

*Fort Bend County, Texas  
Request for Proposals*



*Drug Court Program Out-patient Substance Abuse Counseling Services  
RFP 22-085*

**SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO:**

Fort Bend County  
Purchasing Department  
Travis Annex  
301 Jackson, Suite 201  
Richmond, TX 77469

**Note:** All correspondence must include the term  
“Purchasing Department” in address to assist in  
proper delivery

**SUBMIT NO LATER THAN:**

Tuesday, July 12, 2022  
2:00 PM (Central)

**MARK ENVELOPE:**

RFP 22-085  
Drug Court Out-patient Substance Abuse  
Counseling Services for CSCD

***ALL RFPs MUST BE RECEIVED IN AND TIME/DATE STAMPED BY THE PURCHASING OFFICE  
OF FORT BEND COUNTY ON OR BEFORE THE SPECIFIED TIME/DATE STATED ABOVE.***

***RFPs RECEIVED AS REQUIRED WILL THEN BE OPENED AND NAMES PUBLICLY READ.***

***RFPs RECEIVED AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIME, WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.***

Results will not be given by phone.  
Results will be provided to bidder in writing  
after CSCD awards.

Requests for information must be in  
writing and directed to:  
Cheryl Krejci  
Senior Buyer  
[Cheryl.Krejci@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Krejci@fortbendcountytexas.gov)

**Vendor Responsibilities:**

- Download and complete any addendums. (Addendums will be posted on the Fort Bend County website no  
Later than 48 hours prior to bid opening)
- Submit response in accordance with requirements stated on the cover of this document.
- DO NOT submit responses via email or fax.



## COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT

Fort Bend County, Texas

### Vendor Information

Jaime Kovar  
Purchasing Agent

Office (281-341-8640)

Legal Company Name <small>(top line of W9)</small>				
Business Name <small>(if different from legal name)</small>				
Federal ID # or S.S. #		DUNS #		
Type of Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation/LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor/Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Exempt Organization	Age in Business?		
Publicly Traded Business	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      Ticker Symbol _____			
Remittance Address				
City/State/Zip				
Physical Address				
City/State/Zip				
Phone/Fax Number	Phone: _____ Fax: _____			
Contact Person				
E-mail				
Check all that apply to the company listed above and provide certification number.	DBE-Disadvantaged Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Certification #</b> _____ <b>Certification #</b> _____ <b>Certification #</b> _____ <b>Certification #</b> _____	<u>Cert Date</u>	<u>Exp Date</u>
	SBE-Small Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/>		_____	_____
	HUB-Texas Historically Underutilized Business <input type="checkbox"/>		_____	_____
	WBE-Women's Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/>		_____	_____
			_____	_____
Company's gross annual receipts	<\$500,000 _____	\$500,000-\$4,999,999 _____		
	\$5,000,000-\$16,999,999 _____	\$17,000,000-\$22,399,999 _____		
	>\$22,400,000 _____			
NAICs codes (Please enter all that apply)				
Signature of Authorized Representative				
Printed Name				
Title				
Date				

**THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE SOLICITATION RESPONSE**

**1.0 INTENT:**

It is the intent of Fort Bend County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) and this request for proposal (RFP) to obtain out-patient substance abuse counseling services for the Drug Court program in Fort Bend County. The funds to be spent for these services are unrelated to TAIP, therefore the rules governing the expenditure of TAIP funds do not apply.

**2.0 GUIDELINES:**

By virtue of submitting a proposal, interested parties are acknowledging:

