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This is an Agreement for Professional Services (hereinafter referred to as the "**Agreement**") effective as of December 16, 2024, between the City of Sweeny, TX ("**CLIENT**"), having its principal office at 102 W. Ashley Road, Sweeny, TX 77480, and Rostan Solutions, LLC ("**ROSTAN**"), a Florida limited liability company, having its principal place of business at 3433 Lithia Pinecrest Road, #287, Valrico, FL 33596. CLIENT and ROSTAN are hereinafter referred to individually as "**Party**" or collectively as "**Parties**."

**WHEREAS**, the CLIENT requires the services of a qualified firm to perform certain professional services ("**Project**") for the CLIENT, has carefully reviewed the *Disaster Recovery Grant Management and Administrative Services* RFP responses, and has selected ROSTAN to provide certain services as outlined in the same.

**WHEREAS**, the CLIENT will issue Task Orders to ROSTAN describing the work required under this Agreement, containing a mutually-agreed upon "Not to Exceed" cost, unless otherwise provided herein, with all included work being directly related to those services originally sought by the CLIENT. In response, ROSTAN will prepare a scope of work and cost estimate which shall become part of the Task Order upon execution by both Parties.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, ROSTAN and the CLIENT agree that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are as follows:

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

"Fee Schedule" shall mean the schedule attached as Attachment 2 to any applicable Task Order as well as the identical schedule attached as Schedule B.

"Projected Budget" shall mean the initial projected amount it will cost to complete the Project, with such amount being listed under Section 4 of the Task Order.

"Scope of Services" shall mean the services and terms described within any forms which are attached as "Attachment 1" to any applicable Task Order, along with any modifications or additions to the services provided by ROSTAN to CLIENT which are agreed upon by the Parties or otherwise contemplated in this Agreement.

"Site" or "Work Site" shall mean the location where ROSTAN is performing services for the Project on behalf of the CLIENT.

"Task Order" shall mean the form attached as **Schedule A**, and any later-created substantially similar form, which includes basic information related to the Project and services to be performed by ROSTAN as well as attachments related to the Scope of Services and Fee Schedule.

### 1. BASIC SERVICES

- 1.1. Scope of Services. ROSTAN shall provide the basic services as described in individual Task Orders authorized in writing by the CLIENT. By way of example, but not limitation, a sample Task Order form is provided in Schedule A. The Task Order format may be modified from time to time. ROSTAN's obligations under this Agreement are solely for the benefit of the CLIENT and no other party is intended to benefit or have rights hereunder. The Scope of Services are subject to modifications and/or additions and are thus subject to the terms of Section 6.1 herein.
- 1.2. Standard of Care. ROSTAN shall perform the professional services under this Agreement at the level customary for competent and prudent professionals performing such services at the time and place where the services are provided. These services will be provided by ROSTAN's recovery and mitigation professionals and other professionals and individuals skilled in other technical disciplines, as appropriate.
- 1.3. **Subcontractors**. ROSTAN shall be permitted to utilize subcontractors for performing services under any Task Order.
- 1.4. **Transportation or Disposal of Hazardous Materials**. The CLIENT further agrees that, if this Agreement requires the containerization, transportation, or disposal of any hazardous or toxic wastes, materials or substances, ROSTAN is not, and has no authority to act as a generator, arranger, transporter, or disposer

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of any hazardous or toxic wastes, materials or substances that may be found or identified on, at, or around CLIENT's Site.

#### 2. THE CLIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Unless stated otherwise in Section 7 or in individual Task Orders, the CLIENT shall do the following in a timely manner:

