

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TARRANT

Tarrant County Public Health  
1101 South Main St., Suite 1600  
Fort Worth, Texas 76104  
Attn: P. Rene' Whitling

4. SUPERVISION

COUNTY and PROVIDER agree that COUNTY has no right to supervise or to direct the performance of PROVIDER's services.

5. AGENCY-INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

PROVIDER is an independent provider. PROVIDER and its employees are not agents of the COUNTY. COUNTY and its employees are not agents of PROVIDER. This contract does not entitle PROVIDER to any benefit, privilege or other amenities of employment with the COUNTY. This contract does not entitle COUNTY to any benefit, privilege or other amenities of employment with the PROVIDER.

6. INSURANCE

- A. PROVIDER acknowledges that it is solely responsible for any liability for accidents involving their employees.
- B. All insurance policies under this agreement must specifically name and include Tarrant County, its officers, agents, employees and servants as additional insureds.

7. INDEMNIFICATION

PROVIDER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, HOLD HARMLESS THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, AND EMPLOYEES AGAINST ANY AND ALL DAMAGES, LIABILITIES, COSTS, OR OTHER LOSS WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE FAILURE OF PROVIDER TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TERMS IN THIS AGREEMENT.

8. ASSIGNMENT

Neither party may assign, in whole nor in part, any interest it may have in this contract without the prior written consent of the other party.

9. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY EXCLUDED

The parties do not enter into this contract to protect any specific third party. The intent of this contract excludes the idea of a suit by a third party beneficiary. The parties to this contract do not consent to the waiver of sovereign immunity under Texas law to the extent any party may have immunity under Texas law.

10. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Contract shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Texas. The venue for any lawsuit arising out of this Contract will be the Fort Worth Division of the Northern District of Texas if the lawsuit arises in Federal Court or Tarrant County, Texas if the matter arises in State Court.

11. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this contract without cause. Such notice of termination shall be given in the following manner.

- A. Providing written notice to the other party at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of termination;
- B. Providing in the written notice the date of termination; and
- C. Sending the written notice by certified mail return receipt requested to the party at its address.

## 12. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Upon mutual Contract, the parties to this Contract may submit in good faith to a non-binding mediation before filing a suit for damages.
- B. If any terms or provisions of this Contract are held invalid or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this Contract shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Contract shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- C. Any waiver by a party of any breach of any provision contained herein or any breach thereof shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision or any other further subsequent breach hereof.
- D. This Contract, any amendments or addenda hereto, and any exhibits specifically mentioned herein constitute the entire Contract between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior or contemporaneous discussions, representations, correspondence and Contracts, whether oral, written, pertaining thereto. This Contract may be amended or modified only by a writing duly executed by both parties and any amendment or modification is subject to the approval of the Tarrant County Commissioner's Court.

## 13. 1295 COMPLIANCE

PROVIDER acknowledges and agrees that it has fully, accurately, and completely disclosed all interested parties in the attached Form 1295, and has acknowledged the completeness of this disclosure by filing the Form 1295, attached as Exhibit A, with the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law.

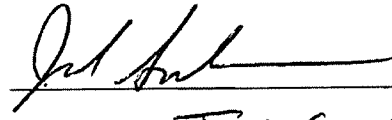
SIGNED AND EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

COUNTY OF TARRANT

Cook Children's Medical Center

STATE OF TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim O'Hare  
County Judge

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name: Jack Sosebee  
Title: Senior Vice President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CERTIFICATION OF  
AVAILABLE FUNDS: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kimberly Collier Wesley  
Criminal District Attorney's Office\*

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Tarrant County Auditor

\*By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.



**Debarment/suspension certification indicating that you are in compliance  
with the below Federal Executive Order.**

**Debarment:**

Federal Executive Order (E.O.) 12549 "Debarment and Suspension" requires that all contractors receiving individual awards, using federal funds, and all sub-recipients certify that the organization and its principals are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency from doing business with the Federal Government.

Your signature certifies that neither you or your principal is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

Jack Sorobee (Name)  
Cook Children's Medical Center (Company)  
801 7th Avenue (Address)  
Fort Worth, TX 76104 (Address)  
\_\_\_\_ (DUNS Number)

PHONE 682-885-5577 -- FAX \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL jack.sorobee@cookchildrens.org

Jack Sorobee Signature 6/25/24 Date

**Vendor Certification Addendum to Tarrant County Contracts**  
**Entered Into on or After September 1, 2021**  
**Required by New Texas State Laws**  
**[Not required if all contracting parties are governments]**

This Addendum relates to the following contract: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Enter description of contract above]

**FISCAL FUNDING ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, Vendor acknowledges TARRANT COUNTY is a governmental entity and agrees TARRANT COUNTY (customer) may terminate this Agreement for future fiscal years if sufficient funding is not appropriated or allocated.

**LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

In providing the services required by this Agreement, Vendor must observe and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, including, without limitation, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and non-discrimination laws and regulations. Vendor shall be responsible for ensuring its compliance with any laws and regulations applicable to its business, including maintaining any necessary licenses and permits.

For All County Contracts Entered into on or after September 1, 2021, Vendor Must Certify:

Vendor is EXEMPT from Certification regarding Energy Companies and Firearm Entities or Firearm Trade Associations:

Vendor is a sole proprietorship OR is a non-profit entity OR Vendor is a company that does NOT have 10 or more full-time employees AND/OR this contract does NOT have a value of \$ 100,000.00 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

If the Vendor Cannot Certify that it is EXEMPT as Above, Vendor Must Certify as Follows:

Vendor is NOT EXEMPT and Certifies as follows:

Boycott of Energy Companies Prohibited. In compliance with Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (added by 87th Legislature, S.B. 13), Vendor verifies that it does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the above-described contract. "Boycott energy company" is defined in Section 809.001(1) (added by 87th Legislature, S.B. 13) and 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 by subsection (A).

Discrimination against Firearm Entities or Firearm Trade Associations Prohibited. In compliance with Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (added by 87th Legislature, S.B. 19), Vendor 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 above-described contract] against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" is defined in Section 2274.001(3) (added by 87th Legislature, S.B. 19) and 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; the term *does not include*: (i) the established policies of a merchant, retail seller, or platform that restrict or prohibit the listing or selling of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories; and (ii) a company's refusal to engage in the trade of any goods or services, decision to refrain from continuing an existing business relationship, or decision to terminate an existing business relationship: (aa) to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency; or (bb) for any traditional business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

Vendor Hereby Certifies (Mark Applicable Certification):

☒ Vendor is EXEMPT from Certification as set out above.

☐ Vendor is NOT EXEMPT from Certification as set out above, and Vendor Certifies that it does not and will not Boycott Energy Companies and that it does not and will not engage in prohibited Discrimination against Firearm Entities or Firearm Trade Associations.

CERTIFIED by:

[Signature] Signature of Certifying Person

Jack Sosbee Printed Name of Certifying Person

Senior VP Title of Certifying Person

Cook Children's Med Center Name of Vendor Company/Organization

6/25/24 Date Certified