- 2.1 The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if it determines that select proposals are not responsive to the RFP. The County reserves the right to reconsider any proposal submitted at any phase of the procurement. It also reserves the right to meet with select Respondents at any time to gather additional information. Furthermore, the County reserves the right to delete or add scope up until the final contract signing.
- 2.2 All Respondents submitting proposals agree that their pricing is valid for a minimum of ninety (90) days after proposal submission to the County. Furthermore, the County is by statute exempt from the State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax; therefore, proposal prices shall not include taxes.
- 2.3 This Proposal does not commit the County to award nor does it constitute an offer of employment or a contract for services. Costs incurred in the submission of this proposal, or in making necessary studies or designs for the preparation thereof, are the sole responsibility of the Respondents. Further, no reimbursable cost may be incurred in the anticipation of award. Proposals containing elaborate artwork, expensive paper and binding and expensive visual or other presentations are neither necessary nor desired.
- 2.4 In an effort to maintain fairness in the process, all inquiries concerning this procurement are to be directed only to the County's Purchasing Agent Office in writing. Attempts to contact any other County employee to influence the procurement decision may lead to immediate elimination from further consideration.
- 2.5 When responding to this Proposal, follow all instructions carefully. Submit proposal contents according to the outline specified and submit all hard copy and electronic documents according to the instructions. Failure to follow these instructions may be considered a non-responsive proposal and may result in immediate elimination from further consideration.

### 3.0 PROPOSAL CONTACT:

This Proposal is being issued by the County Purchasing Agent on behalf of Fort Bend County, Texas. Thus, responses should be directed to the Senior Buyer, as outlined below. **Respondents are specifically directed NOT to contact any County personnel for meetings, conferences or technical discussions that are related to this Proposal other than specified herein. Unauthorized contact of any County personnel will likely be cause for rejection of the Respondent's proposal. All communications regarding the Proposal shall be directed to the County's Proposal Contact.** Communication with the Proposal Contact is permitted via email, facsimile, or written correspondence.

#### PROPOSAL CONTACT:

Cheryl Krejci  
Senior Buyer  
Fort Bend County Travis Annex  
301 Jackson, Suite 201  
Richmond, Texas 77469  
[Cheryl.Krejci@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Krejci@fortbendcountytexas.gov)

### 4.0 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- 4.1 Submission requirements: one (1) original proposal, four (4) paper copies, and one (1) electronic response on CD or flash drive are required by RFP opening time of **2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 12, 2022**. CD or flash drive must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match written response identically. Failure to provide proper CD or flash drive is cause for disqualification. Proposal shall be submitted to the address shown below. Proposal shall be signed, in ink, by a person having the authority to bind the firm in a contract.

Fort Bend County  
Purchasing Department  
301 Jackson, Suite 201  
Richmond, Texas 77469

Proposal Number: R22-085  
Due Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022  
Time: 2:00 PM (CST)  
For: Drug Court Program Out-patient Substance Abuse Counseling Services

- 4.2 Respondents may submit their proposal any time prior to the Opening Date and time. The Respondent's name and address as well as a distinct reference to the Proposal number above shall be marked clearly on the submission. All proposals are time-stamped upon receipt and are securely kept, unopened, until the Opening Date. No responsibility will attach to the County, or any official or employee thereof, for the pre-opening of, post-opening of, or the failure to open a proposal not properly addressed and identified. No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, or facsimile proposals will be considered.

- 4.3 Proposals may be modified or withdrawn prior to the established opening date by delivering written notice to the proposal contact. Any alteration made prior to opening date and time shall be initialed by the signer of the proposal, guaranteeing authenticity.
- 4.4 Proposals time-stamped after the due date and time will not be considered and will be returned to the Respondent unopened. Regardless of the method used for delivery, respondents shall be wholly responsible for the timely delivery of submitted proposals.
- 4.5 The Respondent's name and address shall be clearly marked on all copies of the proposal.

**5.0 INCURRED COSTS:**

Those submitting proposals do so entirely at their expense. There is no expressed or implied obligation by the County to reimburse any individual or firm for any costs incurred in preparing or submitting proposals, for providing additional information when requested by the County or for participating in any selection interviews, including discovery (pre-contract negotiations) and contract negotiations.

**6.0 ACCEPTANCE:**

- 6.1 Submission of any proposal indicates a Respondent's acceptance of the conditions contained in this Proposal unless clearly and specifically noted otherwise in their proposal.
- 6.2 Furthermore, the County is not bound to accept a proposal on the basis of lowest price, and further, the County has the sole discretion and reserves the right to cancel this Proposal, to reject any and all proposals, to waive any and all informalities and or irregularities, or to re-advertise with either the identical or revised specifications, if it is deemed to be in the County's best interests. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the items in the proposal, and to award the contract in whole or in part and/or negotiate any or all items with individual Respondents if it is deemed in the County's best interest.
- 6.3 Although Fort Bend County desires to negotiate toward a contract with a selected Respondent, CSCD may award the contract on the basis of the initial proposals received, without discussions. Therefore, each initial proposal should contain the Respondent's best terms.

