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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

COUNTY OF BEXAR

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into by and between the City of San Antonio, a Texas Municipal Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "City"), by and through its City Manager or designee, pursuant to Ordinance No. _____ passed and approved on _____, 2022, and Quality Response Medical Staffing, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), both of which may be referred to herein collectively as the "Parties."

The Parties hereto severally and collectively agree, and by the execution hereof are bound, to the mutual obligations herein contained and to the performance and accomplishment of the tasks hereinafter described.

I. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have meanings as set out below:

“City” is defined in the preamble of this Agreement and includes its successors and assigns.

"Contractor" is defined in the preamble of this Agreement and includes its successors.

"Director" shall mean the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health).

II. TERM

2.1. Unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall commence October 1, 2022 and terminate on September 30, 2023. The City shall have the option to renew this Agreement, subject to availability of funding, for up to four additional one year terms. The Director shall execute renewals on behalf of the City without further City Council action, subject to appropriation of funds therefore.

2.2 Contractor agrees and understands that City has projected costs for this Agreement and that City expects to pay all obligations of this Agreement from projected revenue sources, but that all obligations of City are subject to annual appropriation by the City Council in future years, after September 30, 2023. Accordingly, if City shall fail to appropriate sums to pay any of City's obligations under the terms of this Agreement, and due to the unavailability and/or failure to appropriate funds City shall not have the funds to pay such obligations, then this Agreement shall terminate and neither Contractor nor City shall have any further obligations hereunder. Lack of funding is not and shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement. Payment for services performed by Contractor through the effective date of termination shall be made pursuant to section 7.6 herein.

2.3 It is expressly understood and agreed by the City and Contractor that City's obligations under this Agreement are contingent upon the actual receipt of adequate funds to meet the City's liability hereunder. Lack of funding is not and shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement. If the City does not receive adequate funds to pay obligations under this Agreement, then this Agreement shall terminate and neither Contractor nor City shall have any further obligations hereunder.

III. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Contractor agrees to enter into a nonexclusive agreement to provide the services described in the Article III entitled Scope of Services in exchange for the compensation described in Article IV. Compensation.

3.1 Contractor shall provide a public health nurse practitioner to perform preventative medical care, as would fall within the scope of practice for a public health nurse practitioner, under the general supervision of the Metro Health Medical Director and the STD/HIV Health Program Manager. Specific dates and times shall be mutually agreed to by the Parties.

3.2 Specific duties and responsibilities under the contract shall include:

- 3.2.1 Examining patients to determine health status and conditions;
- 3.2.2 Diagnosing and treating patients as needed following Metro Health protocols and standards and conferring with the Medical Director as needed;
- 3.2.3 Counseling patients, families, and other health care providers in regard to assessment findings and providing appropriate health information and promotion;
- 3.2.4 Providing referrals for patients requiring medical treatment or services not offered by Metro Health;
- 3.2.5 Maintaining updated and accurate patient records including information regarding patient history and treatment plan;
- 3.2.6 Maintaining high standards of care and quality control provided in a productive and courteous manner;
- 3.2.7 Providing same standard of care in outpatient clinical setting regardless of funding source;
- 3.2.8 Providing assistance and consultation to Metro Health staff during clinical service hours;
- 3.2.9 Abiding by Metro Health requirements for licensing, credentialing, and quality improvement processes, including outside audits;
- 3.2.10 Committing to pre-designated and approved clinical coverage by the 15th day of the preceding month;
- 3.2.11 Arriving at each assignment at the scheduled time;
- 3.2.12 Becoming a Medicaid provider through Metro Health for billing of services performed;
- 3.2.13 Becoming credentialed with all private insurance carriers for billing of services performed; and
- 3.2.14 Invoicing the City for work performed.

3.3. All work performed by Contractor hereunder shall be performed to the satisfaction of Director. The determination made by Director shall be final, binding, and conclusive on all Parties hereto. City shall be under no obligation to pay for any work performed by Contractor, which is not satisfactory to Director. City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in accordance with Article VII. Termination, in whole or in part, should Contractor's work not be satisfactory to Director; however, City shall have no obligation to terminate and may withhold payment for any unsatisfactory work, as stated herein, even should City elect not to terminate.

3.4 Contractor and Director or designee shall engage in an annual quality assurance evaluation for the purpose of: 1) maintaining the highest standards of clinical care, appropriate for the public health program; 2) ensuring compliance with clinical licensure regulations and Medicaid guidelines and recommendations; and 3) other matters of interest raised by Contractor or Director.

IV.COMPENSATION TO CONTRACTOR

4.1 In consideration of Contractor's performance in a satisfactory and efficient manner, as determined solely by Director, of all services, activities, duties and responsibilities set forth in this Agreement, City agrees to pay Contractor a fee of per hour as set out below, up to an amount not to exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) for the term of this Agreement:

Contract Period	Hourly Rate
Year One (initial term)	\$77.00
Renewal Years	
Year One	\$78.00
Year Two	\$78.00
Year Three	\$79.00
Year Four	\$79.00

4.2 The hourly rate includes the furnishing of all professional services, labor, insurance, licenses and applicable taxes necessary or proper for completion of the scope of work as described herein.

4.3 City and Contractor agree that reimbursement for eligible services shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date on which City receives an invoice, with appropriate documentation as required by City, from Contractor for said services.

4.4 City and Contractor agree that the City will provide the clinical staff support and supplies necessary for Contractor to manage patient care.

4.5 City and Contractor understand and agree that all Medicaid and third-party insurances will be billed by Metro Health for clinical services at Metro Health facilities and that all revenues received by Metro Health for said billing shall be the property of City.

4.6 City shall not be obligated or liable under this Agreement to any party, other than Contractor, for the payment of any monies or the provision of any goods or services.

4.7 The Contractor further agrees to accept reimbursement from the City as set forth in section 4.1 above as payment in full for the services provided and shall seek no additional reimbursement for the services from the patient.

4.8 No additional fees or expenses of Contractor shall be charged by Contractor nor be payable by City.

V. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

5.2 Ownership and Licenses. In accordance with Texas law, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that all local government records created or received in the transaction of official business or the creation or maintenance of which were paid for with public funds are declared to be public property and subject to the provisions of Chapter 201 of the Texas Local Government Code and Subchapter J, Chapter 441 of the Texas Government Code. Thus, no such local government records produced by or on the behalf of Contractor pursuant to the resulting contract shall be the subject of any copyright or proprietary claim by Contractor.

The term “local government record” as used in this document means any document, paper, letter, book, map, photograph, sound or video recording, microfilm, magnetic tape, electronic medium, or other information recording medium, regardless of physical form or characteristic and regardless of whether public access to it is open or restricted under the laws of the state, created or received by local government or any of its officials or employees pursuant to law including an ordinance, or in the transaction of official business.

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that all local government records, produced in the course of the work required by this contract, will belong to and be the property of City. Contractor shall turn over to City, all such records as required by this contract. Contractor, shall not, under any circumstances, release any records created during the course of performance of the contract to any entity without City’s written permission, unless required to do so by a Court of competent jurisdiction. Metro Health shall be notified of such request as set forth in Article VIII. of this contract.

Contractor understands and acknowledges that as the exclusive owner of any and all such writings, documents and information, City has the right to use all such writings, documents and information as City desires, without restriction.

Contractor, if selected, agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations governing documents and ownership, access and retention.

VI. RECORDS RETENTION

6.1 Contractor and its subcontractors, if any, shall properly, accurately and completely maintain all documents, papers, and records, and other evidence pertaining to the services rendered hereunder (hereafter referred to as “documents”), and shall make such materials available to the City at their respective offices, at all reasonable times and as often as City may deem necessary during the Agreement period, including any extension or renewal hereof, and the record retention period established herein, for purposes of audit, inspection, examination, and making excerpts or copies of same by City and any of its authorized representatives.

6.2 Contractor shall retain any and all documents produced as a result of services provided hereunder for a period of four (4) years (hereafter referred to as “retention period”) from the date of termination of the Agreement. If, at the end of the retention period, there is litigation or other questions arising from, involving or concerning this documentation or the services provided hereunder, Contractor shall retain the records until the resolution of such litigation or other such questions. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that City shall have access to any and all such documents at any and all times, as deemed necessary by City, during said retention period. City may, at its election, require Contractor to return the documents to City at Contractor’s expense prior to or at the conclusion of the retention period. In such event, Contractor may retain a copy of the documents at its sole cost and expense.

6.3 Contractor shall notify City, immediately, in the event Contractor receives any requests for information from a third party, which pertain to the documentation and records referenced herein. Contractor understands and agrees that City will process and handle all such requests.

VII. TERMINATION

7.1 For purposes of this Agreement, "termination" of this Agreement shall mean termination by expiration of the Contract term as stated in Article II. Term, or earlier termination pursuant to any of the provisions hereof.

7.2 Termination Without Cause. This Agreement may be terminated by City or Contractor upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the other party, which notice shall be provided in accordance with Article VIII. Notice.

