth-moving, material-handling, road maintenance, or construction equipment, the Commissioners Court may also consider the information submitted under Section 262.0255 of the Local Government Code; and in determining the lowest and best bid for a contract for the purchase of road construction material, the Commissioners Court may consider the pickup and delivery locations

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of the bidders and the cost to the county of delivering or hauling the material to be purchased. The Commissioners Court may award contracts for the purchase of road construction material to more than one bidder if each of the selected bidders submits the lowest and best bid for a particular location or type of material.

Each proposer, by submitting a proposal, agrees that if its' proposal is accepted by the Commissioners Court, the proposer will furnish all items and services upon which prices have been tendered and upon the terms and conditions in this proposal, including but not limited to the best and final offer if applicable, and the contract.

The contractor shall commence work only after the transmittal of a fully executed contract and after receiving written notification to proceed from the County Purchasing Agent. The contractor will perform all services indicated in the proposal in compliance with this contract.

Neither department heads nor elected officials are authorized to sign any binding contracts or agreements prior to being properly placed on the Commissioners' Court agenda and approved in open court. Department heads and other elected officials are not authorized to enter into any type of agreement or contract on behalf of Galveston County. Only the Commissioners Court, acting as a body, may enter into a contract on behalf of the County. Additionally, department heads and other elected officials are not authorized to agree to any type of supplemental agreements or contracts for goods or services. Supplemental agreements are subject to review by the County Legal Department prior to being signed by the County's authorized representatives.

The County of Galveston reserves the right to accept proposals on individual items listed, or group items, or on the proposal as a whole; to reject any and all proposals; to waive any informality in the proposals; to disregard proposals that are not submitted timely; to disregard the proposals of proposers determined to be not responsible; and to accept the proposal that appears to be in the best interest of the County. The selection process may, however, include a request for additional information or an oral presentation to support the written proposal.

In determining and evaluating the best proposal, the pricing may not necessarily be controlling, but quality, equality, efficiency, utility, general terms, delivery, suitability of the service offered, and the reputation of the service in general use will also be considered along with any other relevant items. The Commissioners Court shall be the sole judge in the determination of these matters.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this Request for Proposal and may discontinue its efforts under this Request for Proposal for any reason or no reason or solely for the County's convenience at any time prior to actual execution of the contract by the County.

**A Proposer whose proposal does not meet the mandatory requirements set forth in this request for proposal will be considered non-compliant.**

The invitation to submit a proposal which appears in the newspaper, or other authorized advertising mediums, these general provisions, the specifications which follow, the proposal sheets, and any addenda issued are all considered part of the proposal.

Each proposer, by submitting a proposal, agrees that if its proposal is accepted by the Commissioners Court, such proposer will furnish all items and services upon the terms and conditions in this request for proposal and the resultant contract.

Notice of contract award is anticipated to be made within ninety (90) days of opening of proposals to the lowest responsive and responsible contractor, whose proposal complies with all the requirements in the request for proposal.



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Contractor shall submit to the County, for approval, within ten (10) days from notice of contract award, all Certificates of Insurance evidencing the required coverage as described under Section 37, Requirement of and Proof of Insurance, or if different, then as described within the Special Provisions or resultant contract.

The contractor shall not commence work under these terms and conditions of the contract until all applicable Purchase Orders, Certificates of Insurance, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Irrevocable Letters of Credit (if required) have been approved by the County of Galveston and the Contractor has received notice to proceed in writing and an executed copy of the contract from the County Purchasing Agent.

**19. DISPUTE AFTER AWARD/PROTEST**

Any actual or prospective Proposer who is allegedly aggrieved in connection with this procurement or award of a contract resulting therefrom may protest. The protest shall be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Agent within seven (7) calendar days after such aggrieved person knows of or should have known of the facts giving rise thereto. If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the Purchasing Agent will promptly issue a decision in writing to the protestant. If the protestant wishes to appeal the decision rendered by the Purchasing Agent, such appeal must be made to the Commissioners Court through the Purchasing Agent. The decision of the Commissioners Court will be final. The Commissioners Court need not consider protests unless this procedure is followed.

**20. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT (f/k/a Open Records Act)**

The proposer acknowledges that the County is a government body for purposes of the Public Information Act, codified as Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, and as such is required to release information in accordance with the provisions of the Public Information Act.

**If proposer considers any of its submitted information to be proprietary in nature, trade secret, or otherwise confidential, then it must clearly and conspicuously mark such information as proprietary, trade, secret, or confidential. By the submission of its proposal, proposer expressly affirms that it has clearly and conspicuously marked any information within its submission that proposer considers confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret.**

In the event the County receives a request for information under the Public Information Act seeking information that the proposer has marked as confidential, proprietary, and /or trade secret, then the County agrees that it shall provide notice to the proposer of the request for information and the request for decision process under the Public Information Act. Thus, the County will submit the initial correspondence to the Texas Attorney General – however, the burden is and shall be on the proposer to submit correspondence to the Attorney General if the proposer wishes its information to be withheld. Proposer is deemed to have knowledge of the Public Information Act. **By the submission of its proposal, proposer expressly acknowledges that the burden to withhold its' information from public disclosure lays with the proposer;** thus, proposer further acknowledges and agrees that it shall submit comments to the Texas Attorney General in the request for decision process if proposer wishes to have its' information withheld from public disclosure.

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**21. PROPOSER'S E-MAIL ADDRESSES – CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE**

Notwithstanding the foregoing Section 20, proposer acknowledges and agrees that the confidentiality of any and all email addresses proposer uses or discloses in communicating with the County are **open** to the public in accordance with Section 552.137 of the Government Code and proposer consents to the release of its email addresses.

**22. RESULTANT CONTRACT**

Proposer shall correctly and fully execute the resultant contract first. After this, the contract shall be set for consideration by the Commissioners Court. If the Commissioners Court authorizes the execution of the contract, the resultant contract shall become effective upon the Commissioners Court execution of same, provided that the contract is executed by all parties to the contract. Contract documents shall consist of the contract, the General and Special Provisions, drawings, proposal package (including best and final offer(s) if such is utilized), any addenda issued, and any change orders issued during the work. If applicable to the attached proposal, proposer must sign three (3) original contracts and return all three with their proposal submittal.

Proposer should submit a proposed contract with its proposal or its sample material terms and conditions for review and consideration.

**23. CONTRACT TERM**

The term of the resultant contract will begin on the date of full execution or the execution by the Commissioners Court, whichever is later, and will terminate on the date specified in the resultant contract unless terminated earlier as herein set forth.

**24. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT**

Failure of either party in the performance of any of the provisions of this contract shall constitute a breach of contract, in which case either party may require corrective action within ten (10) business days from date of receipt of written notice citing the exact nature of such breach. Failure of the party being notified to take corrective action within the prescribed ten (10) business days, or failure to provide written reply of why no breach has occurred, shall constitute a Default of Contract.

All notices relating to default by proposer of the provisions of the contract shall be issued by the County through its Legal Department, and all replies shall be made in writing to the County Legal Department. Notices issued by or issued to anyone other than the County Legal Department shall be null and void and shall be considered as not having been issued or received.

Galveston County reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law in the event of breach or default of this contract, and may contract with another party, with or without solicitation of proposals or further negotiations. At a minimum, proposer shall be required to pay any difference in service or materials, should it become necessary to contract with another source, plus reasonable administrative costs and attorney fees.

In the event of Termination for Default, Galveston County, its agents or representatives shall not be liable for loss of any profits anticipated to be made by proposer.

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In addition to the remedies stated herein, the County has the right to pursue other remedies permitted by law or in equity.

No waiver by either party of any event of default under this agreement shall operate as a waiver of any subsequent default under the terms of this agreement.

County reserves the right to terminate this contract immediately in the event proposer:

- A. Fails to meet delivery or completion schedules; and/or
- B. Fails to otherwise perform in accordance with the accepted proposal and the contract.

**25. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

County may terminate this contract upon at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice for its convenience or for any reason deemed by the County to serve the public interest. As well, County may terminate this contract upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice for any reason resulting from any governmental law, order, ordinance, regulation, or court order. In no event shall County be liable for loss of any profits anticipated to be made hereunder by proposer should this contract be terminated early.

**26. FORCE MAJEURE**

If by reason of Force Majeure either Party shall be rendered unable, wholly or in part, to carry out its responsibilities under this contract by any occurrence by reason of Force Majeure, then the Party unable to carry out its responsibility shall give the other Party notice and full particulars of such Force Majeure in writing within a reasonable time after the occurrence of the event, and such notice shall suspend the Party's responsibility for the continuance of the Force Majeure claimed, but for no longer period.

Force Majeure means acts of God, floods, hurricanes, tropical storms, tornadoes, earthquakes, or other natural disasters, acts of a public enemy, acts of terrorism, sovereign conduct, riots, civil commotion, strikes or lockouts, and other causes that are not occasioned by either Party's conduct which by the exercise of due diligence the Party is unable to overcome and which substantially interferes with operations.

**27. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

Any reference to quantities shown in the request for proposal is an estimate only. Since the exact quantities cannot be predetermined, the County reserves the right to adjust quantities as deemed necessary to meet its requirements.

**28. CONTRACTOR INVESTIGATION**

Before submitting a proposal, each proposer shall make all investigations and examinations necessary to ascertain all site conditions and requirements affecting the full performance of the contract and to verify any representations made by the County upon which the contractor will rely. Proposer shall exercise due diligence and is further charged with knowledge of the local, State, and Federal laws, rules, and regulations applicable to this contract. If the proposer receives an award as a result of its proposal submission in this procurement, the proposer's failure to have made such investigations and examinations will in no way relieve the proposer from its obligation to comply in every detail with

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all provisions and requirements of the contract, nor will a plea of ignorance of such conditions and requirements be accepted as a basis for any claim whatsoever by the contractor for additional compensation and/or for excused nonperformance.

**29. NO COMMITMENT BY COUNTY OF GALVESTON**

This request for procurement does not commit the County of Galveston to award any costs or pay any costs, or to award any contract, or to pay any costs associated with or incurred in the preparation of a proposal in response to this request for proposal and does not commit the County of Galveston to procure or contract for services or supplies.

**30. PROPOSAL COSTS BORNE BY PROPOSER**

Galveston County shall not be liable for any costs incurred by proposer in preparation, production, or submission of a proposal, including but not limited to best and final offer if applicable. As well, Galveston County shall not be liable for any work performed by proposer prior to issuance of fully executed contract and properly issued notice to proceed. Galveston County shall not be liable for any costs incurred by proposer by reason of attending a pre-proposal conference. Galveston County shall not be liable for any costs incurred by proposer by reason of the County invoking use of best and final offers.

**31. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS (BAFO)**

In acceptance of proposals, the County reserves the right to negotiate further with one or more of the proposers as to any features of their proposals and to accept modifications of the work and price when such action will be in the best interest of the County. This includes, but is not limited to, the solicitation of a Best and Final Offer from one or more of the proposers. If a Best and Final Offer is invoked, this allows acceptable proposers the opportunity to amend, change, or supplement their original proposal. Proposers may be contacted in writing by the Purchasing Agent, requesting that they submit their Best and Final Offer. Any such Best and Final Offer must include discussed and negotiated changes.

**32. SINGLE PROPOSAL RESPONSE**

If only one proposal is received in response to the request for proposal, a detailed cost proposal may be requested of the single proposer. A cost/price analysis and evaluation and/or audit may be performed of the cost proposal in order to determine if the price is fair and reasonable.

**33. CHANGES IN SPECIFICATIONS**

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this proposal, a written notice of such revision will be provided to all proposers in the form of addenda. The County is not bound by any oral representations, clarifications, or changes made in the written specifications by the County's employees or officials, unless such clarification or change is provided to proposers in a written addendum from the Purchasing Agent. Proposers are advised to inquire prior to the submission deadline as to whether any addenda to this request for proposal have been issued, as the successful proposer will be required to abide by such addenda.

The County of Galveston reserves the right to revise or amend the specifications up to the time set for opening of proposals. Such revisions and amendments, if any, shall be announced by form of addenda. Copies of such addenda

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(or addendum in the event only one addendum is issued in the procurement) shall be furnished to all prospective contractors. Prospective contractors are defined as those contractors listed on the County's request for proposal list for this material/service or those who have obtained documents from the Purchasing Agent's Office subsequent to the advertisement. If revisions and amendments require changes in quantities or prices proposed, or both, the date set for opening of proposals may be postponed by such number of days as in the opinion of the County shall enable prospective contractors to revise their proposals. In any case, the proposal opening shall be at least seven (7) business days after the last revising or amendment addendum and the addendum shall include an announcement of the new date, if applicable, for the opening of proposals.

**34. PROPOSAL IDEAS AND CONCEPTS**

The County reserves to itself the right to adopt or use for its benefit, any concept, plan, or idea contained in any proposal.

**35. PROPOSAL DISCLOSURES**

While this procurement is pending, the names of those who submitted proposals will not be made public unless in conformity with the County Purchasing Act. Likewise, no pricing, staffing, or other contents of the proposal information will be released unless in conformity with the County Purchasing Act. Proposers are requested to withhold all inquiries regarding their proposal or other submissions until after an award is made. No communication is to be had with any County employee or official, other than the County Purchasing Agent, regarding whether a proposal was received - violations of this provision may result in the rejection of a proposal.

**36. INDEMNIFICATION**

The contractor agrees to assume all risks and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless, the County of Galveston, its elected and appointed officials and department heads, and its agents and employees from and against all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments, and costs and expenses including reasonable attorney's fees for the defense thereof, arising out of or in connection therewith on account of the loss of life, property or injury or damage to the person which shall arise from contractor's operations under this contract, its use of County facilities and/or equipment or from any other breach on the part of the contractor, its employees, agents or any person(s), in or about the County's facilities with the expressed or implied consent of the County. Contractor shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against Galveston County resulting from contractor's operations under this contract.

Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless from all claims of subcontractors, laborers incurred in the performance of this contract. Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of this nature herein above designated have been paid, discharged or waived. If Contractor fails to do so, then the County reserves the right to pay unpaid bills of which County has written notice direct and withhold from Contractor's unpaid compensation a sum of money reasonably sufficient to liquidate any and all such lawful claims.

**37. REQUIREMENT OF AND PROOF OF INSURANCE**

The successful proposer shall furnish evidence of insurance to the County Purchasing Agent and shall maintain such insurance as required hereunder or as may be required in the Special Provisions or resultant contract, if different. Contractor shall obtain and thereafter continuously maintain in full force and effect, commercial general liability

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insurance, including but not limited to bodily injury, property damage, and contractual liability, with combined single limits as listed below or as may be required by State or Federal law, whichever is greater.

- A. For damages arising out of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident :  
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$100,000.00) DOLLARS.
- B. For damages arising out of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident:  
THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$300,000.00) DOLLARS.
- C. For any injury to or destruction of property in any one accident :  
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$100,000.00) DOLLARS.

**Insurance shall be placed with insurers having an A.M. Best's rating of no less than A.** Such insurance must be issued by a casualty company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and in standard form approved by the Board of Insurance Commissioners of the State of Texas, with coverage provisions insuring the public from loss or damage that may arise to any person or property by reason of services rendered by Contractor.

**Galveston County shall be listed as the additional insured on policy certificates and shall be provided with no less than thirty (30) calendar days prior notice of any changes to the policy during the contractual period.**

Certificates of Insurance, fully executed by a licensed representative of the insurance company written or countersigned by an authorized Texas state agency, shall be filed with the County Purchasing Agent within ten (10) business days of issuance of notification from the County Purchasing Agent to proposer that the contract is being activated as written proof of such insurance and further provided that proposer shall not commence work under this contract until it has obtained all insurance required herein, provided written proof as required herein, and received written notice to proceed issued from the County Purchasing Agent.

Proof of renewal/replacement coverage shall be provided prior to the expiration, termination, or cancellation date of any policy and Galveston County shall be named as an additional insured on any such renewal/replacement coverage and a certificate of insurance showing such shall be provided to the Purchasing Agent. Said insurance shall not be cancelled, permitted to expire, or changed without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County.

Insurance required herein shall be maintained in full force and effect during the life of this contract and shall be issued on an occurrence basis. Contractor shall require that any and all subcontractors that are not protected under the Contractor's own insurance policies take and maintain insurance of the same nature and in the same amounts as required of Contractor and provide written proof of such insurance to Contractor. Proof of renewed/replacement coverage shall be provided prior to the expiration, termination, or cancellation date of any policy. Contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on the subcontract until such insurance required for the subcontractor has been obtained and approved.

**Workers' Compensation Insurance:** Successful proposer shall carry in full force Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy(ies), if there is more than one employee, for all its' employees, including but not limited to full time, part time, and emergency employees employed by the successful proposer. Current insurance certificates certifying that such policies as specified above are in full force and effect shall be furnished by successful proposer to the County.

Insurance is to be placed with insurers having a Best rating of no less than A. The proposer shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and original endorsements affecting coverage required by these insurance clauses within ten (10) business days of receiving notification from the County Purchasing Agent that the contract is being activated. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to

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bind coverage on its behalf. The proposer shall be required to submit annual renewals for the term of this contract prior to expiration of any policy.

In addition to the remedies stated herein, the County has the right to pursue other remedies permitted by law or in equity.

The County agrees to provide proposer with reasonable and timely notice of any claim, demand, or cause of action made or brought against the County arising out of or related to utilization of the property. Proposer shall have the right to defend any such claim, demand, or cause of action at its sole cost and expense and within its sole and exclusive discretion. The County agrees not to compromise or settle any claim or cause of action arising out of or related to the utilization of the property without the prior written consent of the proposer.

In no event shall the County be liable for any damage to or destruction of any property belonging to the proposer.

**Subrogation Waiver.** Proposer and proposer's insurance carrier waive any and all rights to subrogation against Galveston County in regard to any suit or claim arising out of personal injury or property damage resulting from proposer's performance under this agreement.

### **38. PROPOSAL GUARANTEE**

Unless specified differently within the Special Provisions of this procurement, each proposer shall be required to submit a proposal guarantee with its proposal as required within this Section.

Evidencing its firm commitment to engage in contract if proposer is selected for award of contract, each proposer is required to furnish with their bid a cashier's check or an acceptable proposer's bond (generally, a bid bond) in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total contract price. If proposer is using a bond, then the bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas. Failure to furnish the proposal guarantee in the proper form and amount, by the time set for opening of proposals may be cause for rejection of the proposal.

The cashier's check or proposer bond (as applicable) will be returned to each respective unsuccessful proposer(s) subsequent to the Commissioners Court award of contract, and shall be returned to the successful proposer upon the completion and submission of all contract documents. Provided however, that the cashier's check or proposer bond will be forfeited to the County as liquidated damages should successful proposer fail to execute the contract within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of the acceptance of its proposal.

### **39. PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS (if required)**

Successful proposer, before beginning work, shall execute a performance bond and a payment bond, each of which must be in the amount of the contract. The required payment and performance bonds must each be executed by a corporate surety authorized to write surety bonds in the State of Texas and in accordance with Chapter 3503 of the Insurance Code (codified in 2005 and originally within Section 1, Chapter 87, Acts of the 56<sup>th</sup> Leg., R.S., 1959, and in Article 7.19-1, Vernon's Texas Insurance Code).

The performance and payment bonds must each clearly and prominently display on the bond or on an attachment to the bond:

- a.) The name, mailing address, physical address, and telephone number, including the area code, of the surety company to which any notice of claim should be sent; or
- b.) The toll-free telephone number maintained by the Texas Department of Insurance under Subchapter B, Chapter

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521, Insurance Code, and a statement that the address of the surety company to which any notice of claim should be sent may be obtained from the Texas Department of Insurance by calling the toll free-telephone number.

The performance bond shall be solely for the protection of Galveston County, in the full amount of the contract, and conditioned on the faithful performance of the work in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contract documents. The payment bond is solely for the protection and use of payment bond beneficiaries who have a direct contractual relationship with the prime contractor or a subcontractor to supply labor or material, and in the amount of the contract.

The payment and performance bonds required to be furnished herein must be furnished before the contractor begins work and are a requirement for issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Such bonds must be furnished to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the full execution of the contract or, if applicable, as required under Chapter 2253, Government Code, whichever is earlier. Contractor's failure to provide the required payment and performance bonds within such time period shall constitute an event of default under this contract. Contractor shall not commence work until all applicable certificates of insurance, performance bonds, and payment bonds have been received and approved by the County Purchasing Agent and the Contractor receives notice to proceed in writing that has been issued by the County Purchasing Agent.

Additionally, if this request for proposal is for the award of a public works contract, then compliance with Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code, which is known as the McGregor Act, is mandatory. Performance and payment bonds are required to be furnished in accordance with Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code. Proposer should familiarize itself with the entire provisions of Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code.

#### **40. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT PROTECTION**

The proposer agrees at its sole expense to protect the County from claims involving infringement of patents, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property rights. **Proposer shall indemnify and save harmless the County of Galveston, its officers, employees, and agents, from liability of any nature and kind whatsoever, including without limitation cost and expenses, for or on account of any copyrighted, trademarked, trade secret, patented or un-patented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, or other intellectual property rights, including its use by the County.** Proposer also agrees that if proposer is awarded this contract, that no work performed hereunder shall be subject to patent, copyright, or other intellectual property by proposer.

#### **41. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE REPORTING (FORM CIQ)**

Proposer may be required under Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code to complete and file a conflict of interest questionnaire (CIQ Form). The CIQ Form pertains to business relationship, gift giving and family relationship reporting. If proposer is required to file a CIQ Form, then the completed CIQ Form must be filed with the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas.

**Business relationship.** If proposer has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of Galveston County or with a family member of a local government officer of Galveston County that results in the officer or family member of the officer receiving taxable income that exceeds \$2,500.00 during the preceding 12-month period, then proposer **MUST** complete a CIQ Form and file the original of the CIQ Form with the County Clerk of Galveston County.

**Gift-giving.** If proposer has given a local government officer of Galveston County or a family member of a local government officer of Galveston County one or more gifts with an aggregate value of more than one-hundred dollars



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(\$100.00) during the preceding 12-months, then proposer **MUST** complete a CIQ Form and file the original of the CIQ Form with the County Clerk of Galveston County.

**Family member.** For purposes of the business relationship and gift giving reporting requirements, a “family member” means a person related to another person with the first degree of consanguinity or affinity, as described by Subchapter B, Chapter 573, Texas Government Code. Examples of persons within the first degree by consanguinity or affinity include a son, daughter, father, mother, spouse, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, stepson, stepdaughter, stepmother, and stepfather.

**Family relationship.** If proposer has a “family relationship” with a local government officer of Galveston County then proposer **MUST** complete a CIQ Form and file the original of the CIQ Form with the County Clerk of Galveston County, regardless of whether proposer has a business relationship or has given gifts to the local government officer or a family member of the local government officer. For this purpose, “family relationship” means proposer is related within the third degree by consanguinity or the second degree by affinity, as those terms are defined under Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code, to a local government officer of Galveston County. Examples of such relationships include a son, daughter, mother, father, brother, sister, grandchild, great-grandchild, grandparent, great-grandparent, niece, nephew, uncle, aunt, spouse, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, spouse’s grandchild, spouse’s grandparent, grandparent’s spouse, grandchild’s spouse, stepson, stepdaughter, stepmother, and stepfather.

Proposer must file its original CIQ Form with the Galveston County Clerk. The Galveston County Clerk has offices at the following locations:

**Galveston County Clerk**  
Galveston County Justice Center, Suite 2001  
600 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
Galveston, Texas 77551

**Galveston County Clerk**  
North County Annex, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
174 Calder Road  
League City, Texas 77573

Again, if proposer is required to file a CIQ Form, the original completed form is filed with the Galveston County Clerk (**not the Purchasing Agent**).

For proposer’s convenience, a blank CIQ Form is enclosed with this proposal package. Blank CIQ Form(s) may also be obtained by visiting the Purchasing Agent’s website – this website is linked from the Galveston County homepage, at <http://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov>.

Chapter 176 specifies deadlines for the filing of CIQ Forms (both initial filings and updated filings).

It is proposer’s sole responsibility to file a true and complete CIQ Form with the Galveston County Clerk if proposer is required to file by the requirements of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code. Proposer is advised that it is an offense to fail to comply with the disclosure reporting requirements dictated under Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code, and the failure to file may be grounds to void the contract, if proposer is awarded a contract.

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If proposer has any questions about compliance with Chapter 176, proposer may wish to consult its' legal counsel. Compliance is the individual responsibility of each person, business, and agent who is subject to Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code.

**42. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES/FORM 1295**

Under Section 2252.908 of the Government Code, any business entity that enters into a contract with Galveston County that requires the approval of the Commissioners Court must submit a "Disclosure of Interested Parties" to the County prior to the execution of the contract. This form, the "Disclosure of Interested Parties" form was promulgated by the Texas Ethics Commission, and is the "Form 1295". **This procurement is subject to these requirements.**

The Texas Ethics Commission was charged with promulgating rules to implement Section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission are located at Sections 46.1, 46.3, and 46.5 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code. Thus, the law covering these requirements is located at Section 2252.908 of the Government Code, and in Title 1, Sections 46.1, 46.3, and 46.5 of the Texas Administrative Code.

The Texas Ethics Commission's website is: [www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us). The area of the Texas Ethics Commission website pertaining to Form 1295 is:

[www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm).

**Form 1295 must be completed electronically through the Texas Ethics Commission website** (handwritten forms are not allowable). Once the business entity has completed their electronic filing of Form 1295, then the business entity must print out the electronically completed form, and sign and notarize the Form 1295. Once Form 1295 is signed and notarized, the business entity must submit their completed, signed, and notarized Form 1295 to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent.

**Successful Proposer is and shall be subject to these requirements, and no resultant contract may be executed by the Commissioners Court until the completed, signed, and notarized Form 1295 is on file with the County Purchasing Agent.**

**No portion of the Form 1295 process commits the County to any type of award of contract whatsoever.**

After the Purchasing Agent's Office receives the completed, signed, and notarized Form 1295, the Purchasing Agent's Office will, within 30 days, go the Texas Ethics Commission website to submit electronic confirmation of the County's receipt of the completed, signed, and notarized Form 1295.

**43. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS & REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER IN SAM**

Proposer certifies that neither it, nor any of its Principals, are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, disqualified, excluded, or in any way declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency. Contractor agrees that it shall refund Galveston County for any payments made to Contractor while ineligible. Contractor acknowledges that Contractor's uncured failure to perform under this Agreement, if such should occur, may result in Contractor being debarred from performing additional work for the County, the respecting State Agency administering the grant funding the contract, if applicable, the State, FEMA or HUD (as applicable), and other Federal and State

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entities. Further, proposer has executed the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters and returned the fully completed and executed original certification with the submission of its proposal. **The truthful and fully completed and executed original of the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters must be included with the submission of proposer's proposal and is a mandatory requirement of this request for proposal. Proposer's failure to include the fully completed and executed original of this Certification shall be considered non-compliance with the requirements of this request for proposal and grounds for the rejection of proposer's proposal.** Proposer shall immediately notify the County Purchasing Agent if it becomes debarred or suspended, placed on the Consolidated List of Debarred Contractors, or in any other way becomes ineligible for award of contract by any Federal agency. This Certification is a material fact relied upon by Galveston County; if it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, in addition to the remedies available to Galveston County and the State agency administering this grant, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment of contractor.

If the contract to be awarded pursuant to this procurement involves the use of Federal funds, then proposer must also be registered in the Federal Contractor Registry through the System for Award Management (SAM) to be eligible for award of contract pursuant to this procurement.

Information regarding the SAM is available at:

<http://www.federalcontractorregistry.com/?gclid=CIG1hf2rr8wCFYkCaQoducANZw> or at  
<https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1>.

No contract involving the use of Federal funds may be awarded to any proposer unless and until such registration is current and in good standing under SAM. Successful proposer must maintain SAM registration throughout the entire term of the agreement with the County. If this contract involves the use of Federal funds, then proposer must enclose proof of such SAM registration within its response, which is also a mandatory requirement of this procurement; failure to enclose such proof shall be considered non-compliance with the requirements of this procurement and grounds for the rejection of proposer's response to this procurement (i.e., bid, proposal, or qualifications statement, as applicable).

**44. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

The County specifically reserves any claim it may have to sovereign, qualified, or official immunity as a defense to any action arising in conjunction with this contract.

**45. CONTROLLING LAW AND VENUE**

Proposer acknowledges and agrees that the contract is and shall be governed and construed by the laws of the State of Texas and that venue shall lie exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction in Galveston County, Texas.

**46. MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS**

The Proposer shall be required to notify the County of any potential for merger or acquisition of which there is knowledge at the time that a proposal is submitted.

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If subsequent to the award of any contract resulting from this request for proposal the proposer shall merge or be acquired by another firm, the following documents must be submitted to the County:

- A. Corporate resolutions prepared by the awarded Bidder and the new entity ratifying acceptance of the original contract, terms, conditions and prices;
- B. New entity's Federal Identification Number (FEIN);
- C. New entity's proposed operating plans;
- D. New entity's proof of registration in SAM for contracts involving Federal funds;
- E. New entity's certification regarding debarment;
- F. New entity's certification regarding lobbying; and
- G. W-9 Form for new entity

Moreover, proposer is required to provide the County with notice of any anticipated merger or acquisition as soon as proposer has actual knowledge of the anticipated merger or acquisition. The New Proposer's proposed plan of operation must be submitted prior to merger to allow time for submission of such plan to the Commissioners' Court for its approval.

**47. DELAYS**

The County reserves the right to delay the scheduled commencement date of the contract if it is to the advantage of the County. There shall be no additional costs attributed to these delays should any occur. Proposer agrees it will make no claims for damages, for damages for lost revenues, for damages caused by breach of contract with third parties, or any other claim by proposer attributed to these delays, should any occur. In addition, proposer agrees that any contract it enters into with any third party in anticipation of the commencement of the contract will contain a statement that the third party will similarly make no claim for damages based on delay of the scheduled commencement date of the contract.