**7.0 INTERPRETATIONS, DISCREPANCIES, AND OMISSIONS:**

- 7.1 It is incumbent upon each potential Respondent to carefully examine these specifications, terms, and conditions. Should any potential Respondent find discrepancies, omissions or ambiguities in this Proposal, the Respondent shall at

once request in writing an interpretation from the County's Proposal Contact. Any inquiries, suggestions, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information shall be made in writing via e-mail only to the County's Proposal Contact, as specified in Section 3.0. Deadline for submission of questions and/or clarification is no later than **Tuesday, June 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM. (central)**. Requests received after the deadline will not be responded to due to the time constraints of this Proposal process.

- 7.2 The issuance of a written addendum is the only official method by which interpretation, clarification or additional information will be given by the County. Only questions answered by formal written addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarification will be without legal effect. If it becomes necessary to revise or amend any part of this Proposal, notice will be given by the County Purchasing Agent to all prospective Respondents who were sent a Proposal. The Respondent in their proposal shall acknowledge receipts of amendments. Each Respondent shall ensure that they have received all addenda and amendments to this Proposal before submitting their proposals.

#### **8.0 RETENTION OF RESPONDENT'S MATERIAL:**

The County reserves the right to retain all proposals regardless of which response is selected. All proposals and accompanying documents become the property of the County.

#### **9.0 CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION:**

By submission of a proposal, each Respondent certifies, that in connection with this procurement:

- 9.1 The prices in this proposal have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Respondent; with any competitor; or with any County employee(s) or consultant(s) for the purpose of restricting competition on any matter relating to this Proposal.
- 9.2 Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the Respondent and will not knowingly be disclosed by the Respondent prior to award directly or indirectly to any other Respondent or to any competitor; and;
- 9.3 No attempt has been made or will be made by the Respondent to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

#### **10.0 ASSIGNMENT:**

The Respondent may not sell, assign, transfer or convey the contract resulting from this Proposal, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval from Fort Bend County.

**11.0 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:**

- 11.1 All data and information gathered by the Respondent and its agents, including this Proposal and all reports, recommendations, specifications, and data shall be treated by the Respondent and its agents as confidential. The Respondent and its agents shall not disclose or communicate the aforesaid matters to a third party or use them in advertising, publicity, propaganda, and/or in another job or jobs, unless written consent is obtained from the County.
- 11.2 Proposals will only be publicly received and acknowledged only so as to avoid disclosure of the contents to competing Respondents and kept secret during negotiation. However, all proposals shall be open for public inspection after the contract is awarded. Trade secrets and any material that is considered to be confidential information contained in the proposal and identified by Respondent as such will be treated as confidential to the extent allowable in the Open Records Act.

**12.0 JURISDICTION, VENUE, CHOICE OF LAW:**

This Proposal and any contract resulting there from shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas. Should any portion of any contract be in conflict with the laws of the State of Texas, the State laws shall invalidate only that portion. The remaining portion of the contract(s) shall remain in effect. Any lawsuit shall be governed by Texas law and Fort Bend County, Texas shall be the venue for any action or proceeding that may be brought or arise out of, in connection with or by reason of this Proposal process and resulting Agreements.

**13.0 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:**

The Respondent is an independent contractor and no employee or agent of the Respondent shall be deemed for any reason to be an employee or agent of the County.

**14.0 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**

Proposals shall comply with all federal, state, county, and local laws concerning this type of products/service/equipment/project and the fulfillment of all ADA requirements.

**15.0 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:**

All Respondents shall provide any and all notices as may be required under the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart F, to their employees and all sub-contractors to insure that the County maintains a drug-free workplace.

**16.0 STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS:**

The contents of this section are required by Texas Law and are included by County regardless of content.

