

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NORTHWEST GEORGIA TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTER
SERVICE DELIVERY AGREEMENT

THIS SERVICE DELIVERY AGREEMENT, is made and entered into this _____ day of October, 2022, by and between Whitfield County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia formed and existing pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, and the City of Dalton, the Town of Cohutta, the City of Tunnel Hill, and the City of Varnell, all being municipal corporations chartered and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia;

WHEREAS, *OCGA §§ 36-70-20 et seq.* mandate that Whitfield County and all municipalities located therein shall participate in the development of a **Service Delivery Strategy** through which Whitfield County and said municipalities shall create and maintain a service delivery system which is efficient, effective, and responsive to all citizens of Whitfield County;

WHEREAS, *OCGA § 36-70-24(1)* mandates that said Service Delivery Strategy shall identify steps which will be taken to remediate or avoid overlapping and unnecessary competition and duplication of service delivery, and that said Service Delivery Strategy shall identify the time frame in which such steps shall be taken; and

WHEREAS, *OCGA § 36-70-25* mandates that said Service Delivery Strategy receive the approval of Whitfield County and the governing authorities of municipalities located within Whitfield County, as is more particularly described in that Code Section;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, being duly authorized to act on behalf of the above-named parties, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, agree as follows concerning the operation of the **Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center**, a facility **and agency** within Whitfield County as hereinafter described;

WITNESSETH

1. Description of Current Service Delivery Arrangement.

The assets of the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center are vested in an entity known as the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center Authority (Authority), a public body corporate and politic, and a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, having responsibility and authority to promote tourism, conventions, and trade shows in Dalton and Whitfield County, established pursuant to H. B. 1004 known as the “Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center Authority Act” in the 2003-2004 regular session of the Georgia General Assembly (“the Act”). The Authority exercises all powers in maintaining and operating the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center though its funding is shared jointly by the City of Dalton and Whitfield County. The City of Dalton and Whitfield County Board of Commissioners

each have a governing authority member on the 7 member Board and make appointments to the Board pursuant to the terms of the Act.

The Authority in conjunction with the Dalton-Whitfield County Convention and Visitors Bureau (“CVB”) are the sole providers of convention and tourism services within Whitfield County. The CVB also assists in economic development in Whitfield County by serving as a source of information and assistance to conventioners and tourists who visit the area.

No duplication exists in the provision of convention and tourism promotional services within Whitfield County.

As a first-rate facility for the hosting of trade shows, conventions, and other events, the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center provides a unique economic and cultural development tool for Whitfield County and the municipalities located therein, as well as the entire Northwest Georgia region.

2. Future Service Delivery Strategy.

The parties hereto agree that the current service delivery arrangements described above are efficient, effective, and responsive to all citizens of Whitfield County.

The parties hereto agree that should any party undertake any action which may result in overlapping, competition, or duplication in the current service delivery arrangements or in the future service delivery strategy described in this Service Delivery Agreement, that party shall notify the other parties to this Agreement, so as to facilitate continued compliance with the requirements of Georgia law as referenced above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has executed this Service Delivery Agreement on behalf of the respective party set forth below, pursuant to the authority granted to each of the undersigned in the resolution by which each party approved and adopted this Service Delivery Agreement.

-ALL SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE-

WHITFIELD COUNTY

BY: _____
CHAIRMAN, WHITFIELD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____

COUNTY SEAL

CITY OF DALTON

BY: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY SEAL

CITY OF TUNNEL HILL

BY: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY SEAL

TOWN OF COHUTTA

BY: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY SEAL

CITY OF VARNELL

BY: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY SEAL