**48. ACCURACY OF DATA**

Information and data provided through this request for proposal are believed to be reasonably accurate.

**49. SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT**

Proposer shall not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer its contract in whole or in part without prior written permission of the County acting by and through its Commissioners' Court. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the proposer of any of its responsibilities under this contract.

**50. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Proposer expressly acknowledges that it is an independent contractor. Nothing in this agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an agency relationship, an employer/employee relationship, a joint venture relationship, or any other relationship allowing County to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which proposer or proposer's subcontractors perform in providing the requirements stated in the request for proposal.

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**51. MONITORING PERFORMANCE**

The County shall have the unfettered right to monitor and audit the proposer's work in every respect. In this regard, the proposer shall provide its full cooperation and insure the cooperation of its employees, agents, assigns, and subcontractors. Further, the proposer shall make available for inspection and/or copying when requested, original data, records, and accounts relating to the proposer's work and performance under this contract. In the event any such material is not held by the proposer in its original form, a true copy shall be provided.

**52. SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

State law prohibits the obligation and expenditure of public funds beyond the fiscal year for which a budget has been approved by the Commissioners Court. Galveston County anticipates this to be an integral part of future budgets to be approved during the periods of this contract, except for unanticipated needs or events which may prevent such payments against this contract. However, Galveston County cannot guarantee the availability of funds, and enters into this contract only to the extent such funds are made available through appropriation (allocation) by the Commissioners Court. This contract shall not be construed as creating any debt on behalf of the County of Galveston in violation of TEX. CONST. art. XI, § 7, and it is understood that all obligations of Galveston County are subject to the availability of funds.

**53. CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO GRANT FUNDING**

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the contract to be awarded by this procurement is funded with Federal or State grant funds, the proposer acknowledges that the obligations of the County under the contract are contingent upon the continued availability of grant funding to meet the County's obligations. If the grant(s) to the County is reduced, de-obligated, or otherwise discontinued or terminated, Contractor agrees that the County may immediately terminate the contract without penalty or any liability whatsoever on the part of the County, the State, or the Federal awarding agency.

**54. PROCUREMENT ETHICS**

Galveston County is committed to the highest ethical standards. Therefore, it is a serious breach of the public trust to subvert the public purchasing process by directing purchases to certain favored vendors, or to tamper with the competitive bidding process, whether it's done for kickbacks, friendship or any other reason. Since misuse of the purchasing power of a local government carries criminal penalties, and many such misuses are from a lack of clear guidelines about what constitutes an abuse of office, the Code of Ethics outlined below must be strictly followed.

Galveston County also requires ethical conduct from those who do business with the County.

**CODE OF ETHICS – Statement of Purchasing Policy:**

Public employment is a public trust. It is the policy of Galveston County to promote and balance the objective of protecting the County's integrity and the objective of facilitating the recruitment and retention of personnel needed by Galveston County. Such policy is implemented by prescribing essential standards of ethical conduct without creating unnecessary obstacles to entering public office.

Public employees must discharge their duties impartially so as to assure fair competitive access to governmental procurement by responsible contractors. Moreover, they should conduct themselves in such a manner as to foster public confidence in the integrity of the Galveston County procurement organization.

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To achieve the purpose of this Article, it is essential that those doing business with Galveston County also observe the ethical standards prescribed herein.

### **General Ethical Standards:**

It shall be a breach of ethics to attempt to realize personal gain through public employment with Galveston County by any conduct inconsistent with the proper discharge of the employee's duties.

It shall be a breach of ethics to attempt to influence any public employee of Galveston County to breach the standards of ethical conduct set forth in this code.

It shall be a breach of ethics for any employee of Galveston County to participate directly or indirectly in a procurement when the employee knows that:

- The employee or any member of the employee's family, has a financial interest pertaining to the procurement;
- A business or organization in which the employee or any member of the employee's family, has a financial interest pertaining to the procurement; or
- Any other person, business, or organization with which the employee or any member of the employee's family is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment is involved in the procurement.

### **Gratuities:**

It shall be a breach of ethics for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any employee or former employee of Galveston County, or for any employee or former employee of Galveston County to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or bid pending before this government.

### **Kickbacks:**

It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for Galveston County, or to any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a contract, subcontract or order.

### **Contract Clause:**

The prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks prescribed above shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation by Galveston County.

### **Confidential Information:**

It shall be a breach of ethics for any employee or former employee of Galveston County to knowingly use confidential information for actual or anticipated personal gain, or for the actual or anticipated gain of any other person.

### **Prohibition against Contingent Fees:**

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It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure a Galveston County contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business. Failure to abide by this section constitutes a breach of ethical standards.

**Representation:**

Proposer represents and warrants, by signing and submitting its proposal, that it has not retained anyone in violation of this section prohibiting contingent fees.

**Contract Clause:**

The representation prescribed above shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation thereof.

**55. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

Proposer certifies, by signing and submitting a proposal, that the proposal is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the proposal is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the contractor has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited another contractor to put in a false or sham proposal, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any contractor or anyone else to put in a sham proposal or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the contractor has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communications, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the contractor of any other proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the proposal price, or that of any other contractor, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract or anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the proposal are true; and further, that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her proposal price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any cooperation, partnership, company association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham proposal.

**A blank Non-Collusion Affidavit is included with this proposal packet. Proposer must enclose a truthful and fully executed original Non-Collusion Affidavit with the submission of its proposal. This is a mandatory requirement of this request for proposal. Failure to include the truthfully and fully executed Non-Collusion Affidavit in the submission of its proposal shall be considered non-compliance with the requirements of this request for proposal by the Proposer and grounds for the rejection of Proposer's submission.**

No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be initiated by any company as a result of any verbal discussion with any County employee prior to the opening of responses to this request for proposal.

No officer or employee of the County of Galveston, and no other public or elected official, or employee, who may exercise any function or responsibilities in the review or approval of this undertaking shall have any personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or negotiation process thereof. The above compliance request will be part of all County of Galveston contracts for this service.

**56. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

Proposer certifies that:

- a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the bidder, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence a department or employee of an agency, a member of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant,

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the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

- b. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence a department or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, a department or employee of congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the bidder shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying”, in accordance with its instructions.
- c. Proposer shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

The truthful and fully completed and executed original of the Certification Regarding Lobbying (included with bid packet) must be included with the submission of proposer’s proposal and is a mandatory requirement of this request for proposal. Proposer’s failure to include the fully completed and executed or original of this Certification shall be considered non-compliant with the requirements of this request for proposal and grounds for the rejection of the Proposer’s proposal. Submission of the certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into a contract with Proposer and is imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, United States Code. Further, any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

### 57. NON-DISCRIMINATION

- a. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** Proposer will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, genetic information or veteran status. Proposer will 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, sex, disability, genetic information or veteran status. 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. Proposer agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices of employment.

Proposer will, in all solicitation or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of proposer, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, genetic information, or veteran status.

Proposer will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by this Agreement so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

Proposer will include the provisions herein in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted.

- b. **Drug Free Work Place Act:** Proposer shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. § 8102, et seq.) and implementing regulations thereunder.



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- c. Americans with Disabilities Act: Proposer shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-136) and implementing regulations thereunder.
- d. OSHA Regulations: Proposer agrees to maintain and to display any applicable materials for its employees in accordance with OSHA regulations.
- e. Compliance with Immigration Laws and Use of E-Verify: Proposer agrees to comply with all requirements of the U.S. Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended, and any implementing regulations thereto. Proposer further agrees to utilize the E-Verify system through the Department of Homeland Security on its employees. Proposer shall not employ unauthorized aliens, and shall not assign services to be performed to any supplier or subcontractor who are unauthorized aliens. If any personnel performing any services hereunder are discovered to be an unauthorized alien, then Proposer will immediately remove such personnel from performing services hereunder and shall replace such personnel with personnel who are not unauthorized alien(s).
- f. State and Federal Law Compliance: Proposer agrees to comply with all other State and Federal laws and regulations applicable to the provision of services under this contract.

**58. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

Proposer shall keep and maintain all records associated with this contract for a minimum of five (5) years from the close of the contract or as required by Federal or State law or regulation, whichever period is longer. If awarded this contract, proposer shall allow the County reasonable access to the records in proposer's possession, custody, or control that the County deems necessary to assist it in auditing the services, costs, and payments provided hereunder. If this contract involves the use of Federal or State funds, then proposer shall also allow reasonable access to representatives of the Office of Inspector General, the General Accounting Office, the State Auditor's Office, and the other Federal and/or State agencies overseeing the funds that such entities deem necessary to facilitate review by such agencies and proposer shall maintain fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures in a manner that conforms with OMB Circular A-87 (relocated to 2 C.F.R. Part 225) and this contract.

**59. TITLE VI ASSURANCES/TxDOT**

The County is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Federal and State laws and regulations of the United States Department of Transportation and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Pursuant to these requirements, the County must have its contractors provide required assurances on compliance with non-discrimination by itself and its subcontractors. The Title VI Assurances within this Subsection are not exhaustive – whenever any Federal, State, or Local requirement requires additional clauses, this list shall not be construed as limiting. Contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) **Compliance with Regulations:** The Contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter, DOT) Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this contract.
- (2) **Non-discrimination:** The Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or Veteran status in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the

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- (3) **Solicitations for Subcontractors, Including Procurement of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurement of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or Veteran status.
- (4) **Information and Reports:** The Contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by the Galveston County or the Texas Department of Transportation to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of the Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information the Contractor shall so certify to Galveston County or the Texas Department of Transportation as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- (5) **Sanctions for Non-compliance:** In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, Galveston County shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Texas Department of Transportation may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
- (a) withholding of payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies, and/or;
  - (b) cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.
- (6) **Incorporation of Provisions.** The Contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (6) in every subcontract, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as Galveston County or the Texas Department of Transportation may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non-compliance: Provided, however, that, in the event Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request Galveston County to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of Galveston County, and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

**60. SECTION 231.006, FAMILY CODE/DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT**

Pursuant to Title 5, Section 231.006 of the Texas Family Code, as applicable, Proposer certifies that it, including all of its principals, is/are current in child support payments and that it is eligible to receive payments from State funds under a contract for property, materials, or services. Proposer acknowledges and agrees that if it is awarded this contract, then the ensuing agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate. Finally, by the submission of its proposal, the Proposer certifies that it has included the names and social security numbers of each person with at least 25% ownership interest in Proposer within its response to the request for proposal and that all such persons are current in child support payments.

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**61. ANTITRUST**

Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1, et seq., and Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 15, Contractor, by the submission of its proposal, certifies that neither Contractor nor any natural person, proprietorship, firm, corporation, partnership, association, or institution represented by Contractor or anyone acting for such natural person, proprietorship, firm, corporation, partnership, association, or institution has violated any Federal or State antitrust laws or communicated the nature of the offer, directly or indirectly, to any competitor or other person engaged in a similar line of business.

**62. LABOR STANDARDS**

On contracts funded under a federal grant: Proposer acknowledges that the contract to be awarded pursuant to this solicitation is on a grant program funded with Federal funds. Proposer shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR Part 5 and Part 30 and shall be in conformity with Executive Order 11246, entitled “Equal Employment Opportunity”, Copeland, “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145, 29 C.F.R. Part 3), the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148, 29 C.F.R. Parts 1,3, and 5), the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.), and all other applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards, insofar as those acts apply to the performance of this Agreement. Proposer is also responsible for ensuring that all subcontractors comply with the requirements of 29 CFR Part 5 and Part 30 and shall be in conformity with Executive Order 11246, entitled “Equal Employment Opportunity”, Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act, the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (29 CFR Parts 1, 3 and 5), the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.), and all other applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards, insofar as those acts apply to the performance of this Agreement.

**63. PROCUREMENT LAWS**

- a. Proposer shall comply with all applicable local, State, and Federal laws, rules, and regulations.
- b. If this contract is made pursuant to a federal award, then Contractor acknowledges that the contract is subject, without limitation, to applicable provisions within 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Contractor shall comply with applicable provisions within 2 C.F.R., Sections 200.319 through 200.326, including but not limited to the following:
  - 1.) **Equal Employment Opportunity**, 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1.4(b) (applicable to federally assisted construction contracts).
    - (a) 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, national original, disability, or veteran status. 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, national original, disability or veteran status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
      - (2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national original, disability, or veteran status.

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- (3) 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.
  - (4) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
  - (5) 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 contractor's 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.
  - (6) 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 cancelled, 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 as 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.
  - (7) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) 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.
- 2.) **Small and minority business, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms (2 C.F.R. § 200.321).** The County is required to take affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. This includes requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let in the performance of this contract, to itself take affirmative steps in letting the subcontract. Accordingly, if subcontracts are to be let in the performance of this contract, the contractor must take affirmative steps in the letting of the subcontract(s), which must include:
- (a) placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
  - (b) assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
  - (c) dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and
  - (d) using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

In accordance with FEMA procurement guidance:

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A small business is a business that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Galveston County contracts, and qualified as a small business under the Small Business Administration criteria and size standards at 13 C.F.R. Part 121.

A women's business enterprise is a business enterprise that is: (a) at least 51 percent owned by one or more women or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more women; and (b) whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more women.

A minority business is a business that is (a) at least 51 percent owned by one or more minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more minority group members; and (b) whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more minority group members.

- 3.) **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 must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act as supplemented by the 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, contractor 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 non-Federal entity (the County) must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be condition upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contract must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145) as supplemented by the 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").
- 4.) **Compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act.** Contractor is 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 the person is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. "Whoever, by force, intimidation, or threat of procuring dismissal from employment, or by any other manner whatsoever induces any person employed in the construction, prosecution, completion or repair of any public building, public work, or building or work financed in whole or in part by loans or grants from the United States, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is entitled under his contract of employment, shall be fined under this title [Title 18, U.S.C.] or imprisoned not more than five years, or both." 18 U.S.C. § 874.
  - (a) Contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. Part 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.
  - (b) The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as the Federal awarding agency may be appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.
  - (c) Breach. A breach of the contract clause above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.
- 5.) **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.**

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- (a) Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the County 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 the Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5. Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards 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.S. 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 purchase of supplies or material or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contractors for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
- (b) Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
  - (1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
  - (2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard work week of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.
  - (3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The awarding Federal agency, State agency, or the County shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection.
  - (4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this subsection and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection.
- 6.) **Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contractor Agreement.**
  - (a) If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the

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substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under the “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply 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 the awarding agency.

- (b) Stafford Act Disaster Grants. This requirement does not apply to Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Grant program, Disaster Case Management Grant Program, and Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households – Other Needs Assistance Grant Program, as FEMA awards under these programs do not meet the definition of “funding agreement.”
  - (c) The regulations and 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) currently defines “funding agreement” as any contract, grant, or cooperative agreement entered into between any Federal agency, other than the Tennessee Valley Authority, and any contractor for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work funded in whole or in part by the Federal government. This term also includes any assignment, substitution of parties, or subcontract of any type entered into for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under a funding agreement as defined in the first sentence of this paragraph.
- 7.) **Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 – 7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act 933 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387), as amended.**
- (a) 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., and agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Contract Act, as amended, 33 U.S. C. § 1251, et seq.
  - (b) The contractor agrees to report each violation of the Clean Air Act and/or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to the Federal awarding agency, the State agency administering the grant, and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and understands and agrees that the Federal awarding agency, the State agency, and the EPA will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to Galveston County, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.
- 8.) **Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689).** A contract award 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. Part 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 and 12689. The Contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

Contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, Subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. Proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C, and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, Subpart C, while this offer is valid and through the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

9.) **Procurement of Recovered Materials.**

- (a.) A non-Federal entity that is a State agency or agency of a political subdivision of the State and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Public Law No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at 42 U.S.C. § 6962).

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- (b.) In the performance of this contract, the contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—
- (1) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
  - (2) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
  - (3) At a reasonable price.
- (c) Information about this requirement is available at EPA’s Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines website, <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>. The list of EPA-designated items is available at <https://www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm>.

In the event of any discrepancy between the provisions in this Section 63 of General Provisions and provisions on the same subject elsewhere within this procurement, the most stringent shall control.

**64. ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION**

This contract contains the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior agreement, promise, negotiation or representation not expressly set forth in this contract has no force or effect. Any subsequent modification to this contract must be in writing, signed by both parties.

An official representative, employee, or agent of the County does not have the authority to modify or amend this contract except pursuant to specific authority to do so granted by the Galveston County Commissioners Court.

**65. NOTICE**

All notices or other communications required or permitted under this contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally in hand, transmitted by facsimile, or mailed certified mail, return receipt requested with proper postage affixed and addressed to the appropriate party at the following address or at such other address as may have been previously given in writing to the parties (proposer shall provide its notice information with its proposal submission). If mailed, the notice shall be deemed delivered when actually received, or if earlier, on the third day following deposit in a United States Postal Service post office or receptacle, duly certified, return receipt requested, with proper postage affixed. If delivered in person, notice shall be deemed delivered when receipted for by, or actually received by, the receiving Party. If transmitted by facsimile, notice shall be deemed delivered when receipt of such transmission is acknowledged.

**To the County at:**

Hon. Mark Henry,  
County Judge of Galveston County  
722 Moody (21<sup>st</sup> Street), Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Floor  
Galveston, Texas 77550  
Fax: (409) 765-2653



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**With copies to:**

Rufus Crowder, CPPO CPPB,  
Galveston County Purchasing Agent  
722 Moody (21<sup>st</sup> Street), Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Floor  
Galveston, Texas 77550  
Fax: (409) 621-7997

**To the Contractor at:**

(Proposer to provide its contact name, address, and facsimile number for notice under the contract.)

**66. USE OF DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL**

Contractor must obtain permission from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security financial assistance office (DHS FAO) **prior** to using DHS seals(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard Officials.

**67. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOT A PARTY**

Contractor acknowledges that the Federal Government is not a party to the contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to Galveston County, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

**68. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS**

In contracts funded through Federal grants, Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chapter 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements (31 U.S.C. § 3801, et seq.) and the implementing regulations thereunder, 49 C.F.R. Part 79, apply to Contractors actions pertaining to the contract.

**69. LEAD AND ASBESTOS**

If this request for proposal involves remediation, demolition, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, or construction, or other applicable activities, the Contractor shall be responsible for performing investigations of lead and asbestos containing materials, and any required lead and asbestos abatement in compliance with Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders, relating to lead abatement and asbestos abatement as applicable, including but not limited to the Texas Asbestos Health Protection Act, codified as Chapter 1954 of the Occupations Code; the Texas Asbestos Health Protection Regulations, located at Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 295, Subchapter C of the Texas Administrative Code; Chapter 1955 of the Texas Occupations Code (lead-based paint abatement); the Texas Environmental Lead Reduction regulations, located at Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 295, Subchapter I of the Texas Administrative Code; the federal National Emission Standards for Asbestos regulations, located at Title 40, Part 61, Subpart M of the Code of Federal Regulations, and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants. Contractor shall perform such inspections, encapsulation, remediation or other actions as required by federal, State, or local requirements in accordance with the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Texas Department of State Health Services (TXDSHS), and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements.

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**70. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GOVERNMENT RECORD**

Proposer acknowledges that its submission in this Request for Proposals, including its Proposal, certifications, affidavits, Vendor Forms (i.e., PEID, W-9, CIQ, etc.) constitutes government records under Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code.

**71. COMPLIANCE WITH GALVESTON COUNTY PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Proposer acknowledges, by its submission in this Request for Proposals, that it shall comply with the Galveston County Purchasing Policies & Procedures Manual approved by Order of the Galveston County Commissioners Court on March 7, 2018.

*End of General Provisions Section*

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**Request for Proposal  
RFP #B202013**

**For**

**Substance Abuse Treatment Services**

**For**

**GALVESTON COUNTY**

**COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

**PROPOSALS DUE: JULY 16, 2020**

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Purchasing Department  
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# Request for Proposals

Read this entire document carefully. Follow all instructions. You are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications.

## I. Introduction

The Galveston County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (hereafter called CSCD) is a political entity of 10<sup>th</sup> et al. Judicial District(s) and is seeking vendors to provide substance abuse services to individuals under various types of community supervision in the jurisdiction.

### Authority

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Community Justice Assistance Division (TDCJ-CJAD) will establish, set standards, and fund Community Supervision and Corrections Departments (CSCDs). The CSCDs may contract for the provision of treatment services.

The CSCD implements programs in accordance with the orders of the criminal courts, community justice plans, and applicable state law. Programs are utilized to accomplish the mission of the CSCD which includes at least the following:

1. Protect the public interest and safety of the community;
2. Provide services to the courts in the enforcement of their orders;
3. Provide services that meet the needs of offenders placed on community supervision and assist them in becoming law-abiding citizens;
4. Provide programs and activities designed to reduce the impact of crime;
5. Provide alternate sanctions and options to the court for sentencing and supervision.

### Qualifications to Bid

Proposer must have all the appropriate facility, program, and individual licenses and credentials issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). CSCD reserves the right to negotiate with the proposer for other levels of substance abuse treatment service during the contract period if the proposer is selected under this RFP, appropriate licensure is obtained, and the service is in the best interest of CSCD.

Proposer must be able to serve CSCD at any location or satellite offices within the jurisdiction as required by CSCD.

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**JULY 16, 2020**

**(Date)**

**2:00 P.M.**

**(Time)**

**All proposals must be in sealed envelopes/boxes and must be labeled.** Original proposal must be clearly marked ORIGINAL and contain all original signatures.

**Late proposals will be returned to the bidder unopened.** CSCD will not be responsible for unmarked proposals, improperly marked proposals, or proposals delivered to the wrong location.

**Proposals may be withdrawn at any time prior to the official opening.** After the official opening, proposals will become the property of CSCD. No modifications to a proposal will be accepted. If modifications are necessary prior to opening for any reason the proposer may withdraw the proposal and submit a new proposal.

CSCD reserves the right to accept or reject in part or in whole any proposals submitted and to waive any technicalities in the best interest of the CSCD.

Due care and diligence has been used in the preparation of this information, and it is believed to be substantially correct. However, the responsibility for determining the full extent of liability and the verification of all information presented herein shall rest solely with the proposer. CSCD and its representatives will not be responsible for any errors or omissions in these specifications nor for the failure on the part of the proposer to determine the proposers' full extent of liability if a proposal is submitted.

The proposer shall not be allowed to take advantage of any errors or omissions in the specifications. Where errors or omissions appear in the specifications the proposer shall promptly notify CSCD in writing of the error or omission it discovers. Any significant errors, omissions, or inconsistencies in the specifications are to be reported no later than ten (10) days before time for bid proposal submission deadline.

## Overview

Any contract offered from this RFP will be a FEE FOR SERVICE contract with cost justification. Proposer will ensure that only reasonable and allowable costs will be used in the cost justification. If proposal is accepted and unallowable or unreasonable cost are expended during the contract period the provider may be subject to contractual and criminal sanctions.

CSCD is requesting proposals for substance abuse services for offenders supervised by the Department. Proposer may bid on one or more substance abuse services. **Prices must be firm for the entire contract.**

The proposal submitted in response to this RFP, if accepted, will become the **Operations Plan** and will become legally binding upon the provider as the process by which the proposed substance abuse treatment services are provided under any contract.

Proposers with multiple contracts with state or local governments or other agencies will develop accounting processes that allow for **verification of rates**. This may include indirect cost rates or cost pooling.

Proposer will follow all U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circulars as applicable.

Contracts will be for “substance abuse treatment” only. Other educational and/or non-substance abuse services are not eligible services. Services such as anger management can be included in treatment to the extent they are inclusive in a substance abuse program and relate to the specific issue of substance abuse.

Providers will submit monthly invoices for payment for services to the CSCD. Agencies will be required to use the forms and procedures specified by the CSCD. Providers may be required to submit billing electronically on software provided by TDCJ-CJAD.

The CSCD retains control over the offenders referred to agencies for the provision of substance abuse treatment. If the offender is determined to be in need of additional or different treatment services, the offender is to be referred back to the CSCD for further action. The process by which this action will occur will be determined by the CSCD.

The proposer must agree to provide testimony in court, if required, at no additional cost to the CSCD.

The prices quoted in response to this RFP should be the full cost of treatment. Any other funds (including client participant fees) available to the proposer from public or private sources shall be deducted from the total billable amount to the CSCD if proposer is offered a contract.

Proposals shall be opened so as to avoid disclosure of the contents to competing offerors. Details will not be publicly disclosed until all ensuing negotiations have been completed and contractual agreements have been executed as allowed by law.

The CSCD reserves the right to negotiate a contract with the proposer(s) who, in its opinion, offers the most advantageous proposal(s) for the purpose intended. The CSCD reserves the right to accept the proposal(s) presenting the best offer. **This offer may or may not be the lowest bid.**

## Contract Period

Selected proposer(s) will be awarded a maximum twenty-four (24) month contract with one (1) twelve (12) month option to extend services for a potential contract period of three (3) years. **Prices must be firm for the entire contract.** Services provided will be paid for from the appropriate fiscal year funds provided by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Community Justice Assistance Division (TDCJ-CJAD). Contracts are subject to availability of TDCJ-CJAD funds. All representations made by the department are subject to the availability of legislative appropriations and do not represent an obligation on the part of the State of Texas, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, or the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Community Justice Assistance Division.

## II. Substance Abuse Treatment Services Minimum Requirements

The proposer shall, in accordance with the terms of this RFP and subsequent contract (if accepted as a vendor), provide all necessary personnel, equipment, materials, supplies, facilities, and services (except as may be furnished by the CSCD as specified in writing as part of this RFP) and do all things necessary for, or incidental to, the provision of the substance abuse treatment services as required by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Substance Abuse Related Rules for the level of service provided and by the Substance Abuse Treatment Standards of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Community Justice Assistance Division Standards for CSCDs Section 163.40 which follows in its entirety:

### 163.40 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT STANDARDS

(a) **Definitions.** The following words and terms, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) **Admission** – The administrative process and procedure performed to accept an offender into a treatment program or facility.

(2) **Aftercare** – Counseling and community based support services that are designed to provide continued support for treatment delivered in a residential or outpatient program.

(3) **Aftercare Caseloads** – Supervision and support services for offenders who have completed a substance abuse treatment program.

(4) **Assessment** – A process conducted by a qualified credential counselor (QCC) trained to administer a structured interview to determine the nature and extent of an offender’s chemical abuse, dependency, or addiction, to assist in making an appropriate referral. Other criminogenic risk/needs will be assessed and incorporated into the individual treatment plan.

(5) **Best Practices** – In these standards, Best Practices are evidence-based substance abuse treatment programs that address concepts such as criminogenic risk/needs, responsivity and cognitive-behavioral treatment, and programs that possess the following hallmarks.

(A) validated treatment assessments that include criminogenic risks/needs factors;

(B) a treatment regimen that focuses on changing criminogenic risks/needs, behaviors, and thinking patterns;



- (C) a treatment regimen that includes a specific, cognitive-behavioral program that has been recognized in professional criminal justice journals;
- (D) responsivity in addressing offenders' needs and employment of qualified staff; and
- (E) measurable outcomes to reduce substance abuse, dependency or addiction and other criminogenic risks/needs.

**(6) Chemical Dependency** - Substance-related disorders as that term is used in the most recent published edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).

**(7) Continuum of Care** - A system that provides for the uninterrupted provision of essential services from initial assessment through completion of treatment

**(8) Counseling** - Face-to-face interactions between offenders and counselors to help offenders identify, understand, and resolve their personal issues and problems related to their substance abuse or chemical dependency. Counseling may take place in groups or in individual meetings.

**(9) Counselor** - A qualified credentialed counselor, graduate or counselor intern working towards licensure that would qualify them to be a qualified credentialed counselor (QCC).

**(10) Counselor Intern** - An advanced student or graduate in a professional field gaining supervised professional experience.

**(11) Criminogenic Risk/Needs** – Dynamic risk factors that are directly related to crime production, such as antisocial peers; antisocial beliefs, values and attitudes; substance abuse, dependency or addiction; anger/hostility; poor self-management skills; inadequate social skills; poor attitude toward work/school; and poor family dynamics.

**(12) Detoxification** - Chemical dependency treatment designed to systematically reduce the amount of alcohol and other toxic chemicals in an offender's body, manage withdrawal symptoms, and encourage the offender to continue ongoing treatment for chemical dependency.

**(13) Direct Care Staff** – Staff responsible for providing treatment, care, supervision, or other direct client services that involve face-to-face contact with an offender.

**(14) Discharge** – Formal, documented termination of services.

**(15) Discharge Summary** – A written report of the offender's progress and participation while in treatment, including a discharge plan that provides an aftercare/supervision plan designed to sustain progress for offenders successfully completing treatment.

**(16) Education** - Educational instruction; a planned, structured presentation of information which is related to substance abuse or chemical dependency. Education is not considered counseling.

**(17) Emergency** - A situation requiring immediate attention and action to treat or prevent physical, or emotional, harm, or illness.

**(18) Evaluation** – A process conducted by a CSO trained to administer the TDCJ-CJAD Substance Abuse Evaluation (SAE) instrument to determine the nature and extent of an offenders chemical abuse,

dependency or addiction to assist in making an appropriate referral. Other criminogenic risk/needs will be assessed and incorporated into the individual treatment plan.

**(19) Facility** - The physical location of the treatment program operated by, for, or with funding from the TDCJ-CJAD. Some locations may be secured facilities for in-patient treatment; other programs may be offered at locations as outpatient treatment.

**(20) Graduate** – A counselor intern who has successfully completed education and work experience requirements prior to licensure by the Texas Department of State Health Services (formerly Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse).