- 16.1 Agreement to Not Boycott Israel Chapter 2271 Texas Government Code: Contractor verifies that if Contractor employs ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000 or more, Contractor does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract.
- 6.2 Texas Government Code Section 2251.152 Acknowledgment: By signature on vendor form, Contractor represents pursuant to Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, that Contractor is not listed on the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that are identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051 or Section 2253.153.

**17.0 VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS:**

Vendor must certify that he/she is a duly qualified, capable, and otherwise bondable business entity, that he/she is not in receivership or contemplates same, nor has filed for bankruptcy. He/she further certifies that the Company, Corporation, or Partnership does not owe any back taxes within Fort Bend County, that he/she is able and capable of performing this proposal through his/her own resources without subcontracting or assignment, and that he/she is normally engaged in this type of business. Vendor further warrants that he/she is familiar with all laws, regulations, and customs applicable to this type of service.

**18.0 GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- 18.1 Fort Bend County is exempt from all Federal Excise, State and Local Taxes.
- 18.2 Upon completion of this proposal, or as otherwise stated, contractor shall send an itemized invoice of the material/services provided to the County. Neither signed receipts nor payments shall be construed as an acceptance of any defective work, improper material or release for any claim for damages.
- 18.3 The successful vendor may not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this proposal without written notice and approval of CSCD. Notice shall be sent by certified mail.
- 18.4 The successful vendor shall not deliver products or provide services as part of this proposal without a Fort Bend County Purchase Order.
- 18.5 Successful vendor shall not deliver products or services in excess of those authorized and under no circumstances will Fort Bend County be liable for products or services which exceed the amounts specified on the purchase order.

**19.0 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

- 19.1 The vendor's program and all appropriate staff must be currently licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services [TDSHS] to provide out-patient counseling services.



- 19.2 The vendor provides substance abuse counseling services in the Eastern portion of Fort Bend County.
- 19.3 The vendor must be willing to accept (a.) offender self-payments for services (b.) insurance payments for services (c.) CSCD contract for substance abuse services to be paid with Drug Court funds.
- 19.4 The vendor is required to provide Spanish language counseling services.
- 19.5 The vendor shall demonstrate in its proposal an understanding of the Drug Court Program concept and principles to achieving successful outcomes.

**20.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA AND FACTORS:**

In order to facilitate the analysis of responses to this Proposal, Respondents are required to prepare their proposals in accordance with the instructions outlined in this section. Proposals should be prepared as simply as possible and provide a straightforward, concise description of the Respondent’s capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this Proposal. Emphasis should be concentrated on accuracy, completeness, and clarity of content. All parts, pages, figures, and tables should be numbered and clearly labeled.

Contract award will be made to the responsible contractor, whose proposal is determined to be the best evaluated offer resulting from negotiations, taking into consideration the below evaluation factors set forth in this RFP and in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Local Government Code.

- 20.1 Respondents are required to follow the outline below when preparing their proposals:

Tab	Title
	Title Page
	Table of Contents
	Executive Summary
1	Experience/qualifications of the service provider
2	Knowledge and understanding of the adult criminal court system and proximity to adult's residence/preference given to Fort Bend County providers
3	Provider’s past performance record with Fort Bend County or other County
4	Pricing of each service
5	Required forms (vendor forms, W9, debt form)
- 20.2 Any exceptions to the Proposal requirements shall be identified in the applicable section.
- 20.3 Executive Summary - This part of the response to the Proposal should be limited to a brief narrative highlighting the Respondent’s proposal. This section should not

include cost quotations. Note that the executive summary should identify the primary contacts for the Respondent.

20.4 Respondents will be evaluated utilizing the factors, as weighted below:

Tab 1

Experience/qualifications of the service provider (weight factor = 40%)

- Parties demonstrate their ability to meet the requirements stated above. In addition, describe how the services requested will be provided and how they will be supported. Describe the approach your firm will take to accomplish the required collaboration, scheduling and coordination required for this type of project.