- 2.1. **The CLIENT's Representative**. The CLIENT will designate a representative having authority to give instructions, receive information, define the CLIENT's policies, and make decisions with respect to individual Task Orders. Such representative is listed in Section 1 of the Task Order.
- 2.2. **Project Criteria**. Provide criteria and information as to the CLIENT's requirements for a Task Order, including objectives and constraints, space, capacity, scope of work, task assignments, and performance requirements, and any budgetary limitations to the extent known by the CLIENT.
- 2.3. Access. Arrange for ROSTAN to access the Site as may be reasonably required to perform the Scope of Services. ROSTAN will be provided with suitable access to appropriate areas of the Site and shall be entitled to the use of such parking facilities and rest room facilities as may be authorized for its use. ROSTAN or its representatives may be on Site during the various stages of the work to observe the progress and quality of the work and to determine, in general, if the work is proceeding in accordance with the intent of the Agreement. Visits and observations made by ROSTAN will not relieve other contractors of their obligation to conduct comprehensive inspections of the work, to furnish materials, to perform acceptable work, and to provide adequate safety precautions.
- 2.4. **Review**. Promptly respond to ROSTAN's requests for decisions or determinations related to the Scope of Services.
- 2.5. **Meetings**. At ROSTAN's discretion and request, hold or arrange to hold meetings required to assist in communication regarding the work required by a Task Order.
- 2.6. **Project Developments**. Give prompt written notice to ROSTAN whenever the CLIENT observes or otherwise becomes aware of any material development that affects the Scope of Services, including, but not limited to the timing, price, and/or scope of ROSTAN's services. For purposes of this Section 2.6, "prompt written notice" shall mean within two (2) business days.

### 3. PERIODS OF SERVICE

- 3.1. **Time of Performance**. Section 3 of the Task Order anticipates the orderly and continuous progress of the Task Order through completion of the Scope of Services. However, the period of service is subject to change and is thus subject to the terms of Section 6.1 herein.
- 3.2. Start of Performance. ROSTAN will start the Scope of Services described in each Task Order upon authorization by the CLIENT. If the CLIENT gives authorization before signing a Task Order, ROSTAN shall be paid for the services provided outside the timeline of the relevant Task Orders. Any Task Order will only be valid if signed by the CLIENT's authorized representative and ROSTAN's authorized representative.
- 3.3. Force Majeure. If a force, event, or circumstance beyond ROSTAN's or the CLIENT'S control, including strikes, lock-outs, labor troubles, inability to procure materials, failure of power, restrictive governmental laws or regulations, approval delays by municipalities or governmental entities, riots, insurrection, war, military or usurped power, sabotage, terrorism, unusually severe weather, acts of God, fire, epidemic, pandemics, quarantine, or other casualty or other reason (but excluding financial inability) of a like nature which interrupts or delays ROSTAN's performance, then the time of performance shall be excused for the period of the delay, and the period for the performance shall be extended for a period equivalent to the period of the delay.
- 3.4. **Term and Termination**. This Agreement shall be in effect for one (1) year from the effective date, with four (4), one-year extensions available upon mutual consent of the Parties. This Agreement may be

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terminated by either Party at will and without cause, at any time upon seven (7) days prior written notice to the other Party and shall remain in force until so terminated, however any outstanding Task Orders will not be affected by any such termination. All information and any materials provided to either Party must be returned to the other Party upon termination of the Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue to apply to all outstanding Task Orders until the Scope of Services described thereunder are completed or the Task Order is terminated pursuant to the terms of the Task Order, if different than the terms of this Section 3.4, whichever is sooner.

### 4. COMPENSATION

- 4.1. ROSTAN Services. Based upon the Scope of Services provided for in each Task Order issued pursuant to the Agreement and any relevant agreed upon changes established after execution of said Task Order, along with the Fee Schedule, the CLIENT shall pay ROSTAN the amount stated in invoices issued for actual work performed and reimbursable expenses incurred during the period covered by the invoice, subject to the funding limits established in each Task Order and any changes agreed upon by the Parties or otherwise contemplated in this Agreement. The CLIENT must raise any disputes regarding an invoice within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of such invoice ("Invoice Dispute Period"). Failure by CLIENT to raise any such dispute within the Invoice Dispute Period shall result in CLIENT waiving any and all claims, disputes, or other challenges associated with such invoice. In the event of a dispute as to any portion of an invoice within the Invoice Dispute Period, the undisputed portion shall be paid as provided in Section 4.1 herein. Invoices are payable by the CLIENT within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of invoice by CLIENT.
- 4.2. Late Payments/Interest Charges. Accounts not paid within the terms of this Agreement are subject to a 1.5% monthly finance charge, or the highest rate allowable by law, at the discretion of Rostan and waivable in whole or in part by ROSTAN at its discretion.
- 4.3. **Price Escalation.** Hourly rates shall remain fixed during the initial year of the Agreement. The current hourly rates for each labor classification are included in Schedule B to this Agreement. On each anniversary of the effective date of this Agreement, the current hourly rates listed in Schedule B will be adjusted to reflect annual increases in the cost-of-living, based on increases in the national consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, or any successor index, published in the United States Department of Labor News by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12-month period ending on the preceding October. ROSTAN shall submit to the CLIENT on or before each anniversary of the effective date of this Agreement a replacement Schedule B containing the adjusted hourly rates and a written calculation of the rate increases. The hourly rates included in any replacement Schedule B will apply to any Services performed after the applicable anniversary of the effective date of this Agreement. ROSTAN and the CLIENT will amend this Agreement each year to reflect any changes to ROSTAN's hourly rates for the ensuing year.