7.3 Termination For Cause. Upon written notice, which notice shall be provided in accordance with Article VIII. Notice, City may terminate this Agreement as of the date provided in the notice, in whole or in part, upon the occurrence of one (1) or more of the following events, each of which shall constitute an Event for Cause under this Agreement:

7.3.1 The sale, transfer, pledge, conveyance, or assignment of this Agreement without prior approval, as provided in Article XII. Assignment and Subcontracting; or

7.3.2 Any material breach of the terms of this Agreement, as determined by City.

7.4 Defaults With Opportunity for Cure. Should Contractor or City default in the performance of this Agreement in a manner stated in this Article 7.4 below, same shall be considered an event of default. City or Contractor shall deliver written notice of said default specifying such matter(s) in default. City or Contractor shall have fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the written notice, in accordance with Article VIII. Notice, to cure such default. If City or Contractor fails to cure the default within such fifteen-day cure period, then either party shall have the right, without further notice, to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part as City deems appropriate, and to contract with another contractor to complete the work required in this Agreement.

7.4.1 Failure to comply with the terms and conditions set out in Article XIV. Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA);

7.4.2 Bankruptcy or selling substantially all of company's assets;

7.4.3 Failing to perform or failing to comply with any covenant herein required, including failure to pay invoices in a timely manner; or

7.4.4 Performing unsatisfactorily as determined by Director.

7.5 Termination By Law. If any state or federal law or regulation is enacted or promulgated which prohibits the performance of any of the duties herein, or, if any law is interpreted to prohibit such performance, this Agreement shall automatically terminate as of the effective date of such prohibition.

7.6 Regardless of how this Agreement is terminated, Contractor shall effect an orderly transfer to City or to such person(s) or firm(s) as the City may designate, at no additional cost to City, all completed or partially completed documents, papers, records, charts, reports, and any other materials or information produced as a result of or pertaining to the services rendered by Contractor, or provided to Contractor, hereunder, regardless of storage medium, if so requested by City, or shall otherwise be retained by Contractor in accordance with Article VI. Records Retention. Any record transfer shall be completed within thirty (30) calendar days of a written request by City and shall be completed at Contractor's sole cost and expense. Payment of compensation due or to become due to Contractor is conditioned upon delivery of all such documents, if requested by City.

7.7 Within forty-five (45) calendar days of the effective date of completion, or termination or

expiration of this Agreement, Contractor shall submit to City its claims, in detail, for the monies owed by City for services performed under this Agreement through the effective date of termination. Failure by Contractor to submit its claims within said forty-five (45) calendar days shall negate any liability on the part of City and constitute a **Waiver** by Contractor of any and all right or claims to collect monies that Contractor may rightfully be otherwise entitled to for services performed pursuant to this Agreement.

7.8 Upon the effective date of expiration or termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall cease all operations of work being performed by Contractor or any of its subcontractors pursuant to this Agreement.

7.9 Termination not sole remedy. In no event shall City's action of terminating this Agreement, whether for cause or otherwise, be deemed an election of City's remedies, nor shall such termination limit, in any way, at law or at equity, City's right to seek damages from or otherwise pursue Contractor for any default hereunder or other action.

VIII. NOTICE

8.1 Except where the terms of this Agreement expressly provide otherwise, any election, notice or communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and deemed to have been duly given if and when delivered personally (with receipt acknowledged), or three (3) days after depositing same in the U.S. mail, first class, with proper postage prepaid, or upon receipt if sending the same by certified mail, return receipt requested, or upon receipt when sent by a commercial courier service (such as Federal Express or DHL Worldwide Express) for expedited delivery to be confirmed in writing by such courier, at the addresses set forth below or to such other address as either party may from time to time designate in writing.

If intended for City, to:

City of San Antonio
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
Attn: Director
100 W. Houston, 14th Floor
San Antonio, Texas 78205

If intended for Contractor, to:

Quality Response Medical Staffing, LLC
Attention: Flora E. Radcliffe-Hooks
17460 I-35 N. Suite 430-318
Schertz, Texas 78154

IX. NON-DISCRIMINATION

9.1 Non-Discrimination. As a party to this contract, Contractor understands and agrees to comply with the Non-Discrimination Policy of the City of San Antonio contained in Chapter 2, Article X. of the City Code and further, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, age or disability, unless exempted by state or federal law, or as otherwise established herein.

X. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

10.1 Prior to the commencement of any work under this Contract, Contractor shall furnish copies of all required endorsements and completed Certificate(s) of Insurance to the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, which shall be clearly labeled “**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER**” in the Description of Operations block of the Certificate. The Certificate(s) shall be completed by an agent and signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The City will not accept a Memorandum of Insurance or Binder as proof of insurance. The certificate(s) must be signed by the Authorized Representative of the carrier, and list the agent’s signature and phone number. The certificate shall be mailed, with copies of all applicable endorsements, directly from the insurer’s authorized representative to the City. The City shall have no duty to pay or perform under this Contract until such certificate and endorsements have been received and approved by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. No officer or employee, other than the City’s Risk Manager, shall have authority to waive this requirement.

10.2 The City reserves the right to review the insurance requirements of this Article during the effective period of this Contract and any extension or renewal hereof and to modify insurance coverages and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by City’s Risk Manager based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or circumstances surrounding this Contract. In no instance will City allow modification whereby City may incur increased risk.

10.3 A Contractor’s financial integrity is of interest to the City; therefore, subject to Contractor’s right to maintain reasonable deductibles in such amounts as are approved by the City, Contractor shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect for the duration of this Contract, and any extension hereof, at Contractor’s sole expense, insurance coverage written on an occurrence basis, unless otherwise indicated, by companies authorized to do business in the State of Texas and with an A.M Best’s rating of no less than A- (VII), in the following types and for an amount not less than the amount listed below:

<i>INSURANCE TYPE</i>	<i>LIMITS</i>
1. Workers' Compensation	Statutory
2. Employers' Liability	\$500,000/\$500,000/\$500,000
3. Commercial General Liability Insurance to include coverage for the following: a. Premises/Operations b. Products/Completed Operations c. Personal/Advertising Injury d. Contractual Liability e. Independent Contractors *f. Sexual Abuse/Molestation	For Bodily Injury and Property Damage \$500,000 per occurrence; \$1,000,000 general aggregate, or its equivalent in Umbrella or Excess Liability Coverage must be on a per project aggregate.
4. Business Automobile Liability a. Owned/leased vehicles b. Non-owned vehicles c. Hired Vehicles	Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of \$250,000 per occurrence
5. Professional Liability	\$500,000 per claim damages by reason of any act, malpractice, error, or omission in the professional service. *Coverage to be maintained and in effect for no less

	than two years subsequent to the completion of the professional service.
6. Cyber Liability	\$1,000,000 per claim \$,1,000,000 general aggregate, or its equivalent in Umbrella or Excess Liability Coverage.
*If Applicable	

10.4 Contractor agrees to require, by written contract, that all subcontractors providing goods or services hereunder obtain the same categories of insurance coverage required of Contractor herein and provide a certificate of insurance and endorsement that names the Contractor and the City as additional insureds. Policy limits of the coverages carried by subcontractors will be determined as a business decision of Contractor. Contractor shall provide the City with said certificate and endorsement prior to the commencement of any work by the subcontractor. This provision may be modified by City's Risk Manager, without subsequent City Council approval, when deemed necessary and prudent, based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or circumstances surrounding this contract. Such modification may be enacted by letter signed by City's Risk Manager, which shall become a part of the contract for all purposes.

10.5 As they apply to the limits required by the City, the City shall be entitled, upon request and without expense, to receive copies of the policies, declaration page, and all required endorsements. Contractor shall be required to comply with any such requests and shall submit requested documents to City at the address provided below within 10 days. Contractor shall pay any costs incurred resulting from provision of said documents.

City of San Antonio
Attn: San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
P.O. Box 839966
San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966

10.6 Contractor agrees that with respect to the above-required insurance, all insurance policies are to contain or be endorsed to contain the following provisions:

- Name the City, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers, and elected representatives as additional insureds by endorsement, as respects operations and activities of, or on behalf of, the named insured performed under contract with the City, with the exception of the workers' compensation and professional liability policies;
- Provide for an endorsement that the "other insurance" clause shall not apply to the City of San Antonio where the City is an additional insured shown on the policy;
- Workers' compensation, employers' liability, general liability, and automobile liability policies will provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City.
- Provide advance written notice directly to City of any suspension or non-renewal in coverage, and not less than ten (10) calendar days advance notice for nonpayment of premium.

10.7 Within five (5) calendar days of a suspension, cancellation or non-renewal of coverage, Contractor shall provide a replacement Certificate of Insurance and applicable endorsements to City. City

shall have the option to suspend Contractor's performance should there be a lapse in coverage at any time during this contract. Failure to provide and to maintain the required insurance shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

10.8 In addition to any other remedies the City may have upon Contractor's failure to provide and maintain any insurance or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, the City shall have the right to order Contractor to stop work hereunder, and/or withhold any payment(s) which become due to Contractor hereunder until Contractor demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof.

10.9 Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which Contractor may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property resulting from Contractor's or its subcontractors' performance of the work covered under this contract.

10.10 It is agreed that Contractor's insurance shall be deemed primary and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self-insurance carried by the City of San Antonio for liability arising out of operations under this contract.