**(21) Grievance** - A formal complaint limited to matters affecting the complaining offender personally and limited to matters that the facility/program has the authority to remedy.

**(22) Intake** – The process of gathering information to determine if an offender is eligible and appropriate for services, and providing information to the offender about a program’s services and rules.

**(23) Life Skills Training** – A structured program of training, based upon a written curriculum and provided by qualified staff designed to help offenders with social competencies, such as communication and social interaction, stress management, problem solving, decision making, and management of daily responsibilities.

**(24) Primary Counselor** - An individual working directly with and being responsible for the treatment of the offender.

**(25) Qualified, Credentialed Counselor (QCC)** - A licensed chemical dependency counselor (LCDC) or one of the following professionals:

- (A) licensed professional counselor (LPC);
- (B) licensed master social worker (LMSW);
- (C) licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT);
- (D) licensed psychologist;
- (E) licensed physician (MD or DO);
- (F) licensed physician’s assistant;
- (G) certified addictions registered nurse (CARN); or
- (H) licensed psychological associate; and
- (I) nurse practitioner recognized by the Board of Nurse Examiners as a clinical nurse specialist or nurse practitioner with specialty in psyche-mental health (APN-P/MH).

**(26) Responsivity** – Matching the characteristics of the offender with the program modality, and the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the staff. It includes offender’s learning style and readiness for

treatment; the quality of the treatment relationship; and the staff's therapeutic approach, cultural competency, use of reinforcement, and modeling.

**(27) Screening** – The initial stage of a process in which it is determined if an offender has a chemical dependency problem that may require further assessment or evaluation.

**(28) Senior Counselor/Unit Manager/Unit Supervisor** - A supervisory staff member who directs, monitors, and oversees the work performance of subordinate staff members.

**(29) Special Needs Populations** - Offenders who have significant problems in the areas of mental health, diminished intellectual capacity, or medical needs.

**(30) Structured Activity** – A planned, interactive, scheduled event that is overseen by staff in which participants actively take part in an activity related to recovery, health, life skills, or interpersonal skills.

**(31) Treatment** - A planned, structured, and organized program, either residential or non-residential, designed to initiate and promote an offender's chemical-free status or to maintain the offender free of illegal drugs. It includes, but is not limited to, the application of planned procedures to identify and change patterns of behavior related to or resulting from chemical dependency that are maladaptive, destructive, or injurious to health, or to restore appropriate levels of physical, psychological, or social functioning lost due to chemical dependency.

**(32) Treatment Team** – The treatment team shall consist of at least the offender, the offender's counselor, a CSO and/or residential CSO (when appropriate).

**(b) Compliance.** Compliance with TDCJ-CJAD substance abuse treatment standards is required of all programs that provide substance abuse treatment and are funded directly or indirectly or managed by TDCJ-CJAD. **Programs and facilities providing only substance abuse education are not subject to these standards.**

**(c) Personnel & Staff Development/Accreditation.** The employer shall ensure that employees acquire and maintain any credentials, licensing, certifications, or continuing education required to perform their duties, with copies kept in their personnel files.

**(d) Admissions and Removals.**

**(1) Eligibility** – Programs shall have written eligibility criteria specific to the services and mission of the program. Offenders may be admitted into a program only by order of the court and only if they meet the minimum eligibility criteria as outlined in the program policies, licensure or CJAD approved program design. Offenders found to be ineligible for admission within 10 days of arrival at the program shall not be counted in program admissions.

**(2)** There shall be documentation of specific admission criteria and procedures. Offenders are eligible for substance abuse treatment programs if:

**(A)** there is responsivity between the treatment services provided by the program and the offender's criminogenic risks/needs, or

**(B)** a court orders the offender into the program and the subsequent assessment indicates the need for treatment services; or

(C) the program allows readmissions and the offender meets the admission criteria.

(3) For offenders who are placed in treatment programs who do not meet admission or eligibility criteria, a mechanism or procedure shall be developed for offender removal. A review and justification explaining the reason the offender does not meet admission criteria shall be required with copies kept in the offenders file. Offenders who do not meet eligibility criteria will be considered ineligible and shall not be counted as “discharged.”

**(e) Intake.** There shall be written policies and procedures establishing an intake process to determine eligibility for offenders entering a substance abuse treatment program. The intake process must be completed within ten working days of an offender’s arrival in a program.

**(f) Initial Assessment Procedures.** Acceptable and recognized assessment tools shall be used in all substance abuse treatment programs within ten working days from date of admission. Assessment policies and procedures shall require the use of approved clinical measurements and screening tests. If the screening identifies a potential mental health problem, the facility shall obtain a mental health assessment and seek appropriate mental health services when resources for mental health assessments and services are available internally or through referral at no additional cost to the program. Assessment procedures shall include the following:

- (1) identification of strengths, abilities, needs and substance preferences of the offender;
- (2) summarization and evaluation of each offender to develop individual treatment plans;
- (3) assessments completed by a QCC, or if the assessor is a Counselor Intern, then the documentation must be reviewed and signed by a QCC.

**(g) Assessments.** The assessment shall include:

- (1) a summary of the offender's alcohol or drug abuse history including substances used, date of last use, date of first use, patterns and consequences of use, types of and responses to previous treatment, and periods of sobriety;
- (2) family information, including substance use and abuse by family members and supportive or dysfunctional relationships;
- (3) vocational and employment status, including skills or trades learned, work record, and current vocational plans;
- (4) health information, including medical conditions that present a problem or that might interfere with treatment;
- (5) emotional or behavioral problems, including a history of psychiatric treatment;
- (6) educational achievement level;
- (7) intellectual functioning level;
- (8) responsivity analysis; and
- (9) a diagnostic summary signed and dated by a QCC.

**(h) Orientation.** Each program shall establish written policies and procedures for the orientation process. Orientation shall be provided at the onset of treatment and in accordance with the level of treatment to be provided. The orientation shall relay information concerning program rules, the grievance procedure, and the steps necessary for offenders to complete treatment successfully.

**(i) Offender Rights.** The offender's basic rights shall be respected and protected, free from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and discrimination. Each provider shall have written policy and procedure to ensure protection of the offender's rights according to federal and state guidelines.

**(j) Release of Information.** There shall be written policies and procedures for protecting and releasing offender information that conforms to federal and state confidentiality laws. The staff shall follow written policies and procedures for responding to oral and written requests for offender-identifying information.

**(k) Offender Records.** There shall be written policies and procedures regarding the content of offender treatment records. Residential programs shall maintain separate individual treatment records for defendants. Case records, whether residential or outpatient, shall include the following information at a minimum:

- (1) court order placing the offender into the program;
- (2) initial intake information form;
- (3) referral documentation;
- (4) case information from referral source, if applicable;
- (5) release of information forms;
- (6) relevant medical information;
- (7) case history and assessment including risk and needs assessment and Strategies for Case Supervision if required;
- (8) individual treatment plan;
- (9) evaluation and progress reports; and
- (10) discharge summary.

**(l) Offender Records Review Policy.** There shall be written policies and procedures to govern the access of offenders to their own substance abuse treatment records in accordance with Texas Health & Safety Code and 42 CFR part 2 (Code of Federal Regulations). This access does not apply to criminal justice records. Restrictions to access treatment records shall be specified and explained to offenders upon request. Exceptions must involve the potential for harm to the offender or others.

**(m) Treatment Planning and Review.** Initial individual Treatment Plans will be completed by the counselor collaborating with the offender within ten working days from the date of an offender's admission to a Community Corrections Facility (CCF), County Correctional Center (CCC) or any other substance abuse treatment program or through a similar process approved by the Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD). Substance abuse treatment shall be based on substance abuse, chemical dependency or addiction and other

criminogenic risks/needs identified through assessments and revised according to the offender's successful resolution of those substance abuse, chemical dependency or addiction and other criminogenic risks/needs. Treatment plans shall include criteria for discharge that are based on the achievement of treatment plan goals and shall be reviewed at timely intervals with a minimum of once each month or when major changes occur (e.g., change in stage). The treatment planning and review process shall ensure that:

- (1) the primary counselor meets with the offender as needed to review the treatment plan, evaluating goal progress and revisions;
- (2) all revised treatment plans be signed and dated by the counselor and the offender; and
- (3) results of the review are documented and placed in the treatment file, with a copy to the CSO.

**(n) Treatment Progress Notes.** There shall be written policies and procedures to require all programs to record and maintain progress notes on all offender case records, document counseling sessions, and to summarize significant events that occur throughout the treatment process. Progress notes shall be documented at a minimum of once each week.

**(o) Changes in Treatment Stages.** Each treatment program shall develop written criteria based on achievement of treatment plan goals for an offender to advance or regress from a stage of treatment. An offender must meet the criteria for a change in the stage of treatment before such a change or a discharge is implemented. The treatment team shall confer when the offender is subject to a major setback in the program and prior to discharge.

**(p) Discharges from Treatment.** Discharge from a program shall be based on the following criteria:

- (1) Successful Discharge – the offender has made sufficient progress towards meeting the objectives of the Treatment Plan, including addressing criminogenic risk/needs and program requirements;
- (2) Administrative Discharge - the offender has satisfied a period of placement as a condition of community supervision, the offender is removed by order of the court or the offender is removed by operation of law for conduct occurring prior to admission into the program;
- (3) Unsuccessful Discharge - the offender has demonstrated non-compliance with the program criteria or court order, including absconding from the program; or
- (4) Medical Discharge - the offender manifests a medical or psychological problem, including death, that prohibits participation or completion of the program requirements.

**(q) Discharge Plan.** The treatment team shall adopt a discharge plan for each offender prior to successful discharge. The discharge plan shall be sent to the offender's supervision officer within seven days after discharge and provide a summation of:

- (1) clinical problems at the onset of treatment and original diagnosis;
- (2) the problems or needs and strengths or weaknesses identified on the master treatment plan;
- (3) the goals and objectives established;
- (4) the course of treatment;

(5) the outcomes achieved; and

(6) a continuum of care/relapse plan for aftercare treatment, which must be prepared with the offender and a family member or significant other, if appropriate and available.

**(r) Discharge Summary.** A Discharge Summary shall be prepared for all offenders who leave the program as an unsuccessful, administrative or medical discharge. The summary shall include elements (1) – (6) of the Discharge Plan.

**(s) General Program Services Provisions.** Specific services shall be required of all substance abuse treatment programs. Written policies and procedures shall ensure the following standards are met.

(1) All substance abuse services shall be delivered according to a written treatment plan that has been developed from the offender's assessment;

(2) Group counseling sessions are limited to a maximum of sixteen offenders. Group education and life skills training sessions are limited to a maximum of thirty-five offenders. These limits do not apply to multi-family educational groups, seminars, outside speakers, or other events designed for a large audience.

(3) All programs shall employ a QCC.

(4) All counselor interns shall work under the direct supervision of a QCC.

(5) Chemical dependency counseling must be provided by a QCC, graduate or counselor who has the specialized education, training, or expertise in the subject matter to be delivered. Chemical dependency education shall be provided by counselors or individuals who have the specialized education, training, or expertise in the subject matter to be delivered.

(6) Direct care staff shall be awake and alert on site during all hours of program operation.

(7) Residential programs shall have at least one counselor on duty at least eight hours a day, five days a week.

(8) Offenders in residential programs shall have an opportunity for eight continuous hours of sleep each night. Staff shall conduct and document at least three checks while offenders are sleeping.

(9) The program shall include a culturally diverse curriculum applicable to the population served and shall be evidenced through demonstrated, appropriate counseling and instructional materials.

(10) Members of the offender treatment team shall demonstrate effective communications and coordination, as evidenced in staffing, treatment planning and case-management documentation.

(11) There shall be written policies and procedures regarding the delivery and administration of prescription and nonprescription medication which provide for:

(A) conformity with state regulations; and

(B) documentation of the administration of medications, medication errors, and drug reactions.

**(12)** Chemical dependency education and life skills training shall follow a course outline that identifies lecture topics and major points to be discussed. All educational sessions shall include offender participation and discussion of the material presented.

**(13)** The program shall provide education about the health risks of tobacco products and nicotine addiction.

**(14)** The program shall provide HIV, Hepatitis B and C and Tuberculosis education based on the Model Workplace Guidelines for Direct Service Providers developed by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

**(15)** Offenders shall have access to HIV counseling and testing services directly or through referral, as follows:

- (A)** HIV services shall be voluntary, anonymous, and not limited by ability to pay.
- (B)** counseling shall be based on the model protocol developed by the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- (C)** in all TDCJ-CJAD funded facilities, testing, as well as pre- and post-test counseling, is to be provided by the medical department or contracted medical provider.

**(16)** The program shall make testing and information, for tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases available to all offenders, unless the program has access to test results obtained during the past year, as follows:

- (A)** services may be made available directly or through referral.
- (B)** if an offender tests positive for tuberculosis or a sexually transmitted disease, the program shall refer the offender to an appropriate health care provider and take appropriate steps to protect offenders and staff.
- (C)** a community corrections facility shall report to the local health department the release of an offender who is receiving treatment for tuberculosis.

**(17)** The program shall:

- (A)** refer pregnant offenders who are not receiving prenatal care to an appropriate health care provider and monitor follow-through; and
- (B)** refer offenders to ancillary services (such as mental health services) necessary to meet treatment goals.

**(18)** CSCDs that contract for services shall give preference to available programs that include the following elements of “Best Practices” in criminal justice treatment. CSCDs that conduct their own programs are required to incorporate the following elements of “Best Practices” in criminal justice treatment:

- (A)** validated treatment assessments that include substance abuse, dependency or addiction and other criminogenic risks/needs factors;



- (B) a treatment regimen that focuses on changing substance abuse, dependency or addiction and other criminogenic risks/needs, behaviors, and thinking patterns;
- (C) a treatment regimen that includes a specific, cognitive-behavioral program that has been recognized in professional criminal justice journals; and
- (D) responsibility in addressing offenders' needs and employment of qualified staff.

(19) CSCDs that place offenders in substance abuse treatment programs shall ensure that offenders are referred to available aftercare services, giving preference to programs that incorporate "Best Practice" elements.

**(t) Stages of Treatment.** All CCFs providing substance abuse treatment shall designate in the current facility's Community Justice Plan (CJP) program proposal stages of treatment to be provided as described in sections (v) through (y) below.

**(u) Detoxification.** Offenders being referred to detoxification services must be referred to appropriately licensed service providers.

**(v) Intensive Residential Treatment.** Written policies and procedures shall ensure the following:

(1) All offenders admitted to Intensive Residential Treatment. shall have written justification to support their admission, be medically stable, and able to participate in treatment.

(2) The program shall provide adequate staff for close supervision and individualized treatment with counselor caseloads not to exceed ten offenders.

(3) There shall be direct care staff alert and on site during all hours of operation. There shall be an appropriate number of direct care staff to provide all required program services, maintain an environment that is conducive to treatment, and ensure the safety and security of the offenders, according to the design of the facility and with the approval of the funding source.

(4) Program counselors shall complete a comprehensive offender assessment and individual treatment plan within ten working days of admission.

(5) The facility shall deliver not less than twenty-five hours of structured activities per week for each offender, including:

- (A) ten hours of chemical dependency counseling using a cognitive-behavioral approach with no less than one hour of individual counseling;
- (B) ten hours additional education, counseling, life skills, or rehabilitation activities; and
- (C) five hours of structured social or recreational activities.

(6) Counseling and education schedules shall be submitted to the funding entity for approval.

(7) Each offender shall have an opportunity to participate in physical recreation at least weekly.

(8) Program staff shall offer chemical dependency education or services to identified significant others.

(9) The program shall provide each offender with opportunities to apply knowledge and practice skills in a structured, supportive environment. Cognitive behavioral programs shall have a published curriculum identified by the authors to contain cognitive, social and behavioral elements. Anyone facilitating a cognitive curriculum must be trained in that specific curriculum. All direct care staff must receive training on the principles of a cognitive behavioral model as it relates to their job duties. This curriculum shall be approved by TDCJ-CJAD and implemented as designed. Components of the cognitive program shall at a minimum include:

(A) ways to identify thinking patterns; and

(B) a social skills training component.

**(w) Supportive Residential Treatment.** Written policies and procedures shall ensure the following:

(1) All offenders admitted to Supportive Residential Treatment shall have written justification to support their admission, be medically stable, and able to function with limited supervision and support, and be able to participate in work release or community service/restitution programs.

(2) The program shall have adequate staff to meet treatment needs within the context of the program description, with counselor caseloads not to exceed twenty offenders, unless the program can provide research-based evidence in writing to justify a higher caseload size based on the program design, characteristics, and needs of the population served, and any other relevant factors.

(3) There shall be direct care staff alert and on site during all hours of operation. There shall be an appropriate number of direct care staff to provide for the safety and security of the offenders, according to the design of the facility and with the approval of the funding source.

(4) Counselors shall complete a comprehensive offender assessment and individualized treatment plan within ten working days of admission for all offenders.

(5) The program shall deliver no less than six hours per week of chemical dependency counseling with a cognitive-behavioral approach (one hour per month of which shall be individual counseling) for each offender.

(6) Counseling and education schedules shall be submitted to the funding entity for approval.

(7) The program design and application shall include increasing levels of responsibility for offenders and frequent opportunities for offenders to apply knowledge and practice skills in structured and unstructured settings. Cognitive behavioral programs shall have a published curriculum identified by the authors to contain cognitive, social and behavioral elements. This curriculum shall be approved by TDCJ-CJAD and implemented as designed. Anyone facilitating a cognitive curriculum must be trained in that specific curriculum. All staff must receive training on the principles of a cognitive behavioral model as it relates to their job duties. Components of the cognitive program shall at minimum include:

(A) ways to identify thinking patterns; and

(B) a social skills training component.

**(x) Outpatient Treatment.** Written policies and procedures shall ensure the following:

- (1) All offenders admitted to Outpatient treatment programs shall be medically stable, and have appropriate support systems in the community to live independently with minimal structure.
- (2) The program shall have adequate staff to provide offenders support and guidance to ensure effective service delivery, safety, and security. Staffing patterns shall be submitted to the funding entity.
- (3) The program shall set limits on counselor caseload size to ensure effective, individualized treatment and rehabilitation. Criteria used to set the caseload size shall be documented and approved by the funding entity.
- (4) Didactic groups shall not exceed thirty-five offenders in a group.
- (5) Therapeutic groups shall not exceed sixteen offenders in a group.
- (6) For offenders in supportive outpatient programs, counselors shall complete a comprehensive offender assessment within thirty calendar days of admission for all offenders.
- (7) For offenders in intensive outpatient programs, counselors shall complete a comprehensive offender assessment within ten calendar days of admission for all offenders.
- (8) Intensive outpatient programs shall deliver no less than six hours per week of chemical dependency counseling with a cognitive behavioral approach.
- (9) Supportive outpatient programs shall deliver no less than two hours per week of chemical dependency counseling.
- (10) Counseling and education schedules shall be submitted to the funding entity for approval.
- (11) The program design and application shall include increasing levels of responsibility for offenders and frequent opportunities for offenders to apply knowledge and practice skills in structured and unstructured settings.
- (12) The outpatient treatment stages may be utilized for residents in the work release phase of any residential substance abuse treatment program.

**(y) Special Needs Populations.** Written policies and procedures shall ensure the following:

- (1) Programs that address the special mental health, intellectual capacity, or medical needs of offenders must provide appropriate treatment either by program staff or through contracted services.
- (2) Admission to a special needs program must be based on a documented mental health, intellectual capacity, or medical need.
- (3) When the assessment process indicates that the offender has coexisting disabilities / disorders, the Treatment Plan shall specifically address those issues that might impact treatment, recovery, relapse, and/or recidivism.
- (4) Personnel qualified in the treatment of coexisting disabilities / disorders shall be available.

(5) Within ninety-six hours of admission to a special needs residential program, offenders shall be administered a medical and psychological evaluation.

(6) Within ten days of admission to a residential program for special needs offenders, the program administrator or designee shall contact the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) regarding the offender's status. As soon as discharge date is projected, TCOOMMI shall be notified in writing of plans for a continuum of care after discharge, regardless of whether or not the discharge is for successful completion of the program.

(7) Residential facilities providing services for special needs populations shall have procedures to provide access to health care services, including medical, dental, and mental health services, under the control of a designated health authority. When this authority is other than a physician, final medical judgments must rest with a single designated responsible physician licensed by the state.

(A) Services/treatment shall be directed toward maximizing the functioning and reducing the symptoms of offenders.

(B) There shall be written policies and procedures regarding the delivery and administration of prescription and nonprescription medication which provide for:

(i) conformity with state regulations;

(ii) documentation of the rationale for use and goals of service/treatment consistent with the individual plan of treatment;

(iii) documentation of the administration of medications, medication errors, and drug reactions; and

(iv) procedures to follow in case of emergencies.

(8) There shall be procedures for documenting that the offender has been informed of medication management procedures.

(9) Offenders shall be actively involved in decisions related to their medications.

(10) Programs for special needs offenders must follow the same staffing for treatment levels as the levels for other offenders, except all residential programs shall maintain caseloads of no greater than sixteen offenders for each counselor.

(11) Programs operating in residential facilities shall ensure that offenders will have no less than ten days of appropriate medication for use after discharge.

**(z) Use of Force.** The CSCD director and Facility director shall ensure that a residential treatment program has written policies, procedures, and practices that restrict the use of physical force to instances of self-protection, protection of offenders or others or prevention of property damage. In no event is the use of physical force against an offender justifiable as punishment. A written report shall be prepared following all used of force, and all such written reports shall be promptly submitted to the CSCD director and Facility director for review and follow-up. The application of restraining devices, aerosol sprays, chemical agents, etc. shall only be accomplished by an

individual who is properly trained in the use of such devices and only in an emergency by any individual in self-protection, protection of others or other circumstances as described previously.

### III. Proposal Submission Requirements

#### General

1. Each proposal must be in the format described in the Proposal Format Requirements Section beginning on Page 22 in this RFP. Proposals must be typed or printed on standard (8 1/2"x 11") paper. Pages must be numbered and a table of contents must be included in the format required by this RFP.
2. Each proposal must respond to all portions of the RFP. All Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Community Justice Assistance Division proposal and budget forms must be utilized. (See attached forms).
3. Once a proposal has been submitted the proposer may not submit changes, amendments, or modifications. The proposer may, however, withdraw and resubmit a proposal anytime prior to the final date and time set for receipt of proposals. The CSCD, in its sole discretion, after the time set for receipt of proposals may negotiate a change, amendment, or modifications to its advantage.
4. Each proposal shall be valid for 90 calendar days after the opening date of the proposal and shall constitute an irrevocable offer to the CSCD for the 90 calendar day period. The 90 calendar day period may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.
5. The CSCD reserves the right to waive, change, add, or delete any terms or conditions of this RFP. The CSCD reserves the right to waive any technicality noted in the submission process. **Submission of proposals confers no legal rights upon any proposer.** The CSCD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or portions of proposals submitted in response to this RFP. All proposals become the property of the CSCD. The CSCD reserves the right to use, for its benefit, ideas contained in the proposals submitted. The CSCD is not liable for any costs or any damages that may be incurred by proposer or prospective proposer in the preparation, formulation or presentation of a proposal. In case of ambiguity or lack of clarity, the CSCD may adopt such interpretations as may be advantageous to the CSCD. **Any justified request for proposer information to remain confidential after the contract award will be granted to the proposer as allowed by law.**
6. After opening of proposals and prior to award, the CSCD reserves the right to make a pre-award site visit of any or all proponent's facilities to be used in the performance of work under this solicitation. Proposer agrees to allow all reasonable requests for inspection of such facilities with two (2) days advance notice. Failure to allow such an inspection shall be cause for rejection of proposals as non-responsive. The CSCD reserves the right to reject facilities as unacceptable for performance under this solicitation as a result of such site visit survey.
7. The proposer's past performance may also be used for purposes of evaluating proposer's suitability for award under this solicitation.
8. Products and services not specifically mentioned in this RFP, but which are necessary to provide the service described by this RFP, shall be included in the proposal. It is intended that this RFP describe the requirements and response format in sufficient detail to secure comparable proposals.
9. Proposals should not contain promotional or display materials except as they may directly answer questions contained in the RFP. Such exhibits shall be clearly marked with the applicable reference number of the question in the RFP.

10. If any person contemplating submitting a proposal for this contract is in doubt as to the true meaning of the specifications or other proposal documents or any part thereof, he/she may submit a request for clarification to the CSCD Director on or before the fifth calendar day at 5:00 p.m. prior to the scheduled opening. **All requests shall be in writing.** All questions regarding this proposal submission/funding should be directed to CSCD.

### **Proposal Format Requirements**

Each section of the proposal must be clearly designated (by using tabs) to make the information readily accessible. If requested information does not appear in the appropriate section, that information may be counted as missing during the proposal review process. All proposals shall be submitted in the following format:

- A. Cover Page: - USE COVER PAGE PROVIDED IN APPENDIX 1
- B. Attachments: Shall include all information required of each proposer in the following order:
- 1) Required Information. (See Pages 23 – 27 of this RFP)
  - 2) Proof of insurance;
  - 3) Costs (See Appendix II)
    - a) Specify a separate price for each type of service provided (i.e. for detoxification services, intensive residential services, residential services, individual counseling services, group counseling services...).
    - b) Specify if unit price will vary based on the number served (i.e. 10 served will cost x, 20 served will cost y).
    - c) Complete budget forms (Appendix II) to substantiate how unit price was determined for each level of substance abuse service. **The rate proposed multiplied by the number of units proposed must equal the total proposed budget.**
    - d) Specify any additional price for special population offenders including dual diagnosis, mentally retarded, etc. State why cost would be different for serving this special population.
    - e) All proposed cost must be reasonable and necessary for providing services stated in RFP and shall not include any of the unallowable costs. Unallowable cost should not be included as justification for the provision of substance abuse treatment services. Unallowable costs include but are not limited to:
      - i) Any item unallowable by State or any authorized agency, statute, policy, or procedure;
      - ii) Alcoholic beverages;
      - iii) Bad debts;
      - iv) Building and Land purchase, rental purchase, lease purchase, renovation;
      - v) Cash payments to intended recipients of Services;
      - vi) Expenses or reimbursements to or on behalf of related entities for allowable indirect costs;
      - vii) Expenses or costs reimbursed by other funds with respect to amounts paid by CSCD for services;
      - viii) Fines and Penalties;
      - ix) Fundraising;
      - x) Legislative expenses for payment to any elected official from funds received from CSCD;
      - xi) Lobbying;
      - xii) Payments to or on behalf of individuals related to principals of any affiliated organization(s) or to their employees, unless as allowable indirect costs or unless specific approval is received from CSCD.

- xiii) Tobacco products.
  - xiv) Firearms or ammunition.
- 4) Proposer shall identify accounting processes including but not limited to the following:
- a) Current billing processes (include software used)
  - b) Audit requirements of the organization

## **Required Information**

Each proposal shall contain the following information:

1. Name, title, and telephone number of proposer's contact person for all inquiries. The contact person shall be responsible for fielding all inquiries from the CSCD and providing the proposer's response.
2. Business and employee information
  - a) Names and addresses of proposer's principal officers, directors, or partners.
  - b) If an employee or officer is actively or previously on Community Supervision in the State of Texas, on Parole, or convicted of a felony offense in any state, please give name, address and basic employment information.
  - c) A copy of proposer's most recent financial statement (i.e., monthly, quarterly) and most recent audited financial statement each to include corresponding balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flow. Proposer must include an affidavit certifying that proposer is a duly qualified, capable and otherwise bondable business entity, that proposer is not in receivership or contemplates same, and has not filed for bankruptcy.
  - d) A brief biography and complete resume of the person or persons who will operate/manage the services provided by proposers.
  - e) Proposer's organizational chart.
3. The name and address of the proposer's insurance carrier(s), along with statement(s) from proposer's insurance carrier(s), that insurance as specified in this RFP is either in force or available upon proposer's request.
4. Complete reference information for all public and private institutions or agencies to which the proposer provides or has provided similar services; specify date of service contracts and current rates for contracted services.
5. A list of any civil lawsuits filed or pending on or after January 1, 1987, which are against or on behalf of the proposer or of its employees in connection with their status and/or conduct as employees or any of its subcontractors in connection with their status and/or conduct as subcontractors.
6. A list of any criminal cases (class B Misdemeanor or greater) filed or pending on or after January 1, 1987, in which the proposer or any of its employees in connection with their status and/or conduct as employees or any of its subcontractors in connection with their status and/or conduct as subcontractors have been charged or convicted.
7. Other organizational, biographical, or financial information deemed relevant by the proposer.



8. Describe the location where the service will be provided. Is the location accessible to public transportation and in a geographic area accessible to offenders? Is the location(s) near schools, day care centers, churches, or other facilities where offenders may be a threat to public safety?
9. Describe when treatment services could begin.
10. Describe the experience your agency has with the criminal justice population. Include if you have served this department under previous contracts.
11. Describe all services provided, and specify if all services are provided to all probationers. Describe eligibility criteria for probationers; include any special client characteristics (i.e. level of intellectual functioning, homeless, indigent, etc.). As well as which clients would be ineligible (offense categories, criminal history, etc.). Proposers must include information on how they will avoid denial of services to persons covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The CSCD will consider proposals to provide substance abuse services for special need offenders at higher rates.
12. Describe all probationers' responsibilities (i.e., homework assignments, practice sessions, etc.; include frequency, number and time frame where appropriate).