## 5. NON-CONTROLLABLE COSTS

5.1. Non-Controllable Costs. ROSTAN has no control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by others, including, but not limited to, CLIENT'S contractors, and/or subcontractors. ROSTAN has no control over any other person or entity's methods of determining prices. Further, ROSTAN has no control over competitive bidding or market conditions. ROSTAN's opinion of probable cost is made based on ROSTAN's experience and qualifications and represents ROSTAN's judgment as an experienced and qualified professional firm, familiar with the disaster recovery industry. ROSTAN does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual project cost will not vary from ROSTAN's opinions of probable cost.

#### 6. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

6.1. Changes. By written and/or electronic notice at any time, the CLIENT or ROSTAN may change services required by a Task Order, provided such changes are within the general scope of the services contemplated by this Agreement, and subject to validation under any applicable cost or price analysis required by federal,

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state, or local law. In such event, an equitable adjustment both in the compensation for and time of performance of the adjusted Task Order shall be made in writing prior to ROSTAN performing the changed services, unless otherwise provided herein. During the course of the Project, the Scope of Services may be subject to changes in length and/or price dependent upon the nature of the Project and required materials, labor, and/or resources. Any changes requested by CLIENT or ROSTAN must be requested and approved by the CLIENT's or ROSTAN's authorized representative as the case may be.

- 6.2. Access to Records. The following access to records requirements apply to ROSTAN, which includes its successors, transferees, assignees, and subcontractors: (a) ROSTAN agrees to provide the CLIENT, the State of Texas, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any documents, papers, and records which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions; (b) ROSTAN agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed; and (c) ROSTAN agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under this Agreement, as permitted by the CLIENT.
- 6.3. Confidentiality and Proprietary Information. In the course of providing services under this Agreement, CLIENT and ROSTAN may receive confidential and/or proprietary information and/or materials of the other Party. Each Party agrees to hold secret and confidential all information designated by the other Party as confidential ("Confidential Information"). Neither Party will reveal Confidential Information to a third party unless: (a) the non-disclosing Party consents in writing; (b) the information is or becomes part of the public domain; (c) applicable law, regulation, court order or an agency of competent jurisdiction requires its disclosure; or (d) failure to disclose the information would pose an imminent and substantial threat to human health or the environment. All drawings, specifications, and technical information furnished to CLIENT by ROSTAN or developed for CLIENT by ROSTAN in connection with the Scope of Services are, and will remain, the property of the CLIENT.
- 6.3.1. Dispute Resolution. Prior to filing any cause of action, or legal proceeding, with the requisite court of law, the Parties agree that they will first be required to attend mediation. The Parties agree that the Party who initiates the dispute by this procedure shall provide to the non-initiating Party notice of the commenced proceedings and the names of three (3) proposed mediators, whereby the non-initiating Party shall within ten (10) days thereafter select one (1) mediator of the proposed mediators to conduct the mediation. Any controversies or disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement will be submitted to mediation in accordance with any statutory rules of mediation. Both Parties agree that they will send a representative with full settlement authority to the mediation. The cost of the in-person mediation shall be split amongst the Parties but shall not include travel costs of either Party associated with attending the in-person mediation and/or the expenses of each Party's own legal counsel. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the pre-suit mediation requirement will be waived and not required at the discretion of ROSTAN and/or in the event ROSTAN brings an action against the client for unpaid invoices or other unpaid fees.
- 6.3.2. **Compliance with Dispute Resolution**. In the event that either Party fails to comply with the Dispute Resolution procedure set forth in Section 6.3.1 of this Agreement, and files a cause of action or legal proceeding prior to a required mediation taking place (except in the case where ROSTAN waives such mediation), the filing Party agrees to pay the non-filing Party's reasonable attorneys' fees and all costs and expenses incurred with respect to defending such improperly filed cause of action or legal proceeding.
- 6.4. **Remedies.** Nothing in this Agreement otherwise prevents the either Party from utilizing any available remedies, administrative, contractual, or legal, where either Party has been found to have violated or breached the terms of this Agreement, subject to the Limitation of Liability provision below.