Tab 2

Knowledge and understanding of the adult criminal court system and proximity to adult's residence/preference given to Fort Bend County providers. (weight factor = 35%)

- Describe the firm's experience and capabilities in providing similar services to those required. Minimum of three (3) references with whom the firm has done business with within the last three (3) years. Response must be specific and identify agency, contact name with phone and email address and dates/term of services.

Tab 3

Provider's past performance record with Fort Bend County or other County (weight factor = 10%)

- Describe the firm's past performance record with Fort Bend County or any other County.

Tab 4

Cost of each service (weight factor = 10%)

- Provide detailed pricing of services.

Tab 5

Required forms and overall completeness of submission (weight factor = 5%)

- Vendor Information Form

- W9 form
- Tax Form/Debt/Residence Certification
- No Bid/RFP Questionnaire (if applicable)

## **21.0 EVALUATION PROCESS:**

- 21.1 After the proposals are received, the evaluation team shall evaluate each proposal that was submitted on time, and the evaluation shall be based on the criteria listed in the proposal. Selection committee members will conduct a quantitative evaluation according to a numerical ranking system and a qualitative evaluation for over all proposal content and its conformance to requirements. The entire evaluation committee will then meet to discuss the strong and weak points of each proposal to assure that it has been evaluated fairly, impartially and comprehensively. Following this initial evaluation, the evaluation team may recommend contract award without further discussion with proposers, or the firms submitting the top rated proposals may be asked to make an oral presentation to the evaluation team for the propose of further clarification and evaluation of the proposals.
- 21.2 If oral presentations are scheduled, the representatives of the firm who will be directly assigned to the account must be present at the interview. During the interview portion of the meeting, the evaluation team shall advise the proposer of deficiencies in the proposal and shall allow the proposer to satisfy the requirements, questions, or concerns by submitting a final offer. The proposer may decide not to modify their proposal and may inform Fort Bend County that the offer is firm and final.
- 21.3 The evaluation team shall not disclose any information included in a firm's proposal to another firm during the RFP process and shall not disclose any information for the purpose of bringing one firm's proposal up to that of a competitor's proposal.
- 21.4 After final offers are received, the evaluation team shall reevaluate each of the final offers, including those deemed final at the interview. The final offers shall be evaluated on the same criteria used in the first evaluation.
- 21.5 Fort Bend County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received for any reason that would be to the benefit of Fort Bend County.
- 21.6 All proposals submitted are to be valid for a period of ninety (90) days.

## **22.0 CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS:**

This Request for Proposals, response and associated documentation, any negotiations and final

contract, when properly accepted by Fort Bend County CSCD, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the contractor and Fort Bend County CSCD.

**23.0 TERM OF CONTRACT:**

23.1 The term of this contract is **September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023**, renewable annually for two (2) years (through 30 September 2025) under the terms and conditions if mutually agreeable to both parties. Either party for any reason may terminate this contract by giving thirty (30) days written notice of the intent to terminate.

23.2 The term of this agreement shall also be subject to the availability of funds to be appropriated in the CSCD budget.

**24.0 AWARD:**

Responses to the RFP will be evaluated by a committee comprised of Community Supervision and Corrections Department staff. The committee will review the responses to the Request for Proposal submitted and may develop a short list of firms. These firms may be requested to submit additional information and may be invited for a presentation with the Committee. Based on further review after the interviews, the committee will forward their recommendations to the Fort Bend County Community Supervision and Corrections Department's board.

**25.0 INVOICING:**

An itemized bill is required to be sent at the end of the month to Fort Bend County CSCD showing the number of units, the names of all clients treated and the amount of time rendered with each client. The County agrees to pay vendor within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the correct invoice.

**26.0 REQUIRED FORMS:**

All respondents submitting are required to complete the attached/included and return with submission:

- 26.1 Vendor Form
- 26.2 W9 Form
- 26.3 Tax Form/Debt/Residence Certification
- 26.4 No Bid/RFP Questionnaire (if applicable)

**27.0 ATTACHMENT:**

Sample Agreement from CSCD

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the  
 requester. Do not  
 send to the IRS.**

<b>Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.</b>	<b>1</b> Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	<b>2</b> Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	<b>3</b> Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <b>Note.</b> For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	<b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	<b>5</b> Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	<b>6</b> City, state, and ZIP code	
	<b>7</b> List account number(s) here (optional)	

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

<b>Social security number</b>									
				-			-		
<b>or</b>									
<b>Employer identification number</b>									
				-					

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at [www.irs.gov/fw9](http://www.irs.gov/fw9).

### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

*If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.*

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?* on page 2 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 Publication 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 28% 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 Part II instructions on page 3 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* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

## 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* on page 3 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, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of 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 in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

**Limited Liability Company (LLC).** If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

**Line 4, Exemptions**

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in 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.

**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. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on this page), 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 the chart on page 4 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. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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 items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate 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), 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)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. 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>
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. 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
14. 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* on page 2.

\*Note. 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 Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system 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 contact them at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) 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.





**ATTACHMENT I**

**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 Fort Bend County Community Supervision and Corrections Department ("DEPARTMENT"), a political entity of the Judicial District and

**VENDOR NAME**

**VENDOR ADDRESS**

as of the 1st day of September, 2022.

**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, 2023, 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, 2022 through August 31, 2023. 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
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 listed as follows:

### **Screening**

Written policies and procedures shall ensure the following:

- a. Screening shall include the administration, scoring, interpretation and referral for assessment of a client 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 client to determine the possible existence of chemical dependency will be the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI) or the Substance Abuse Life Circumstance Life Evaluation (SALCE).
- d. Persons who meet the following criteria must 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 a client'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 in Training, or a person otherwise exempt under DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules.

1.3 Operational Plan: The proposal submitted in response to the ITB or RFP (if applicable) as finally negotiated and attached as Exhibit A of 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, Residential, Outpatient and/or Intensive Outpatient status pursuant to the DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules and subsequent revisions has been secured and will be maintained during the term hereof. Individuals contracting with the DEPARTMENT must maintain appropriate licensure under 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 Defendants to change their behavior and become productive, contributing members of society by leading a life free of substance abuse and crime. Performance Measures, along with applicable adjustments, for substance abuse services are as follows:

**Strategy 1:** Develop an individualized treatment plan that addresses the needs of each individual served.

Measure - One hundred (100) percent of individuals served will have a written individual treatment plan identifying objectives to be completed within five (5) working days of the offender's arrival in the residential facility.

Adjustment - For each individual served not having an individual treatment plan within the above specified time frame, the VENDOR will reimburse twenty-five percent (25%) of the unit rate per each bed day the treatment plan was late on each client.

**Strategy 2:** Offender's progress on individualized treatment plans will be documented

Measure - One hundred percent (100%) of individuals served will have chronological recordings in their case files on a weekly basis documenting the offender's level of participation and compliance with treatment goals and objectives.

Adjustment - For each individual not having chronological recordings in their case files on a weekly basis documenting the offender's level of participation and compliance with treatment goals and objectives, the VENDOR shall reimburse twenty-five percent (25%) of the unit rate for each unit billed in the week(s) that a chronological recording was not made in the file.

**Strategy 3:** Each offender exiting treatment will have a discharge plan completed and forwarded to the DEPARTMENT.

Measure - One hundred percent (100%) of the offenders exiting treatment shall have a discharge plan prepared and forwarded to the DEPARTMENT within three (3) days of the offender's discharge.

Adjustment - The VENDOR shall reimburse fifty percent (50%) of the unit rate for the last three units of service provided to each offender that does not have a discharge plan sent to the DEPARTMENT within three (3) days of the offender's discharge.

**Strategy 4:** Each offender failing to participate in VENDOR'S program, as instructed, shall be reported in writing by VENDOR to DEPARTMENT.

Measure - One hundred percent (100%) of offenders failing to participate in program will have their program non-participation reported in writing by VENDOR to DEPARTMENT, within 24 business hours of the non-participation.

Adjustment – VENDOR shall reimburse fifty percent (50%) of the unit rate for the last three units of service provided to each offender whereby the VENDOR failed to report the offender's program non-participation within 24 business hours of the non-participation.

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 Defendants, 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 Defendants 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 Defendants with dual diagnosis and/or mental and physical disabilities.