**Specific requirements for RESIDENTIAL services for offenders.**

- a. Describe procedure and information necessary for an offender to be admitted to your facility.
- b. Describe any diagnostic assessments that will precede program services and/or treatment. Describe any post-program service and/or treatment assessment that will be conducted. Describe why these particular assessments will be utilized.
- c. Describe how and in what time frame an individualized client treatment plan is developed.
- d. Describe minimum/maximum length of program participation.
- e. Describe how client progress is measured while at the facility. What criteria are used to determine when to release a client early or request an extension?
- f. Describe communication process and frequency of communication between facility staff and supervising community supervision officers (by telephone, written reports). Specify if communication process or frequency will vary during duration of service / treatment.
- g. Describe client discharge/termination procedure (successful / unsuccessful) from the facility. Include if certificates of completion will be provided and, if so, procedure to provide certificate to client and notification procedure to supervising community supervision officer.
- h. Describe staff to client ratio by level of service. Describe client supervision procedures.
- i. Provide copies of all facility State and local licenses/ certificates, include expiration and renewal dates.
- j. Describe client files, format, frequency of entries, etc.

**Specific requirements for NON-RESIDENTIAL counseling/treatment services.**

- a. Describe procedure and information necessary for an offender to be admitted to your program/service.
- b. Describe and specify any diagnostic assessments that will precede program services and/or treatment. Describe any post-program services and/or treatment assessments that will be conducted. Describe why these particular assessments will be utilized.
- c. Describe how and in what time frame an individualized client treatment plan is developed.
- d. If group counseling is provided, describe type of group process utilized; include goals/objective of group process, minimum / maximum number of clients in a group; specify if open or closed groups are utilized.
- e. If individual counseling is provided, describe counseling / therapeutic approach utilized, specify skill development techniques utilized and goals/objectives of individual counseling.
- f. Describe minimum/maximum length of program participation. (Specify program length for each level of service, i.e., group / individual.) What criteria are used to determine when to release a client early or request an extension?
- g. Describe how client progress is measured during program participation. Describe type and frequency of reports to community supervision officers.
- h. Describe communication process and frequency of communication between program staff/provider and supervising community supervision officers (by telephone, written reports). Specify if communication process or frequency will vary during duration of services/treatment.
- i. Describe client discharge/termination procedure (successful/unsuccessful) from the program/service. Include if certificates of completion will be provided and, if so, procedure to provide certificate to client and notification procedure to supervising probation officer.
- j. Describe staff to client ratio.
- k. Describe client files, format, frequency of entries, etc.

## **Program Performance Measures**

Describe at minimum your system of program measures to include at least the following.

1. Outputs
  - a) Total Number Served
  - b) Total number of successful program completions.
  - c) Total number of counseling hours provided.
  - d) Other output measures.
2. Outcomes- To include immediate and long-term outcomes that are specific to the program / service.
3. Five outcomes will be required for each substance abuse service.
  - a. Reduce recidivism (defined as a re-arrest for a new separate offense that is punishable by incarceration) (i.e. Class B Misdemeanors and up).
  - b. Decrease re-incarceration.
  - c. Increase positive community supervision outcomes in areas of 1.) Expiration 2.) Early Discharge 3.) Revocations
  - d. Specific programmatic outcome (i.e. completion of program (successful), violation of program conditions or inappropriate placement (unsuccessful))
  - e. Reduce drug or alcohol use.
4. Describe any performance measures your facility uses in accomplishing its goals.

## **Agency Evaluation Methods**

- 1) Describe your plan for determining the degree to which output and outcome objectives are met and methods are followed.
- 2) Describe your plan for monitoring outputs and outcomes.
- 3) State who will do the monitoring.
- 4) Describe how data will be gathered.
- 5) Describe test instruments or questionnaires that will be used.
- 6) Describe process of data analysis (if applicable).
- 7) Describe evaluation reports to be produced.
- 8) Describe the Management Information System (MIS) used for tracking clients in treatment and after discharge.

- 9) If a continued or modified program, please describe results of your program evaluation data of CSCD clients from 2002 through 2004. A new program may use data from other populations.

#### **IV. After Proposals Are Opened**

##### **Proposal Evaluation Factors**

The CSCD will consider many evaluation factors (of which cost is only one factor) and will receive proposals from all responsible applicants. The objective of the CSCD is to enter into a contract with the best applicant(s) at the best price. A weighted evaluation criteria, utilizing a numeric score, will be used to review the proposals. The review process may include an opportunity for a brief oral presentation by the proposer before the CSCD Review Committee. If necessary, oral presentations will be scheduled. Proposal evaluation elements include but are not limited to the following:

- A. The proposed price per unit of service.
- B. Completion of all aspects of this request for proposal.
- C. Bidder's qualifications: Experience / Licenses / Certifications of management and staff.
- D. Evidence of previous accomplishments in providing substance abuse services within the last five (5) years. Experience working with the target population.
- E. Proposer's program evaluation / monitoring procedures.
- F. Other factors such as multiple locations, convenience of hours or location to target population, and ability to accept some referrals under other sources of funding.

##### **Negotiation of Rate, Cost Justifications, and Contract Size**

Based on TDCJ-CJAD notification of funding allocations to the CSCD, funding will be awarded and contracts negotiated.

**Following the CSCD's Selections of Proposer(s)**

The proposal submitted in response to this RFP will become the **Operations Plan**. This document will be used in monitoring adequate provision of service. The proposer will enter into a written agreement for service which in addition to the specifications included in this RFP will also include at least the following provisions:

**See Sample Contract Appendix III**

**APPENDIX I**  
**COVER PAGE**

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All proposals must include this cover page as the first page

**Proposal to Perform Substance Abuse Treatment Services**

PROPOSALS DUE: _____	GALVESTON COUNTY CSCD	
Subject of Proposal		
Company Name		
Address		
Telephone Numbers	phone	fax
Tax ID Number		
<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Exceptions</b>
Detoxification		
Intensive Residential		
Residential		
Out-Patient Group		
Out-Patient Individual		
Other		
Other		
Printed Name of Authorized Agent or official authorized to submit proposal or execute contracts.	Name	Title
<b>SIGNATURE</b>		
Printed Name of Authorized Agent or official authorized to submit proposal or execute contracts.	Name	Title
<b>SIGNATURE</b>		



**APPENDIX II**

**VENDOR BUDGET FORMS**

**AND INSTRUCTIONS**

**\*BUDGETS ARE REQUIRED FOR RESIDENTIAL  
PROGRAMS ONLY**

## VENDOR OPERATED COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITIES OR CONTRACT RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

As a part of TDCJ-CJAD's funding process, vendor budgets will be reviewed to establish an allowable funding rate (e.g., bed-days) for facility operations. The TDCJ-CJAD approved vendor budget will become a part of the contract (as a binding attachment) between the CSCD and the vendor. Proper completion of the attached budget forms is imperative to establish a rate per unit and, thus, to receive funding. Please follow the instructions to facilitate the assignment of rates.

### **General Information:**

1. Vendors must comply with ALL Articles provided in the signed contract.
  2. Vendors must comply with Residential Services Standards as established by TDCJ-CJAD.
  3. In addition, SATFs, CRTCs, and TAIP vendors must also comply with the TDCJ-CJAD Substance Abuse Treatment Standards.
  4. A separate vendor budget must be submitted for each facility operated by the vendor where applicable.
  5. The cost justification must be established and the rates set separately for each facility operated by the vendor.
  6. Any costs paid directly by the CSCD facility should not be included in the vendor budget.
  7. Billings from the vendor to the CSCD for contract placements must be based on **actual bed use**, not on a lump sum amount each month. Vendors may charge for the day a resident is admitted to the facility but may not charge for the day of release from the facility. Midnight Strength Report - means the official numerical count of the number of Defendants who are Residents present at the Facility at the end of each day calculated at 12:00 midnight, which number shall not include any Defendants who were previously removed on that day.
  8. Establishment of a daily rate is the main purpose of the vendor budget. **Items included in the vendor budget must be reasonable, allowable, and necessary for program operations.**
  9. Vendor must provide complete information on budget forms regarding quantity, unit costs, basis of cost, number of beds, etc., where applicable. **ALL supporting schedules must include this full information** (i.e. FICA 8.25% x total salaries).
  10. Vendor must comply with the attached list of unallowable expenditure items.
  11. Depreciation schedules **must be attached** to the vendor budget for any equipment items budgeted for this program.
  12. Requirement for indirect and/or overhead allocation **attach either:**
    - Indirect and/or overhead cost allocation plan, including explanation of allocation method, expenditure items included, total indirect and/or overhead amount to be allocated to all vendor programs, number of programs to which allocated, and percentage allocated to the CSCD's program;
- OR,**
- A certified statement (or copy of approval letter) that the vendor's allocation plans has been approved by another state or federal agency. The allocation plan must be available for audit review.
13. The vendor must maintain a separate accounting system for the CSCD's program, and submit financial information to the CSCD and/or TDCJ-CJAD upon request regarding requested financial reports, fund balance information at the end of the fiscal year, etc.
  14. All records on vendor expenditures must be maintained for five years for auditing purposes, and any expenditure not properly documented may be disallowed.

15. The rate is to be based on projected outputs. **The outputs should be expressed as Total Costs divided by Residential Bed-Days** (residential bed-days is calculated as number of beds x 365).
16. A Semi-Annual Expenditure report must be submitted to the CSCD and to CJAD on March 31 and September 30. (Exhibit H)

**Expenditure Lines**

**1) Personnel Salaries:**

Please use the most logical and concise manner to convey the personnel cost of each program. Each person participating in the provision of services should be listed with the annual salary and the percent of time allocated to the program. Example:

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Staff Name</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>% Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
Supervisor	Jones, Bill	\$30,000	80%	\$24,000

**2) Personnel Fringe Benefits:**

FICA, SUTA, Medicare, medical, dental, retirement, workers compensation, and unemployment tax are considered fringe benefits. There may be others specific to your agency. Please list as appropriate. Some items may be carried as indirect costs under the Other expenditure line.

**3) Personnel Training:**

These costs are those associated with maintaining credentials and licenses, including registration fees and in-service training. In agencies that receive funding from multiple sources, please do not assign all training to this budget. Instead, use an assignment based on the percentage of time employees receiving training is dedicated to the CSCD’s residential facility or program.

**4) Personnel Travel:**

This expenditure line item should include only travel by personnel in the performance of CSCD residential facility or program related business and includes staff mileage reimbursement (at no more than the IRS rate per mile), per diem meals, lodging, and public transportation costs. Travel costs for residents or personal travel are not allowable in this category. Travel to training should also be included. (Expenses for agency vehicles used to transport staff and residents should be listed under the Transportation expenditure line.)

**5) Equipment:**

This expenditure line item may include leased equipment, insurance, and annual depreciation of equipment used in this program. Depreciation of equipment must follow the appropriate IRS mandated time period. The CSCD residential facility (CCFs) will directly purchase all capital equipment for the facility (facsimile machines, computers, copiers, scanners, phones and phone systems, desks, etc.). For any vendor-owned equipment associated with the program which is located at the corporate office or other location, **appropriate percentages** may be depreciated and charged as an indirect cost in the Other expenditure line (example: a computer used at corporate office for billings to the CSCD).

**6) Transportation:**

Transportation costs, such as gasoline, parking, etc., of transporting residents to and from facilities or related program activities are to be placed in this line item. Mileage logs will be required for audit purposes. Transportation costs associated with CSCD-owned vehicles will be paid from the CSCD facility budget.

**7) Consumable Supplies:**

This expenditure line includes office supplies, tests, educational supplies, posters, food for residents, housekeeping costs, postage, linens, resident medical supplies, urinalysis testing supplies, etc.

**8) Other:**

Included in this expenditure line are profits, professional services (specify type of service), insurance, pest control service, janitorial, and miscellaneous indirect costs (please specify and attach an explanation of the allocation method and expenditure items included for indirect costs, along with the percentage applicable to the CSCD program).

**9) Facility:**

This line item includes items such as building rental, maintenance, insurance (content and liability), utilities, building depreciation or use allowance (attach schedule). Purchase or lease-purchase payments for facilities are not allowable expenditures from State funds.

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR VENDOR BUDGETS:**

1. Depreciation schedule for any equipment items or building that are budgeted in this program budget.

2. "Use allowance" documentation applicable for equipment or buildings if included in this budget.

**3. Either:**

- Indirect and/or overhead cost allocation plan, including explanation of allocation method, expenditure items included, total indirect and/or overhead amount to be allocated to all of vendor's programs, number of vendor programs to which allocated, and percentage allocated to the CSCD's program;

**OR,**

- A certified statement (or copy of approval letter) that the vendor's allocation plans has been approved by another state or federal agency. The allocation plan must be available for audit review.

## UNALLOWABLE COSTS FOR VENDORS

The following items are not to be included in the vendor's budget for rate justification and are not to be paid from funds received from the CSCD:

- Any item unallowable by State or any authorized agency, statute, policy, or procedure including, but not limited to, federal guidelines for operation of for-profit and not-for-profit entities;
- Alcoholic beverages;
- Bad debts;
- Building and Land purchase ({with the exception of community corrections facilities (Tex. Gov't Code, § 76.010)}, rental purchase, lease purchase, renovation;
- Cash payments to intended recipients of services;
- Equipment items exceeding \$1,000 (CPU, Monitor and Keyboard are one unit) counted as a direct expense toward the program. Such items may be charged to the program only through an approved depreciation methodology;
- Expenses or reimbursements to or on behalf of vendor-related entities for allowable indirect costs;
- Expenses or costs reimbursed to vendor by other funds with respect to amounts paid by CSCD for vendor services;
- Fines and Penalties;
- Firearms, Firearm components, and Ammunition;
- Fundraising; Marketing; and Advertising (Advertising is allowable only for personnel vacancies or procurement of goods and services only);
- Legislative expenses or payment to any elected official from funds received from the CSCD;
- Lobbying;
- Payments to or on behalf of individuals related to principals of any vendor-affiliated organization(s) or to their employees, unless as allowable indirect costs or unless specific approval is received from the CSCD; and
- Tobacco Products.

**Request for Funding**  
**FISCAL YEAR 20\_\_ and 20\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_  
VENDOR NAME (Name as Incorporated)

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
List any D.B.A. or A.K.A.'S

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT PERSON TITLE TELEPHONE & E-MAIL

BUSINESS FORM (Check applicable):

For Profit Corporation \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Profit Corporation \_\_\_\_\_ Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

State where incorporated \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Incorporation \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
INDICATE ALL THAT ARE APPLICABLE: Total Number of Beds: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC NAME, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF BEDS BY GENDER FOR EACH FACILITY OPERATED BY VENDOR:

*Facility Name:*                      *Location:*                      *Male Beds:*                      *Female Beds:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
INSURANCE PROVIDER: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all information contained in this application, including all attachments and supporting materials, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official Title Date

## Summary Budget for Purchase of Services

FISCAL YEAR 20\_\_ and 20\_\_

Vendor/Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_

COST CATEGORY	COST
Personnel – Salaries	\$
Personnel – Fringe Benefits	\$
Personnel – Training	\$
Personnel – Travel	\$
Equipment	\$
Transportation	\$
Consumable Supplies	\$
Other	\$
Facility	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

Total Units Service Per Year (example: Bed days per year):

Cost Per Unit:

Show Computation:

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**

# 1. Personnel Salaries

Vendor:

**Personnel--Salaries**

Position or Title	Staff Name or AVacant	Annual Salary	% Time for Job	Total
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Note: Use as many additional pages as needed



**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**

**2. Personnel Fringe Benefits**

Vendor:
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**Include basis of cost for each item.**

Fringe Benefits Based on Salaries Paid:	Total
FICA	\$
SUTA	
WORKMANS COMP.	
MEDICAL BENEFITS	
OTHER: (Describe)	
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	\$

















**APPENDIX III**  
**SAMPLE CONTRACT**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES CONTRACTS

### Instructions for all Substance Abuse "Treatment" Contracts (Services Paid from More Than One Funding Source, such as BS, CC, DP and/or TAIP, may be combined in One Contract)

It is recommended that CSCDs use all of the standard clauses in this section of the manual for all contracts with vendors who provide direct substance abuse treatment services to offenders. However, for substance abuse treatment contracts that are under \$25,000, the CSCD may use the abbreviated substance abuse clauses (Group 2 clauses) in Section VII, which are designed for non-treatment substance abuse services.

The HIV clause 1.13 in Article I must be included for all contracts. The HIV Standards, (Exhibit J) must also be added to each contract.

For substance abuse treatment services over \$25,000 per vendor per year and the service is identified as "treatment," the CSCD must use all clauses listed in Article II through Article VIII exactly as written. Although it is strongly recommended that the CSCD use all those clauses in Article I that are pertinent to the CSCD's specific substance abuse program, the CSCD has the option to choose those clauses in Article I deemed necessary for the CSCD's program.

The CSCD may change the substance abuse performance measures in Article I to fit the program, but specific performance measures must be included for all offender substance abuse contracts over \$25,000.

For contracts over \$100,000, the vendor operational plan (response to the ITB or RFP) must be attached. (Exhibit A)

Although highly recommended, written contracts for offender treatment services amounting to less than \$5,000 per year per vendor (where the aggregate amount of all contracts for that type of service is less than \$25,000) are not required by TDCJ-CJAD. Such services may be secured through a purchase order or other means deemed appropriate locally.

A Semi-Annual Expenditure report must be submitted, by CCF Vendors to the CSCD and to CJAD, on March 31 and September 30. (Exhibit H).

Substance Abuse Services provided must be in compliance with TDCJ-CJAD Substance Abuse Treatment Standards (Exhibit E) and Residential Services Standards (Exhibit F) and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Substance Abuse Related Rules (A copy of this code can be viewed at [http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac\\_view=2&ti=25](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=2&ti=25) Part 1 Department of State Health Services, Chapters 441-453), if applicable.

**Group 1 Service (Substance Abuse “Treatment” Services).**

The following services are identified as “treatment” services for which all of the following Articles II–VIII substance abuse clauses must be used when the contract amount per vendor per year is over \$25,000 (See Section VII for Substance Abuse “Non-Treatment” clauses):

- Acupuncture
- Detoxification
- Operation of a Substance Abuse Treatment Facility (SATF) or a Court Residential Treatment Center (CRTC)
- Substance Abuse Assessments or Screenings
- Substance Abuse Outpatient Counseling—Group or Individual
- Substance Abuse Residential Services

For questions regarding types of treatment services not listed, contact the TDCJ-CJAD Budget Director.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES  
OPERATIONS AGREEMENT FOR  
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND  
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

This Operations Agreement (the "AGREEMENT") is made and entered into by and between Community Supervision and Corrections Department ("DEPARTMENT"), a political entity of the Judicial District and

\_\_\_\_\_ ("VENDOR")

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip

as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**WITNESSETH:**

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the mutual benefits contemplated hereby and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

**APPOINTMENT OF VENDOR; TERM**

Appointment of VENDOR. In accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, and in consideration of the Payments hereinafter provided, VENDOR is hereby appointed to provide to DEPARTMENT, and VENDOR hereby agrees to furnish to DEPARTMENT, the Services provided for herein.

Term. This AGREEMENT is effective on the date set forth in the initial paragraph hereof and shall continue until August 31, \_\_\_\_\_, unless it is terminated earlier pursuant to the provisions hereof, provided, however, that DEPARTMENT shall have the option to renew and extend this AGREEMENT for a period of one year (with such changes as to which VENDOR shall agree), upon the giving to VENDOR a written notice of such intention no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the initial term.

**ARTICLE I  
RATES, MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, AND STATEMENT OF SERVICES**

1.1 Vendor Rates: DEPARTMENT agrees to make Payments to VENDOR for the delivery of Services, not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ for September 1, \_\_\_\_\_, through August 31, \_\_\_\_\_. VENDOR acknowledges that the total dollar amount of the AGREEMENT is subject to change, at department's discretion, based on needs and circumstances that arise within the overall DEPARTMENT program. VENDOR agrees to the following rates for substance abuse services:

Detoxification	_____	per day
Intensive residential	_____	per day
Supportive Residential	_____	per day
Outpatient Group	_____	per hour
Outpatient Individual	_____	per hour

1.2 Substance Abuse Treatment Services Minimum Requirements: The VENDOR shall, in accordance with the terms of this AGREEMENT, provide all necessary personnel, equipment, materials, supplies, facilities, and services (except as may be furnished by the DEPARTMENT as specified in writing as part of this

AGREEMENT) and do all things necessary for, or incidental to the provision of the substance abuse treatment services as required by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Substance Abuse Related Rules for the level of service provided.

### Screening

Written policies and procedures shall ensure the following:

- a. Screening shall include the administration, scoring, interpretation and referral for assessment of an offender to determine the probability the client is chemically dependent.
- b. Screening must be conducted by a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor or person otherwise qualified or exempt under DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules
- c. The instruments used for a TAIP offender to determine the possible existence of chemical dependency will be the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI), the Texas Christian University Drug Dependency Scale (TCUDS) or the Substance Abuse Life Circumstance Evaluation (SALCE).
- d. Persons who meet the following criteria may bypass the screening process:
  - (1) The offender has a documented criminal history with two or more prior arrests for offenses, which involve the use or possession of alcohol or the use, possession, or sale of illegal substances;
  - (2) The offender has submitted positive urine specimens;
  - (3) The offender has previously attended an outpatient or inpatient substance abuse program; or
  - (4) A completed and documented screening or assessment/evaluation through another referral source determined that further assessment/evaluation of the individual's substance abuse history was needed.

### Assessment

Written policies and procedures shall ensure the following:

- a. Assessment must include the use of an Addiction Severity Index (ASI) as a structured or semi-structured interview or the assessment located on the Behavioral Health Integrated Provider System (BHIPS) operated by DSHS. Only In-house substance abuse programs, not contracted vendors, can utilize the Substance Abuse Evaluation (SAE). Contracted Vendors must either utilize the ASI or BHIPS assessment.
- b. The assessor must use the information and scoring to determine and document the nature and extent of an offender's chemical dependency.
- c. The assessor must determine and document an appropriate referral or document why a referral is not necessary.
- d. The ASI interview, scoring, referral, and treatment plan shall be performed by a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor, appropriately supervised Counselor intern, or one of the approved practitioners listed in the TDCJ-CJAD Standards 163.40 (a) 26 who is in good standing in the State of Texas as defined by DSHS.

1.3 Operational Plan: The proposal submitted in response to the ITB or RFP (if applicable) as finally negotiated and attached as Exhibit A if this AGREEMENT becomes the Operational Plan by which the VENDOR will be audited.

1.4 DSHS Licensure. A DSHS facility license (as applicable) for Detoxification, Intensive Residential, Supportive Residential, and/or Outpatient status pursuant to the current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules and all subsequent revisions has been secured and will be maintained during the term hereof. Individuals contracting with the DEPARTMENT must maintain appropriate licensure under current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules and subsequent revisions. VENDOR must notify DEPARTMENT within 48 hours of all DSHS licensure violations, including pending allegations.

1.5 Performance Measures. The VENDOR shall comply with the Performance Measures included in this AGREEMENT to assist offenders to change their behavior and become productive, contributing members of society by leading a life free of substance abuse and crime.

**(TO BE DEVELOPED AND FILLED IN BY CSCD – MUST BE IN EVERY CONTRACT OVER \$25,000 PER VENDOR)**

1.6 Negotiation. The VENDOR will document performance measures and evaluation criteria submitted as the **Operational Plan** (if applicable). DEPARTMENT can negotiate with the VENDOR during the term of the AGREEMENT to establish new performance measures or evaluation criteria that both parties agree reflect quantity or quality of service.

1.7 Diagnosis. In its treatment of offenders, VENDOR shall:

- a) Provide appropriate chemical dependency treatment as designated by a documented Axis I substance abuse or substance dependency diagnosis recommending the specific treatment being provided by the VENDOR;
- b) Coordinate with DEPARTMENT to identify needs of offender's that are beyond the scope of VENDOR'S Services and make appropriate referrals in such circumstances; and
- c) Develop and implement procedures for Services (or referrals) for offenders with dual diagnosis and/or mental and physical disabilities.

1.8 Participation. In order to ensure maximum participation of offenders in its program, VENDOR shall:

- a) Contact DEPARTMENT within twenty-four (24) hours whenever any offender fails to comply with his or her recommended treatment, including failure to show for initial appointment or unauthorized departures;
- b) Document on a weekly basis the offender's level of participation and compliance with treatment goals and objectives; and
- c) The VENDOR must maintain a signature log of all face-to-face contacts with the offender. The log must contain what service was performed, the time, date, and be signed by the counselor and the offender.

1.9 Discharge. The discharge of any offender shall be made in accordance with the following:

- a) Prior to discharge, VENDOR shall schedule and coordinate with offender's community supervision officer or designee to evaluate if any additional services are required for offender. A copy of each offender's discharge plan and discharge summary, as outlined in TDCJ-CJAD Standards 163.40 @, shall be submitted to DEPARTMENT within seven (7) days of such discharge; and
- b) Under no circumstances may VENDOR discharge any offender without having furnished DEPARTMENT with prior written notification thereof.

1.10 Referrals. The DEPARTMENT retains control over the offenders referred to VENDOR for the provision of substance abuse treatment. If the offender is determined to be in need of additional or different treatment services, the offender is to be referred back to the DEPARTMENT for further action. The process by which this action will occur will be addressed in the Operations Plan.

1.11 Court Testimony. VENDOR agrees to provide testimony in court, if required, at no additional cost to the DEPARTMENT.

1.12 Policies and Procedures. The Services for offenders shall include policies and procedures for admission and discharge, discharge planning, participation in treatment, transportation (as necessary), safety and security, clinical supervision, referral activities, house management and government (as applicable), documentation of Services, and incident reporting and resolution, which shall be in writing and available to DEPARTMENT prior to implementation. VENDOR shall notify the DEPARTMENT in writing of deviations from such policies and procedures, whether temporary or permanent.

1.13 Orientation and HIV Counseling. VENDOR shall provide orientation to offenders regarding substance abuse treatment and support resources and shall provide HIV counseling in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit J hereto and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Substance Abuse Related Rules.

1.14 DEPARTMENT Approvals Required. Under the following circumstances, VENDOR shall obtain DEPARTMENT'S written approval prior to exceeding the described treatment(s):

- a) Detoxification Services exceeding three (3) days;
- b) Intensive Residential Services exceeding thirty (30) days;
- c) Supportive Residential Services exceeding sixty (60) days;
- d) Intensive Outpatient Services performed beyond forty-five (45) days from the initial intake; and
- e) Supportive Outpatient Services performed beyond six (6) months from the initial intake.

1.15 Coordination with DEPARTMENT. VENDOR shall coordinate the following tasks with the DEPARTMENT:

- a) Develop alternatives to be utilized for incidents of non-compliance with program rules and/or alcohol or drug use by offenders;
- b) Submit progress reports on each offender, indicating progress and compliance/non-compliance with program;
- c) Participate in meetings as the DEPARTMENT directs; and
- d) Comply with DEPARTMENT operational policies and procedures as set forth by the DEPARTMENT Program and/or the State program.

1.16 No-Shows. DEPARTMENT will not pay the full rate to VENDOR for offenders who fail to attend sessions or meetings. **(THE CSCD SHOULD SPECIFY THE AMOUNT AND NUMBER OF "NO-SHOWS" FOR WHICH THEY ARE WILLING TO PAY AND INCLUDE HERE.)**

1.17 Definitions. The following terms used in this AGREEMENT shall, unless the context indicates otherwise, have the meanings set forth below:

AGREEMENT - means this Operations AGREEMENT with all exhibits hereto.

Contract Monitor - means the Person(s) designated by DEPARTMENT as such to ensure that VENDOR complies with the terms hereof, by conducting performance audits of the Operational Plan and financial audits of the Program Budget, if applicable.

Counselor - means a Person with appropriate licensure who renders chemical dependency counseling or chemical dependency counseling-related services to an individual, group, organization, corporation, institution, or the general public for compensation.

DSHS - means the Texas Department of State Health Services, formerly known as TCADA, as presently or hereafter constituted.

DSHS Substance Abuse Rules - means the rules as adopted by and listed in the current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules, and subsequent revisions.

DEPARTMENT Policies - means all written policies, procedures, standards, guidelines, directives, and manuals of DEPARTMENT, as same may be amended from time to time, which DEPARTMENT has made available to VENDOR and with which VENDOR has an affirmative obligation to be and remain familiar.

Facility - means the DSHS licensed treatment facility where VENDOR will provide Services pursuant to the terms hereof or a Community Corrections Facility as operated by the DEPARTMENT.

Midnight Strength Report - means the official numerical count of the number of offenders who are Residents present at the Facility at the end of each day calculated at 12:00 midnight, which number shall not include any offenders who were previously removed on that day. Offenders on a temporary leave for less than forty-eight (48) hours shall be included in the count.

Monthly Invoice - means that certain form or electronic reporting mechanism that VENDOR shall prepare and submit to DEPARTMENT no later than the seventh (7th) day after the end of the preceding month, based on the VENDOR Rate and yielding the Monthly VENDOR Payment to be made by DEPARTMENT, a copy of which form is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Offender - means each individual who receives services from VENDOR hereunder who qualifies for services and who has been ordered by a court of legal jurisdiction to participate in receiving services.

Operational Plan - means the written operating and audit system devised jointly by DEPARTMENT and VENDOR prior to and during the term hereof pursuant to VENDOR'S policies and procedures submitted in response to the RFP or ITB (if applicable) whereby the delivery of Services shall be evaluated and monitored, including the Performance Measures to track and evaluate achievement results of offenders, which plan shall contain a mechanism for monthly self-monitoring reports by VENDOR.

Outpatient - means any offender who receives Services on an hourly basis pursuant to the terms hereof and who is not a resident in the facility providing treatment.

Payment or Payments - means amount(s) agreed to be paid by DEPARTMENT to VENDOR.

Payment to VENDOR - means the mathematical product of the following: (a) Resident offenders at non-CCFs: the VENDOR Rate calculated by the number of verified offenders according to the Midnight Strength Report for each day of the billing month; (b) Outpatient offenders: the VENDOR Rate calculated by the number of verified offenders for each hour and billing day for which Outpatient Services were rendered in the billing month.