10.11 It is understood and agreed that the insurance required is in addition to and separate from any other obligation contained in this contract and that no claim or action by or on behalf of the City shall be limited to insurance coverage provided.

10.12 Contractor and any Subcontractors are responsible for all damage to their own equipment and/or property.

XI. INDEMNIFICATION

11.1 CONTRACTOR covenants and agrees to FULLY INDEMNIFY, DEFEND and HOLD HARMLESS, the CITY and the elected officials, employees, officers, directors, volunteers and representatives of the CITY, individually and collectively, from and against any and all costs, claims, liens, damages, losses, expenses, fees, fines, penalties, proceedings, actions, demands, causes of action, liability and suits of any kind and nature, including but not limited to, personal or bodily injury, death and property damage, made upon the CITY directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from or related to CONTRACTOR'S activities under this Agreement, including any acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR, any agent, officer, director, representative, employee, consultant or subcontractor of CONTRACTOR, and their respective officers, agents, employees, directors and representatives while in the exercise of the rights or performance of the duties under this Agreement. The indemnity provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to any liability resulting from the negligence of CITY, its officers, or employees, in instances where such negligence causes personal injury, death, or property damage. IN THE EVENT CONTRACTOR AND CITY ARE FOUND JOINTLY LIABLE BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, LIABILITY SHALL BE APPORTIONED COMPARATIVELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, WAIVING ANY GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY AVAILABLE TO THE CITY UNDER TEXAS LAW AND WITHOUT WAIVING ANY DEFENSES OF THE PARTIES UNDER TEXAS LAW.

11.2 The provisions of this INDEMNITY are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and not

intended to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity. CONTRACTOR shall advise the CITY in writing within 24 hours of any claim or demand against the CITY or CONTRACTOR known to CONTRACTOR related to or arising out of CONTRACTOR'S activities under this AGREEMENT and shall see to the investigation and defense of such claim or demand at CONTRACTOR'S cost. The CITY shall have the right, at its option and at its own expense, to participate in such defense without relieving CONTRACTOR of any of its obligations under this paragraph.

11.3 Defense Counsel - City shall have the right to select or to approve defense counsel to be retained by CONTRACTOR in fulfilling its obligation hereunder to defend and indemnify City, unless such right is expressly waived by City in writing. CONTRACTOR shall retain City approved defense counsel within seven (7) business days of City's written notice that City is invoking its right to indemnification under this Agreement. If CONTRACTOR fails to retain Counsel within such time period, City shall have the right to retain defense counsel on its own behalf, and CONTRACTOR shall be liable for all costs incurred by City. City shall also have the right, at its option, to be represented by advisory counsel of its own selection and at its own expense, without waiving the foregoing.

11.4 Employee Litigation - In any and all claims against any party indemnified hereunder by any employee of CONTRACTOR, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation herein provided shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor under worker's compensation or other employee benefit acts.

XII. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

12.1 Contractor shall supply qualified personnel as may be necessary to complete the work to be performed under this Agreement. Persons retained to perform work pursuant to this Agreement shall be the employees or subcontractors of Contractor. Contractor, its employees or its subcontractors shall perform all necessary work.

12.2 Any work or services approved for subcontracting hereunder shall be subcontracted only by written contract and, unless specific waiver is granted in writing by the City, shall be subject by its terms to each and every provision of this Agreement. Compliance by subcontractors with this Agreement shall be the responsibility of Contractor. City shall in no event be obligated to any third party, including any subcontractor of Contractor, for performance of services or payment of fees. Any references in this Agreement to an assignee, transferee, or subcontractor, indicate only such an entity as has been approved by the City Council.

12.3 Except as otherwise stated herein, Contractor may not sell, assign, pledge, transfer or convey any interest in this Agreement, nor delegate the performance of any duties hereunder, by transfer, by subcontracting or any other means, without the consent of the City. As a condition of such consent, if such consent is granted, Contractor shall remain liable for completion of the services outlined in this Agreement in the event of default by the successor Contractor, assignee, transferee, or subcontractor.

12.4 Any attempt to transfer, pledge, or otherwise assign this Agreement without said written approval, shall be void *ab initio* and shall confer no rights upon any third person. Should Contractor assign, transfer, convey, delegate, or otherwise dispose of any part of all or any part of its right, title or interest in this Agreement, City may, at its option, cancel this Agreement and all rights, titles and interest of Contractor shall thereupon cease and terminate, in accordance with Article VII. Termination, notwithstanding any

other remedy available to City under this Agreement. The violation of this provision by Contractor shall in no event release Contractor from any obligation under the terms of this Agreement, nor shall it relieve or release Contractor from the payment of any damages to City, which City sustains as a result of such violation.

XIII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

13.1 Contractor covenants and agrees that it is an independent Contractor and not an officer, agent, servant or employee of City; that Contractor shall have exclusive control of an exclusive right to control the details of the work performed hereunder and all persons performing same, and shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its officers, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors and Consultants; that the doctrine of *respondeat superior* shall not apply as between City and Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, Contractors, subcontractors and Consultants, and nothing herein shall be construed as creating the relationship of employer-employee, principal-agent, partners or joint ventures between City and Contractor. The parties hereto understand and agree that the City shall not be liable for any claims which may be asserted by any third party occurring in connection with the services to be performed by the Contractor under this Agreement and that the Contractor has no authority to bind the City.

XIV. SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVOCACY (SBEDA)

Contractor agrees to comply with the following SBEDA Ordinance compliance provisions:

A. SBEDA Program

The CITY has adopted a Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2016-05-19-0367 and as amended, also referred to as “SBEDA” or “the SBEDA Program”), which is posted on the City’s Economic Development Department (EDD) website page and is also available in hard copy format upon request to the CITY. The SBEDA Ordinance Compliance Provisions contained in this section of the Agreement are governed by the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance, as well as by the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance Policy & Procedure Manual established by the CITY pursuant to this Ordinance, and any subsequent amendments to this referenced SBEDA Ordinance and SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual that are effective as of the date of the execution of this Agreement. Unless defined in a contrary manner herein, terms used in this section of the Agreement shall be subject to the same expanded definitions and meanings as given those terms in the SBEDA Ordinance and as further interpreted in the SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual.

B. SBEDA Program Compliance – Affirmative Procurement Initiatives

The CITY has applied the following contract-specific Affirmative Procurement Initiatives (API) to this contract. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that the selected API requirement shall also be extended to any change order or subsequent contract modification and, absent SBO’s granting of a waiver, that its full compliance with the following API terms and conditions are necessary to attain satisfactory performance under this Agreement:

Please note that failure to meet the subcontracting API requirements (when applicable) will deem the response non-responsive. To be SBEDA eligible a Prime or Subcontractor must be certified as a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) through the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency AND must be headquartered or have a significant business presence in the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area. The guidelines and steps to be certified by SCTRCA are available at: <https://sctrca.org/get-certified/>

SBE Prime Contract Program. In accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance, Section III. D. 5. (a), this contract is being awarded pursuant to the SBE Prime Contract Program, and as such, RESPONDENT affirms that if it is presently certified as an SBE (see *Small Business Enterprise* definition), RESPONDENT agrees not to subcontract more than 49% of the contract value to a non-SBE firm.

M/WBE Prime Contract Program. In accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance, Section III. D. 6. (d), this contract is being awarded pursuant to the M/WBE Prime Contract Program and as such, RESPONDENT affirms that if it is presently certified as an M/WBE (see *Minority/Women Business Enterprise* definition), RESPONDENT agrees not to subcontract more than 49% of the contract value to a non-M/WBE firm.

The Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Plan which CONTRACTOR submitted to City with its response for this contract and that contains the names of the certified SBE, M/WBE and AABE Subcontractors to be used by CONTRACTOR on this contract, the respective percentages of the total prime contract dollar value to be awarded and performed by each SBE, M/WBE and AABE Subcontractor, and documentation including a description of each SBE, M/WBE and AABE Subcontractor's scope of work and confirmation of each SBE, M/WBE and AABE Subcontractor's commitment to perform such scope of work for an agreed upon dollar amount is hereby attached and incorporated by reference into the material terms of this Agreement.

In the absence of a waiver granted by the SBO, failure of a Prime CONTRACTOR to attain this SBE, M/WBE and AABE subcontracting goal as required in the solicitation shall render its response non-Responsive. Also, in the absence of a waiver granted by the SBO, failure of a Prime CONTRACTOR to attain a subcontracting goal for SBE, M/WBE and AABE participation in the performance of its contract or otherwise comply with the provisions of this API shall be considered a material breach of contract, grounds for termination of that contract with the City and shall be subject to any penalties and sanctions available under the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance, its contract with the City or by law.

Subcontractor Diversity: The City of San Antonio strongly encourages each bidder to be as inclusive as possible, and to reach out to all segments of the M/WBE community in its efforts to exercise good faith. While the relative availability of ready, willing, and able firms within various ethnic and gender categories will vary significantly from contract to contract based upon the particular trades that are involved, overall in the San Antonio **Professional Services** industry, as reflected in the City's Centralized Vendor Registration system for the month of April 2022, African-American owned firms represent approximately 4.46% of available subcontractors, Hispanic-American firms represent approximately 8.58%, Asian-American firms represent approximately 0.76%, Native American firms represent approximately 0.07%, and Women-owned firms represent approximately 4.05% of available **Professional Services** subcontractors.