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

- a) Contact DEPARTMENT within twenty-four (24) hours whenever any Defendant 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 Defendant'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 Defendant. The log must contain what service was performed, the time, date, and be signed by the counselor and the Defendant.

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

- a) Prior to discharge, VENDOR shall schedule and coordinate with Defendant's community supervision officer or designee to evaluate if any additional services are required for Defendant. A copy of each Defendant's discharge plan and discharge summary shall be submitted to DEPARTMENT within three (3) days of such discharge; and
- b) Under no circumstances may VENDOR discharge any Defendant without having furnished DEPARTMENT with prior written notification thereof.

1.10 Referrals. The DEPARTMENT retains control over the Defendants referred to VENDOR for the provision of substance abuse treatment. If the Defendant is determined to be in need of additional or different treatment services, the Defendant 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 Defendants shall include policies and procedures for admission and 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 Defendants regarding substance abuse treatment and support resources and shall provide HIV counseling in accordance with the provisions of **Exhibit 'J'** hereto and 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) 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 Defendants;
- b) Submit progress reports on each Defendant, 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 VENDOR for Defendants who fail to attend sessions or meetings.

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 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. Defendants 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 Defendants, which plan shall contain a mechanism for monthly self-monitoring reports by VENDOR.

Outpatient - means any Defendant 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 Defendants at non-CCFs: the VENDOR Rate calculated by the number of verified Defendants according to the

Midnight Strength Report for each day of the billing month; (b) Outpatient Defendants: the VENDOR Rate calculated by the number of verified Defendants 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 Defendant 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.

## **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 have 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 C. 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 Defendant on account of race, color, handicap, religion, sex, national origin, age, or those who have or are perceived to have a handicap 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 DSHS Substance Abuse Related Rules as applicable.

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

3.3 Staff Training. VENDOR shall ensure that all staff providing direct Services receive 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 effected 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 Defendants. DEPARTMENT shall have sole authority to assign and transfer Defendants to and from the facility or program and, as appropriate, may specify services for any such Defendants during the term of this agreement.

3.8 Confidentiality. When applicable, records of identity, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of any Defendant through this AGREEMENT shall be confidential and may be disclosed only in accordance with applicable laws. No information may be released without the Defendant's written consent as documented by a signed information release form. VENDOR shall notify department in writing if any legal process requires disclosure of a Defendant'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 defendants 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 or any kind related to the referral of a Defendant 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 Defendants 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 B).

4.10 Discharges for Defendant Absence. Defendants 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. (See Exhibit E)

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. (See Exhibit F)

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 Defendant referred under TAIP are billable only if no other public or private funds are available to that Defendant/client. The prices quoted in this AGREEMENT are the full cost of treatment. Any fees, food stamps, or other revenues collected on behalf of the Defendant for client services provided for in this AGREEMENT must be used to reduce cost per unit of service per Defendant 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 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 Defendants; (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 coverages as required by law, in accordance with the following:

- A. Claims that may arise out of or result from VENDOR'S actions/operations hereunder, whether such actions/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 therefrom;
  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 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 Fort Bend County, Texas by

DEPARTMENT: **FORT BEND COUNTY**  
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael W. Enax

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EXHIBIT A**  
**Vendor Operational Plan**

(Required for contracts with Each Vendor Over \$100,000 and all TAIP Vendors)

The [ VENDOR NAME ] 'Operational Plan' is that which is contained within the 'Program Description', as outlined and delineated in RFP# 00-000, pp and which was submitted to the Fort Bend County Purchasing Agent for contractual consideration by the Fort Bend County CSCD.

SAMPLE

**EXHIBIT B**  
**Monthly Invoice Form**

VENDOR:

Billing for the Month of:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOURS/DAYS	RATE	TOTAL AMOUNT

Submitted by:

## **EXHIBIT C**

### **Unallowable Costs**

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, 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 the CSCD for vendor services;

Fines and Penalties;

Firearm, Firearm Components, and Ammunition;

Fundraising; Marketing; and Advertising (advertising is allowable for personnel vacancies and procurement of goods and services only);

Legislative expenses for 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.