Performance Measures - means the standards whereby VENDOR and DEPARTMENT will determine the effectiveness of the Services, as set forth in Article I hereto.

Person - means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, court or other tribunal, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

Program Budget - means the financial management system of proposed revenue and expenditures that VENDOR submitted in response to the ITB or RFP, if applicable (as same may have been amended prior to the execution hereof), whereby VENDOR implements and maintains its books regarding income and expenditures in the provision of Services at the Facility in accordance with the approved Program Budget (i.e., a program-specific accounting or bookkeeping system).

Resident - means any offender who resides at the Facility and receives Services pursuant to the terms hereof.

RFP - means that certain Request for Proposal issued by DEPARTMENT for the purpose of soliciting proposals to render Services and with respect to which VENDOR responded and was awarded this AGREEMENT, if applicable.

Services - means the delivery by VENDOR of the chemical dependency program as set forth in this AGREEMENT and exhibits and as outlined in VENDOR'S response to the ITB or RFP, if applicable.

TAIP - means Treatment Alternative to Incarceration Program, a program of DEPARTMENT.

Term - means the duration of this AGREEMENT as specified in Article I.

VENDOR - means "Name of provider."

Vendor Rate - means the amount paid by Department to VENDOR per day or per hour during the term hereof, determined in accordance with the rates set forth in Article I.

1.18 Sole Source Provider. This VENDOR has been duly certified in an open meeting and reflected in the meeting minutes as a sole source provider. **(THIS CLAUSE IS REQUIRED ONLY FOR SOLE SOURCE PROVIDERS - DELETE IT FROM OTHER CONTRACTS.)**

**1.19 AND 1.20 ARE REQUIRED FOR VENDORS OPERATING COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITIES (SATFs OR CRTCs) FOR THE DEPARTMENT:**

1.19 Excess Profit. For contracted operation of a community corrections facility (CCF) for which a vendor budget has been approved with a stated profit (or excess revenue over expenditures for non-profit entities), VENDOR agrees to refund to DEPARTMENT sixty (60) days after the contract term any excess profit above the approved profit amount.

1.20 Semi-Annual Expenditure Reports. For contracted operation of a community corrections facility (CCF), VENDOR agrees to submit to DEPARTMENT and to TDCJ-CJAD by March 31 and September 30 an expenditure report by the budgeted expenditure lines.

1.21 Other clauses to be added by CSCD: (ADD Specific Department/Program Requirements)

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES ARE REQUIRED:

ARTICLE II  
REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

VENDOR represents and warrants to and for the benefit of DEPARTMENT with the intent that DEPARTMENT rely thereon for the purposes hereof, the following:

2.1 Legal Status. VENDOR (1) is a validly organized and constituted sole proprietorship or partnership in the jurisdiction in which it is formed and in good standing therein; or, is a corporation duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is incorporated and in good standing therein; (2) is duly qualified to conduct business in the State of Texas; and (3) has legal power and authority to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as presently conducted.

2.2 Authorization. The making and performance of this AGREEMENT has been duly authorized by all necessary action and will not violate any provision of current law or VENDOR'S charter or by-laws. The AGREEMENT has been duly executed and delivered by VENDOR and, assuming due execution and delivery by DEPARTMENT, constitutes a legal, valid, and binding AGREEMENT enforceable against VENDOR in accordance with its terms.

2.3 Taxes. VENDOR has filed all necessary federal, state, and foreign income and franchise tax returns and has paid all taxes as shown to be due thereon, including penalties and interest, or provided adequate reserves for payment thereof, except to the extent that same have become due and payable but are not yet delinquent, and except for any taxes and assessments of which the amount applicability or validity is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings.

2.4 No Child Support Owning. In accordance with 231.006 of the Texas Family Code, no person who is the sole proprietor, a partner, a shareholder, or an owner of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of VENDOR and who is now more than thirty (30) days delinquent in paying court ordered approved child support may receive payment from state funds under a contract. Under Section 231.006, Family Code, VENDOR certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the Payments and acknowledges that this AGREEMENT may be terminated and Payments may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

2.5 Use of Payments. No part of the Payments made to VENDOR will be expended for any consultant fees, honorariums, or any other compensation to any employee of DEPARTMENT or for unallowable costs set forth on Exhibit D. VENDOR shall expend Payments made hereunder solely for providing direct services and for reasonable and allowable expenses directly related to the provision of Services.

2.6 Non-Discrimination. In the performance hereof, VENDOR warrants that it shall not discriminate against any employee, subcontractor, or offender on account of race, color, disability, religion, sex, national origin, age, or those who have or are perceived to have a disability because of AIDS or HIV infection, antibodies to HIV, or infection with any other probable causative agent of AIDS. VENDOR shall include the provisions of this paragraph regarding non-discrimination in each of its contracts with subcontractors so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.

2.7 Non-Collusion. VENDOR warrants that no Person, other than a bona fide employee, has been employed to solicit or secure this AGREEMENT with DEPARTMENT, and VENDOR has not paid or agreed to pay any Person, other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, or brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the execution hereof. For breach or violation of this provision, DEPARTMENT shall have the right to terminate this AGREEMENT without liability, or at its discretion to deduct from Payments, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, brokerage fee, gift, or contingency fee.

### ARTICLE III GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.1 Safety Requirements. VENDOR shall maintain the physical plant of the Facility in compliance with all applicable codes and current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules and subsequent revisions as applicable.

3.2 Health and Safety. VENDOR shall ensure that adequate measures are taken to protect the health and safety of each offender while receiving Services.

3.3 Staff Training. VENDOR shall ensure that all staff providing direct Services receives continuing education and training as needed or required and that such education and training is documented.

3.4 Duties and Obligations. VENDOR shall provide the Services at the Facility (ies) in compliance with applicable federal and state law, including all constitutional, legal and court ordered requirements, whether now in effect or hereafter affected or implemented, and in accordance with the Operational Plan, if required. The Operational Plan shall contain procedures for assumption of Services by DEPARTMENT in the event of VENDOR'S bankruptcy or inability to perform its duties hereunder.

3.5 Visitation by State Employees. VENDOR shall at all times allow employees/agents of the Governor, members of the Legislature and all other members of the Executive and Judicial branches of the State of Texas, the Contract Monitor, and any other persons designated by the DEPARTMENT and/or the Texas Board of Criminal Justice to monitor the delivery of Services and contract compliance of the VENDOR.

3.6 No Subcontractors. No subcontractor may be utilized by VENDOR unless DEPARTMENT has furnished prior written approval.

3.7 Placement of Offenders. DEPARTMENT shall have sole authority to assign and transfer offenders to and from the facility or program and, as appropriate, may specify services for any such offenders during the term of this agreement.

3.8 Confidentiality. When applicable, records of identity, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of any offender through this AGREEMENT shall be confidential and may be disclosed only in accordance with applicable laws. No information may be released without the offender's written consent as documented by a signed information release form. VENDOR shall notify department in writing if any legal process requires disclosure of an offender's record and shall obtain written acknowledgment of same from DEPARTMENT'S Authorized Representative.

3.9 Termination at Will. Either party may terminate this AGREEMENT for any reason whatsoever, without cause and at any time, by furnishing to the other party thirty (30) days prior written notice. DEPARTMENT'S only obligation for terminating this AGREEMENT pursuant to this section shall be the payment to VENDOR of Payments earned hereunder up to the date of termination. VENDOR's only obligation for terminating this AGREEMENT pursuant to this section shall be to provide Services until the date of termination. Neither VENDOR nor DEPARTMENT shall thereafter be entitled to any other compensation.

3.10 Record Retention. All records shall be the property of DEPARTMENT. All records (electronic or paper) pertinent to the provisions of Services hereunder shall be retained by the VENDOR for a period of five years with the following qualification: If any audit, litigation or claim is started before the expiration of the five-year period, the records shall be retained until all audits, litigation, claims, or other findings involving the records have been resolved. The retention period for all records begins after DEPARTMENT has made the final Payment in accordance with this AGREEMENT. At the end of the five-year period, VENDOR will request disposition instructions from DEPARTMENT.

#### ARTICLE IV ADMINISTRATION AND FISCAL SYSTEM

4.1 Administrative Controls. VENDOR shall establish, document and maintain adequate administrative, financial, and internal controls to ensure that only allowable and reasonable costs are expended under this AGREEMENT.

4.2 Governing Board Responsibility. The appropriate governing board or entity of VENDOR shall bear full responsibility for the integrity of the Program Budget, where required, including accountability for all Payments, compliance with DEPARTMENT policies, and applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Ignorance of any AGREEMENT provisions or other requirements contained herein shall not constitute a defense or basis for waiving or appealing such provisions or requirements.

4.3 Conflict of Interest. VENDOR shall not refer offenders for additional services without prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT. VENDOR shall develop and implement written internal policies that may be reviewed by the DEPARTMENT to ensure that members of the government board, contractual personnel, consultants, volunteers, and employees do not use their positions with the VENDOR for a purpose that is, or gives the appearance of being, motivated by a desire for personal gain or gain by a family member.

4.4 Remuneration. Staff of VENDOR shall not pay or receive any commission, consideration, or benefit of any kind related to the referral of an offender for treatment or engage in fee-splitting with other professionals.

4.5 Audits. VENDOR agrees to furnish DEPARTMENT and/or TDCJ with such information as may be required relating to the Services rendered hereunder. VENDOR shall permit DEPARTMENT to audit and inspect records and reports and to evaluate the performance of Services at any time. VENDOR shall provide reasonable access to all the records, books, reports, and other necessary data and information needed to accomplish review of program activities, services, and expenditures, including cooperation with DEPARTMENT in its performance of random or routine audits to determine the accuracy of VENDOR reports.

4.6 Disclosure. VENDOR is required to immediately or timely, as the case may be, disclose to DEPARTMENT and TDCJ-CJAD the following:

- (a) If any Person who is an employee or director of VENDOR is required to register as a lobbyist under Texas Government Code Chapter 305, at any time during the term hereof, VENDOR shall provide to DEPARTMENT and TDCJ-CJAD timely copies of all reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission as required by Chapter 305;
- (b) If any Person who is an employee, subcontractor, or director of VENDOR is or becomes an elected official (i.e., an elected or appointed state official or member of the judiciary, or a United States congressman or senator), during the term hereof;
- (c) Report any actions or citations by federal, state, or local governmental agencies that may affect VENDOR'S licensure status or its ability to provide Services hereunder.

- 4.7 Withhold Payments. The DEPARTMENT may withhold Payments for any ineligible claims including inadequate or untimely monthly invoices until such time as the ineligible, inadequate or untimely claim is resubmitted and/or corrected by VENDOR. VENDOR agrees to return any unearned amounts paid by the DEPARTMENT within thirty (30) days following the final date of the contact period, or at the DEPARTMENT'S option, within thirty (30) days following the DEPARTMENT'S delivery to VENDOR a notice that amounts paid are to be returned to DEPARTMENT.
- 4.8 Accounting Records. VENDOR agrees to maintain a separate accounting or bookkeeping system specifically isolating the revenue and expenditures associated with this AGREEMENT in accordance with fund accounting principles.
- 4.9 Payments to VENDOR. VENDOR shall submit Monthly Invoices (in writing or electronically) as required herein and shall receive Payments from DEPARTMENT based thereon, subject to the provisions in this AGREEMENT. VENDOR will provide an itemized list of Services performed during the invoice period, including the names of all Offenders served, the service provided, and the amount of time rendered with each. DEPARTMENT agrees to pay VENDOR within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Monthly Invoice (Exhibit C).
- 4.10 Discharges for Offender Absence. Offenders on furlough or on an allowed absence from a residential facility, where an applicable provision of service, in excess of forty-eight (48) hours will be terminated and readmitted upon their return.
- 4.11 Residential Services Billed According to Midnight Strength Rule. Non-Community Corrections Facility (CCF) VENDORS providing residential services shall charge the DEPARTMENT for clients according to the Midnight Strength Report.
- 4.12 Peer or Group-Controlled Meetings. The VENDOR shall not, under any circumstances, bill DEPARTMENT for peer or group-controlled meetings and such meetings shall not be counted toward the minimum treatment requirements set forth herein.
- 4.13 TDCJ-CJAD Substance Abuse Standards. VENDORS contracting with the DEPARTMENT for substance abuse services must comply with the TDCJ-CJAD Substance Abuse Standards.
- 4.14 TDCJ-CJAD Residential Services Standards. VENDORS contracting with the DEPARTMENT for either Intensive or Supportive Residential Services must comply with the TDCJ-CJAD Residential Services Standards.
- 4.15 Specific Measures. All terms of this AGREEMENT are subject to monitoring and verification; however, the VENDOR must have available for the DEPARTMENT'S inspection records to support performance of those measures outlined in Article 1.5 herein, or refund DEPARTMENT the specified adjustments.
- 4.16 Equipment. Title to any equipment purchased in excess of \$1,000.00 per unit cost (e.g., keyboard, monitor, and CPU are one unit) will vest with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice if such equipment is purported to be a direct expense to the program per submitted vendor budget if applicable. Items in excess of \$1,000 per unit that are depreciated (useful life) or placed in a use allowance will not be considered for ownership by TDCJ.
- 4.17 Misspent Funds. The VENDOR will refund expenditures of the VENDOR that are contrary to this AGREEMENT and deemed inappropriate by the DEPARTMENT or designee.
- 4.18 Other Revenues for Additional Services. VENDOR may collect additional revenues from other sources only for services exceeding those requirements in Article I and Exhibit A.

4.19 Other Revenue for Proposed Services. As per Government Code Section 76.017 (e), services provided to an offender referred under TAIP are billable only if no other public or private funds are available to that offender. The prices quoted in this AGREEMENT are the full cost of treatment. Any fees, food stamps, or other revenues collected on behalf of the offender for offender services provided for in this AGREEMENT must be used to reduce cost per unit of service per offender under this AGREEMENT.

## ARTICLE V DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

- 5.1 Default by VENDOR. Each of the following shall constitute an Event of Default on the part of VENDOR:
- a. A material failure to keep, observe, perform, meet, or comply with any covenant, term, or provision hereof, which failure continues for a period of twenty (20) days after receipt of VENDOR of written notification thereof;
  - b. A failure to maintain current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules—and subsequent revisions in accordance with Sections 1.4 and 1.13 hereof;
  - c. (1) Admit in writing its inability to pay its debts; (2) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (3) suffer a decree or order appointing a receiver or trustee for it or substantially all of its property, and, if entered without its consent, same is not stayed or discharged within sixty (60) days of such decree or order; (4) suffer filing under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, or the reorganization for relief of debtors by or against it and, if contested by it, not to be dismissed or stayed within sixty (60) days of such filing; or (5) suffer any judgment, writ of attachment or execution, or any similar process issued or levied against a substantial part of its property that is not released, stayed, bonded, or vacated within sixty (60) days after such issuance or levy; and
  - d. The discovery by DEPARTMENT that any statement, representation of warranty in this AGREEMENT is false, misleading, or erroneous in any material respect.
- 5.2 Remedy of DEPARTMENT. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default by VENDOR, DEPARTMENT shall notify VENDOR of such Event of Default, and subject to the time provisions of Section 5.1 hereof, DEPARTMENT shall have the right to pursue any remedy it may have at law or in equity, including, but not limited to, (a) suspend referral of Offenders; (b) suspend payment; (c) taking action to cure the Event of Default, in which case DEPARTMENT may offset against any Payments owed to VENDOR all reasonable costs incurred by DEPARTMENT in connection with its efforts to cure such Event of Default; and (d) termination and removal of VENDOR as provider of Services. In the event of VENDOR'S removal due to an Event of Default, DEPARTMENT shall have no further obligations to VENDOR after such removal and in such event, VENDOR agrees to cooperate with DEPARTMENT regarding a transition to new provider of Services.
- 5.3 Default by DEPARTMENT. The following shall constitute an Event of Default on the part of DEPARTMENT: failure by DEPARTMENT to pay within thirty (30) days after Payment is due any Payment required to be paid pursuant to the terms hereof, provided such failure to pay shall not constitute an Event of Default if the Comptroller of the State of Texas has withheld any payments pursuant to statutory authority.
- 5.4 Remedy of VENDOR. Upon an Event of Default by DEPARTMENT, VENDOR'S sole remedy shall be to terminate this AGREEMENT. Upon such termination, VENDOR shall be entitled to receive Payment from DEPARTMENT for all Services satisfactorily furnished hereunder up to and including the date of termination.
- 5.5 AGREEMENT Subject to Availability of Funds. This AGREEMENT will be subject to the availability of funds as appropriated by the State Legislature and as made available by the Community Justice Assistance

Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. If such funds become reduced or unavailable, this AGREEMENT shall be subject to immediate modification, reduction or termination.

## ARTICLE VI INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

6.1 Insurance. VENDOR shall provide an adequate plan of insurance that provides: (1) coverage to protect DEPARTMENT and the State against all claims, including claims based on violations of civil rights arising from the Services performed by VENDOR; (2) coverage to protect the State from actions by a third party against VENDOR or any subcontractor of VENDOR; and (3) coverage to protect the State from actions by officers, employees, or agents of VENDOR or any subcontractor(s). VENDOR shall maintain the following insurance coverage in full force and effect for the mutual protection and benefit of DEPARTMENT, the State and VENDOR with the amounts and coverage's as required by law, in accordance with the following:

- A. Claims that may arise out of or result from VENDOR'S actions/omissions/operations hereunder, whether such actions/omissions/operations are by VENDOR or by a subcontractor of VENDOR, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by or acting on behalf of VENDOR or a subcontractor where liability may arise for:
  1. Claims under workers compensation disability benefits, and other similar employee benefit actions;
  2. Claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of any VENDOR employees;
  3. Claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease or death of any Person other than VENDOR'S employees;
  4. Claims for damages insured by usual personal liability coverage that are sustained by (a) any Person as a result of an act directly or indirectly related to the employment of such Person by VENDOR, or by (b) any other Person;
  5. Claims for damages because of injury to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use resulting there from;
  6. Claims for damages based on violations of civil rights;
  7. Claims for damages arising from fire and lightning and other casualties.
- B. VENDOR shall obtain and maintain in force insurance coverage in accordance with all applicable law and accepted industry standards during the term they are engaged hereunder. In addition, VENDOR shall maintain a liability insurance policy in an amount not less than \$100,000 for each person and \$300,000 for each single occurrence for bodily injury or death and \$100,000 for each single occurrence for injury to or destruction of property.
- C. Certifications/policies of insurance shall be filed with DEPARTMENT prior to execution of this AGREEMENT. VENDOR shall notify DEPARTMENT within fifteen (15) days of cancellation of any policy required herein.
- D. Compliance with the foregoing insurance requirements shall not relieve VENDOR from any liability under the indemnity provisions.

6.2 Indemnification. VENDOR shall indemnify and save the DEPARTMENT, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the State of Texas, and its officers, agents and employees (hereinafter, collectively referred to as the "State") harmless from and against any and all claims arising from the conduct, management or performance hereof, including, without limitation, any and all claims arising from any condition herein or arising from any breach or default on the part of VENDOR in the performance of any covenant or agreement on its part to be performed, or arising from any act of negligence of VENDOR, or licensees or arising from any accident, injury or damage whatsoever caused to any person, firm or corporation and from and against all costs, reasonable attorney's fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in or about any such claim, action or proceeding brought against the State by reason of any such claim. In any such action brought against the State, VENDOR, upon notice from the State, shall defend against such action or proceeding by counsel satisfactory to the State, unless such action or proceeding is defended against by counsel for any carrier of liability insurance provided for herein. The aforementioned indemnification shall not be affected by a claim that negligence of DEPARTMENT, the State, or their respective agents, contractors, employees or licensees contributed in part to the loss or damage indemnified against.

## ARTICLE VII INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

VENDOR is associated with DEPARTMENT only for the purposes and to the extent set forth herein, and with respect to the performance of Services hereunder, VENDOR is and shall be an independent contractor and shall have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct the performance of the details incident to its duties hereunder. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create the relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create any liability for DEPARTMENT, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the State of Texas and its offices, agents and employees (hereafter, collectively referred to as the "State") whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of VENDOR or any other party. VENDOR shall be solely responsible for (and DEPARTMENT shall have no obligation with respect to) payment of all Federal Income, F.I.C.A., and other taxes owed or claimed to be owed by VENDOR, arising out of VENDOR's association with DEPARTMENT pursuant hereto, and VENDOR shall indemnify and hold DEPARTMENT harmless from and against any and all liability from all losses, damages, claims, costs, penalties, liabilities, and expenses howsoever arising or incurred because of, incident to, or otherwise with respect to any such taxes.

## ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8.1 Inconsistencies. Where there exists any inconsistency between this AGREEMENT and other provisions of collateral contractual Agreements that are made a part hereof by reference or otherwise, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

8.2 Severability. Each paragraph and provision hereof is severable from the entire AGREEMENT and if any provision is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless remain in effect.

8.3 Prohibition Against Assignment. There shall be no assignment or transfer of this AGREEMENT without the prior written consent of both parties.

8.4 Law of Texas. This AGREEMENT shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be enforced in the county of the applicable judicial district in which this agreement was entered.

8.5 Notices. All notices called for or contemplated hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when personally delivered or forty-eight (48) hours after mailed to each party by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid.



8.6 Entire. This AGREEMENT incorporates all the agreements, covenants, and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, agreements, and understandings have been merged into this written AGREEMENT. No other prior agreement or understandings, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless attached hereto and/or embodied herein.

8.7 Amendment. No changes to this AGREEMENT shall be made except upon written agreement of both parties.

8.8 Headings. The headings used herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part thereof or affect the construction or interpretation hereof.

8.9 Counterparts. This AGREEMENT may be executed in any number of and by the different parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

8.10 Terminology and Definitions. All personal pronouns used herein, whether used in the masculine, feminine, or neutral, shall include all other genders; the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this AGREEMENT including the Exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference to be executed as of the date first above written.

Executed in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas by

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL:  
ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT JUDGE: \_\_\_\_\_

JUDICIAL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

VENDOR: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES  
OPERATIONS AGREEMENT FOR  
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND  
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

This Operations Agreement (the "AGREEMENT") is made and entered into by and between Community Supervision and Corrections Department ("DEPARTMENT"), a political entity of the Judicial District and

\_\_\_\_\_ ("VENDOR")

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip

as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**WITNESSETH:**

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the mutual benefits contemplated hereby and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

**APPOINTMENT OF VENDOR; TERM**

Appointment of VENDOR. In accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, and in consideration of the Payments hereinafter provided, VENDOR is hereby appointed to provide to DEPARTMENT, and VENDOR hereby agrees to furnish to DEPARTMENT, the Services provided for herein.

Term. This AGREEMENT is effective on the date set forth in the initial paragraph hereof and shall continue until August 31, \_\_\_\_\_, unless it is terminated earlier pursuant to the provisions hereof, provided, however, that DEPARTMENT shall have the option to renew and extend this AGREEMENT for a period of one year (with such changes as to which VENDOR shall agree), upon the giving to VENDOR a written notice of such intention no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the initial term.

**ARTICLE I  
RATES, MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, AND STATEMENT OF SERVICES**

1.1 Vendor Rates: DEPARTMENT agrees to make Payments to VENDOR for the delivery of Services, not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ for September 1, \_\_\_\_\_, through August 31, \_\_\_\_\_. VENDOR acknowledges that the total dollar amount of the AGREEMENT is subject to change, at department's discretion, based on needs and circumstances that arise within the overall DEPARTMENT program. VENDOR agrees to the following rates for substance abuse services:

Detoxification	_____ per day
Intensive residential	_____ per day
Supportive Residential	_____ per day
Outpatient Group	_____ per hour
Outpatient Individual	_____ per hour

1.2 Substance Abuse Treatment Services Minimum Requirements: The VENDOR shall, in accordance with the terms of this AGREEMENT, provide all necessary personnel, equipment, materials, supplies, facilities, and services (except as may be furnished by the DEPARTMENT as specified in writing as part of this

AGREEMENT) and do all things necessary for, or incidental to the provision of the substance abuse treatment services as required by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Substance Abuse Related Rules for the level of service provided.

## Screening

Written policies and procedures shall ensure the following:

- a. Screening shall include the administration, scoring, interpretation and referral for assessment of an offender to determine the probability the client is chemically dependent.
- b. Screening must be conducted by a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor or person otherwise qualified or exempt under DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules
- c. The instruments used for a TAIP offender to determine the possible existence of chemical dependency will be the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI), the Texas Christian University Drug Dependency Scale (TCUDS) or the Substance Abuse Life Circumstance Evaluation (SALCE).
- d. Persons who meet the following criteria may bypass the screening process:
  - (1) The offender has a documented criminal history with two or more prior arrests for offenses, which involve the use or possession of alcohol or the use, possession, or sale of illegal substances;
  - (2) The offender has submitted positive urine specimens;
  - (3) The offender has previously attended an outpatient or inpatient substance abuse program; or
  - (4) A completed and documented screening or assessment/evaluation through another referral source determined that further assessment/evaluation of the individual's substance abuse history was needed.

## Assessment

Written policies and procedures shall ensure the following:

- a. Assessment must include the use of an Addiction Severity Index (ASI) as a structured or semi-structured interview or the assessment located on the Behavioral Health Integrated Provider System (BHIPS) operated by DSHS. Only In-house substance abuse programs, not contracted vendors, can utilize the Substance Abuse Evaluation (SAE). Contracted Vendors must either utilize the ASI or BHIPS assessment.
- b. The assessor must use the information and scoring to determine and document the nature and extent of an offender's chemical dependency.
- c. The assessor must determine and document an appropriate referral or document why a referral is not necessary.
- d. The ASI interview, scoring, referral, and treatment plan shall be performed by a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor, appropriately supervised Counselor intern, or one of the approved practitioners listed in the TDCJ-CJAD Standards 163.40 (a) 26 who is in good standing in the State of Texas as defined by DSHS.

1.3 Operational Plan: The proposal submitted in response to the ITB or RFP (if applicable) as finally negotiated and attached as Exhibit A if this AGREEMENT becomes the Operational Plan by which the VENDOR will be audited.

1.4 DSHS Licensure. A DSHS facility license (as applicable) for Detoxification, Intensive Residential, Supportive Residential, and/or Outpatient status pursuant to the current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules and all subsequent revisions has been secured and will be maintained during the term hereof. Individuals contracting with the DEPARTMENT must maintain appropriate licensure under current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules and subsequent revisions. VENDOR must notify DEPARTMENT within 48 hours of all DSHS licensure violations, including pending allegations.

1.5 Performance Measures. The VENDOR shall comply with the Performance Measures included in this AGREEMENT to assist offenders to change their behavior and become productive, contributing members of society by leading a life free of substance abuse and crime.

**(TO BE DEVELOPED AND FILLED IN BY CSCD – MUST BE IN EVERY CONTRACT OVER \$25,000 PER VENDOR)**

1.6 Negotiation. The VENDOR will document performance measures and evaluation criteria submitted as the **Operational Plan** (if applicable). DEPARTMENT can negotiate with the VENDOR during the term of the AGREEMENT to establish new performance measures or evaluation criteria that both parties agree reflect quantity or quality of service.

1.7 Diagnosis. In its treatment of offenders, VENDOR shall:

- a) Provide appropriate chemical dependency treatment as designated by a documented Axis I substance abuse or substance dependency diagnosis recommending the specific treatment being provided by the VENDOR;
- b) Coordinate with DEPARTMENT to identify needs of offender's that are beyond the scope of VENDOR'S Services and make appropriate referrals in such circumstances; and
- c) Develop and implement procedures for Services (or referrals) for offenders with dual diagnosis and/or mental and physical disabilities.

1.8 Participation. In order to ensure maximum participation of offenders in its program, VENDOR shall:

- a) Contact DEPARTMENT within twenty-four (24) hours whenever any offender fails to comply with his or her recommended treatment, including failure to show for initial appointment or unauthorized departures;
- b) Document on a weekly basis the offender's level of participation and compliance with treatment goals and objectives; and
- c) The VENDOR must maintain a signature log of all face-to-face contacts with the offender. The log must contain what service was performed, the time, date, and be signed by the counselor and the offender.

1.9 Discharge. The discharge of any offender shall be made in accordance with the following:

- a) Prior to discharge, VENDOR shall schedule and coordinate with offender's community supervision officer or designee to evaluate if any additional services are required for offender. A copy of each offender's discharge plan and discharge summary, as outlined in TDCJ-CJAD Standards 163.40 @, shall be submitted to DEPARTMENT within seven (7) days of such discharge; and
- b) Under no circumstances may VENDOR discharge any offender without having furnished DEPARTMENT with prior written notification thereof.

1.10 Referrals. The DEPARTMENT retains control over the offenders referred to VENDOR for the provision of substance abuse treatment. If the offender is determined to be in need of additional or different treatment services, the offender is to be referred back to the DEPARTMENT for further action. The process by which this action will occur will be addressed in the Operations Plan.

1.11 Court Testimony. VENDOR agrees to provide testimony in court, if required, at no additional cost to the DEPARTMENT.

1.12 Policies and Procedures. The Services for offenders shall include policies and procedures for admission and discharge, discharge planning, participation in treatment, transportation (as necessary), safety and security, clinical supervision, referral activities, house management and government (as applicable), documentation of Services, and incident reporting and resolution, which shall be in writing and available to DEPARTMENT prior to implementation. VENDOR shall notify the DEPARTMENT in writing of deviations from such policies and procedures, whether temporary or permanent.

1.13 Orientation and HIV Counseling. VENDOR shall provide orientation to offenders regarding substance abuse treatment and support resources and shall provide HIV counseling in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit J hereto and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Substance Abuse Related Rules.