C. Solicitation Response and Contract Requirements and Commitment

Respondent understands and agrees that the following provisions shall be requirements of this solicitation and the resulting contract, if awarded, and by submitting its Response, Respondent commits to comply with these requirements.

Exception Request - A Respondent may, for good cause, request an Exception to the application of the SBEDA Program if the Respondent submits the *Exception to SBEDA Program Requirements Request* form (available at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SBO/Forms.aspx>) with its solicitation response. The Respondent's Exception request must fully document why: (1) the value of the contract is below the \$50,000 threshold for application of the SBEDA Program; or (2) no commercially-useful subcontracting opportunities exist within the contract scope of work; or (3) the type of contract is outside of the scope of the SBEDA

Ordinance. Late Exception Requests will not be considered.**D. SBEDA Program Compliance – General Provisions**

As CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the terms of the CITY's SBEDA Ordinance, as amended, together with all requirements, guidelines, and procedures set forth in the CITY's SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual are in furtherance of the CITY's efforts at economic inclusion and, moreover, that such terms are part of CONTRACTOR's scope of work as referenced in the CITY's formal solicitation that formed the basis for contract award and subsequent execution of this Agreement, these SBEDA Ordinance requirements, guidelines and procedures are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement, and are considered by the Parties to this Agreement to be material terms. CONTRACTOR voluntarily agrees to fully comply with these SBEDA program terms as a condition for being awarded this contract by the CITY. Without limitation, CONTRACTOR further agrees to the following terms as part of its contract compliance responsibilities under the SBEDA Program:

1. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate fully with the Small Business Office and other CITY departments in their data collection and monitoring efforts regarding CONTRACTOR's utilization and payment of Subcontractors, S/M/WBE firms, and HUBZone firms, as applicable, for their performance of Commercially Useful Functions on this contract including, but not limited to, the timely submission of completed forms and/or documentation promulgated by SBO, through the Originating Department, pursuant to the SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual, timely entry of data into monitoring systems, and ensuring the timely compliance of its subcontractors with this term;
2. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate fully with any CITY or SBO investigation (and shall also respond truthfully and promptly to any CITY or SBO inquiry) regarding possible non-compliance with SBEDA requirements on the part of CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors or suppliers;
3. CONTRACTOR shall permit the SBO, upon reasonable notice, to undertake inspections as necessary including, but not limited to, contract-related correspondence, records, documents, payroll records, daily logs, invoices, bills, cancelled checks, and work product, and to interview Subcontractors and workers to determine whether there has been a violation of the terms of this Agreement;
4. CONTRACTOR shall notify the SBO, in writing on the Change to Utilization Plan form, through the Originating Department, of any proposed changes to CONTRACTOR's Subcontractor / Supplier Utilization Plan for this contract, with an explanation of the necessity for such proposed changes, including documentation of Good Faith Efforts made by CONTRACTOR to replace the Subcontractor / Supplier in accordance with the applicable Affirmative Procurement Initiative. All proposed changes to the Subcontractor / Supplier Utilization Plan including, but not limited to, proposed self-performance of work by CONTRACTOR of work previously designated for performance by Subcontractor or supplier, substitutions of new Subcontractors, terminations of previously designated Subcontractors, or reductions in the scope of work and value of work awarded to Subcontractors or suppliers, shall be subject to advanced written approval by the Originating Department and the SBO.
5. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the Originating Department and SBO of any transfer or assignment of its contract with the CITY, as well as any transfer or change in its ownership or business structure.
6. CONTRACTOR shall retain all records of its Subcontractor payments for this contract for a minimum of four years or as required by state law, following the conclusion of this contract or, in the event of litigation concerning this contract, for a minimum of four years or as required by state law following

the final determination of litigation, whichever is later.

7. In instances wherein the SBO determines that a Commercially Useful Function is not actually being performed by the applicable S/M/WBE or HUBZone firms listed in a CONTRACTOR's Subcontractor / Supplier Utilization Plan, the CONTRACTOR shall not be given credit for the participation of its S/M/WBE or HUBZone Subcontractor(s) or joint venture partner(s) toward attainment of S/M/WBE or HUBZone firm utilization goals, and the CONTRACTOR and its listed S/M/WBE firms or HUBZone firms may be subject to sanctions and penalties in accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance.
8. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the CITY will not execute a contract or issue a Notice to proceed for this project until the CONTRACTOR for this project have registered and/or maintained active status in the CITY's Centralized Vendor Registration System (CVR), and CONTRACTOR has represented to CITY which primary commodity codes each Subcontractor will be performing under for this contract. CITY recommends all Subcontractors to be registered in the CVR.

For more information please see link: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SBO/Compliance>

E. Violations, Sanctions and Penalties

In addition to the above terms, CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that it is a violation of the SBEDA Ordinance and a material breach of this Agreement to:

1. Fraudulently obtain, retain, or attempt to obtain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining, retaining, or attempting to obtain or retain Certification status as an SBE, MBE, WBE, M/WBE, HUBZone firm, Emerging M/WBE, or ESBE for purposes of benefitting from the SBEDA Ordinance;
2. Willfully falsify, conceal or cover up by a trick, scheme or device, a material fact or make any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or make use of any false writing or document, knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry pursuant to the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance;
3. Willfully obstruct, impede or attempt to obstruct or impede any authorized official or employee who is investigating the qualifications of a business entity which has requested Certification as an S/M/WBE or HUBZone firm;
4. Fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain or aid another person fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain public monies to which the person is not entitled under the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance; and
5. Make false statements to any entity that any other entity is, or is not, certified as an S/M/WBE for purposes of the SBEDA Ordinance.

Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions of Section III. E. 13. of the SBEDA Ordinance and any other penalties, sanctions and remedies available under law including, but not limited to:

1. Suspension of contract
2. Withholding of funds
3. Rescission of contract based upon a material breach of contract pertaining to S/M/WBE Program compliance
4. Refusal to accept a response or proposal

5. Disqualification of CONSULTANT or other business firm from eligibility for providing goods or services to the City for a period not to exceed two years (upon City Council approval).

F. Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy Compliance

As a condition of entering into this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that it has complied with throughout the course of this solicitation and contract award process, and will continue to comply with, the CITY's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy, as described under Section III. C. 1. of the SBEDA Ordinance. As part of such compliance, CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or, on the basis of disability or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of Subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall the company retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. The company shall provide equal opportunity for Subcontractors, vendors and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the CITY's Relevant Marketplace. The company understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and may result in termination of this Agreement, disqualification of the company from participating in CITY contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party. CONTRACTOR's certification of its compliance with this Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as submitted to the CITY pursuant to the solicitation for this contract is hereby incorporated into the material terms of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate this clause into each of its Subcontractor and supplier agreements entered into pursuant to CITY contracts.

G. Prompt Payment

Upon execution of this contract by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall be required to submit to CITY accurate progress payment information with each invoice regarding each of its Subcontractors, including HUBZone Subcontractors, to ensure that the CONTRACTOR's reported subcontract participation is accurate. CONTRACTOR shall pay its Subcontractors in compliance with Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code (the "Prompt Payment Act") within ten days of receipt of payment from CITY. In the event of CONTRACTOR's noncompliance with these prompt payment provisions, no final retainage on the Prime Contract shall be released to CONTRACTOR, and no new CITY contracts shall be issued to the CONTRACTOR until the CITY's audit of previous subcontract payments is complete and payments are verified to be in accordance with the specifications of the contract.

H. Definitions

Affirmative Procurement Initiatives (API) – Refers to various S/M/WBE Program tools and Solicitation Incentives that are used to encourage greater prime and subcontract participation by S/M/WBE firms, including bonding assistance, evaluation preferences, subcontracting goals and joint venture incentives. (For full descriptions of these and other S/M/WBE Program tools, see Section III.D of Attachment A to the SBEDA Ordinance). To be eligible for the benefits of race- and gender-conscious APIs as provided in the SBEDA Ordinance, M/WBE firms must also satisfy the size standards for being a Small Business Enterprise or SBE as defined herein.

Annual Aspirational Goal – a non-mandatory annual aspirational percentage goal for overall M/WBE Prime and subcontract participation in City of San Antonio contracts is established each year for Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies

contract Industry Categories. This Annual Aspirational Goal is to be set (and thereafter adjusted) by the Goal Setting Committee (GSC) based upon the M/WBE availability by industry in accordance with the City's 2015 Disparity Study findings, along with relative M/WBE availability data to be collected by the City through its CVR system, and the utilization of M/WBEs. Any adjusted Annual Aspirational Goals for a given industry should not exceed the Expected Availability for award dollar weights as found in the 2015 Disparity Study. Annual Aspirational Goals are not to be routinely applied to individual contracts, but are intended to serve as a benchmark against which to measure the overall effectiveness of the S/M/WBE Program on an annual basis, and to gauge the need for future adjustments to the degree of aggressiveness of remedies being applied under the Program. Percentage Goals for S/M/WBE participation may be established by the GSC on a contract-by-contract basis based upon similar data and analysis for the particular goods and services being purchased in a given contract.