### 6.5. Mutual Indemnification.

6.5.1. ROSTAN hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the CLIENT harmless from and against any and all losses, damages, settlements, costs, charges, or other expenses or liabilities of every kind and character arising

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- out of or relating to any and all claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, proceedings, or causes of action of every kind and character which specifically and directly arise from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Rostan in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 6.5.2. The CLIENT hereby agrees to indemnify and hold ROSTAN harmless from and against any and all losses, damages, settlements, costs, charges, or other expenses or liabilities of every kind and character arising out of or relating to any and all third party claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, proceedings, or causes of action of every kind and character which specifically and directly arise from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of CLIENT as related to the services which CLIENT has engaged ROSTAN for under this Agreement or for any injuries suffered by an employee or contractor of CLIENT who is performing work for CLIENT.
- 6.6. Limitation of Liability. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement and to the fullest extent permitted by law the Parties agree that neither the CLIENT nor ROSTAN shall be liable to each other for any special, indirect or consequential damages, whether caused or alleged to be caused by negligence, strict liability, breach of contract or warranty under this Agreement. Except for amounts for which indemnification is given by ROSTAN hereunder which shall be capped to the extent of ROSTAN's insurance coverage, in no event will ROSTAN's liability to the CLIENT, whether in contract, tort or any other theory of liability, exceed the fees which ROSTAN has been paid for services from which the liability arises. Further, ROSTAN will not be responsible for other contractors' means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of the work, or the safety precautions, including compliance with applicable programs incident thereto. ROSTAN will not be responsible for other contractors' or subcontractors' failure to perform the work in accordance with their applicable contract with the CLIENT or any other agreement. ROSTAN will not be responsible for the acts or omissions of contractors or subcontractors, or any of their agents or employees or any other persons or entities at the Site or otherwise performing any of the work.
- 6.7. **Interpretation**. This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
- 6.8. **Successors**. This Agreement is binding on the successors and assigns of the CLIENT and ROSTAN. The Agreement may not be assigned in whole or in part to any third parties without the written consent of the non-assigning Party.
- 6.9. **Independent Contractor**. ROSTAN represents that it is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the CLIENT.
- 6.10. **Notices**. Written notices may be delivered in person or by certified mail, or by facsimile, or by courier or by email. All notices shall be effective upon the date of receipt by the Party.
- 6.11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including Schedules, Attachments, and Task Orders (including references to other agreements contained in the Task Order), which are executed pursuant to this Agreement, is the entire agreement between the CLIENT and ROSTAN. Any prior or contemporaneous agreements, promises, negotiations or representations not expressly stated herein are of no force and effect. Any changes to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the CLIENT and ROSTAN, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement.
- 6.12. Waivers and Severability. A waiver or breach of any term, condition, or covenant by a Party shall not constitute a waiver or breach of any other term, condition or covenant. If any court of competent jurisdiction declares a provision of this Agreement invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 6.13. Effective Date. This Agreement is effective on the date shown on the cover page.

#### 7. SCHEDULES.

- 7.1 **Schedules.** The following **Schedules**, as well as any future applicable Task Orders, are attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement:
  - 7.1.1 **Schedule A:** Sample Task Order

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- 7.1.2 **Schedule B:** Fee Schedule
- 7.1.3 **Schedule C:** Required Clauses Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards Under 2 CFR Part 200
- 7.1.4 Schedule D: Certification Regarding Lobbying
- 7.1.5 Schedule E: Disaster Recovery Grant Management and Administrative Services
- 7.1.6 Schedule F: Rostan Proposal

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- 7.2 Required Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards. In addition to the terms and conditions expressed within this Agreement, the 2 Code of Federal Regulation ("CFR") Part 200.327 requires that contracts made by non-Federal entities under a Federal award must contain certain provisions and/or clauses, as applicable, to the contract. These clauses are identified in 2 CFR Part 200 Appendix II, and by their inclusion within Schedule C "Required Clauses Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards Under 2 CFR Part 200", are incorporated into the terms of this Agreement, as applicable, and any Task Orders issued.
- **8.0 Execution Authority**. This Agreement is a valid and authorized undertaking of the CLIENT and ROSTAN. The representatives of the CLIENT and ROSTAN who have signed below have been authorized to do so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement as of the day and year shown on the cover page.

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By:	Ву:
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date:

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# **Schedule A**

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TASK ORDER

	k Order Number: k Order Date:	
	ENT and ROSTAN, effective,, 202 as specified in this Task Order and in accor	
Basic Project Information.     Project Name:	<u>SAMPLE</u>	
Project Location:		_
CLIENT Representative:		_
ROSTAN Representative:		_
Scope of Services: ROSTAN shall attached and incorporated into this Ta	perform its services as described in Attachmen ask Order.	nt 1, Scope of Services,
3. <b>Period of Service:</b> The period of ser	vice shall be, 2024 through	, 20
<ol> <li>Compensation: ROSTAN's compensation of the CLIENT, is</li> </ol>	sation under this Task Order, which shall not be s \$	exceeded without prior
5. This Task Order's Fee Schedule is in	corporated and provided as Attachment 2.	
6. Amendment: [] This Task Dated	Order amends a previously executed Task	Order No,
ISSUED AND AUTHORIZED BY: CITY OF SWEENY, TX	ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY	:
Ву:	By:	
Name:	Name:	

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TASK ORDER Task Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment 1
Scope of Services

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Task Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment 2
Fee Schedule

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## Schedule B

# **Fee Schedule**

Labor Category	Hourly Rate-Total including All Expenses
Principal	\$ 250.00
Project Team Leader	\$ 180.00
Public Assistance Officer I	\$ 150.00
Public Assistance Officer II	\$ 165.00
Public Assistance Officer III	\$ 180.00
Mitigation Specialist I	\$ 150.00
Mitigation Specialist II	\$ 165.00
Mitigation Specialist III	\$ 180.00
Appeals Specialist	\$ 210.00
Insurance Specialist I	\$ 150.00
Insurance Specialist II	\$ 165.00
Insurance Specialist III	\$ 180.00
Cost Estimator I	\$ 170.00
Cost Estimator II	\$ 190.00
Accounting Supervisor	\$ 160.00
Accountant Level II Journal Entry	\$ 150.00
Grant Administrator	\$ 155.00
Sr. Grant Administrator	\$ 180.00
Programmer	\$ 155.00
Senior Programmer	\$ 175.00
Damage Assessment Specialist I	\$ 155.00
Damage Assessment Specialist II	\$ 170.00
Damage Assessment Specialist III	\$ 190.00
Closeout Specialist I	\$ 125.00
Closeout Specialist II	\$ 150.00
Closeout Specialist III	\$ 175.00
Debris Specialist I	\$ 145.00
Debris Specialist II	\$ 165.00

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## Schedule C

## CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL **AWARDS**

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

- (A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is the inflation-adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.
- (B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement.
- (C) Equal Employment Opportunity: During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
- (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- (2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- (3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
- (4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records. and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (7) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in

accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or

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order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

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- (1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- (2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$27 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.
- (3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The City of Sweeny shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.
- (4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section.
- (F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
- (G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non–Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- (H) Debarment and Suspension. This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the City of Sweeny. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the City of Sweeny, the federal government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

(I) Byrd Anti–Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member

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of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non–Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non–Federal award.

- (J) Procurement of Recovered Materials A non–Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.
- (K) Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment. (a) Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to: (1) Procure or obtain; (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115–232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). (i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). (ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment. (iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country. -
- (L) Domestic Preference for procurements (a) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non–Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award. (b) For purposes of this section: (1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. (2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

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## Schedule D

## **Certification Regarding Lobbying**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

- 1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- 3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor, Rostan Solutions, LLC, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Representative
Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Representative
 Date

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## Schedule E

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# Schedule F

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