1.14 DEPARTMENT Approvals Required. Under the following circumstances, VENDOR shall obtain DEPARTMENT'S written approval prior to exceeding the described treatment(s):

- a) Detoxification Services exceeding three (3) days;
- b) Intensive Residential Services exceeding thirty (30) days;
- c) Supportive Residential Services exceeding sixty (60) days;
- d) Intensive Outpatient Services performed beyond forty-five (45) days from the initial intake; and
- e) Supportive Outpatient Services performed beyond six (6) months from the initial intake.

1.15 Coordination with DEPARTMENT. VENDOR shall coordinate the following tasks with the DEPARTMENT:

- a) Develop alternatives to be utilized for incidents of non-compliance with program rules and/or alcohol or drug use by offenders;
- b) Submit progress reports on each offender, indicating progress and compliance/non-compliance with program;
- c) Participate in meetings as the DEPARTMENT directs; and
- d) Comply with DEPARTMENT operational policies and procedures as set forth by the DEPARTMENT Program and/or the State program.

1.16 No-Shows. DEPARTMENT will not pay the full rate to VENDOR for offenders who fail to attend sessions or meetings. (THE CSCD SHOULD SPECIFY THE AMOUNT AND NUMBER OF "NO-SHOWS" FOR WHICH THEY ARE WILLING TO PAY AND INCLUDE HERE.)

1.17 Definitions. The following terms used in this AGREEMENT shall, unless the context indicates otherwise, have the meanings set forth below:

AGREEMENT - means this Operations AGREEMENT with all exhibits hereto.

**Contract Monitor** - means the Person(s) designated by DEPARTMENT as such to ensure that VENDOR complies with the terms hereof, by conducting performance audits of the Operational Plan and financial audits of the Program Budget, if applicable.

**Counselor** - means a Person with appropriate licensure who renders chemical dependency counseling or chemical dependency counseling-related services to an individual, group, organization, corporation, institution, or the general public for compensation.

**DSHS** - means the Texas Department of State Health Services, formerly known as TCADA, as presently or hereafter constituted.

**DSHS Substance Abuse Rules** - means the rules as adopted by and listed in the current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules, and subsequent revisions.

**DEPARTMENT Policies** - means all written policies, procedures, standards, guidelines, directives, and manuals of DEPARTMENT, as same may be amended from time to time, which DEPARTMENT has made available to VENDOR and with which VENDOR has an affirmative obligation to be and remain familiar.

**Facility** - means the DSHS licensed treatment facility where VENDOR will provide Services pursuant to the terms hereof or a Community Corrections Facility as operated by the DEPARTMENT.

**Midnight Strength Report** - means the official numerical count of the number of offenders who are Residents present at the Facility at the end of each day calculated at 12:00 midnight, which number shall not include any offenders who were previously removed on that day. Offenders on a temporary leave for less than forty-eight (48) hours shall be included in the count.

**Monthly Invoice** - means that certain form or electronic reporting mechanism that VENDOR shall prepare and submit to DEPARTMENT no later than the seventh (7th) day after the end of the preceding month, based on the VENDOR Rate and yielding the Monthly VENDOR Payment to be made by DEPARTMENT, a copy of which form is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

**Offender** - means each individual who receives services from VENDOR hereunder who qualifies for services and who has been ordered by a court of legal jurisdiction to participate in receiving services.

**Operational Plan** - means the written operating and audit system devised jointly by DEPARTMENT and VENDOR prior to and during the term hereof pursuant to VENDOR'S policies and procedures submitted in response to the RFP or ITB (if applicable) whereby the delivery of Services shall be evaluated and monitored, including the Performance Measures to track and evaluate achievement results of offenders, which plan shall contain a mechanism for monthly self-monitoring reports by VENDOR.

**Outpatient** - means any offender who receives Services on an hourly basis pursuant to the terms hereof and who is not a resident in the facility providing treatment.

**Payment or Payments** - means amount(s) agreed to be paid by DEPARTMENT to VENDOR.

**Payment to VENDOR** - means the mathematical product of the following: (a) Resident offenders at non-CCFs: the VENDOR Rate calculated by the number of verified offenders according to the Midnight Strength Report for each day of the billing month; (b) Outpatient offenders: the VENDOR Rate calculated by the number of verified offenders for each hour and billing day for which Outpatient Services were rendered in the billing month.

Performance Measures - means the standards whereby VENDOR and DEPARTMENT will determine the effectiveness of the Services, as set forth in Article I hereto.

Person - means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, court or other tribunal, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

Program Budget - means the financial management system of proposed revenue and expenditures that VENDOR submitted in response to the ITB or RFP, if applicable (as same may have been amended prior to the execution hereof), whereby VENDOR implements and maintains its books regarding income and expenditures in the provision of Services at the Facility in accordance with the approved Program Budget (i.e., a program-specific accounting or bookkeeping system).

Resident - means any offender who resides at the Facility and receives Services pursuant to the terms hereof.

RFP - means that certain Request for Proposal issued by DEPARTMENT for the purpose of soliciting proposals to render Services and with respect to which VENDOR responded and was awarded this AGREEMENT, if applicable.

Services - means the delivery by VENDOR of the chemical dependency program as set forth in this AGREEMENT and exhibits and as outlined in VENDOR'S response to the ITB or RFP, if applicable.

TAIP - means Treatment Alternative to Incarceration Program, a program of DEPARTMENT.

Term - means the duration of this AGREEMENT as specified in Article I.

VENDOR - means "Name of provider."

Vendor Rate - means the amount paid by Department to VENDOR per day or per hour during the term hereof, determined in accordance with the rates set forth in Article I.

1.18 Sole Source Provider. This VENDOR has been duly certified in an open meeting and reflected in the meeting minutes as a sole source provider. **(THIS CLAUSE IS REQUIRED ONLY FOR SOLE SOURCE PROVIDERS - DELETE IT FROM OTHER CONTRACTS.)**

**1.19 AND 1.20 ARE REQUIRED FOR VENDORS OPERATING COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITIES (SATFs OR CRTCs) FOR THE DEPARTMENT:**

1.19 Excess Profit. For contracted operation of a community corrections facility (CCF) for which a vendor budget has been approved with a stated profit (or excess revenue over expenditures for non-profit entities), VENDOR agrees to refund to DEPARTMENT sixty (60) days after the contract term any excess profit above the approved profit amount.

1.20 Semi-Annual Expenditure Reports. For contracted operation of a community corrections facility (CCF), VENDOR agrees to submit to DEPARTMENT and to TDCJ-CJAD by March 31 and September 30 an expenditure report by the budgeted expenditure lines.

1.21 Other clauses to be added by CSCD: (ADD Specific Department/Program Requirements)

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES ARE REQUIRED:

ARTICLE II  
REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

VENDOR represents and warrants to and for the benefit of DEPARTMENT with the intent that DEPARTMENT rely thereon for the purposes hereof, the following:

2.1 Legal Status. VENDOR (1) is a validly organized and constituted sole proprietorship or partnership in the jurisdiction in which it is formed and in good standing therein; or, is a corporation duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is incorporated and in good standing therein; (2) is duly qualified to conduct business in the State of Texas; and (3) has legal power and authority to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as presently conducted.

2.2 Authorization. The making and performance of this AGREEMENT has been duly authorized by all necessary action and will not violate any provision of current law or VENDOR'S charter or by-laws. The AGREEMENT has been duly executed and delivered by VENDOR and, assuming due execution and delivery by DEPARTMENT, constitutes a legal, valid, and binding AGREEMENT enforceable against VENDOR in accordance with its terms.

2.3 Taxes. VENDOR has filed all necessary federal, state, and foreign income and franchise tax returns and has paid all taxes as shown to be due thereon, including penalties and interest, or provided adequate reserves for payment thereof, except to the extent that same have become due and payable but are not yet delinquent, and except for any taxes and assessments of which the amount applicability or validity is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings.

2.4 No Child Support Owning. In accordance with 231.006 of the Texas Family Code, no person who is the sole proprietor, a partner, a shareholder, or an owner of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of VENDOR and who is now more than thirty (30) days delinquent in paying court ordered approved child support may receive payment from state funds under a contract. Under Section 231.006, Family Code, VENDOR certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the Payments and acknowledges that this AGREEMENT may be terminated and Payments may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

2.5 Use of Payments. No part of the Payments made to VENDOR will be expended for any consultant fees, honorariums, or any other compensation to any employee of DEPARTMENT or for unallowable costs set forth on Exhibit D. VENDOR shall expend Payments made hereunder solely for providing direct services and for reasonable and allowable expenses directly related to the provision of Services.

2.6 Non-Discrimination. In the performance hereof, VENDOR warrants that it shall not discriminate against any employee, subcontractor, or offender on account of race, color, disability, religion, sex, national origin, age, or those who have or are perceived to have a disability because of AIDS or HIV infection, antibodies to HIV, or infection with any other probable causative agent of AIDS. VENDOR shall include the provisions of this paragraph regarding non-discrimination in each of its contracts with subcontractors so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.



2.7 Non-Collusion. VENDOR warrants that no Person, other than a bona fide employee, has been employed to solicit or secure this AGREEMENT with DEPARTMENT, and VENDOR has not paid or agreed to pay any Person, other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, or brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the execution hereof. For breach or violation of this provision, DEPARTMENT shall have the right to terminate this AGREEMENT without liability, or at its discretion to deduct from Payments, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, brokerage fee, gift, or contingency fee.

### ARTICLE III GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.1 Safety Requirements. VENDOR shall maintain the physical plant of the Facility in compliance with all applicable codes and current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules and subsequent revisions as applicable.

3.2 Health and Safety. VENDOR shall ensure that adequate measures are taken to protect the health and safety of each offender while receiving Services.

3.3 Staff Training. VENDOR shall ensure that all staff providing direct Services receives continuing education and training as needed or required and that such education and training is documented.

3.4 Duties and Obligations. VENDOR shall provide the Services at the Facility (ies) in compliance with applicable federal and state law, including all constitutional, legal and court ordered requirements, whether now in effect or hereafter affected or implemented, and in accordance with the Operational Plan, if required. The Operational Plan shall contain procedures for assumption of Services by DEPARTMENT in the event of VENDOR'S bankruptcy or inability to perform its duties hereunder.

3.5 Visitation by State Employees. VENDOR shall at all times allow employees/agents of the Governor, members of the Legislature and all other members of the Executive and Judicial branches of the State of Texas, the Contract Monitor, and any other persons designated by the DEPARTMENT and/or the Texas Board of Criminal Justice to monitor the delivery of Services and contract compliance of the VENDOR.

3.6 No Subcontractors. No subcontractor may be utilized by VENDOR unless DEPARTMENT has furnished prior written approval.

3.7 Placement of Offenders. DEPARTMENT shall have sole authority to assign and transfer offenders to and from the facility or program and, as appropriate, may specify services for any such offenders during the term of this agreement.

3.8 Confidentiality. When applicable, records of identity, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of any offender through this AGREEMENT shall be confidential and may be disclosed only in accordance with applicable laws. No information may be released without the offender's written consent as documented by a signed information release form. VENDOR shall notify department in writing if any legal process requires disclosure of an offender's record and shall obtain written acknowledgment of same from DEPARTMENT'S Authorized Representative.

3.9 Termination at Will. Either party may terminate this AGREEMENT for any reason whatsoever, without cause and at any time, by furnishing to the other party thirty (30) days prior written notice. DEPARTMENT'S only obligation for terminating this AGREEMENT pursuant to this section shall be the payment to VENDOR of Payments earned hereunder up to the date of termination. VENDOR's only obligation for terminating this AGREEMENT pursuant to this section shall be to provide Services until the date of termination. Neither VENDOR nor DEPARTMENT shall thereafter be entitled to any other compensation.

3.10 Record Retention. All records shall be the property of DEPARTMENT. All records (electronic or paper) pertinent to the provisions of Services hereunder shall be retained by the VENDOR for a period of five years with the following qualification: If any audit, litigation or claim is started before the expiration of the five-year period, the records shall be retained until all audits, litigation, claims, or other findings involving the records have been resolved. The retention period for all records begins after DEPARTMENT has made the final Payment in accordance with this AGREEMENT. At the end of the five-year period, VENDOR will request disposition instructions from DEPARTMENT.

#### ARTICLE IV ADMINISTRATION AND FISCAL SYSTEM

4.1 Administrative Controls. VENDOR shall establish, document and maintain adequate administrative, financial, and internal controls to ensure that only allowable and reasonable costs are expended under this AGREEMENT.

4.2 Governing Board Responsibility. The appropriate governing board or entity of VENDOR shall bear full responsibility for the integrity of the Program Budget, where required, including accountability for all Payments, compliance with DEPARTMENT policies, and applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Ignorance of any AGREEMENT provisions or other requirements contained herein shall not constitute a defense or basis for waiving or appealing such provisions or requirements.

4.3 Conflict of Interest. VENDOR shall not refer offenders for additional services without prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT. VENDOR shall develop and implement written internal policies that may be reviewed by the DEPARTMENT to ensure that members of the government board, contractual personnel, consultants, volunteers, and employees do not use their positions with the VENDOR for a purpose that is, or gives the appearance of being, motivated by a desire for personal gain or gain by a family member.

4.4 Remuneration. Staff of VENDOR shall not pay or receive any commission, consideration, or benefit of any kind related to the referral of an offender for treatment or engage in fee-splitting with other professionals.

4.5 Audits. VENDOR agrees to furnish DEPARTMENT and/or TDCJ with such information as may be required relating to the Services rendered hereunder. VENDOR shall permit DEPARTMENT to audit and inspect records and reports and to evaluate the performance of Services at any time. VENDOR shall provide reasonable access to all the records, books, reports, and other necessary data and information needed to accomplish review of program activities, services, and expenditures, including cooperation with DEPARTMENT in its performance of random or routine audits to determine the accuracy of VENDOR reports.

4.6 Disclosure. VENDOR is required to immediately or timely, as the case may be, disclose to DEPARTMENT and TDCJ-CJAD the following:

- (a) If any Person who is an employee or director of VENDOR is required to register as a lobbyist under Texas Government Code Chapter 305, at any time during the term hereof, VENDOR shall provide to DEPARTMENT and TDCJ-CJAD timely copies of all reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission as required by Chapter 305;
- (b) If any Person who is an employee, subcontractor, or director of VENDOR is or becomes an elected official (i.e., an elected or appointed state official or member of the judiciary, or a United States congressman or senator), during the term hereof;
- (c) Report any actions or citations by federal, state, or local governmental agencies that may affect VENDOR'S licensure status or its ability to provide Services hereunder.

4.7 Withhold Payments. The DEPARTMENT may withhold Payments for any ineligible claims including inadequate or untimely monthly invoices until such time as the ineligible, inadequate or untimely claim is resubmitted and/or corrected by VENDOR. VENDOR agrees to return any unearned amounts paid by the DEPARTMENT within thirty (30) days following the final date of the contract period, or at the DEPARTMENT'S option, within thirty (30) days following the DEPARTMENT'S delivery to VENDOR a notice that amounts paid are to be returned to DEPARTMENT.

4.8 Accounting Records. VENDOR agrees to maintain a separate accounting or bookkeeping system specifically isolating the revenue and expenditures associated with this AGREEMENT in accordance with fund accounting principles.

4.9 Payments to VENDOR. VENDOR shall submit Monthly Invoices (in writing or electronically) as required herein and shall receive Payments from DEPARTMENT based thereon, subject to the provisions in this AGREEMENT. VENDOR will provide an itemized list of Services performed during the invoice period, including the names of all Offenders served, the service provided, and the amount of time rendered with each. DEPARTMENT agrees to pay VENDOR within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Monthly Invoice (Exhibit C).

4.10 Discharges for Offender Absence. Offenders on furlough or on an allowed absence from a residential facility, where an applicable provision of service, in excess of forty-eight (48) hours will be terminated and readmitted upon their return.

4.11 Residential Services Billed According to Midnight Strength Rule. Non-Community Corrections Facility (CCF) VENDORS providing residential services shall charge the DEPARTMENT for clients according to the Midnight Strength Report.

4.12 Peer or Group-Controlled Meetings. The VENDOR shall not, under any circumstances, bill DEPARTMENT for peer or group-controlled meetings and such meetings shall not be counted toward the minimum treatment requirements set forth herein.

4.13 TDCJ-CJAD Substance Abuse Standards. VENDORS contracting with the DEPARTMENT for substance abuse services must comply with the TDCJ-CJAD Substance Abuse Standards.

4.14 TDCJ-CJAD Residential Services Standards. VENDORS contracting with the DEPARTMENT for either Intensive or Supportive Residential Services must comply with the TDCJ-CJAD Residential Services Standards.

4.15 Specific Measures. All terms of this AGREEMENT are subject to monitoring and verification; however, the VENDOR must have available for the DEPARTMENT'S inspection records to support performance of those measures outlined in Article 1.5 herein, or refund DEPARTMENT the specified adjustments.

4.16 Equipment. Title to any equipment purchased in excess of \$1,000.00 per unit cost (e.g., keyboard, monitor, and CPU are one unit) will vest with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice if such equipment is purported to be a direct expense to the program per submitted vendor budget if applicable. Items in excess of \$1,000 per unit that are depreciated (useful life) or placed in a use allowance will not be considered for ownership by TDCJ.

4.17 Misspent Funds. The VENDOR will refund expenditures of the VENDOR that are contrary to this AGREEMENT and deemed inappropriate by the DEPARTMENT or designee.

4.18 Other Revenues for Additional Services. VENDOR may collect additional revenues from other sources only for services exceeding those requirements in Article I and Exhibit A.

4.19 Other Revenue for Proposed Services. As per Government Code Section 76.017 (e), services provided to an offender referred under TAIP are billable only if no other public or private funds are available to that offender. The prices quoted in this AGREEMENT are the full cost of treatment. Any fees, food stamps, or other revenues collected on behalf of the offender for offender services provided for in this AGREEMENT must be used to reduce cost per unit of service per offender under this AGREEMENT.

## ARTICLE V DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

5.1 Default by VENDOR. Each of the following shall constitute an Event of Default on the part of VENDOR:

- a. A material failure to keep, observe, perform, meet, or comply with any covenant, term, or provision hereof, which failure continues for a period of twenty (20) days after receipt of VENDOR of written notification thereof;
- b. A failure to maintain current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules—and subsequent revisions in accordance with Sections 1.4 and 1.13 hereof;
- c. (1) Admit in writing its inability to pay its debts; (2) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (3) suffer a decree or order appointing a receiver or trustee for it or substantially all of its property, and, if entered without its consent, same is not stayed or discharged within sixty (60) days of such decree or order, (4) suffer filing under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, or the reorganization for relief of debtors by or against it and, if contested by it, not to be dismissed or stayed within sixty (60) days of such filing; or (5) suffer any judgment, writ of attachment or execution, or any similar process issued or levied against a substantial part of its property that is not released, stayed, bonded, or vacated within sixty (60) days after such issuance or levy; and
- d. The discovery by DEPARTMENT that any statement, representation of warranty in this AGREEMENT is false, misleading, or erroneous in any material respect.

5.2 Remedy of DEPARTMENT. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default by VENDOR, DEPARTMENT shall notify VENDOR of such Event of Default, and subject to the time provisions of Section 5.1 hereof, DEPARTMENT shall have the right to pursue any remedy it may have at law or in equity, including, but not limited to, (a) suspend referral of Offenders; (b) suspend payment; (c) taking action to cure the Event of Default, in which case DEPARTMENT may offset against any Payments owed to VENDOR all reasonable costs incurred by DEPARTMENT in connection with its efforts to cure such Event of Default; and (d) termination and removal of VENDOR as provider of Services. In the event of VENDOR'S removal due to an Event of Default, DEPARTMENT shall have no further obligations to VENDOR after such removal and in such event, VENDOR agrees to cooperate with DEPARTMENT regarding a transition to new provider of Services.

5.3 Default by DEPARTMENT. The following shall constitute an Event of Default on the part of DEPARTMENT: failure by DEPARTMENT to pay within thirty (30) days after Payment is due any Payment required to be paid pursuant to the terms hereof, provided such failure to pay shall not constitute an Event of Default if the Comptroller of the State of Texas has withheld any payments pursuant to statutory authority.

5.4 Remedy of VENDOR. Upon an Event of Default by DEPARTMENT, VENDOR'S sole remedy shall be to terminate this AGREEMENT. Upon such termination, VENDOR shall be entitled to receive Payment from DEPARTMENT for all Services satisfactorily furnished hereunder up to and including the date of termination.

5.5 AGREEMENT Subject to Availability of Funds. This AGREEMENT will be subject to the availability of funds as appropriated by the State Legislature and as made available by the Community Justice Assistance

Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. If such funds become reduced or unavailable, this AGREEMENT shall be subject to immediate modification, reduction or termination.

## ARTICLE VI INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

6.1 Insurance. VENDOR shall provide an adequate plan of insurance that provides: (1) coverage to protect DEPARTMENT and the State against all claims, including claims based on violations of civil rights arising from the Services performed by VENDOR; (2) coverage to protect the State from actions by a third party against VENDOR or any subcontractor of VENDOR; and (3) coverage to protect the State from actions by officers, employees, or agents of VENDOR or any subcontractor(s). VENDOR shall maintain the following insurance coverage in full force and effect for the mutual protection and benefit of DEPARTMENT, the State and VENDOR with the amounts and coverage's as required by law, in accordance with the following:

- A. Claims that may arise out of or result from VENDOR'S actions/omissions/operations hereunder, whether such actions/omissions/operations are by VENDOR or by a subcontractor of VENDOR, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by or acting on behalf of VENDOR or a subcontractor where liability may arise for:
  1. Claims under workers compensation disability benefits, and other similar employee benefit actions;
  2. Claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of any VENDOR employees;
  3. Claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease or death of any Person other than VENDOR'S employees;
  4. Claims for damages insured by usual personal liability coverage that are sustained by (a) any Person as a result of an act directly or indirectly related to the employment of such Person by VENDOR, or by (b) any other Person;
  5. Claims for damages because of injury to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use resulting there from;
  6. Claims for damages based on violations of civil rights;
  7. Claims for damages arising from fire and lightning and other casualties.
- B. VENDOR shall obtain and maintain in force insurance coverage in accordance with all applicable law and accepted industry standards during the term they are engaged hereunder. In addition, VENDOR shall maintain a liability insurance policy in an amount not less than \$100,000 for each person and \$300,000 for each single occurrence for bodily injury or death and \$100,000 for each single occurrence for injury to or destruction of property.
- C. Certifications/policies of insurance shall be filed with DEPARTMENT prior to execution of this AGREEMENT. VENDOR shall notify DEPARTMENT within fifteen (15) days of cancellation of any policy required herein.
- D. Compliance with the foregoing insurance requirements shall not relieve VENDOR from any liability under the indemnity provisions.

6.2 Indemnification. VENDOR shall indemnify and save the DEPARTMENT, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the State of Texas, and its officers, agents and employees (hereinafter, collectively referred to as the "State") harmless from and against any and all claims arising from the conduct, management or performance hereof, including, without limitation, any and all claims arising from any condition herein or arising from any breach or default on the part of VENDOR in the performance of any covenant or agreement on its part to be performed, or arising from any act of negligence of VENDOR, or licensees or arising from any accident, injury or damage whatsoever caused to any person, firm or corporation and from and against all costs, reasonable attorney's fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in or about any such claim, action or proceeding brought against the State by reason of any such claim. In any such action brought against the State, VENDOR, upon notice from the State, shall defend against such action or proceeding by counsel satisfactory to the State, unless such action or proceeding is defended against by counsel for any carrier of liability insurance provided for herein. The aforementioned indemnification shall not be affected by a claim that negligence of DEPARTMENT, the State, or their respective agents, contractors, employees or licensees contributed in part to the loss or damage indemnified against.

## ARTICLE VII INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

VENDOR is associated with DEPARTMENT only for the purposes and to the extent set forth herein, and with respect to the performance of Services hereunder, VENDOR is and shall be an independent contractor and shall have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct the performance of the details incident to its duties hereunder. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create the relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create any liability for DEPARTMENT, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the State of Texas and its offices, agents and employees (hereafter, collectively referred to as the "State") whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of VENDOR or any other party. VENDOR shall be solely responsible for (and DEPARTMENT shall have no obligation with respect to) payment of all Federal Income, F.I.C.A., and other taxes owed or claimed to be owed by VENDOR, arising out of VENDOR's association with DEPARTMENT pursuant hereto, and VENDOR shall indemnify and hold DEPARTMENT harmless from and against any and all liability from all losses, damages, claims, costs, penalties, liabilities, and expenses howsoever arising or incurred because of, incident to, or otherwise with respect to any such taxes.

## ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8.1 Inconsistencies. Where there exists any inconsistency between this AGREEMENT and other provisions of collateral contractual Agreements that are made a part hereof by reference or otherwise, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

8.2 Severability. Each paragraph and provision hereof is severable from the entire AGREEMENT and if any provision is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless remain in effect.

8.3 Prohibition Against Assignment. There shall be no assignment or transfer of this AGREEMENT without the prior written consent of both parties.

8.4 Law of Texas. This AGREEMENT shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be enforced in the county of the applicable judicial district in which this agreement was entered.

8.5 Notices. All notices called for or contemplated hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when personally delivered or forty-eight (48) hours after mailed to each party by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid.

8.6 Entire. This AGREEMENT incorporates all the agreements, covenants, and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, agreements, and understandings have been merged into this written AGREEMENT. No other prior agreement or understandings, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless attached hereto and/or embodied herein.

8.7 Amendment. No changes to this AGREEMENT shall be made except upon written agreement of both parties.

8.8 Headings. The headings used herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part thereof or affect the construction or interpretation hereof.

8.9 Counterparts. This AGREEMENT may be executed in any number of and by the different parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

8.10 Terminology and Definitions. All personal pronouns used herein, whether used in the masculine, feminine, or neutral, shall include all other genders; the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this AGREEMENT including the Exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference to be executed as of the date first above written.

Executed in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas by

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL:  
ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT JUDGE: \_\_\_\_\_

JUDICIAL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

VENDOR: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES  
OPERATIONS AGREEMENT FOR  
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND  
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

This Operations Agreement (the "AGREEMENT") is made and entered into by and between Community Supervision and Corrections Department ("DEPARTMENT"), a political entity of the Judicial District and

\_\_\_\_\_ ("VENDOR")

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip

as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**WITNESSETH:**

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the mutual benefits contemplated hereby and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

**APPOINTMENT OF VENDOR; TERM**

Appointment of VENDOR. In accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, and in consideration of the Payments hereinafter provided, VENDOR is hereby appointed to provide to DEPARTMENT, and VENDOR hereby agrees to furnish to DEPARTMENT, the Services provided for herein.

Term. This AGREEMENT is effective on the date set forth in the initial paragraph hereof and shall continue until August 31, \_\_\_\_\_, unless it is terminated earlier pursuant to the provisions hereof, provided, however, that DEPARTMENT shall have the option to renew and extend this AGREEMENT for a period of one year (with such changes as to which VENDOR shall agree), upon the giving to VENDOR a written notice of such intention no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the initial term.

**ARTICLE I  
RATES, MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, AND STATEMENT OF SERVICES**

1.1 Vendor Rates: DEPARTMENT agrees to make Payments to VENDOR for the delivery of Services, not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ for September 1, \_\_\_\_\_, through August 31, \_\_\_\_\_. VENDOR acknowledges that the total dollar amount of the AGREEMENT is subject to change, at department's discretion, based on needs and circumstances that arise within the overall DEPARTMENT program. VENDOR agrees to the following rates for substance abuse services:

Detoxification	_____ per day
Intensive residential	_____ per day
Supportive Residential	_____ per day
Outpatient Group	_____ per hour
Outpatient Individual	_____ per hour

1.2 Substance Abuse Treatment Services Minimum Requirements: The VENDOR shall, in accordance with the terms of this AGREEMENT, provide all necessary personnel, equipment, materials, supplies, facilities, and services (except as may be furnished by the DEPARTMENT as specified in writing as part of this



AGREEMENT) and do all things necessary for, or incidental to the provision of the substance abuse treatment services as required by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Substance Abuse Related Rules for the level of service provided.

### Screening

Written policies and procedures shall ensure the following:

- a. Screening shall include the administration, scoring, interpretation and referral for assessment of an offender to determine the probability the client is chemically dependent.
- b. Screening must be conducted by a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor or person otherwise qualified or exempt under DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules
- c. The instruments used for a TAIP offender to determine the possible existence of chemical dependency will be the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI), the Texas Christian University Drug Dependency Scale (TCUDS) or the Substance Abuse Life Circumstance Evaluation (SALCE).
- d. Persons who meet the following criteria may bypass the screening process:
  - (1) The offender has a documented criminal history with two or more prior arrests for offenses, which involve the use or possession of alcohol or the use, possession, or sale of illegal substances;
  - (2) The offender has submitted positive urine specimens;
  - (3) The offender has previously attended an outpatient or inpatient substance abuse program; or
  - (4) A completed and documented screening or assessment/evaluation through another referral source determined that further assessment/evaluation of the individual's substance abuse history was needed.

### Assessment

Written policies and procedures shall ensure the following:

- a. Assessment must include the use of an Addiction Severity Index (ASI) as a structured or semi-structured interview or the assessment located on the Behavioral Health Integrated Provider System (BHIPS) operated by DSHS. Only In-house substance abuse programs, not contracted vendors, can utilize the Substance Abuse Evaluation (SAE). Contracted Vendors must either utilize the ASI or BHIPS assessment.
- b. The assessor must use the information and scoring to determine and document the nature and extent of an offender's chemical dependency.
- c. The assessor must determine and document an appropriate referral or document why a referral is not necessary.
- d. The ASI interview, scoring, referral, and treatment plan shall be performed by a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor, appropriately supervised Counselor intern, or one of the approved practitioners listed in the TDCJ-CJAD Standards 163.40 (a) 26 who is in good standing in the State of Texas as defined by DSHS.