Award – the final selection of a Respondent for a specified Prime Contract or subcontract dollar amount. Contract awards are made by the City to Prime Contractors or vendors and by Prime Contractors or vendors to Subcontractor or sub-vendors, usually pursuant to a solicitation process. (Contract awards are distinguished from contract payments, the first, only reflect the anticipated dollar amounts the second, reflect actual dollar amounts that are paid to a contractor under an awarded contract).

Best Value Contracting – a purchasing solicitation process through which the Originating Department may evaluate factors other than price. Evaluation criteria for selection may include a Respondent's previous experience and quality of product or services procured, and other factors identified in the applicable statute.

Centralized Vendor Registration System (CVR) – a mandatory electronic system of hardware and software programs by which the City recommends all prospective Respondents and Subcontractors that are ready, willing and able to sell goods or services to the City to register. All businesses awarded a City contract shall be required to register in the CVR. The CVR system assigns a unique identifier to each registrant that is then required for the purpose of submitting solicitation responses and invoices, and for receiving payments from the City. The CVR-assigned identifiers are also used by the Goal Setting Committee for measuring relative availability and tracking utilization of SBE and M/WBE firms by Industry or commodity codes, and for establishing Annual Aspirational Goals and Contract-by-Contract Subcontracting Goals.

Certification – the process by which the Small Business Office (SBO) staff determines a firm to be a bona-fide small, minority-, women-owned, or emerging small business enterprise. Emerging Small Business Enterprises (ESBEs) are automatically eligible for Certification as SBEs. Any firm may apply for multiple Certifications that cover each and every status category (e.g., SBE, ESBE, MBE, or WBE) for which it is able to satisfy eligibility standards. The SBO staff may contract these certification services to a regional Certification agency or other entity. For purposes of Certification, the City may accept any firm that is certified by local government entities and other organizations identified herein that have adopted Certification standards and procedures similar to those followed by the SBO, provided the prospective firm satisfies the eligibility requirements set forth in the Ordinance No. 2016-05-19-0367 Section III.E.6.

City – refers to the City of San Antonio, Texas.

Commercially Useful Function – an S/M/WBE firm performs a Commercially Useful Function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, staffing, managing and supervising the work involved. To perform a Commercially Useful Function, the S/M/WBE firm must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quantity and quality, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether an S/M/WBE firm is performing a Commercially Useful Function, an evaluation must be performed of the amount of work subcontracted,

normal industry practices, whether the amount the S/M/WBE firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the S/M/WBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and other relevant factors. Specifically, an S/M/WBE firm does not perform a Commercially Useful Function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of meaningful and useful S/M/WBE participation, when in similar transactions in which S/M/WBE firms do not participate, there is no such role performed.

Control – the authority of a person or business owner to sign responses to solicitations and contracts, make price negotiation decisions, sell or liquidate the business and have the primary authority to direct the day-to-day management and operation of a business enterprise without interference from others.

Economic Inclusion – efforts to promote and maximize commercial transactions within, between and among all segments of the business population, regardless of race or gender, within the Relevant Marketplace.

Emerging SBE (ESBE) – a certified SBE corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or other legal entity for the purpose of making a profit, which is independently owned and operated by Individuals legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories whose annual revenues and number of employees are no greater than 25% of the small business size standards for its industry as established by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein.

Emerging M/WBE – a certified M/WBE firm whose annual revenues and number of employees are no greater than 25% of the small business size standards for its industry as established by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein.

Evaluation Preference – an API that may be applied by the Goal Setting Committee to Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods and Supplies contracts that are to be awarded on a basis that includes factors other than lowest price, and wherein responses that are submitted to the City by S/M/WBE firms may be awarded additional Points in the evaluation process in the scoring and ranking of their proposals against those submitted by other prime Respondents.

Formal Solicitation – an invitation for bids, request for proposals, request for qualifications or other solicitation document issued by a City department for a contract that requires City Council approval, in accordance with the procurement rules adopted by the City Manager or designee through a memorandum issued by the City Manager or designee, an Administrative Directive or a procurement manual issued under the authority of the City Manager or designee, and/or pursuant to statutory requirements.

Goal Setting Committee (GSC) – a committee, or series of committees, appointed and chaired by the City Manager or designee from the Executive Team that includes, at a minimum, the EDD Director or designee, and the Director of Finance or Director of Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) or their designees, the Director or designee of the Originating Department (if the Originating Department is neither Finance nor TCI,) all without duplication of designees and two citizens appointed by City Council who are eligible to vote during the goal setting committee on contracts valued at \$3,000,000 and above. The City Manager or designee may also appoint two ex-officio members of the Small Business Advocacy Committee to serve on any GSC purely in an advisory and non-voting capacity. The GSC establishes S/M/WBE Program Goals for the City of San Antonio (e.g., Annual Aspirational Goals, Contract-by-Contract Subcontracting Goals, and determining which M/WBE segments are eligible for Segmented Subcontracting Goals annually) based upon Industry Categories, vendor availability, project-specific characteristics, and M/WBE utilization. The GSC also makes determinations about which Affirmative Procurement Initiatives

(APIs) are to be applied to specific contracts based upon various criteria.

Good Faith Efforts – documentation of the Respondent’s intent to comply with S/M/WBE Program Goals and procedures including, but not limited to, the following: (1) documentation as stated in the solicitation reflecting the Respondent’s commitment to comply with SBE or M/WBE Program Goals as established by the GSC for a particular contract; or (2) documentation of efforts made toward achieving the SBE or M/WBE Program Goals (e.g., solicitations of bids/proposals/qualification statements from all qualified SBE or M/WBE firms listed in the Small Business Office’s directory of certified SBE or M/WBE firms; correspondence from qualified SBE or M/WBE firms documenting their unavailability to perform SBE or M/WBE contracts; documentation of efforts to subdivide work into smaller quantities for subcontracting purposes to enhance opportunities for SBE or M/WBE firms; documentation of a Prime Contractor’s posting of a bond covering the work of SBE or M/WBE Subcontractors; documentation of efforts to assist SBE or M/WBE firms with obtaining financing, bonding or insurance required by the Respondent; and documentation of consultations with trade associations and CONTRACTORS that represent the interests of SBE and/or M/WBEs in order to identify qualified and available SBE or M/WBE Subcontractors.)

HUBZone Firm – a business that has been certified by U.S. Small Business Administration for participation in the federal HUBZone Program, as established under the 1997 Small Business Reauthorization Act. To qualify as a HUBZone firm, a small business must meet the following criteria: (1) it must be owned and Controlled by U.S. citizens; (2) at least 35 percent of its employees must reside in a HUBZone; and (3) its Principal Place of Business must be located in a HUBZone within the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area. [See 13 C.F.R. 126.200 (1999).]

Independently Owned and Operated – ownership of an SBE firm must be direct, independent and by Individuals only. Ownership of an M/WBE firm may be by Individuals and/or by other businesses provided the ownership interests in the M/WBE firm can satisfy the M/WBE eligibility requirements for ownership and Control as specified herein in Section III.E.6. The M/WBE firm must also be Independently Owned and Operated in the sense that it cannot be the subsidiary of another firm that does not itself (and in combination with the certified M/WBE firm) satisfy the eligibility requirements for M/WBE Certification.

Individual – an adult that is of legal majority age.

Industry Categories – procurement groupings for the City of San Antonio inclusive of Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies (i.e., manufacturing, wholesale and retail distribution of commodities). This term may sometimes be referred to as “business categories.”

Joint Venture Incentives – an API that provides inducements for non-SBE and non-M/WBE firms to collaborate with SBE or M/WBE partners in responses to solicitations and performing a Prime Contract to supply goods to, or to perform on behalf of, the City. Joint ventures are manifested by written agreements between two or more Independently Owned and Controlled business firms to form a third business entity solely for purposes of undertaking distinct roles and responsibilities in the completion of a given contract. Under this business arrangement, each joint venture partner shares in the management of the joint venture and also shares in the profits or losses of the joint venture enterprise commensurately with its contribution to the venture. Incentives under this API may include Evaluation Preferences that are tied to the percentage of SBE or M/WBE participation in the joint venture, expedited issuance of building permits and extra contract option years in certain Other Services and Goods & Supplies contracts.

Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) – firm that is certified as either a Minority Business Enterprise or as a Women Business Enterprise, and which is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned, managed and Controlled by one or more Minority Group Members and/or women, and that is ready, willing

and able to sell goods or services that are purchased by the City of San Antonio.

M/WBE Directory – a listing of M/WBEs that have been certified for participation in the City’s M/WBE Program APIs.

M/WBE Subcontracting Program – an API in which Prime Contractors or vendors are required to make Good Faith Efforts to subcontract a specified percentage of the value of prime contract dollars to certified M/WBE firms. Such subcontracting goals may be set and applied by the GSC on a contract-by-contract basis to those types of contracts that provide subcontract opportunities for performing Commercially Useful Functions wherein:

- (1) There have been ongoing disparities in the utilization of available M/WBE Subcontractors; or
- (2) Race-Neutral efforts have failed to eliminate persistent and significant disparities in the award of prime contracts to M/WBEs in a particular Industry Category or industry segment (e.g., Construction contracts, Professional Services contracts, and Architectural and Engineering contracts), and subcontract opportunities are limited outside of City contracts.