1.3 Operational Plan: The proposal submitted in response to the ITB or RFP (if applicable) as finally negotiated and attached as Exhibit A if this AGREEMENT becomes the Operational Plan by which the VENDOR will be audited.

1.4 DSHS Licensure. A DSHS facility license (as applicable) for Detoxification, Intensive Residential, Supportive Residential, and/or Outpatient status pursuant to the current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules and all subsequent revisions has been secured and will be maintained during the term hereof. Individuals contracting with the DEPARTMENT must maintain appropriate licensure under current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules and subsequent revisions. VENDOR must notify DEPARTMENT within 48 hours of all DSHS licensure violations, including pending allegations.

1.5 Performance Measures. The VENDOR shall comply with the Performance Measures included in this AGREEMENT to assist offenders to change their behavior and become productive, contributing members of society by leading a life free of substance abuse and crime.

**(TO BE DEVELOPED AND FILLED IN BY CSCD – MUST BE IN EVERY CONTRACT OVER \$25,000 PER VENDOR)**

1.6 Negotiation. The VENDOR will document performance measures and evaluation criteria submitted as the Operational Plan (if applicable). DEPARTMENT can negotiate with the VENDOR during the term of the AGREEMENT to establish new performance measures or evaluation criteria that both parties agree reflect quantity or quality of service.

1.7 Diagnosis. In its treatment of offenders, VENDOR shall:

- a) Provide appropriate chemical dependency treatment as designated by a documented Axis I substance abuse or substance dependency diagnosis recommending the specific treatment being provided by the VENDOR;
- b) Coordinate with DEPARTMENT to identify needs of offender's that are beyond the scope of VENDOR'S Services and make appropriate referrals in such circumstances; and
- c) Develop and implement procedures for Services (or referrals) for offenders with dual diagnosis and/or mental and physical disabilities.

1.8 Participation. In order to ensure maximum participation of offenders in its program, VENDOR shall:

- a) Contact DEPARTMENT within twenty-four (24) hours whenever any offender fails to comply with his or her recommended treatment, including failure to show for initial appointment or unauthorized departures;
- b) Document on a weekly basis the offender's level of participation and compliance with treatment goals and objectives; and
- c) The VENDOR must maintain a signature log of all face-to-face contacts with the offender. The log must contain what service was performed, the time, date, and be signed by the counselor and the offender.

1.9 Discharge. The discharge of any offender shall be made in accordance with the following:

- a) Prior to discharge, VENDOR shall schedule and coordinate with offender's community supervision officer or designee to evaluate if any additional services are required for offender. A copy of each offender's discharge plan and discharge summary, as outlined in TDCJ-CJAD Standards 163.40 @, shall be submitted to DEPARTMENT within seven (7) days of such discharge; and
- b) Under no circumstances may VENDOR discharge any offender without having furnished DEPARTMENT with prior written notification thereof.

1.10 Referrals. The DEPARTMENT retains control over the offenders referred to VENDOR for the provision of substance abuse treatment. If the offender is determined to be in need of additional or different treatment services, the offender is to be referred back to the DEPARTMENT for further action. The process by which this action will occur will be addressed in the Operations Plan.

1.11 Court Testimony. VENDOR agrees to provide testimony in court, if required, at no additional cost to the DEPARTMENT.

1.12 Policies and Procedures. The Services for offenders shall include policies and procedures for admission and discharge, discharge planning, participation in treatment, transportation (as necessary), safety and security, clinical supervision, referral activities, house management and government (as applicable), documentation of Services, and incident reporting and resolution, which shall be in writing and available to DEPARTMENT prior to implementation. VENDOR shall notify the DEPARTMENT in writing of deviations from such policies and procedures, whether temporary or permanent.

1.13 Orientation and HIV Counseling. VENDOR shall provide orientation to offenders regarding substance abuse treatment and support resources and shall provide HIV counseling in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit J hereto and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Substance Abuse Related Rules.

1.14 DEPARTMENT Approvals Required. Under the following circumstances, VENDOR shall obtain DEPARTMENT'S written approval prior to exceeding the described treatment(s):

- a) Detoxification Services exceeding three (3) days;
- b) Intensive Residential Services exceeding thirty (30) days;
- c) Supportive Residential Services exceeding sixty (60) days;
- d) Intensive Outpatient Services performed beyond forty-five (45) days from the initial intake; and
- e) Supportive Outpatient Services performed beyond six (6) months from the initial intake.

1.15 Coordination with DEPARTMENT. VENDOR shall coordinate the following tasks with the DEPARTMENT:

- a) Develop alternatives to be utilized for incidents of non-compliance with program rules and/or alcohol or drug use by offenders;
- b) Submit progress reports on each offender, indicating progress and compliance/non-compliance with program;
- c) Participate in meetings as the DEPARTMENT directs; and
- d) Comply with DEPARTMENT operational policies and procedures as set forth by the DEPARTMENT Program and/or the State program.

1.16 No-Shows. DEPARTMENT will not pay the full rate to VENDOR for offenders who fail to attend sessions or meetings. (THE CSCD SHOULD SPECIFY THE AMOUNT AND NUMBER OF "NO-SHOWS" FOR WHICH THEY ARE WILLING TO PAY AND INCLUDE HERE.)

1.17 Definitions. The following terms used in this AGREEMENT shall, unless the context indicates otherwise, have the meanings set forth below:

AGREEMENT - means this Operations AGREEMENT with all exhibits hereto.

**Contract Monitor** - means the Person(s) designated by DEPARTMENT as such to ensure that VENDOR complies with the terms hereof, by conducting performance audits of the Operational Plan and financial audits of the Program Budget, if applicable.

**Counselor** - means a Person with appropriate licensure who renders chemical dependency counseling or chemical dependency counseling-related services to an individual, group, organization, corporation, institution, or the general public for compensation.

**DSHS** - means the Texas Department of State Health Services, formerly known as TCADA, as presently or hereafter constituted.

**DSHS Substance Abuse Rules** - means the rules as adopted by and listed in the current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules, and subsequent revisions.

**DEPARTMENT Policies** - means all written policies, procedures, standards, guidelines, directives, and manuals of DEPARTMENT, as same may be amended from time to time, which DEPARTMENT has made available to VENDOR and with which VENDOR has an affirmative obligation to be and remain familiar.

**Facility** - means the DSHS licensed treatment facility where VENDOR will provide Services pursuant to the terms hereof or a Community Corrections Facility as operated by the DEPARTMENT.

**Midnight Strength Report** - means the official numerical count of the number of offenders who are Residents present at the Facility at the end of each day calculated at 12:00 midnight, which number shall not include any offenders who were previously removed on that day. Offenders on a temporary leave for less than forty-eight (48) hours shall be included in the count.

**Monthly Invoice** - means that certain form or electronic reporting mechanism that VENDOR shall prepare and submit to DEPARTMENT no later than the seventh (7th) day after the end of the preceding month, based on the VENDOR Rate and yielding the Monthly VENDOR Payment to be made by DEPARTMENT, a copy of which form is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

**Offender** - means each individual who receives services from VENDOR hereunder who qualifies for services and who has been ordered by a court of legal jurisdiction to participate in receiving services.

**Operational Plan** - means the written operating and audit system devised jointly by DEPARTMENT and VENDOR prior to and during the term hereof pursuant to VENDOR'S policies and procedures submitted in response to the RFP or ITB (if applicable) whereby the delivery of Services shall be evaluated and monitored, including the Performance Measures to track and evaluate achievement results of offenders, which plan shall contain a mechanism for monthly self-monitoring reports by VENDOR.

**Outpatient** - means any offender who receives Services on an hourly basis pursuant to the terms hereof and who is not a resident in the facility providing treatment.

**Payment or Payments** - means amount(s) agreed to be paid by DEPARTMENT to VENDOR.

**Payment to VENDOR** - means the mathematical product of the following: (a) Resident offenders at non-CCFs: the VENDOR Rate calculated by the number of verified offenders according to the Midnight Strength Report for each day of the billing month; (b) Outpatient offenders: the VENDOR Rate calculated by the number of verified offenders for each hour and billing day for which Outpatient Services were rendered in the billing month.

Performance Measures - means the standards whereby VENDOR and DEPARTMENT will determine the effectiveness of the Services, as set forth in Article I hereto.

Person - means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, court or other tribunal, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

Program Budget - means the financial management system of proposed revenue and expenditures that VENDOR submitted in response to the ITB or RFP, if applicable (as same may have been amended prior to the execution hereof), whereby VENDOR implements and maintains its books regarding income and expenditures in the provision of Services at the Facility in accordance with the approved Program Budget (i.e., a program-specific accounting or bookkeeping system).

Resident - means any offender who resides at the Facility and receives Services pursuant to the terms hereof.

RFP - means that certain Request for Proposal issued by DEPARTMENT for the purpose of soliciting proposals to render Services and with respect to which VENDOR responded and was awarded this AGREEMENT, if applicable.

Services - means the delivery by VENDOR of the chemical dependency program as set forth in this AGREEMENT and exhibits and as outlined in VENDOR'S response to the ITB or RFP, if applicable.

TAIP - means Treatment Alternative to Incarceration Program, a program of DEPARTMENT.

Term - means the duration of this AGREEMENT as specified in Article I.

VENDOR - means "Name of provider."

Vendor Rate - means the amount paid by Department to VENDOR per day or per hour during the term hereof, determined in accordance with the rates set forth in Article I.

1.18 Sole Source Provider. This VENDOR has been duly certified in an open meeting and reflected in the meeting minutes as a sole source provider. **(THIS CLAUSE IS REQUIRED ONLY FOR SOLE SOURCE PROVIDERS - DELETE IT FROM OTHER CONTRACTS.)**

**1.19 AND 1.20 ARE REQUIRED FOR VENDORS OPERATING COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITIES (SATFs OR CRTCs) FOR THE DEPARTMENT:**

1.19 Excess Profit. For contracted operation of a community corrections facility (CCF) for which a vendor budget has been approved with a stated profit (or excess revenue over expenditures for non-profit entities), VENDOR agrees to refund to DEPARTMENT sixty (60) days after the contract term any excess profit above the approved profit amount.

1.20 Semi-Annual Expenditure Reports. For contracted operation of a community corrections facility (CCF), VENDOR agrees to submit to DEPARTMENT and to TDCJ-CJAD by March 31 and September 30 an expenditure report by the budgeted expenditure lines.

1.21 Other clauses to be added by CSCD: (ADD Specific Department/Program Requirements)

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES ARE REQUIRED:

ARTICLE II  
REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

VENDOR represents and warrants to and for the benefit of DEPARTMENT with the intent that DEPARTMENT rely thereon for the purposes hereof, the following:

2.1 Legal Status. VENDOR (1) is a validly organized and constituted sole proprietorship or partnership in the jurisdiction in which it is formed and in good standing therein; or, is a corporation duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is incorporated and in good standing therein; (2) is duly qualified to conduct business in the State of Texas; and (3) has legal power and authority to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as presently conducted.

2.2 Authorization. The making and performance of this AGREEMENT has been duly authorized by all necessary action and will not violate any provision of current law or VENDOR'S charter or by-laws. The AGREEMENT has been duly executed and delivered by VENDOR and, assuming due execution and delivery by DEPARTMENT, constitutes a legal, valid, and binding AGREEMENT enforceable against VENDOR in accordance with its terms.

2.3 Taxes. VENDOR has filed all necessary federal, state, and foreign income and franchise tax returns and has paid all taxes as shown to be due thereon, including penalties and interest, or provided adequate reserves for payment thereof, except to the extent that same have become due and payable but are not yet delinquent, and except for any taxes and assessments of which the amount applicability or validity is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings.

2.4 No Child Support Owing. In accordance with 231.006 of the Texas Family Code, no person who is the sole proprietor, a partner, a shareholder, or an owner of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of VENDOR and who is now more than thirty (30) days delinquent in paying court ordered approved child support may receive payment from state funds under a contract. Under Section 231.006, Family Code, VENDOR certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the Payments and acknowledges that this AGREEMENT may be terminated and Payments may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

2.5 Use of Payments. No part of the Payments made to VENDOR will be expended for any consultant fees, honorariums, or any other compensation to any employee of DEPARTMENT or for unallowable costs set forth on Exhibit D. VENDOR shall expend Payments made hereunder solely for providing direct services and for reasonable and allowable expenses directly related to the provision of Services.

2.6 Non-Discrimination. In the performance hereof, VENDOR warrants that it shall not discriminate against any employee, subcontractor, or offender on account of race, color, disability, religion, sex, national origin, age, or those who have or are perceived to have a disability because of AIDS or HIV infection, antibodies to HIV, or infection with any other probable causative agent of AIDS. VENDOR shall include the provisions of this paragraph regarding non-discrimination in each of its contracts with subcontractors so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.

2.7 Non-Collusion. VENDOR warrants that no Person, other than a bona fide employee, has been employed to solicit or secure this AGREEMENT with DEPARTMENT, and VENDOR has not paid or agreed to pay any Person, other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, or brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the execution hereof. For breach or violation of this provision, DEPARTMENT shall have the right to terminate this AGREEMENT without liability, or at its discretion to deduct from Payments, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, brokerage fee, gift, or contingency fee.

### ARTICLE III GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.1 Safety Requirements. VENDOR shall maintain the physical plant of the Facility in compliance with all applicable codes and current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules and subsequent revisions as applicable.

3.2 Health and Safety. VENDOR shall ensure that adequate measures are taken to protect the health and safety of each offender while receiving Services.

3.3 Staff Training. VENDOR shall ensure that all staff providing direct Services receives continuing education and training as needed or required and that such education and training is documented.

3.4 Duties and Obligations. VENDOR shall provide the Services at the Facility (ies) in compliance with applicable federal and state law, including all constitutional, legal and court ordered requirements, whether now in effect or hereafter affected or implemented, and in accordance with the Operational Plan, if required. The Operational Plan shall contain procedures for assumption of Services by DEPARTMENT in the event of VENDOR'S bankruptcy or inability to perform its duties hereunder.

3.5 Visitation by State Employees. VENDOR shall at all times allow employees/agents of the Governor, members of the Legislature and all other members of the Executive and Judicial branches of the State of Texas, the Contract Monitor, and any other persons designated by the DEPARTMENT and/or the Texas Board of Criminal Justice to monitor the delivery of Services and contract compliance of the VENDOR.

3.6 No Subcontractors. No subcontractor may be utilized by VENDOR unless DEPARTMENT has furnished prior written approval.

3.7 Placement of Offenders. DEPARTMENT shall have sole authority to assign and transfer offenders to and from the facility or program and, as appropriate, may specify services for any such offenders during the term of this agreement.

3.8 Confidentiality. When applicable, records of identity, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of any offender through this AGREEMENT shall be confidential and may be disclosed only in accordance with applicable laws. No information may be released without the offender's written consent as documented by a signed information release form. VENDOR shall notify department in writing if any legal process requires disclosure of an offender's record and shall obtain written acknowledgment of same from DEPARTMENT'S Authorized Representative.

3.9 Termination at Will. Either party may terminate this AGREEMENT for any reason whatsoever, without cause and at any time, by furnishing to the other party thirty (30) days prior written notice. DEPARTMENT'S only obligation for terminating this AGREEMENT pursuant to this section shall be the payment to VENDOR of Payments earned hereunder up to the date of termination. VENDOR's only obligation for terminating this AGREEMENT pursuant to this section shall be to provide Services until the date of termination. Neither VENDOR nor DEPARTMENT shall thereafter be entitled to any other compensation.

3.10 Record Retention. All records shall be the property of DEPARTMENT. All records (electronic or paper) pertinent to the provisions of Services hereunder shall be retained by the VENDOR for a period of five years with the following qualification: If any audit, litigation or claim is started before the expiration of the five-year period, the records shall be retained until all audits, litigation, claims, or other findings involving the records have been resolved. The retention period for all records begins after DEPARTMENT has made the final Payment in accordance with this AGREEMENT. At the end of the five-year period, VENDOR will request disposition instructions from DEPARTMENT.

#### ARTICLE IV ADMINISTRATION AND FISCAL SYSTEM

4.1 Administrative Controls. VENDOR shall establish, document and maintain adequate administrative, financial, and internal controls to ensure that only allowable and reasonable costs are expended under this AGREEMENT.

4.2 Governing Board Responsibility. The appropriate governing board or entity of VENDOR shall bear full responsibility for the integrity of the Program Budget, where required, including accountability for all Payments, compliance with DEPARTMENT policies, and applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Ignorance of any AGREEMENT provisions or other requirements contained herein shall not constitute a defense or basis for waiving or appealing such provisions or requirements.

4.3 Conflict of Interest. VENDOR shall not refer offenders for additional services without prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT. VENDOR shall develop and implement written internal policies that may be reviewed by the DEPARTMENT to ensure that members of the government board, contractual personnel, consultants, volunteers, and employees do not use their positions with the VENDOR for a purpose that is, or gives the appearance of being, motivated by a desire for personal gain or gain by a family member.

4.4 Remuneration. Staff of VENDOR shall not pay or receive any commission, consideration, or benefit of any kind related to the referral of an offender for treatment or engage in fee-splitting with other professionals.

4.5 Audits. VENDOR agrees to furnish DEPARTMENT and/or TDCJ with such information as may be required relating to the Services rendered hereunder. VENDOR shall permit DEPARTMENT to audit and inspect records and reports and to evaluate the performance of Services at any time. VENDOR shall provide reasonable access to all the records, books, reports, and other necessary data and information needed to accomplish review of program activities, services, and expenditures, including cooperation with DEPARTMENT in its performance of random or routine audits to determine the accuracy of VENDOR reports.

4.6 Disclosure. VENDOR is required to immediately or timely, as the case may be, disclose to DEPARTMENT and TDCJ-CJAD the following:

- (a) If any Person who is an employee or director of VENDOR is required to register as a lobbyist under Texas Government Code Chapter 305, at any time during the term hereof, VENDOR shall provide to DEPARTMENT and TDCJ-CJAD timely copies of all reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission as required by Chapter 305;
- (b) If any Person who is an employee, subcontractor, or director of VENDOR is or becomes an elected official (i.e., an elected or appointed state official or member of the judiciary, or a United States congressman or senator), during the term hereof;
- (c) Report any actions or citations by federal, state, or local governmental agencies that may affect VENDOR'S licensure status or its ability to provide Services hereunder.



4.7 Withhold Payments. The DEPARTMENT may withhold Payments for any ineligible claims including inadequate or untimely monthly invoices until such time as the ineligible, inadequate or untimely claim is resubmitted and/or corrected by VENDOR. VENDOR agrees to return any unearned amounts paid by the DEPARTMENT within thirty (30) days following the final date of the contact period, or at the DEPARTMENT'S option, within thirty (30) days following the DEPARTMENT'S delivery to VENDOR a notice that amounts paid are to be returned to DEPARTMENT.

4.8 Accounting Records. VENDOR agrees to maintain a separate accounting or bookkeeping system specifically isolating the revenue and expenditures associated with this AGREEMENT in accordance with fund accounting principles.

4.9 Payments to VENDOR. VENDOR shall submit Monthly Invoices (in writing or electronically) as required herein and shall receive Payments from DEPARTMENT based thereon, subject to the provisions in this AGREEMENT. VENDOR will provide an itemized list of Services performed during the invoice period, including the names of all Offenders served, the service provided, and the amount of time rendered with each. DEPARTMENT agrees to pay VENDOR within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Monthly Invoice (Exhibit C).

4.10 Discharges for Offender Absence. Offenders on furlough or on an allowed absence from a residential facility, where an applicable provision of service, in excess of forty-eight (48) hours will be terminated and readmitted upon their return.

4.11 Residential Services Billed According to Midnight Strength Rule. Non-Community Corrections Facility (CCF) VENDORS providing residential services shall charge the DEPARTMENT for clients according to the Midnight Strength Report.

4.12 Peer or Group-Controlled Meetings. The VENDOR shall not, under any circumstances, bill DEPARTMENT for peer or group-controlled meetings and such meetings shall not be counted toward the minimum treatment requirements set forth herein.

4.13 TDCJ-CJAD Substance Abuse Standards. VENDORS contracting with the DEPARTMENT for substance abuse services must comply with the TDCJ-CJAD Substance Abuse Standards.

4.14 TDCJ-CJAD Residential Services Standards. VENDORS contracting with the DEPARTMENT for either Intensive or Supportive Residential Services must comply with the TDCJ-CJAD Residential Services Standards.

4.15 Specific Measures. All terms of this AGREEMENT are subject to monitoring and verification; however, the VENDOR must have available for the DEPARTMENT'S inspection records to support performance of those measures outlined in Article 1.5 herein, or refund DEPARTMENT the specified adjustments.

4.16 Equipment. Title to any equipment purchased in excess of \$1,000.00 per unit cost (e.g., keyboard, monitor, and CPU are one unit) will vest with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice if such equipment is purported to be a direct expense to the program per submitted vendor budget if applicable. Items in excess of \$1,000 per unit that are depreciated (useful life) or placed in a use allowance will not be considered for ownership by TDCJ.

4.17 Misspent Funds. The VENDOR will refund expenditures of the VENDOR that are contrary to this AGREEMENT and deemed inappropriate by the DEPARTMENT or designee.

4.18 Other Revenues for Additional Services. VENDOR may collect additional revenues from other sources only for services exceeding those requirements in Article I and Exhibit A.

4.19 Other Revenue for Proposed Services. As per Government Code Section 76.017 (e), services provided to an offender referred under TAIP are billable only if no other public or private funds are available to that offender. The prices quoted in this AGREEMENT are the full cost of treatment. Any fees, food stamps, or other revenues collected on behalf of the offender for offender services provided for in this AGREEMENT must be used to reduce cost per unit of service per offender under this AGREEMENT.

## ARTICLE V DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

- 5.1 Default by VENDOR. Each of the following shall constitute an Event of Default on the part of VENDOR:
- a. A material failure to keep, observe, perform, meet, or comply with any covenant, term, or provision hereof, which failure continues for a period of twenty (20) days after receipt of VENDOR of written notification thereof;
  - b. A failure to maintain current DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules—and subsequent revisions in accordance with Sections 1.4 and 1.13 hereof;
  - c. (1) Admit in writing its inability to pay its debts; (2) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (3) suffer a decree or order appointing a receiver or trustee for it or substantially all of its property, and, if entered without its consent, same is not stayed or discharged within sixty (60) days of such decree or order, (4) suffer filing under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, or the reorganization for relief of debtors by or against it and, if contested by it, not to be dismissed or stayed within sixty (60) days of such filing; or (5) suffer any judgment, writ of attachment or execution, or any similar process issued or levied against a substantial part of its property that is not released, stayed, bonded, or vacated within sixty (60) days after such issuance or levy; and
  - d. The discovery by DEPARTMENT that any statement, representation of warranty in this AGREEMENT is false, misleading, or erroneous in any material respect.
- 5.2 Remedy of DEPARTMENT. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default by VENDOR, DEPARTMENT shall notify VENDOR of such Event of Default, and subject to the time provisions of Section 5.1 hereof, DEPARTMENT shall have the right to pursue any remedy it may have at law or in equity, including, but not limited to, (a) suspend referral of Offenders; (b) suspend payment; (c) taking action to cure the Event of Default, in which case DEPARTMENT may offset against any Payments owed to VENDOR all reasonable costs incurred by DEPARTMENT in connection with its efforts to cure such Event of Default; and (d) termination and removal of VENDOR as provider of Services. In the event of VENDOR'S removal due to an Event of Default, DEPARTMENT shall have no further obligations to VENDOR after such removal and in such event, VENDOR agrees to cooperate with DEPARTMENT regarding a transition to new provider of Services.
- 5.3 Default by DEPARTMENT. The following shall constitute an Event of Default on the part of DEPARTMENT: failure by DEPARTMENT to pay within thirty (30) days after Payment is due any Payment required to be paid pursuant to the terms hereof, provided such failure to pay shall not constitute an Event of Default if the Comptroller of the State of Texas has withheld any payments pursuant to statutory authority.
- 5.4 Remedy of VENDOR. Upon an Event of Default by DEPARTMENT, VENDOR'S sole remedy shall be to terminate this AGREEMENT. Upon such termination, VENDOR shall be entitled to receive Payment from DEPARTMENT for all Services satisfactorily furnished hereunder up to and including the date of termination.
- 5.5 AGREEMENT Subject to Availability of Funds. This AGREEMENT will be subject to the availability of funds as appropriated by the State Legislature and as made available by the Community Justice Assistance

Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. If such funds become reduced or unavailable, this AGREEMENT shall be subject to immediate modification, reduction or termination.

## ARTICLE VI INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

6.1 Insurance. VENDOR shall provide an adequate plan of insurance that provides: (1) coverage to protect DEPARTMENT and the State against all claims, including claims based on violations of civil rights arising from the Services performed by VENDOR; (2) coverage to protect the State from actions by a third party against VENDOR or any subcontractor of VENDOR; and (3) coverage to protect the State from actions by officers, employees, or agents of VENDOR or any subcontractor(s). VENDOR shall maintain the following insurance coverage in full force and effect for the mutual protection and benefit of DEPARTMENT, the State and VENDOR with the amounts and coverage's as required by law, in accordance with the following:

- A. Claims that may arise out of or result from VENDOR'S actions/omissions/operations hereunder, whether such actions/omissions/operations are by VENDOR or by a subcontractor of VENDOR, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by or acting on behalf of VENDOR or a subcontractor where liability may arise for:
  1. Claims under workers compensation disability benefits, and other similar employee benefit actions;
  2. Claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of any VENDOR employees;
  3. Claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease or death of any Person other than VENDOR'S employees;
  4. Claims for damages insured by usual personal liability coverage that are sustained by (a) any Person as a result of an act directly or indirectly related to the employment of such Person by VENDOR, or by (b) any other Person;
  5. Claims for damages because of injury to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use resulting there from;
  6. Claims for damages based on violations of civil rights;
  7. Claims for damages arising from fire and lightning and other casualties.
- B. VENDOR shall obtain and maintain in force insurance coverage in accordance with all applicable law and accepted industry standards during the term they are engaged hereunder. In addition, VENDOR shall maintain a liability insurance policy in an amount not less than \$100,000 for each person and \$300,000 for each single occurrence for bodily injury or death and \$100,000 for each single occurrence for injury to or destruction of property.
- C. Certifications/policies of insurance shall be filed with DEPARTMENT prior to execution of this AGREEMENT. VENDOR shall notify DEPARTMENT within fifteen (15) days of cancellation of any policy required herein.
- D. Compliance with the foregoing insurance requirements shall not relieve VENDOR from any liability under the indemnity provisions.

6.2 Indemnification. VENDOR shall indemnify and save the DEPARTMENT, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the State of Texas, and its officers, agents and employees (hereinafter, collectively referred to as the "State") harmless from and against any and all claims arising from the conduct, management or performance hereof, including, without limitation, any and all claims arising from any condition herein or arising from any breach or default on the part of VENDOR in the performance of any covenant or agreement on its part to be performed, or arising from any act of negligence of VENDOR, or licensees or arising from any accident, injury or damage whatsoever caused to any person, firm or corporation and from and against all costs, reasonable attorney's fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in or about any such claim, action or proceeding brought against the State by reason of any such claim. In any such action brought against the State, VENDOR, upon notice from the State, shall defend against such action or proceeding by counsel satisfactory to the State, unless such action or proceeding is defended against by counsel for any carrier of liability insurance provided for herein. The aforementioned indemnification shall not be affected by a claim that negligence of DEPARTMENT, the State, or their respective agents, contractors, employees or licensees contributed in part to the loss or damage indemnified against.

#### ARTICLE VII INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

VENDOR is associated with DEPARTMENT only for the purposes and to the extent set forth herein, and with respect to the performance of Services hereunder, VENDOR is and shall be an independent contractor and shall have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct the performance of the details incident to its duties hereunder. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create the relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create any liability for DEPARTMENT, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the State of Texas and its offices, agents and employees (hereafter, collectively referred to as the "State") whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of VENDOR or any other party. VENDOR shall be solely responsible for (and DEPARTMENT shall have no obligation with respect to) payment of all Federal Income, F.I.C.A., and other taxes owed or claimed to be owed by VENDOR, arising out of VENDOR's association with DEPARTMENT pursuant hereto, and VENDOR shall indemnify and hold DEPARTMENT harmless from and against any and all liability from all losses, damages, claims, costs, penalties, liabilities, and expenses howsoever arising or incurred because of, incident to, or otherwise with respect to any such taxes.

#### ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8.1 Inconsistencies. Where there exists any inconsistency between this AGREEMENT and other provisions of collateral contractual Agreements that are made a part hereof by reference or otherwise, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

8.2 Severability. Each paragraph and provision hereof is severable from the entire AGREEMENT and if any provision is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless remain in effect.

8.3 Prohibition Against Assignment. There shall be no assignment or transfer of this AGREEMENT without the prior written consent of both parties.

8.4 Law of Texas. This AGREEMENT shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be enforced in the county of the applicable judicial district in which this agreement was entered.

8.5 Notices. All notices called for or contemplated hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when personally delivered or forty-eight (48) hours after mailed to each party by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid.

8.6 Entire. This AGREEMENT incorporates all the agreements, covenants, and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, agreements, and understandings have been merged into this written AGREEMENT. No other prior agreement or understandings, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless attached hereto and/or embodied herein.

8.7 Amendment. No changes to this AGREEMENT shall be made except upon written agreement of both parties.

8.8 Headings. The headings used herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part thereof or affect the construction or interpretation hereof.

8.9 Counterparts. This AGREEMENT may be executed in any number of and by the different parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

8.10 Terminology and Definitions. All personal pronouns used herein, whether used in the masculine, feminine, or neutral, shall include all other genders; the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this AGREEMENT including the Exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference to be executed as of the date first above written.

Executed in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas by

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL:  
ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT JUDGE: \_\_\_\_\_

JUDICIAL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

VENDOR: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2 C.F.R. § 200.317. Procurements by states.**

When procuring property and services under a Federal award, a state must follow the same policies and procedures it uses for procurements from its non-Federal funds. The state will comply with §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials and ensure that every purchase order or other contract includes any clauses required by section §200.326 Contract provisions. All other non-Federal entities, including subrecipients of a state, will follow §§ 200.318 General procurement standards through 200.326 Contract provisions.

69 FR 26280, May 11, 2004; 78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013

**2 C.F.R. § 200.318. General procurement standards.**

(a) The non-Federal entity must use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable State, local and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable Federal law and the standards identified in this part.

(b) Non-Federal entities must maintain oversight to ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

(c)

(1) The non-Federal entity must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, non-Federal entities may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity.

(2) If the non-Federal entity has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local government, or Indian tribe, the non-Federal entity must also maintain written standards of conduct covering organizational conflicts of interest. Organizational conflicts of interest means that because of

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relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the non-Federal entity is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization.

- (d) The non-Federal entity's procedures must avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Consideration should be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase. Where appropriate, an analysis will be made of lease versus purchase alternatives, and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach.
- (e) To foster greater economy and efficiency, and in accordance with efforts to promote cost-effective use of shared services across the Federal Government, the non-Federal entity is encouraged to enter into state and local intergovernmental agreements or inter-entity agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.
- (f) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use Federal excess and surplus property in lieu of purchasing new equipment and property whenever such use is feasible and reduces project costs.
- (g) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use value engineering clauses in contracts for construction projects of sufficient size to offer reasonable opportunities for cost reductions. Value engineering is a systematic and creative analysis of each contract item or task to ensure that its essential function is provided at the overall lower cost.
- (h) The non-Federal entity must award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. See also § 200.213 Suspension and debarment.
- (i) The non-Federal entity must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.
- (j)
- (1) The non-Federal entity may use a time and materials type contract only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Time and materials type contract means a contract whose cost to a non-Federal entity is the sum of:
- (i) The actual cost of materials; and
  - (ii) Direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wages, general and administrative expenses, and profit.
- (2) Since this formula generates an open-ended contract price, a time-and-materials contract provides no positive profit incentive to the contractor for cost control or labor efficiency. Therefore, each contract must set a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Further, the non-Federal entity awarding such a contract must assert a high degree of oversight in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor is using efficient methods and effective cost controls.



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(k) The non-Federal entity alone must be responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims. These standards do not relieve the non-Federal entity of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. The Federal awarding agency will not substitute its judgment for that of the non-Federal entity unless the matter is primarily a Federal concern. Violations of law will be referred to the local, state, or Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 43309, July 22, 2015; 80 FR 45395, July 30, 2015

**2 C.F.R. § 200.319. Competition.**

(a) All procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with the standards of this section. In order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements. Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include but are not limited to:

- (1) Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;
- (2) Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding;
- (3) Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies;
- (4) Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts;
- (5) Organizational conflicts of interest;
- (6) Specifying only a “brand name” product instead of allowing “an equal” product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement; and
- (7) Any arbitrary action in the procurement process.

(b) The non-Federal entity must conduct procurements in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals, except in those cases where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. Nothing in this section preempts state licensing laws. When contracting for architectural and engineering (A/E) services, geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.

(c) The non-Federal entity must have written procedures for procurement transactions. These procedures must ensure that all solicitations:

- (1) Incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description must not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly

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restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product or service to be procured and, when necessary, must set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible. When it is impractical or uneconomical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a "brand name or equivalent" description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the named brand which must be met by offers must be clearly stated; and

(2) Identify all requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.

(d) The non-Federal entity must ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open and free competition. Also, the non-Federal entity must not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.

78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014

**2 C.F.R. § 200.320. Methods of procurement to be followed.**

The non-Federal entity must use one of the following methods of procurement.

(a) Procurement by micro-purchases. Procurement by micro-purchase is the acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold (§200.67 Micro-purchase). To the extent practicable, the non-Federal entity must distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the non-Federal entity considers the price to be reasonable.

(b) Procurement by small purchase procedures. Small purchase procedures are those relatively simple and informal procurement methods for securing services, supplies, or other property that do not cost more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold. If small purchase procedures are used, price or rate quotations must be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources.

(c) Procurement by sealed bids (formal advertising). Bids are publicly solicited and a firm fixed price contract (lump sum or unit price) is awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming with all the material terms and conditions of the invitation for bids, is the lowest in price. The sealed bid method is the preferred method for procuring construction, if the conditions in paragraph (c)(1) of this section apply.

(1) In order for sealed bidding to be feasible, the following conditions should be present:

- (i) A complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description is available;
- (ii) Two or more responsible bidders are willing and able to compete effectively for the business; and
- (iii) The procurement lends itself to a firm fixed price contract and the selection of the successful bidder can be made principally on the basis of price.

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(2) If sealed bids are used, the following requirements apply:

(i) Bids must be solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers, providing them sufficient response time prior to the date set for opening the bids, for local, and tribal governments, the invitation for bids must be publicly advertised;

(ii) The invitation for bids, which will include any specifications and pertinent attachments, must define the items or services in order for the bidder to properly respond;

(iii) All bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids, and for local and tribal governments, the bids must be opened publicly;

(iv) A firm fixed price contract award will be made in writing to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Where specified in bidding documents, factors such as discounts, transportation cost, and life cycle costs must be considered in determining which bid is lowest. Payment discounts will only be used to determine the low bid when prior experience indicates that such discounts are usually taken advantage of; and

(v) Any or all bids may be rejected if there is a sound documented reason.

(d) Procurement by competitive proposals. The technique of competitive proposals is normally conducted with more than one source submitting an offer, and either a fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded. It is generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids. If this method is used, the following requirements apply:

(1) Requests for proposals must be publicized and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Any response to publicized requests for proposals must be considered to the maximum extent practical;

(2) Proposals must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources;

(3) The non-Federal entity must have a written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and for selecting recipients;

(4) Contracts must be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with price and other factors considered; and

(5) The non-Federal entity may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby competitors' qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method, where price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used in procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services though A/E firms are a potential source to perform the proposed effort.

(e) [Reserved]

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(f) Procurement by noncompetitive proposals. Procurement by noncompetitive proposals is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source and may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:

- (1) The item is available only from a single source;
- (2) The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation;
- (3) The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity; or
- (4) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 54409, Sept. 10, 2015

**2 C.F.R. § 200.321. Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.**

- (a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.
- (b) Affirmative steps must include:
  - (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
  - (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
  - (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
  - (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
  - (5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
  - (6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

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**2 C.F.R. § 200.322. Procurement of recovered materials.**

A non-Federal entity 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.

78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014

**2 C.F.R. § 200.323. Contract cost and price.**

(a) The non-Federal entity must perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold including contract modifications. The method and degree of analysis is dependent on the facts surrounding the particular procurement situation, but as a starting point, the non-Federal entity must make independent estimates before receiving bids or proposals.

(b) The non-Federal entity must negotiate profit as a separate element of the price for each contract in which there is no price competition and in all cases where cost analysis is performed. To establish a fair and reasonable profit, consideration must be given to the complexity of the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance, and industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.

(c) Costs or prices based on estimated costs for contracts under the Federal award are allowable only to the extent that costs incurred or cost estimates included in negotiated prices would be allowable for the non-Federal entity under Subpart E—Cost Principles of this part. The non-Federal entity may reference its own cost principles that comply with the Federal cost principles.

(d) The cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost methods of contracting must not be used.

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**2 C.F.R. § 200.324. Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity review.**

(a) The non-Federal entity must make available, upon request of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, technical specifications on proposed procurements where the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity believes such review is needed to ensure that the item or service specified is the one being proposed for acquisition. This review generally will take place prior to the time the specification is incorporated into a solicitation document. However, if the non-Federal entity desires to have the review accomplished after a solicitation has been developed, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may still review the specifications, with such review usually limited to the technical aspects of the proposed purchase.

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(b) The non-Federal entity must make available upon request, for the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity pre-procurement review, procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, or independent cost estimates, when:

(1) The non-Federal entity's procurement procedures or operation fails to comply with the procurement standards in this part;

(2) The procurement is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded without competition or only one bid or offer is received in response to a solicitation;

(3) The procurement, which is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, specifies a "brand name" product;

(4) The proposed contract is more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded to other than the apparent low bidder under a sealed bid procurement; or

(5) A proposed contract modification changes the scope of a contract or increases the contract amount by more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold.

(c) The non-Federal entity is exempt from the pre-procurement review in paragraph (b) of this section if the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity determines that its procurement systems comply with the standards of this part.

(1) The non-Federal entity may request that its procurement system be reviewed by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity to determine whether its system meets these standards in order for its system to be certified. Generally, these reviews must occur where there is continuous high-dollar funding, and third party contracts are awarded on a regular basis;

(2) The non-Federal entity may self-certify its procurement system. Such self-certification must not limit the Federal awarding agency's right to survey the system. Under a self-certification procedure, the Federal awarding agency may rely on written assurances from the non-Federal entity that it is complying with these standards. The non-Federal entity must cite specific policies, procedures, regulations, or standards as being in compliance with these requirements and have its system available for review.

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**2 C.F.R. § 200.325. Bonding requirements.**

For construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the non-Federal entity provided that the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity has made a determination that the Federal interest is adequately protected. If such a determination has not been made, the minimum requirements must be as follows:

(a) A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantee" must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

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(b) A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “performance bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor’s obligations under such contract.

(c) A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

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**2 C.F.R. § 200.326. Contract provisions.**

The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

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In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, 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.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

(D) 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 CFR 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 non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity 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 CFR 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 subrecipient 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.

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



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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.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must 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 the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR 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 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has 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 or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

(J) See §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75888, Dec. 19, 2014

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**  
**(31 U.S.C.A. § 1352)**  
**This Certification must be completed, signed, dated and**  
**returned to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent**

**Procurement Number and Description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ RFP #B202013, Substance Abuse Treatment Services for Adult Probation \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer **CERTIFIES**, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the proposer, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the proposer shall complete and submit **Standard Form LLL**, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
3. Proposer shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Name of Organization/Corporation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Signatory for Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Authorized Signatory of Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Texas

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County of Galveston

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**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

Before me, the undersigned notary, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ (Affiant), whom being first duly sworn, deposes and certifies that:

- Affiant is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, that  
(Individual, Partner, Corporate Officer) (Name of Proposer)  
submitted the attached Bid/Proposal in **RFP No. B202013, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES FOR ADULT PROBATION**
- Affiant is a duly authorized representative of Proposer and is authorized to make this Non-Collusion Affidavit;
- The attached Proposal/Bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Proposal/Bid;
- The attached Proposal/Bid has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor;
- Bidder/Proposer has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor, to submit a collusive or sham bid or that such other bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor shall refrain from bidding/proposing;
- Bidder/Proposer has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor to fix the price or prices in the attached Bid/Proposal or of the bid/proposal any other bidder/proposer;
- Bidder/Proposer has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor to fix the overhead, profit or cost element of the Bid/Proposal price or prices of any other bidder/proposer, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against Galveston County or any person interested in the proposed contract;
- Affiant has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor, paid or agreed to pay any other bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor any money or anything of value in return for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or in return for establishing the price or prices in the attached Bid/Proposal or the bid/proposal of any other Bidder/Proposer; and
- Affiant certifies that Affiant is fully informed regarding the accuracy of the statements contained herein, and under penalties of perjury, certifies and affirms the truth of the statements herein, such penalties being applicable to the Bidder/Proposer as well as to Affiant signing on its behalf.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Affiant**

**SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED** before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSAL FORM  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES FOR ADULT PROBATION  
COUNTY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS**

By signing here, the firm does hereby attest that it has fully read the instructions, conditions and general and special provisions and understands them.

**EXCEPTIONS** (if no exceptions are taken, state NONE):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

THE COMPANY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

FEIN (TAX ID): \_\_\_\_\_

The following shall be returned with your proposal. Failure to do so may be ample cause for rejection of proposal as non-responsive. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that proposer has received all addenda.

Items:	Confirmed (X):
1. References (if required)	_____
2. Addenda, if any	#1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____
3. One (1) original and one (1) copy of submittal	_____
4. Proposal Form	_____
5. Vendor Qualification Packet	_____
6. Debarment Certification Form	_____
7. Non-Collusion Affidavit	_____
8. Form CIQ	_____
9. Three (3) signed contracts (included)	_____
10. Lobbying Form	_____

Person to contact regarding this proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person authorized to bid the Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Proposer shall use this form to provide the information for notice.

1. Contact information for notice:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. If a copy of notice is requested, please complete below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile number: \_\_\_\_\_

3. If second or more copies are requested for notice, please supplement this form and clearly mark the supplement as "Supplementary Notice Information."

Proposer to submit reference information. Proposer shall use this form to provide minimum required reference information. If Proposer wishes to provide more than the minimum, Proposer should supplement this form and should clearly mark the supplement as "Supplementary Reference Information."

1. References who can attest to the Proposer's capability to carry out the requirements set forth in this proposal:

Business Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Individual within Organization, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_  
Business address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile number: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Individual within Organization, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_  
Business address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile number: \_\_\_\_\_

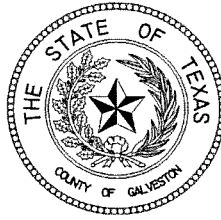
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Name of Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Individual within Organization, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_  
Business address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile number: \_\_\_\_\_

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References of major supplier of Proposer who can speak to the financial capability of the Proposer to carry out the requirements set forth in this proposal:

1. Business Name of Supplier \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Individual within business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile number: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Business Name of Supplier \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Individual within business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile number: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Business Name of Supplier \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Individual within business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**County of Galveston**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT,  
SUSPENSION, AND OTHER INELGIBILITY  
Executive Orders 12549 & 12689 Certification, Debarment and Suspension**

Solicitation Number: RFP #B202013

Solicitation Title: Substance Abuse Treatment Services for Adult Probation

**Contractor hereby CERTIFIES that:**

Contractor, and all of its principals, is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, proposed for suspension, or declared ineligible under Executive Order 12549 or Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, and is not in any other way ineligible for participation in Federal or State assistance programs;

Contractor, and all of its principals, were not and have not been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, proposed for suspension, or declared ineligible under Executive Order 12549 or Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, and were not and have not been in any other way ineligible for participation in Federal or State assistance programs at the time its' proposal was submitted in the procurement identified herein and at any time since submission of its' proposal;

Contractor has included, and shall continue to include, this certification in all contracts between itself and any sub-contractors in connection with services performed under this contract; **and**

Contractor shall notify Galveston County in writing immediately, through written notification to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent, if Contractor is not in compliance with Executive Order 12549 or 12689 during the term of its contract with Galveston County.

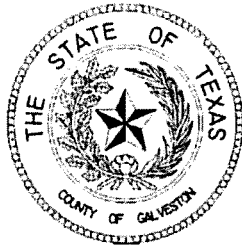
Contractor **Represents and Warrants** that the individual executing this Acknowledgment and Certification on its behalf has the full power and authority to do so and can legally bind the Contractor hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Business

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name & Title



## County of Galveston Purchasing Department Vendor Qualification Packet

(rev. 1.4, September 28, 2017)

All interested parties seeking consideration for qualified vendor status with the County of Galveston should complete and return only the following forms to:

Galveston County Purchasing Department  
722 Moody Avenue, (21st Street), 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Galveston, Texas 77550  
(409) 770-5371 office  
(409) 621-7987 fax

- PEID Form:** Person /Entity Information Data
- W -9 Form:** Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification  
*(please note that the included form may not be the latest revised form issued by the Internal Revenue Service. Please check the IRS website at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-rd/ffw9.pdf> for the latest revision of this form.)*
- CIQ Form:** Conflict of Interest Questionnaire  
*(please note that the included form may not be the latest revised form issued by the State of Texas Ethics Commission. Please check the Texas Ethics Commission website at [http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/conflict\\_forms.htm](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/conflict_forms.htm) for the latest revision of this form. Please note that Galveston County Purchasing Agent is not responsible for the filing of this form with the Galveston County Clerk per instructions of the State of Texas Ethics Commission).*
- Debarment:** **CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS & REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER IN SAM**  
*Vendors/contractor certifies that neither it, nor any of its Principals, are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, disqualified, excluded, or in any way declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency. Vendor agrees that it shall refund Galveston County for any payments made to Contractor while ineligible. Vendor acknowledges that Contractor's uncured failure to perform under any agreement with the County of Galveston, if such should occur, may result in Contractor being debarred from performing additional work for the County, the respecting State Agency administering the grant funding the contract, if applicable, the State, FEMA or HUD (as applicable), and other Federal and State entities. Further, Vendor has executed the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters and returned the fully completed and executed original certification with the submission of this Vendor Qualification Packet. **The truthful and fully completed and executed original of the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters must be included with the submission of this Vendor Qualification Packet and is a mandatory requirement to become a vendor of Galveston County. Vendor's failure to include the fully completed and executed original of this Certification shall be considered non-compliant with the requirements of this vendor qualification request and grounds for the rejection of vendor's request. Vendor shall immediately notify the County Purchasing Agent if it becomes debarred or suspended, placed on***



*the Consolidated List of Debarred Contractors, or in any other way becomes ineligible for award of contract by any Federal agency. This Certification is a material fact relied upon by Galveston County; if it is later determined that the vendor did not comply with 2 C. F. R. Part 180 and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, in addition to the remedies available to Galveston County and the State agency administering a grant, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment of contractor. If the contract to be awarded pursuant to a Galveston County procurement effort involves the use of Federal funds, then vendor must also be registered in the Federal Contractor Registry through the System for Award Management (SAM) to be eligible for award of contract pursuant to the procurement.*

Information regarding the SAM is available at:

<http://federalcontractorregistry.com/?gclid=CIGlh2rr8wCFYkCaQoducANZw> or at <http://sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1>.

*No contract involving the use of Federal funds may be awarded to any vendor unless and until such registration is current and in good standing under SAM Successful vendors must maintain SAM registration throughout the entire term of any contractual agreement with the County. If a contract involves the use of Federal funds, then vendor must enclose proof of such SAM registration within its response, which is also a mandatory requirement of County procurement policy; failure to enclose such proof shall be considered non-compliant with the requirements of any procurement effort and grounds for the rejection of vendor's response to any procurement efforts (i.e., bid, proposal, or qualifications statement, as applicable).*

**Direct Deposit: Direct Deposit Authorization Form – Temporarily suspended until further notice**

**Certificate(s) of Insurance: If the person or entity seeking qualified vendor status with the County will be performing work at or on any County owned facility and/or property, Certificate(s) of Insurance are required to be submitted prior to performing any work.**

Insurance requirements are as follows:

**Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance:**

Successful vendor agrees to keep in full force and effect, a policy of public liability and property damage insurance issued by a casualty company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and in standard form approved by the Board of Insurance Commissioners of the State of Texas, with coverage provisions insuring the public from any loss or damage that may arise to any person or property by reason of services rendered by vendor. Vendor shall at its own expense be required to carry the following minimum insurance coverages:

1. For damages arising out of bodily injury to or death of one person in anyone occurrence - one hundred thousand and no/100 dollars (\$100,000.00);
2. For damages arising out of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in anyone occurrence - three hundred thousand and no/100 dollars (\$300,000.00); and
3. For injury to or destruction of property in anyone occurrence - one hundred thousand and no/100 dollars (\$100,000.00).

This insurance shall be either on an occurrence basis or on a claims made basis. Provided however, that if the coverage is on a claims made basis, then the vendor shall be required to purchase, at the termination of this agreement, tail coverage for the County for the period of the County's relationship with the vendor under this agreement. Such coverage shall be in the amounts set forth in subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3) above.

**Worker's Compensation Insurance:**

Successful vendor shall also carry in full force Workers' Compensation Insurance policy(ies), if there is more than one employee, for all employees, including but not limited to full time, part time, and emergency employees employed by the vendor. Current insurance certificates certifying that such policies as specified above are in full force and effect shall be furnished by the vendor to the County.

**The County of Galveston shall be named as additional insured on policies listed in subparagraphs above and shall be notified of any changes to the policy(ies) during the contractual period.**

Insurance is to be placed with insurers having a Best rating of no less than A. The vendor shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and original endorsements affecting coverage required by these insurance clauses. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The vendor shall be required to submit annual renewals for the term of any contractual agreement, purchase order or term contract, with Galveston County prior to expiration of any policy.

In addition to the remedies stated herein, the County has the right to pursue other remedies permitted by law or in equity.

The County agrees to provide vendor with reasonable and timely notice of any claim, demand, or cause of action made or brought against the County arising out of or related to utilization of the property. Vendor shall have the right to defend any such claim, demand, or cause of action at its sole cost and expense and within its sole and exclusive discretion. The County agrees not to compromise or settle any claim or cause of action arising out of or related to the utilization of the property without the prior written consent of the vendor.

In no event shall the County be liable for any damage to or destruction of any property belonging to the vendor unless specified in writing and agreed upon by both parties.

**Procurement Policy - Special Note:**

Understand that it is, according to Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.011, Purchasing Agents, subsections (d), (e), and (0), the sole responsibility of the Purchasing Agent to supervise all procurement transactions.

Therefore, be advised that all procurement transactions require proper authorization in the form of a Galveston County purchase order from the Purchasing Agent's office prior to commitment to deliver supplies, materials, equipment, including contracts for repair, service, and maintenance agreements. Any commitments made without proper authorization from the Purchasing Agent's office, pending Commissioners' Court approval, may become the sole responsibility of the individual making the commitment including the obligation of payment.

**Code of Ethics - Statement of Purchasing Policy:**

Public employment is a public trust. It is the policy of Galveston County to promote and balance the objective of protecting the County's integrity and the objective of facilitating the recruitment and retention of personnel needed by Galveston County. Such policy is implemented by prescribing essential standards of ethical conduct without creating unnecessary obstacles to entering public office.

Public employees must discharge their duties impartially so as to assure fair competitive access to governmental procurement by responsible contractors. Moreover, they should conduct themselves in such a manner as to foster public confidence in the integrity of the Galveston County procurement organization.

To achieve the purpose of these instructions, it is essential that those doing business with Galveston County also observe the ethical standards prescribed here.

**General Ethical Standards:** It shall be a breach of ethics to attempt to realize personal gain through public employment with Galveston County by any conduct inconsistent with the proper discharge of the employee's duties.

It shall be a breach of ethics to attempt to influence any public employee of Galveston County to breach the standards of ethical conduct set forth in this code.

It shall be a breach of ethics for any employee of Galveston County to participate directly or indirectly in procurement when the employee knows that:

- The employee or any member of the employee's immediate family has a financial interest pertaining to the procurement.
- A business or organization in which the employee, or any member of the employee's immediate family, has a financial interest pertaining to the procurement.
- Any other person, business or organization with which the employee or any member of the employee's immediate family is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment is involved in the procurement.

**Gratuities:** It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any employee of Galveston County, or for any employee or former employee of Galveston County to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore pending before this government.

**Kickbacks:** It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for Galveston County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

**Contract Clause:** The prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks prescribed above shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation by Galveston County.

**Confidential Information:** It shall be a breach of ethics for any employee or former employee of Galveston County to knowingly use confidential information for actual or anticipated personal gain, or for the actual or anticipated gain of any person.

**Questions/Concerns:**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information or instructions contained within this packet, please contact any member of the Purchasing Department staff at **(409) 770-5371**.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE REPORTING**

Proposer may be required under Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code to complete and file a conflict of interest questionnaire (CIQ Form). If so, the completed CIQ Form must be filed with the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas.

If Proposer has an employment or other business relationship with an officer of Galveston County or with a family member of an officer of Galveston County that results in the officer or family member of the officer receiving taxable income that exceeds \$2,500.00 during the preceding 12-month period, then Proposer **MUST** complete a CIQ Form and file the original of the CIQ Form with the County Clerk of Galveston County.

If Proposer has given an officer of Galveston County or a family member of an officer of Galveston County one or more gifts with an aggregate value of more than \$250.00 during the preceding 12-months, then Proposer **MUST** complete a CIQ Form and file the original of the CIQ Form with the County Clerk of Galveston County

The Galveston County Clerk has offices at the following locations:

Galveston County Clerk  
Galveston County Justice Center, Suite 2001  
600 59th Street  
Galveston, Texas 77551

Galveston County Clerk  
North County Annex, 1st Floor  
174 Calder Road  
League City, Texas 77573

Again, if Proposer is required to file a CIQ Form, the original completed form is filed with the Galveston County Clerk (not the Purchasing Agent).

For Proposer's convenience, a blank CIQ Form is enclosed with this proposal. Blank CIQ Forms may also be obtained by visiting the Galveston County Clerk's website and/or the Purchasing Agent's website - both of these web sites are linked to the Galveston County homepage at <http://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov>

As well, blank CIQ Forms may be obtained by visiting the Texas Ethics Commission website, specifically at <http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/conflictfroms.htm>

Chapter 176 specifies deadlines for the filing of CIQ Forms (both initial filings and updated filings).

It is Proposer's sole responsibility to file a true and complete CIQ Form with the Galveston County Clerk if Proposer is required to file by the requirements of Chapter 176. Proposer is advised that it is an offense to fail to comply with the disclosure reporting requirements dictated under Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code.

If you have questions about compliance with Chapter 176, please consult your own legal counsel. Compliance is the individual responsibility of each person, business, and agent who is subject to Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code.



**COUNTY of GALVESTON**  
**Purchasing Department**

rev. 1.3, March 29, 2010

<b>FORM PEID:</b>	<b>Request for Person-Entity Identification Data</b>
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Instructions: Please type or print clearly when completing sections 1 thru 4 and return completed form to:

**Galveston County Purchasing Agent**  
**722 Moody Avenue (21 st. Street), 5th Floor**  
**Galveston, Texas 77550**  
**(409) 770-5371**  
*prodoc@co.galveston.tx.us*

1.

<b>Business Name:</b>			
<b>Attention Line:</b>			

2.

<b>Physical Address:</b>			
<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip+4:</b>

3.

<b>Billing / Remit Address:</b>			
<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip+4</b>

4.

<b>Main Contact Person:</b>			
<b>Main Phone Number:</b>			
<b>Fax Number:</b>			
<b>E-mail Address:</b>			

**Areas below are for County use only.**

<b>Requested By:</b>	<b>Phone / Ext. #</b>
<b>Department:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

<b>Action Requested - Check One:</b>	<b>IFAS PEID Vendor Number:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add New	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Data	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-activate
<input type="checkbox"/> Inactivate	<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney
<input type="checkbox"/> Landlord	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Refund
<input type="checkbox"/> OneTime	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child	



By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

**Note:** If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.** Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

## Backup Withholding

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

**Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

## What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

## Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

## Penalties

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding.** If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

## Specific Instructions

### Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

**Note: ITIN applicant:** Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

### Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

### Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporation</li> </ul>	Corporation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual</li> <li>Sole proprietorship, or</li> <li>Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.</li> </ul>	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes,</li> <li>LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or</li> <li>LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.</li> </ul>	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnership</li> </ul>	Partnership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trust/estate</li> </ul>	Trust/estate

### Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

#### Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947



The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 <sup>2</sup>
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

**Note:** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

## Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

## Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

## Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note:** See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at [www.SSA.gov](http://www.SSA.gov). You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/Businesses](http://www.irs.gov/Businesses) and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to [www.irs.gov/Forms](http://www.irs.gov/Forms) to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to [www.irs.gov/OrderForms](http://www.irs.gov/OrderForms) to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note:** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

## Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

**1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

**3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

**4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

**5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**What Name and Number To Give the Requester**

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup> The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor <sup>4</sup>

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

**\*Note:** The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

**Note:** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

**Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft**

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

**Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.**

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or report them at [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint). You can contact the FTC at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see [www.IdentityTheft.gov](http://www.IdentityTheft.gov) and Pub. 5027.

Visit [www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft](http://www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft) to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

## Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

# FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001 (1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

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1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2  Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each *officer* with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001 (1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes       NO

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government *officer* named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes       NO

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an *officer* or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

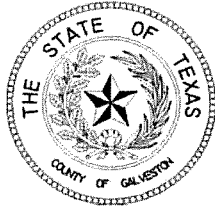
Yes       NO

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government *officer* named in this section.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**County of Galveston**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT,  
SUSPENSION, AND OTHER INELIGIBILITY**

**Executive Orders 12549 & 12689 Certification, Debarment and Suspension**

Solicitation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Solicitation Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor hereby CERTIFIES that:**

Contractor, and all of its principals, is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, proposed for suspension, or declared ineligible under Executive Order 12549 or Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, and is not in any other way ineligible for participation in Federal or State assistance programs;

Contractor, and all of its principals, were not and have not been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, proposed for suspension, or declared ineligible under Executive Order 12549 or Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, and were not and have not been in any other way ineligible for participation in Federal or State assistance programs at the time its' proposal was submitted in the procurement identified herein and at any time since submission of its' proposal;

Contractor has included, and shall continue to include, this certification in all contracts between itself and any sub-contractors in connection with services performed under this contract; **and**

Contractor shall notify Galveston County in writing immediately, through written notification to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent, if Contractor is not in compliance with Executive Order 12549 or 12689 during the term of its contract with Galveston County.

Contractor **Represents** and **Warrants** that the individual executing this Acknowledgment and Certification on its behalf has the full power and authority to do so and can legally bind the Contractor hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Business

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name & Title