When specified by the GSC, the M/WBE Subcontracting Program may also be required to reflect Good Faith Efforts that a Prime Contractor or vendor has taken (or commits to taking in the case of solicitations that do not include a detailed scope of work or those in which price cannot be considered a factor in evaluation), toward attainment of subcontracting goals for M/WBE firms.

M/WBE Evaluation Preference – an API that the City may apply to requests for proposals or qualifications (RFPs or RFQs) on City Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contracts that are issued pursuant to a Best Value Contracting method or other methods of procurement wherein criteria other than lowest price are factored into the selection process. M/WBEs that submit responses for these kinds of solicitations are awarded additional Points in the scoring of their responses when evaluating and ranking their responses against those submitted by non-minority firms. Where specified in contract specifications as approved by the Goal Setting Committee, the M/WBE Evaluation Preference may be limited to Emerging M/WBE firms.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) – any legal entity, except a joint venture, that is organized to engage in for-profit transactions, which is certified as being at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned, managed and Controlled by one or more Minority Group Members, and that is ready, willing and able to sell goods or services that are purchased by the City. To qualify as an MBE, the enterprise shall meet the Significant Business Presence requirement as defined herein. Unless otherwise stated, the term “MBE” as used in the SBEDA Ordinance is not inclusive of women-owned business enterprises (WBEs).

Minority Group Members – African-Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans and Native Americans legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories, as defined below:

African-Americans: Persons with origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic-Americans: Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Spanish or Central and South American origin.

Asian-Americans: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands.

Native Americans: Persons having no less than 1/16th percentage origin in any of the Native American

Tribes, as recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs and as demonstrated by possession of personal tribal role documents.

Originating Department – the City department or authorized representative of the City which issues solicitations or for which a solicitation is issued.

Payment – dollars actually paid to Prime Contractors and/or Subcontractors and vendors for City contracted goods and/or services.

Points – the quantitative assignment of value for specific evaluation criteria in the vendor selection process used in some Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contracts (e.g., up to 20 points out of a total of 100 points assigned for S/M/WBE participation as stated in response to a Request for Proposals).

Prime Contractor – the vendor or contractor to whom a purchase order or contract is issued by the City of San Antonio for purposes of providing goods or services for the City.

Race-Conscious – any business classification or API wherein the race or gender of business owners is taken into consideration (e.g., references to M/WBE programs and APIs that are listed herein under the heading of “Race-Conscious”). To be eligible for the benefits of race- and gender-conscious APIs as provided in this Ordinance, M/WBE firms must also satisfy the size standards for being a Small Business Enterprise or SBE as defined herein.

Race-Neutral – any business classification or API wherein the race or gender of business owners is not taken into consideration (e.g., references to SBE programs and APIs that are listed herein under the heading of “Race-Neutral”).

Relevant Marketplace – the geographic market area affecting the S/M/WBE Program as determined for purposes of collecting data for the 2015 Disparity Study, and for determining eligibility for participation under various programs established by the SBEDA Ordinance, is defined as the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA), currently including the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson.

Respondent – a vendor submitting a bid, statement of qualifications, or proposal in response to a solicitation issued by the City.

Responsible – a firm which is capable in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and has the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance of contract specifications.

Responsive – a firm’s submittal (bid, response or proposal) conforms in all material respects to the solicitation (Invitation for Bid, Request for Qualifications, or Request for Proposal) and shall include compliance with S/M/WBE Program requirements.

San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA) – also known as the Relevant Marketplace, the geographic market area from which the City’s 2015 Disparity Study analyzed contract utilization and availability data for disparity (currently including the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson).

Segmented M/WBE Goals – the application of multiple goals for M/WBE participation within Annual Aspirational Goals or for M/WBE Subcontracting Goals on an individual City contract wherein an overall combined M/WBE goal is accompanied by subsets of one or more smaller goals. Such segmented goals

specifically target the participation of a particular segment of business enterprises owned and Controlled by WBEs or certain Minority Group Members (e.g., African-Americans or Hispanic-Americans) based upon relative availability and significantly greater patterns of underutilization and disparity within an industry as compared to other gender and Minority Group Member categories of M/WBEs. The application of Segmented M/WBE Goals is intended to ensure that those segments of M/WBEs that have been most significantly and persistently underutilized receive a fair measure of remedial assistance.

SBE Directory – a listing of small businesses that have been certified for participation in the City’s SBE Program APIs.

Significant Business Presence – to qualify for this Program, a S/M/WBE must be headquartered or have a *significant business presence* for at least one year within the Relevant Marketplace, defined as: an established place of business in one or more of the eight counties that make up the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA), from which 20% of its full-time, part-time and contract employees are regularly based, and from which a substantial role in the S/M/WBE's performance of a Commercially Useful Function is conducted. A location utilized solely as a post office box, mail drop or telephone message center or any combination thereof, with no other substantial work function, shall not be construed to constitute a significant business presence.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) – a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or other legal entity for the purpose of making a profit, which is Independently Owned and Operated by Individuals legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories, and which meets the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) size standard for a small business in its particular industry(ies) and meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein.

Small Business Office (SBO) – the office within the Economic Development Department (EDD) of the City that is primarily responsible for general oversight and administration of the SBEDA Program.

Small Minority Women Business Enterprise Program (S/M/WBE Program) – the combination of SBE Program and M/WBE Program features contained in this Ordinance.

Solicitation Incentives – additional inducements or enhancements in the solicitation process that are designed to increase the chances for the selection of S/M/WBE firms in competition with other firms. Such inducements and enhancements may include such terms as additional contract option years, increased quantities in supply contracts, and evaluation preferences, where not prohibited by law. These solicitation incentives may be applied as appropriate to solicitations, contracts, and letter agreements for Construction, Architecture and Engineering services, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contracts, including change orders and amendments.

Subcontractor – any vendor or contractor that is providing goods or services to a Prime Contractor in furtherance of the Prime Contractor’s performance under a contract or purchase order with the City. A copy of the binding agreement between the Prime Contractor and the Subcontractor shall be submitted prior to the City’s issuance of a notice to proceed.

Suspension – the temporary stoppage of an SBE or M/WBE firm’s beneficial participation in the City’s S/M/WBE Program for a finite period of time due to cumulative contract payments the S/M/WBE firm received during a fiscal year that exceed a certain dollar threshold as set forth in Section III.E.7, or pursuant to the Penalties and Sanctions set forth in Section III.E.13.

Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Plan – a binding part of this contract agreement which states the CONTRACTOR’s commitment for the use of Joint Venture Partners and / or Subcontractors/Suppliers in

the performance of this contract agreement, and states the name, scope of work, and dollar value of work to be performed by each of CONTRACTOR's Joint Venture partners and Subcontractors/Suppliers in the course of the performance of this contract, specifying the S/M/WBE Certification category for each Joint Venture partner and Subcontractor/Supplier, as approved by the SBO Manager. Additions, deletions or modifications of the Joint Venture partner or Subcontractor/Supplier names, scopes of work, of dollar values of work to be performed requires an amendment to this agreement to be approved by the EDD Director or designee.

Women Business Enterprises (WBEs) - any legal entity, except a joint venture, that is organized to engage in for-profit transactions, that is certified for purposes of the SBEDA Ordinance as being at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned, managed and Controlled by one or more non-minority women Individuals that are lawfully residing in, or are citizens of, the United States or its territories, that is ready, willing and able to sell goods or services that are purchased by the City and that meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein. Unless otherwise stated, the term "WBE" as used in this Ordinance is not inclusive of MBEs.

XV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

15.1 Contractor acknowledges that it is informed that the Charter of the City of San Antonio and its Ethics Code prohibit a City officer or employee, as those terms are defined in Part B, Section 10 of the Ethics Code, from having a financial interest in any Contract with the City or any City agency such as City owned utilities. An officer or employee has a "prohibited financial interest" in a Contract with the City or in the sale to the City of land, materials, supplies or service, if any of the following individual(s) or entities is a party to the Contract or sale: a City officer or employee; his parent, child or spouse; a business entity in which the officer or employee, or his parent, child or spouse owns ten (10) percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity, or ten (10) percent or more of the fair market value of the business entity; a business entity in which any individual or entity above listed is a subcontractor on a City Contract, a partner or a parent or subsidiary business entity.

15.2 Pursuant to the subsection above, Contractor warrants and certifies, and this Agreement is made in reliance thereon, that it, its officers, employees, and agents are neither officers nor employees of the City. Contractor further warrants and certifies that it has tendered to the City a Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Statement in compliance with the City's Ethics Code.

XVI. AMENDMENTS

16.1 Except where the terms of this Agreement expressly provide otherwise, any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms hereof, shall be effected by amendment, in writing, executed by both City and Consultant. The Director shall have authority to execute amendments on behalf of the City without further action by the San Antonio City Council, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of funds for any increase in expenditures by the City.

XVII. SEVERABILITY

17.1 If any clause or provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable under present or future federal, state or local laws, including but not limited to the City Charter, City Code, or ordinances of the City of San Antonio, Texas, then and in that event it is the intention of the parties hereto

that such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other clause or provision hereof and that the remainder of this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable clause or provision was never contained herein; it is also the intention of the parties hereto that in lieu of each clause or provision of this Agreement that is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, there be added as a part of the Contract a clause or provision as similar in terms to such invalid, illegal or unenforceable clause or provision as may be possible, legal, valid and enforceable.

XVIII. LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS

18.1 Contractor warrants and certifies that Contractor and any other person designated to provide services hereunder has the requisite training, license and/or certification to provide said services, and meets all competence standards promulgated by all other authoritative bodies, as applicable to the services provided herein.

XIX. COMPLIANCE

19.1 Contractor shall provide and perform all services required under this Agreement in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

XX. CONFIDENTIALITY

20.1 Unless disclosure is authorized by the City, Contractor agrees to maintain in confidence all information pertaining to the Project or other information and materials prepared for, provided by, or obtained from City including, without limitation, reports, information, project evaluation, project designs, data, other related information (collectively, the "Confidential Information") and to use the Confidential Information for the sole purpose of performing its obligations pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall protect the Confidential Information and shall take all reasonable steps to prevent the unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, or publication of the Confidential Information. If disclosure is required (i) by law or (ii) by order of a governmental agency or court of competent jurisdiction, Contractor shall give the Director of Metro Health prior written notice that such disclosure is required with a full and complete description regarding such requirement. Contractor shall establish specific procedures designed to meet the obligations of this Article, including, but not limited to execution of confidential disclosure agreements, regarding the Confidential Information with Contractor's employees and subcontractors prior to any disclosure of the Confidential Information. This Article shall not be construed to limit the funding agency's, State's or the City's authorized representatives' right to obtain copies, review and audit records or other information, confidential or otherwise, under this Agreement. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, Contractor shall return to City all copies of materials related to the Project, including the Confidential Information. All confidential obligations contained herein (including those pertaining to information transmitted orally) shall survive the termination of this Agreement. The Parties shall ensure that their respective employees, agents, and contractors are aware of and shall comply with the aforementioned obligations.

Contractor shall execute a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Business Associate Agreement in substantially the same form as shown in **Attachment I**, which is intended to protect the privacy and provide for the security of Protected Health Information disclosed pursuant to this Agreement in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other applicable laws.

XXI. NON WAIVER OF PERFORMANCE

21.1 Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement, a waiver by either Party of a breach of any of the terms, conditions, covenants or guarantees of this Agreement shall not be construed or held to be a waiver of any succeeding or preceding breach of the same or any other term, condition, covenant or guarantee herein contained.

21.2 Further, any failure of either Party to insist in any one or more cases upon the strict performance of any of the covenants of this Agreement, or to exercise any option herein contained, shall in no event be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of such covenant or option. In fact, no waiver, change, modification or discharge by either party hereto of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been made or shall be effective unless expressed in writing and signed by the party to be charged. In case of City, such changes must be approved by the City Council, as described in Article XVI. Amendments. No act or omission by a Party shall in any manner impair or prejudice any right, power, privilege, or remedy available to that Party hereunder or by law or in equity, such rights, powers, privileges, or remedies to be always specifically preserved hereby.

XXII. LAW APPLICABLE

22.1 THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED UNDER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND ALL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES CREATED HEREUNDER ARE PERFORMABLE IN BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS.

22.2 Any legal action or proceeding brought or maintained, directly or indirectly, as a result of this Agreement shall be heard and determined in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

XXIII. LEGAL AUTHORITY

23.1 The signer of this Agreement for Contractor represents, warrants, assures and guarantees that he has full legal authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of Contractor and to bind Contractor to all of the terms, conditions, provisions and obligations herein contained.

XXIV. PARTIES BOUND

24.1 This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, and successors and assigns, except as otherwise expressly provided for herein.

XXV. CAPTIONS

25.1 The captions contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only, and in no way limit or enlarge the terms and/or conditions of this Agreement.

XXVI. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES BOYCOTTING ISRAEL

26.1 Texas Government Code §2271.002 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services, unless the contract contains a written verification from the

company that it:

- (1) does not boycott Israel; and
- (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

This section only applies to a contract that:

- (1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and
- (2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

"Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

"Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit. This term does not include a sole proprietorship.

By submitting an offer to or executing contract documents with the City of San Antonio, Company hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel, and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. City hereby relies on Company's verification. If found to be false, City may terminate the contract for material breach.

XXVII. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES BOYCOTTING CERTAIN ENERGY COMPANIES

27.1 This section only applies to a contract that:

- (1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and
- (2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

"Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit. This term does not include a sole proprietorship.

"Boycott energy company" means, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company: (A) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (B) does business with a company described in (A).

Texas Government Code §2274 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services, unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott energy companies; and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract.

By submitting an offer to or executing contract documents with the City of San Antonio, Company hereby verifies that it does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract. City hereby relies on Company's verification. If found to be false, City may terminate the contract for material breach.

**XXVIII. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES THAT DISCRIMINATE
AGAINST FIREARM AND AMMUNITION INDUSTRIES**

28.1 This section only applies to a contract that:

- (1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and
- (2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

"Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit. This term does not include a sole proprietorship.

"Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association": (A) means, with respect to the entity or association, to: (i) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (ii) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (iii) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

Texas Government Code §2274 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services, unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

By submitting an offer to or executing contract documents with the City of San Antonio, Company hereby verifies that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. City hereby relies on Company's verification. If found to be false, City may terminate the contract for material breach.

**XXIX. CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES ENGAGED IN BUSINESS WITH IRAN, SUDAN, OR
FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS PROHIBITED**

29.1 Texas Government Code §2252.152 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a governmental contract with a company that is identified on a list prepared and maintained under Texas Government Code §§2270.0201 or 2252.153. Contractor hereby certifies that it is not identified on such a list and that it will notify City should it be placed on such a list while under contract with City. City hereby relies on Respondent's certification. If found to be false, or if Contractor is identified on said list during the course of its contract with City, City may terminate the Contract for material breach.

XXX. ENTIRE CONTRACT

30.1 This Agreement, together with its authorizing ordinance and its exhibits, if any, constitute the final and entire Contract between the parties hereto and contain all of the terms and conditions agreed upon. No other Contracts, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind the parties hereto, unless same be in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereto, and duly executed by the parties, in accordance with Article XVI. Amendments. This Agreement shall supersede any and all prior written and oral agreements between the City and Contractor.

EXECUTED and **AGREED** to upon this the _____ day of _____ 2022.

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

**QUALITY RESPONSE
MEDICAL STAFFING, LLC**

Claude A. Jacob
Health Director
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

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Flora E. Radcliffe-Hooks
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Flora E. Radcliffe-Hooks
Chief Executive Officer

Date

9/16/2022

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

ATTACHMENT I

WITNESSETH:

HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

This HIPAA Business Associate Agreement is entered into by and between the City of San Antonio (**Agreement**) is entered into by and between the City of San Antonio (“**Covered Entity**”), and Quality Response Medical Staffing LLC, a **Business Associate** (“**BA**”), referred to collectively herein as the “**Parties.**”

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio and BA have entered into a Professional Services Contract (“Service Contract”), executed on _____, whereby BA provides professional services to the Covered Entity; and

WHEREAS, Covered Entity and BA may need to use, disclose and/or make available certain information pursuant to the terms of the Service Contract, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information (“PHI”); and

WHEREAS, Covered Entity and BA intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI disclosed to each other pursuant to the Service Contract in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (“HIPAA”) and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the “HIPAA Regulations”), Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (“HITECH Act”) and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to satisfy certain standards and requirements of HIPAA and the HIPAA Regulations, including, but not limited to, Title 45, Section 164.504(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations (“C.F.R.”), as the same may be amended from time to time;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

A. Definitions. For the purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to them:

- (1) “Breach” shall mean an impermissible use or disclosure under the Privacy Rule that compromises the security or privacy of the protected health information. An impermissible use or disclosure of protected health information is presumed to be a breach unless the covered entity or business associate, as applicable, demonstrates that there is a low probability that the protected health information has been compromised based on a risk assessment of at least the following factors:
 - (a) the nature and extent of the protected health information involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;
 - (b) the unauthorized person who used the protected health information or to whom the disclosure was made;
 - (c) whether the protected health information was actually acquired or viewed; and

- (d) the extent to which the risk to the protected health information has been mitigated.
- (2) “Designated Record Set” shall have the same meaning as the term “designated record set” in 45 C.F.R. 164.501.
- (3) “Disclosure” with respect to PHI, shall mean the release, transfer, provision of access to or divulging in any other manner of PHI outside the entity holding the PHI.
- (4) “Health Information” is defined in 45 C.F.R. 160.103 as any information, including genetic information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium that: (1) is created or received by a health care provider, health plan, public health authority, employer, life insurer, school or university, or health care clearinghouse; and (2) relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.
- (5) “Individual” means the person who is the subject of protected health information and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 164.502(g).
- (6) “Individually Identifiable Health Information” is defined in 45 C.F.R. 160.103 as information that is a subset of health information, including demographic information collected from an individual, and: (1) is created or received by a health care provider, health plan, employer, or health care clearinghouse; and (2) relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and (i) identifies the individual; or (ii) with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual.
- (7) “Privacy Rule” shall mean the regulations for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and Part 164, Subpart E.
- (8) “Protected Health Information” or “PHI” shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. 160.103, limited to the information created or received by BA from or on behalf of Covered Entity. PHI includes “Electronic Protected Health Information” or “E PHI” and shall have the meaning given to such term under the HIPAA Rule, including but not limited to 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162, 164, and under HITECH.
- (9) "Required By Law" means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to make a use or disclosure of protected health information and that is enforceable in a court of law. Required by law includes, but is not limited to, court orders and court-ordered warrants; subpoenas or summons issued by a court, grand jury, a governmental or tribal inspector general, or an administrative body authorized to require the production of information; a civil or an authorized investigative demand; Medicare conditions of participation with respect to health care providers participating in the program; and statutes or regulations that require the production of information, including statutes or regulations that require such information if payment is sought under a government program providing public benefits. 45 C.F.R 164.103.
- (10) “Secretary” shall mean the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

or his designee.

- (11) "Security Rules" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information codified at 45 C.F.R. Part 164.
- (12) The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health ("HITECH") Act shall mean Division A, Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5).

B. BA Obligations and Activities. BA agrees that it shall:

- (1) Not use or disclose the PHI other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as Required by Law;
- (2) Establish and maintain appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect, consistent with the services provided under this Agreement, the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the electronic protected health information that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of Covered Entity;
- (3) Mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to BA of a use or disclosure of PHI by BA in violation of the requirements of this Agreement;
- (4) Report to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of PHI of which BA is aware or becomes aware that is not provided for or allowed by this Agreement as well as any Security Incident as defined by 45 C.F.R. 164.304 that BA becomes aware of;
- (5) Ensure that a business associate agreement is in place with any of its agents or subcontractors with which BA:
 - (a) does business, and
 - (b) to whom it provides PHI received from, or created or received by BA on behalf of, Covered Entity; and ensures such agents or subcontractors are aware of and agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to BA with respect to such information, and further agree to implement reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical and technical safeguards that render such PHI unusable, unreadable and indecipherable to individuals unauthorized to acquire or otherwise have access to such PHI;
- (6) Provide access, at the request of Covered Entity, and in a reasonable time and manner as agreed by the Parties, to PHI in a Designated Record Set to Covered Entity or, as directed by Covered Entity, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements 45 C.F.R. §164.524;
- (7) Make any amendment(s) to PHI in a Designated Record Set that the Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 164.526 at the request of the Covered Entity or an Individual, and in a reasonable time and manner agreed to by the Parties;

- (8) Make available to the Covered Entity or to the Secretary all internal practices, books and records, including policies and procedures and PHI, relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the BA on behalf of the Covered Entity, for purposes of the Secretary in determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy Rule;
- (9) Document disclosures of PHI, and information related to such disclosures, as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request from an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 164.528;
- (10) Provide Covered Entity or an Individual, in a reasonable time and manner as agreed to by the Parties, information collected in accordance with Section B(9) of this Agreement, to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 164.528;
- (11) Immediately, and in no event later than three days from discovery, notify Covered Entity of any breach of PHI, including ePHI, and will coordinate with Covered Entity to identify, record, investigate, and report to an affected individual and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as required, any covered PHI breach. Breach notification to Covered Entity must include: names of individuals with contact information for those who were or may have been impacted by the HIPAA Breach; a brief description of the circumstances of the HIPAA Breach, including the date of the breach and date of discovery; a description of the types of unsecured PHI involved in the breach; a brief description of what the BA has done or is doing to investigate the breach and mitigate harm. BA will appoint a breach liaison and provide contact information to provide information and answer questions Covered Entity may have concerning the breach;
- (12) Comply with all Security Rules requirements;
- (13) Comply with the Privacy Rule for any obligation Covered Entity delegates to BA;
- (14) Under no circumstances sell PHI in such a way as to violate Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 181.153, effective September 1, 2012, nor shall BA use PHI for marketing purposes in such a manner as to violate Texas Health and Safety Code Section 181.152, or attempt to re-identify any information in violation of Texas Health and Safety Code Section 181.151, regardless of whether such action is on behalf of or permitted by the Covered Entity.

C. Permitted Uses and Disclosures by BA

- (1) Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, BA may use or disclose PHI to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, Covered Entity as specified in the Service Contract, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by Covered Entity.
- (2) Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, BA may disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of the BA, provided that disclosures are Required By Law, or BA obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will remain confidential and used or further disclosed only as Required By Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies the BA of

any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.

- (3) Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, BA may use PHI to provide Data Aggregation Services to Covered Entity as permitted by 45 C.F.R. 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).
- (4) BA may use PHI to report violations of law to appropriate Federal and State authorities, consistent with 45 C.F.R. 164.502(j)(1).

D. Obligations of Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall inform BA of its privacy practices and restrictions as follows. Covered Entity shall:

- (1) Notify BA of any limitations in its notice of privacy practices in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect BA's use or disclosure of PHI;
- (2) Notify BA of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by any Individual to use or disclose PHI, to the extent that such changes may affect BA's use or disclosure of PHI;
- (3) Notify BA of any restriction to the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 164.522 to the extent that such changes may affect BA's use or disclosure of PHI.
- (4) Coordinate with BA regarding any PHI breach and make timely notification to affected individuals within 60 days of discovery.

E. Permissible Requests by Covered Entity.

Covered Entity shall not request BA to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if done by Covered Entity, except that the BA may use or disclose PHI for data aggregation or management and administrative activities of the BA.

F. Term and Termination.

- (1) This Agreement becomes effective on the date it is signed by the last Party. This Agreement shall terminate when all PHI encompassed by this Agreement is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy the PHI, protections are extended to such information in accordance with the termination provisions in this Section.
- (2) Termination for Cause. Upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by BA, Covered Entity shall either (a) provide an opportunity for BA to cure the breach in accordance with the terms of the Service Contract or, if the BA does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time for cure specified in the Service Contract, end the violation and terminate this Agreement and the Service Contract; or (b) immediately terminate this Agreement and the Service Contract if BA has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible. If neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary.
- (3) Effect of Termination.

- (a) Except as provided below in paragraph (b) of this Section F(3), upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, BA shall return or destroy all PHI received from the Covered Entity, or created or received by BA on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall apply to PHI that is in the possession of BA or its subcontractors or agents. BA shall not retain any copies of PHI.
 - (b) In the event that BA determines that returning or destroying PHI is infeasible, BA shall provide to Covered Entity written notification of the condition that makes the return or destruction of PHI infeasible. Upon BA's conveyance of such written notification, BA shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make its return or destruction infeasible, for so long as BA maintains such PHI.
- (4) Notwithstanding any other provision under this Agreement, the Parties agree that the Service Contract may be terminated by either Party without penalty should the other Party violate a material obligation under this Agreement.
- G. Amendment to Comply with Law. The Parties agree to take written action as is necessary to amend this Agreement to comply with any Privacy Rules and HIPAA legal requirements for Covered Entity without the need for additional council action.
- H. Survival. The respective rights and obligations of the BA under Sections B, C (2) and (4), and F(3) shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- I. Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be interpreted to permit Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy Rule.
- J. Regulatory References. A reference in this Agreement to a section in the Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or amended.
- K. No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing express or implied in this Agreement is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer upon any person other than Covered Entity, BA, and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.
- L. **INDEMNIFICATION. BA WILL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD COVERED ENTITY AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS HARMLESS, FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LOSSES, LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO ANY THIRD-PARTY CLAIM BASED UPON ANY BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT BY BA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INDEMNITY PROVISIONS IN THE SERVICE CONTRACT, WHICH ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.**
- M. Reimbursement. BA will reimburse Covered Entity for reasonable costs incurred responding to a PHI breach by BA or any of BA's subcontractors.
- N. Waiver. No provision of this Agreement or any breach thereof shall be deemed waived unless such waiver is in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived such provision or breach. No waiver of a breach shall constitute a waiver of or excuse any different or subsequent breach.

- O. Assignment. Neither party may assign (whether by operation of law or otherwise) any of its rights or delegate or subcontract any of its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Covered Entity shall have the right to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to any entity that is an affiliate or successor of Covered Entity, without the prior approval of BA.

- P. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the complete agreement between Business Associate and Covered Entity relating to the matters specified in this Agreement, and supersedes all prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written, with respect to such matters. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Service Contract or any such later agreement(s), the terms of this Agreement shall control unless the terms of such Service Contract comply with the Privacy Standards and the Security Standards. No oral modification or waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding on either party. This Agreement is for the benefit of, and shall be binding upon the parties, their affiliates and respective successors and assigns. No third party shall be considered a third-party beneficiary under this Agreement, nor shall any third party have any rights as a result of this Agreement.

- Q. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Venue of any court action brought directly or indirectly by reason of this Agreement shall be in Bexar County, Texas.

EXECUTED to be effective _____, by the City of San Antonio, signing by and through its program manager.

COVERED ENTITY
By City of San Antonio

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE:

By: _____
Claude A. Jacob
Health Director
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

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Flora E. Radcliffe-Hooks
By: _____
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Flora E. Radcliffe-Hooks
Chief Executive Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney