



**PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COUNSELING SERVICES
GLO CONTRACT No. 24-008-000-D922**

THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE (the “GLO”) and **W D VON GONTEN ENGINEERING LLC**, Texas Identification Number (TIN) **18831818895** (“Provider”), each a “Party” and collectively “the Parties,” enter into the following contract for professional financial investment counseling services related to oil and gas (the “Contract”), pursuant to the Professional Services Procurement Act, Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. Chapter 2254, et. seq., and Section 51.4021 of the Texas Natural Resources Code.

1.01 DEFINITIONS

“[Administrative and Audit Regulations](#)” means all applicable statutes, regulations, and other laws governing administration or audit of this Contract, which may include Title 2, Part 200, Code of Federal Regulations and Chapter 321 and Title 10, Subtitles D and F of the Texas Government Code.

“[Amendment](#)” means a written agreement, executed by the Parties’ authorized representatives, that documents changes to the Contract.

“[Attachment](#)” means documents, terms, conditions, or additional information attached to this Contract after the execution page or incorporated by reference herein.

“[Comptroller](#)” means the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

“[Contract](#)” means this entire document, its Attachments and Amendments, and documents expressly incorporated by reference herein.

“[Deliverables](#)” means a unit or increment of work—including any item, report, data, document, photograph, drawing, process, computer program or code, or other submission—that is required to be delivered, in whatever form, under the terms of this Contract.

“[Fiscal Year](#)” means the period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the State of Texas.

“[GAAP](#)” means generally accepted accounting principles.

“[GASB](#)” means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

“[General Affirmations](#)” means the terms and conditions attached hereto as **Attachment B** that Provider affirms and agrees to by executing this Contract.

“[GLO](#)” means the Texas General Land Office and its officers, employees, and designees, acting in their official capacities.

“[HSP](#)” means historically underutilized business subcontracting plan, as described by Chapter 2161 of the Texas Government Code.

“HUB” means historically underutilized business, as defined by Chapter 2161 of the Texas Government Code.

“Information Security Appendix” means the terms and conditions attached hereto as **Attachment C** that Provider affirms and agrees to by executing this Contract.

“Mentor Protégé” means the Comptroller’s leadership program found at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/mentor.php>.

“Notice to Proceed,” or “NTP,” means the written document the GLO issues to Provider establishing the date on which Provider may begin work under this Contract.

“Project” means the services described in **Section 1.03** of this Contract.

“Project Manager” means the GLO representative responsible for the day-to-day management of the Project and the direction of GLO staff and independent contractors performing work relating thereto.

“Prompt Pay Act” means Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code.

“Public Information Act” means Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

“Subcontractor” means a person or entity that contracts with Provider to perform part or all of Provider’s obligations under this Contract.

“Travel Regulations” means all applicable statutes, regulations, laws, and Comptroller guidance related to reimbursement for Provider’s travel expenses, including: Title 34, Section 5.22, of the Texas Administrative Code; Chapter 660 of the Texas Government Code; the General Appropriations Act; and *Textravel*, the Comptroller’s travel regulation guidance available on the Comptroller’s website.

1.02 INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

- (a) The meaning of a defined term applies to its singular and plural forms.
- (b) The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereunder,” and similar words refer to this Contract as a whole and not to any particular provision, section, Attachment, or schedule of this Contract unless otherwise specified.
- (c) The word “including” means “including, without limitation.”
- (d) Unless otherwise expressly provided, a reference to a contract includes subsequent amendments and other modifications thereto executed according to the contract’s terms, and a reference to a statute, regulation, ordinance, or other law includes subsequent amendments, renumbering, recodification, and other modifications thereto by the enacting authority.
- (e) The captions and headings of this Contract are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect interpretation of this Contract.
- (f) The limitations, regulations, and policies contained herein are cumulative, and each must be performed in accordance with its terms without regard to other limitations, regulations, and policies affecting the same matter.
- (g) Unless otherwise expressly provided, reference to any GLO action by way of consent, approval, or waiver is deemed modified by the phrase “in its sole discretion.” Notwithstanding the preceding, the GLO shall not unreasonably withhold or delay any such consent, approval, or waiver.
- (h) Time is of the essence in this Contract.

- (i) If this Contract and any Attachments conflict, such conflicts shall be resolved in the following order of precedence: first, the Contract, then Attachments to the Contract in this order: **Attachment A**, **Attachment B**, and **Attachment C**.

1.03 PROJECT

- (a) Provider shall perform, or cause to be performed, professional financial investment counseling services related to potential Permanent School Fund oil and gas investment opportunities, as directed by the GLO ("the Project").
- (b) Provider must perform the Project in accordance with this Contract and all Attachments,

1.04 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Provider, in close coordination with and as requested by GLO Project Manager Brian Raygon, shall submit any reports, including but not limited to any geological and geophysical data and surveys, well and log data, map, charts, production and engineering data, title and land information, technical and financial data, recommendations, opinions, and such other information as may be required to accomplish the Project herein contemplated, under the timelines and in the formats agreed between the parties. Provider must timely submit reports in portable document format (.pdf) to GLO Project Manager Brian Raygon via email at brian.raygon@glo.texas.gov in accordance with **Attachment A**.

II. TERM

2.01 DURATION

- (a) This Contract is effective as of the date executed by the last Party (the "Effective Date") and shall terminate on December 31, 2028.
- (b) This Contract is effective for the term specified herein. Any services Provider performs before the Effective Date or after the Contract's termination or expiration are performed at Provider's sole risk and the GLO may choose not to compensate Provider for such services.
- (c) Notwithstanding the Effective Date of this Contract, Provider must not incur charges or begin work before the date indicated on the GLO's written Notice to Proceed (NTP). The GLO may deliver the NTP to Provider by email or fax. Any services Provider performs before the date established in the NTP or after the Contract's termination are performed at Provider's sole risk and the GLO may choose not to compensate Provider for such services.

2.02 EARLY TERMINATION

The GLO may terminate this Contract by giving Provider written notice specifying a termination date at least thirty (30) days after the date of the notice. Upon receipt of a termination notice, Provider must immediately cease work, terminate all subcontracts, and incur no further expense related to this Contract. Early termination shall be subject to the equitable settlement of the Parties' interests accrued up to the date of termination.

2.03 ABANDONMENT OR DEFAULT

If Provider abandons work or defaults on the Contract, the GLO may terminate the Contract without notice. Provider will not be considered in any re-solicitation of the services described herein and may not be considered in future solicitations for similar services, unless the specification or scope of work changes significantly. The GLO will

determine the period of suspension based on the seriousness of the abandonment or default.

III. CONSIDERATION

3.01 COMPENSATION

The GLO will compensate Provider, in accordance with **Attachment A**, in an amount not to exceed **\$2,200,000.00**.

3.02 TRAVEL EXPENSES

- (a) The GLO will not reimburse Provider for travel expenses of any kind without prior written GLO approval. The GLO will only reimburse travel expenses directly attributable to Provider's performance of this Contract at the rates established or adopted by the Comptroller of the State of Texas, as outlined in the Travel Regulations.
- (b) Subject to the maximum Contract amount authorized herein and upon specific, prior, written approval by the GLO, lodging, travel, and other incidental direct expenses may be reimbursed under this Contract for professional or technical personnel who are working away from the cities in which they are permanently assigned and conducting business specifically authorized in the scope of services in **Attachment A**.
- (c) The limits for reimbursements are the rates established or adopted by the Comptroller, as outlined in the Travel Regulations. **Provider understands and acknowledges that any travel-expense reimbursement by the GLO is not a per diem. The GLO will only reimburse actual, allowable expenses in accordance with the Travel Regulations. Provider must submit itemized receipts to support any request for travel-expense reimbursement.**

3.03 INVOICES

Invoices must:

- (a) be submitted to vendorinvoices@glo.texas.gov
- (b) be supported by documentation (including itemized receipts) that, in the judgment of the GLO, allows for full substantiation of the costs incurred; and
- (c) **prominently display GLO Contract Number 24-008-000-D922.**

3.04 PAYMENT

The Prompt Pay Act generally applies to payments to Provider. **However, the Prompt Pay Act does not apply if Provider does not send invoices that comply with this Contract to vendorinvoices@glo.texas.gov.** If Provider does not submit invoices in strict accordance with the instructions in this Contract, payment of invoices may be significantly delayed. The GLO will not pay interest, fees, or other penalties for late payments resulting from Provider's failure to submit invoices in strict accordance with the instructions in this Contract.

IV. PERFORMANCE, AFFIRMATIONS, AND ASSURANCES

4.01 PERFORMANCE WARRANTY

- (a) Provider warrants that it will perform all services under this Contract in a manner consistent with the degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing under similar circumstances.

- (b) Provider warrants that all Deliverables it completes under this Contract will meet or exceed the standards of Provider's trade, profession, or industry; meet or exceed the specifications set forth in the Attachments; and be fit for ordinary use, of good quality, and with no material defects.
- (c) If Provider submits Deliverables that do not meet specifications, fails to complete Deliverables timely, or fails to perform its obligations under this Contract, the GLO may require Provider, at its sole expense, to:
 - (i) repair or replace Deliverables that do not meet specifications,
 - (ii) refund payment for Deliverables that do not meet specifications and accept the return of such Deliverables, and
 - (iii) take necessary action to ensure that future performance and Deliverables meet specifications and conform to the Contract.

4.02 GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS

Provider certifies it has reviewed the **General Affirmations** in **Attachment B** and that Provider is in compliance with all applicable requirements contained therein. Provider affirms and agrees to all conditions contained in **Attachment B**.

V. STATE FUNDING

5.01 STATE FUNDING

- (a) This Contract shall not be construed as creating any debt on behalf of the State of Texas or the GLO in violation of Article III, Section 49, of the Texas Constitution. The GLO's obligations hereunder are subject to the availability of state funds. If adequate funds are not appropriated or become unavailable, the GLO may terminate this Contract. In that event, the Parties shall be discharged from further obligations, subject to the equitable settlement of their interests accrued up to the date of termination.
- (b) Any claim by Provider for damages under this Contract may not exceed the amount of payment due and owing Provider or the amount of funds appropriated for payment but not yet paid to Provider. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as a waiver of the GLO's sovereign immunity.

5.02 RECAPTURE OF FUNDS

The GLO may recapture payments, including those for any unapproved expenditures, that it makes to Provider that exceed the maximum allowable rates; are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, or regulations; or are otherwise inconsistent with this Contract. Provider must refund such recaptured payments within 30 days after the GLO issues notice of recapture to Provider.

5.03 OVERPAYMENT

Provider shall be liable to the GLO for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and/or compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Contract. Provider shall reimburse such disallowed costs from funds other than those that Provider received under this Contract. Provider must refund disallowed costs and overpayments of funds received under this Contract to the GLO within 30 days after the GLO issues notice of overpayment to Provider.

VI. OWNERSHIP AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

6.01 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- (a) The GLO and Provider retain, both during and after the term of this Contract, exclusive ownership of all rights, title, and interest in and to their respective pre-existing Intellectual Property as of the effective date of this Contract.
- (b) Provider grants to the GLO and the State of Texas a royalty-free, fully paid-up, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use, distribute, display, or otherwise exploit any Intellectual Property invented or created by Provider in the performance of services under this Contract. Provider retains ownership of, and unrestricted right to use, any of its Intellectual Property.
- (c) As used herein, "Intellectual Property" means inventions and business processes, whether patentable or not; works of authorship; trade secrets; trademarks; service marks; industrial designs; and other commercially valuable products of the human intellect that are incorporated in any Deliverable and was first created or developed by Provider in performing services under this Contract.

6.02 PUBLICATION

Reports, publications, presentations, and all other materials produced by Provider with funding provided in whole or in part under this Contract must carry on the front cover or title page of such items appropriate acknowledgement of financial or other support by the GLO and, if applicable, all federal entities providing funds or other support for the Project.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

7.01 INSURANCE

For the duration of this Contract, Provider must acquire and maintain insurance and bonds in the type and amount customarily carried within the industry with financially sound and reputable insurers licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance. Provider must, upon the GLO's request, submit evidence establishing to the GLO's satisfaction the nature and extent of coverage granted by each such policy. If the insurance needs change or the GLO determines any policy does not comply with the terms of this Contract, Provider must secure such additional policies or coverage that the GLO may reasonably request or that are required by law or regulation. If coverage expires during the term of this Contract, Provider must submit renewal certificates to the GLO evidencing continuity of coverage.

7.02 TAXES, WORKERS' COMPENSATION, AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

- (a) Provider shall be solely liable and responsible for payment of Provider's and Provider's employees' taxes of whatever kind, arising out of the execution or performance of the Contract. Provider must comply with all state and federal laws—including laws regarding wages, taxes, insurance, and workers' compensation—that apply to Provider or its employees. The GLO and the State of Texas shall not be liable to Provider or its officers, agents, employees, representatives, contractors, assignees, designees, or others for the payment of taxes or the provision of unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, or any benefit available to a state employee or employee of another governmental entity.
- (b) Provider shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Texas, the GLO, and/or their officers, agents, employees, representatives, contractors, assignees, and/or designees from and against any and all liability, actions, claims, demands,

damages, proceedings, or suits and all related costs, attorney fees, and expenses arising out of, connected with, or resulting from tax liability, unemployment insurance, or workers' compensation in the execution or performance of the Contract and any purchase orders issued under the Contract. Provider shall be liable to pay all costs of defense, including attorneys' fees. Provider must coordinate its defense with the GLO and the Office of the Texas Attorney General or other GLO legal counsel if the GLO is a named defendant in any lawsuit arising out of the execution or performance of the Contract. Provider may not agree to the settlement of any such lawsuit or other claim without first obtaining the written consent of the GLO and, if applicable, the Office of the Attorney General or other GLO legal counsel. The Parties must furnish timely written notice to each other of any action, claim, demand, or suit described herein.

7.03 LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

For the duration of this Contract, Provider must procure and maintain any license, authorization, insurance policy, waiver, permit, qualification, or certification that a federal, state, county, or city statute, ordinance, law, or regulation requires Provider to hold to provide the goods or services required by this Contract. Provider must pay all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permit fees, and license fees required by law. Provider must pay any such government obligations not paid by its Subcontractors during performance of this Contract.

7.04 INDEMNITY

Provider shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Texas, the GLO, and their officers, agents, employees, representatives, contractors, assignees, and designees from any liability, actions, claims, demands, damage, or suits and all related costs, attorney fees, and expenses arising out of, or resulting from any acts or omissions of Provider or its agents, employees, Subcontractors, order fulfillers, or Subcontractors' suppliers in the execution or performance of the Contract and any purchase orders issued under the Contract. Provider must coordinate its defense with the GLO and the Office of the Texas Attorney General or other GLO legal counsel if the GLO is a named defendant in any lawsuit arising out of the execution or performance of the Contract. Provider may not agree to settle any such lawsuit without the concurrence of the Office of the Texas Attorney General or other GLO legal counsel. The Parties must furnish timely written notice to each other of any action, claim, demand, or suit described herein.

7.05 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT

- (a) Provider shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Texas, the GLO, and/or their officers, agents, employees, representatives, contractors, assignees, and/or designees from and against any and all liability, actions, claims, demands, damages, proceedings, or suits and all related costs, attorney fees, and expenses arising out of, connected with, or resulting from infringement of any United States patent, copyright, trade or service mark, or any other intellectual or intangible property right that occurs in the execution or performance of the Contract and any purchase orders issued under the Contract. Provider shall be liable to pay all costs of defense, including attorney fees. Provider must coordinate its defense with the GLO and the Office of the Texas Attorney General or other GLO legal counsel if the GLO is a named defendant in any lawsuit arising out of the execution or performance of the Contract. Provider may not agree to settle any such lawsuit without the concurrence of the GLO and, if applicable, the Office of the Texas

Attorney General or other GLO legal counsel. The Parties must furnish timely written notice to each other of any action, claim, demand, or suit described herein.

- (b) If Provider becomes aware of an actual or potential claim of Intellectual Property infringement caused by or resulting from Provider's performance of this Contract or the GLO provides Provider with notice of such claim, Provider must, at Provider's sole expense: (i) procure for the GLO the right to continue to use the affected portion of the product or service or (ii) modify or replace the affected portion of the product or service with a functionally equivalent or superior product or service so that the GLO's use is non-infringing.

7.06 ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS

Provider must not assign, transfer, or delegate any rights, obligations, or duties under this Contract without the prior written consent of the GLO. Any attempted assignment, transfer, or delegation in violation of this provision is void and without effect. Notwithstanding this provision, it is mutually understood and agreed that Provider may subcontract with others for some or all of the services to be performed. In any approved subcontracts, Provider must legally bind such Subcontractor to perform and make such Subcontractor subject to all the duties, requirements, and obligations of Provider as specified in this Contract. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to relieve Provider of the responsibility for ensuring that the goods delivered and/or the services rendered by Provider and/or any of its Subcontractors comply with all the terms and provisions of this Contract. Provider will provide written notification to the GLO of any such Subcontractor performing fifteen percent (15%) or more of the work under this Contract. Such notification must include the name and Texas Identification Number of Subcontractor, the task(s) being performed, and the number of Subcontractor employees expected to work on the task.

7.07 HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES (HUBS) / MENTOR PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM

Provider must notify the GLO of HUB Subcontractors performing under this Contract through the submission of an HSP to the GLO for approval. During the term of the Contract, Provider must submit monthly compliance reports (Prime Contractor Progress Assessment Report) to HUB@glo.texas.gov detailing any HUB Subcontractor participation. Provider must submit proposed modifications to its HSP to the GLO for prior approval through an HSP Change Order. Provider may not modify its HSP without the GLO's prior written approval. If Provider modifies its HSP without the GLO's prior written approval, the GLO may initiate remedial action as provided in Chapter 2161 of the Texas Government Code.

7.08 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

Provider is associated with the GLO only for the purposes and to the extent specified in this Contract. Provider is and shall be an independent contractor and, subject only to the terms of this Contract, shall have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct performance of the details incident to its duties under this Contract. Nothing contained in this Contract creates a partnership or joint venture, employer-employee or principal-agent relationships, or any liability whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, or obligations of Provider or any other party. Provider shall be solely responsible for, and the GLO shall have no obligation with respect to: withholding of income taxes, FICA, or any other taxes or fees; industrial or workers' compensation insurance coverage; accumulation of vacation leave or sick leave; or unemployment compensation coverage provided by the State.

7.09 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS

In its performance of this Contract, Provider must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations. Provider is deemed to know of and understand all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations.

7.10 NOTICES

Any notices required under this Contract shall be deemed delivered when deposited either in the United States mail (postage paid, certified, return receipt requested) or with a common carrier (overnight, signature required) to the appropriate address below:

GLO

Texas General Land Office
1700 N. Congress Avenue, 7th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701
Attention: Contract Management Division

Provider

W.D. Von Gonten Engineering LLC
808 Travis, Suite 1200
Houston, TX
Attention: Scott Cooley

Notice given in any other manner shall be deemed effective only upon receipt by the Party to be notified. Either Party may change its address for notice by written notice to the other Party as herein provided.

7.11 SEVERABILITY

If a court of competent jurisdiction determines any provision of this Contract is invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining terms, provisions, covenants, and conditions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated.

7.12 FORCE MAJEURE

Except with respect to the obligation of payments under this Contract, if either of the Parties, after a good faith effort, is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this Contract by reason of war; terrorism; rebellion; riots; strikes; acts of God; any valid order, rule, or regulation of governmental authority; or similar events that are beyond the control of the affected Party (collectively referred to as a "Force Majeure"), then, while so prevented, the affected Party's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended, and the affected Party shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenant. In any such event, the Party claiming Force Majeure must promptly notify the other Party of the Force Majeure event in writing, and, if possible, such notice must set forth the extent and duration thereof. The Party claiming Force Majeure must exercise due diligence to prevent, eliminate, or overcome such Force Majeure event when it is possible to do so and must resume performance at the earliest possible date. However, if nonperformance continues for more than thirty (30) days, the GLO may terminate this Contract immediately upon written notification to Provider.

7.13 ENTIRE CONTRACT AND MODIFICATION

This Contract, its Attachments, its Amendments, and any purchase order issued in conjunction with this Contract constitute the entire agreement of the Parties and are intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations,

negotiations, discussions, and other agreements made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms in any Attachment, Amendment, or purchase order shall be harmonized with this Contract to the extent possible. Except as provided herein, this Contract may be amended only by a mutual, written agreement executed by authorized representatives of the Parties.

7.14 COUNTERPARTS

This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Contract.

7.15 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Except as otherwise provided by statute, rule, or regulation, Provider must use the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve any dispute arising under the Contract. **NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE GLO.**

7.16 GOVERNING LAW, VENUE, AND SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. The venue of any suit arising under the Contract is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless a specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute that directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to the GLO. Provider irrevocably waives any objection—including any objection to personal jurisdiction—it has or may have to the bringing of any action or proceeding in such jurisdiction in respect of this Contract or any related document. **NOTHING IN THE CONTRACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE GLO OR THE STATE OF TEXAS.**

7.17 RECORDS AND AUDIT

- (a) Each Party must retain in its records the Contract and all documents related to the Contract. Unless a longer retention period is specified by applicable law or regulation, the Parties may destroy the Contract and related documents only after the seventh anniversary of the date: the Contract is completed, terminates, or expires; or the date when all issues that arise from any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, open records request, administrative review, or other action involving the Contract or related documents are resolved.
- (b) Pursuant to GAAP or GASB, as applicable, Provider must keep and maintain full, true, and complete records sufficient to allow the GLO, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the United States Government (if applicable), and/or their authorized representatives to determine Provider's compliance with this Contract and all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
- (c) All records related to the Contract, including records of Provider and its Subcontractors, are subject to the Administrative and Audit Regulations.
- (d) State agencies that are authorized to audit and inspect Provider, its records, its Subcontractors, and its Subcontractors' records include the GLO, the GLO's contracted examiners, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the Texas Attorney General's Office, the Comptroller, and their authorized designees. With regard to any federal funding, federal agencies that are authorized to audit and inspect Provider, its records, its Subcontractors, and its Subcontractors' records may include any federal agency funding the Contract, the Office of the Comptroller

General of the United States, the Government Accountability Office, the Office of Inspector General, and their authorized designees.

7.18 CONFIDENTIALITY

To the extent permitted by law, Provider and the GLO shall keep all information, in whatever form produced, prepared, observed, or received by Provider or the GLO, confidential to the extent that such information is: (a) confidential by law; (b) marked or designated “confidential” (or words to that effect) by Provider or the GLO; or (c) information that Provider or the GLO is otherwise required to keep confidential by this Contract. Provider must not advertise that it is doing business with the GLO, use this Contract as a marketing or sales tool, or make any communications or announcements relating to this Contract through press releases, social media, or other public relations efforts without the prior written consent of the GLO.

7.19 PUBLIC RECORDS

The GLO shall post this Contract to the GLO’s website. Provider understands that the GLO will comply with the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 552, the “PIA”), as interpreted by judicial rulings and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas (the “Attorney General”). Information, documentation, and other material in connection with this Contract may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the PIA. In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, Provider is required to make any information created or exchanged with the GLO or the State of Texas pursuant to the Contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the PIA, available to the GLO in portable document file (“.pdf”) format or any other format agreed upon between the Parties that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the GLO or the State of Texas. By failing to mark any information that Provider believes to be excepted from disclosure as “confidential” or a “trade secret,” Provider waives any and all claims it may make against the GLO for releasing such information without prior notice to Provider. The Attorney General will ultimately determine whether any information may be withheld from release under the PIA. Provider shall notify the GLO’s Office of General Counsel within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of any third-party written requests for information and forward a copy of said written requests to PIALegal@glo.texas.gov. If a request for information was not written, Provider shall forward the third party’s contact information to the above-designated e-mail address.

7.20 SURVIVAL OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions of this Contract related to the following subjects shall survive the termination of this Contract: definitions; interpretive provisions; consideration; warranties; General Affirmations, Federal Assurances, and Federal Certifications; state funding, prohibition on debts created on behalf of the State of Texas and/or the GLO, recapture of state funds, and overpayment of state funds; limitation of any Provider claim for damages to the amount of funds appropriated for payment but not yet paid to Provider; ownership, Intellectual Property, and copyright; records retention requirements; inspection and audit; confidentiality; public records; insurance; taxes; workers’ compensation; unemployment insurance; Provider’s obligation to procure and maintain, at its sole expense, all government licenses, authorizations, insurance, waivers, permits, and/or qualifications necessary for Provider or any Subcontractors to provide the goods or services described in this Contract; indemnification and liability; infringement of Intellectual Property rights; assignment and subcontracting; relationship of the Parties; compliance with laws; notices; governing law and venue; severability; dispute resolution;

merger and integration; invoice and fee verification; property rights; default; amendment. Terms and conditions that, explicitly or by their nature, evidence the Parties' intent that they should survive the termination or expiration of this Contract shall so survive.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

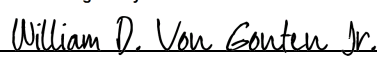
SIGNATURE PAGE FOR GLO CONTRACT NO. 24-008-000-D922
SERVICES CONTRACT

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

**W.D. VON GONTEN ENGINEERING
LLC**

DocuSigned by:

7C299F4374E7497...
Mark A. Havens, Chief Clerk

DocuSigned by:

3B9720079F27462...
Name: William D. von Gonten Jr.

Title: CEO

Date of execution: 4/24/2024

Date of execution: 4/23/2024

OGC 

DIR 

DD 

SDD 

DGC 

GC 

DLC 

ATTACHED TO THIS CONTRACT:

ATTACHMENT A - Provider's Proposal and Budget

ATTACHMENT B - General Affirmations

ATTACHMENT C - GLO Information Security Appendix

ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW

March 07, 2024

Mr. Brian B. Raygon
Director of Minerals Audit / Energy Resources
Texas General Land Office
1700 N. Congress, Suite 810F
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Annual Year-end Reserves Report

Dear Mr. Raygon:

At the request of Texas General Land Office ("TXGLO") and in relation to its Annual Year-end Reserves Report ("the Report"), W.D. Von Gonten Engineering, LLC ("WDVG") presents this proposal defining general scope of work, anticipated deliverables, as well as estimated resources, estimated cost for consultancy services.

It is the understanding of WDVG that primary financial consultancy services required by TXGLO include the following:

1. Estimation of Proved Developed Producing (PDP) reserves
2. Estimation of Proved Undeveloped (PUD) reserves in connection to unconventional plays
3. Projection of Future Net Revenues associated with the above
4. Generation of documented Annual Year-end Reserves Report

WDVG consultancy services are proposed with the expectation of accessibility to TXGLO data being in the following capacities and formats:

1. Well Data
 - a. Asset list with API identifier
2. Acreage Data
 - a. Shape Files
 - b. Acreage Files
3. Geologic Data (where appropriate)
 - a. Digital Logs (LAS format) for Petrophysical Analysis
 - b. Paper Logs – access to TXGLO archive
4. Summarized net BOE and revenue data

General Scope of Work

1. PDP Reserves Evaluation
 - a. Monthly Production Data

- i. Oil | Gas | Water
 - ii. Tubing | Casing Pressures
 - iii. Choke Sizes
 2. PUD Reserves Evaluation
 - a. Decline Curve Analysis – Type Curve Creation
 - i. Expected Ultimate Recovery (EUR)
 - b. Volumetric Analysis
 - i. Petrophysical analysis
 - ii. Geologic Interpretation
 1. Structure/Net Pay/k*h/OOIP per Section/ROIP per Section
 - c. Development of Production Profiles
 - i. Wet Gas Analysis (where appropriate)
 1. Molecular Composition Analysis
 - d. Assignment of Potential Undeveloped Well Locations
 - i. Reserve Estimation – Full Range of Resources
 - ii. Scheduling
 - iii. Rig Development
 1. Based on Historical Permitting/Drilling Activities
 3. Projection of Future Net Revenues
 - a. Based on the Following Assumptions:
 - i. Capital Expenditures
 - ii. Price Differentials
 - iii. Operating Expenses
 1. Fixed & variable LOE
 2. Taxes (Severance | Ad Valorem)
 3. Gas Handling | Transportation (\$/Mcf)

Anticipated Deliverables

1. Reports – Gross | Net Reserves
 - a. Summarization of Net Cashflow Projections
 - i. Reservoir / Play | Reserves Classifications
 - b. Supporting Documentation | Descriptions
 - i. Estimation of Reserves
 - ii. Type Curve Analysis
 - iii. Future Well Locations

Estimated Resource Commitment

WDVG's view of the requested scope of work and available timing suggests a three-person team comprised of the following:

- Sr. Reservoir Engineer
- Sr. Geologist

- Jr. Reservoir Engineer

Estimated Completion Time

Provided TXGLO provides initial data at the end of May/beginning of June, WDVG estimates completion date of the final Report as on or before September 15th of each year for which the Contract is in place.

Estimated Cost

WDVG estimates annual cost for each final Annual Report as follows:

- \$200,000.00 - \$400,000.00 USD

WDVG shall bill work under this contract on an hourly basis. The total amount of the cost for the services shall not exceed \$2,200,000.

WDVG shall the provide Annual Year-end Reserves Report to Energy Program/Minerals Audit that include the following:

- Preliminary Report with Year-end Report – Summary Cashflow and Online Reserves & Economics Summary
- Final Report with Year-end Report – Summary Cashflow, Online Reserves & Economics Summary and Letter of Transmittal
- WDVG shall only begin work for each mineral evaluation request upon receiving a notice to proceed in writing from GLO for that specific request. Such notice may be provided via electronic mail.

Should the situation arise where the likelihood of project fees look to exceed \$400,000.00 USD, WDVG will advise TXGLO immediately and both parties shall engage in communications to determine how best to proceed in light of any financial or statutory constraints that GLO may have.

As structured in the WDVG Confidentiality Agreement, an hourly cost model is used when invoicing. This is based on respective Engineer/Geologist/Technical billing rates.

Fee Structure

1. Services Fees shall consist of the following per hour billing rates:

- a. Engineering/Technical Fee
 - i. William D. Von Gonten, Jr. \$750
 - ii. Phillip R. Hunter, P.E. \$475
 - iii. Senior Engineer \$375-\$450
 - iv. Junior Engineer \$250-\$350
 - v. Senior Geologist \$300-\$400
 - vi. Junior Geologist \$175-\$275
 - vii. Technical Manager \$150-200
- b. Administrative Fee \$50-\$100

2. Monthly Software Fees Proration of the fees shall or may be based on time usage and number of properties analyzed in a given month on behalf of TXGLO
- i. Landmark Software – Aries™ (Generally \$1.00/property)
 - ii. LMKR – Geographix (5% of the total, monthly Engineering/Technical Fee (excluding Engineering/Technical Fees for Simulation Engineers)
 - iii. Simulation Software (\$100/hour)
 - iv. IHS – Enerdeq® (Generally \$3.00/property)
 - v. EnergyNet – PHDWin (Generally \$1.00/property)
 - vi. Midstream, LLC - VGStream™ (Fee allocated based on hourly usage)
 - vii. SMT – 2D/3D Seismic (\$1,500/month but prorated based on usage)
 - viii. If needed, openhole log acquisition is expected to be ~\$300.00 USD per log and is not included in the cost estimate. Also not included are study-related software fees and general administrative expenses needed to complete the study.

Respectfully submitted,



William D. Von Gonten, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer
W.D. Von Gonten Engineering, LLC

BVG/src

GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS

TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE, Provider affirms and agrees to the following, without exception:

1. Provider represents and warrants that, in accordance with Section 2155.005 of the Texas Government Code, neither Provider nor the firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by Provider, or anyone acting for such a firm, corporation, partnership, or institution has (1) violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act of 1983, Chapter 15 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, or the federal antitrust laws, or (2) communicated directly or indirectly the contents of this Contract or any solicitation response upon which this Contract is based to any competitor or any other person engaged in the same line of business as Provider.*
2. Provider shall not assign its rights under the Contract or delegate the performance of its duties under the Contract without prior written approval from the GLO. Any attempted assignment or delegation in violation of this provision is void and without effect. This provision does not apply to subcontracting.
3. If the Contract is for services, Provider shall comply with Section 2155.4441 of the Texas Government Code, requiring the purchase of products and materials produced in the State of Texas in performing service contracts, but for contracts subject to 2 CFR 200, only to the extent such compliance is consistent with 2 CFR 200.319.
4. Under Section 231.006 of the Family Code, the vendor or applicant [Provider] certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract, bid or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate, in addition to other remedies set out in Section 231.006(f) of the Family Code.*
5. A bid or an application for a contract, grant, or loan paid from state funds must include the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity submitting the bid or application. Provider certifies it has submitted this information to the GLO.*
6. If the Contract is for a “cloud computing service” as defined by Texas Government Code Section 2157.007, then pursuant to Section 2054.0593(d)-(f) of the Texas Government Code, relating to cloud computing state risk and authorization management program, Provider represents and warrants that it complies with the requirements of the state risk and authorization management program and Provider agrees that throughout the term of the Contract it shall maintain its certifications and comply with the program requirements in the performance of the Contract.
7. If the Contract is for the purchase or lease of computer equipment, as defined by Texas Health and Safety Code Section 361.952(2), Provider certifies that it is in compliance with Subchapter Y, Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, related to the Computer Equipment Recycling Program and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 328.
8. If the Contract authorizes Provider to access, transmit, use, or store data for the GLO, then in accordance with Section 2054.138 of the Texas Government Code, Provider certifies that it will comply with the security controls required under this Contract and will maintain

* This section does not apply to a contract with a “governmental entity” as defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 2251.

records and make them available to the GLO as evidence of Provider's compliance with the required controls.

9. Provider represents and warrants that it has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the Contract.
10. Provider agrees that any payments due under the Contract shall be applied towards any debt or delinquency that is owed by Provider to the State of Texas.
11. Upon request of the GLO, Provider shall provide copies of its most recent business continuity and disaster recovery plans.
12. If the Contract is for consulting services governed by Texas Government Code Chapter 2254, Subchapter B, in accordance with Section 2254.033 of the Texas Government Code, relating to consulting services, Provider certifies that it does not employ an individual who has been employed by the GLO or another agency at any time during the two years preceding the Provider's submission of its offer to provide consulting services to the GLO or, in the alternative Provider, in its offer to provide consulting services to the GLO, disclosed the following: (i) the nature of the previous employment with the GLO or other state agency; (ii) the date the employment was terminated; and (iii) the annual rate of compensation for the employment at the time of its termination.*
13. If the Contract is not for architecture, engineering, or construction services, then except as otherwise provided by statute, rule, or regulation, Provider must use the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve any dispute arising under the Contract. **NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE GLO OR, IF APPLICABLE, OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY BY PROVIDER.**
14. If the Contract is for architecture, engineering, or construction services, then subject to Texas Government Code Section 2260.002 and Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chapter 114, and except as otherwise provided by statute, rule, or regulation, Provider shall use the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve all disputes arising under this Contract. Except as otherwise provided by statute, rule, or regulation, in accordance with the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 114.005, claims encompassed by Texas Government Code, Section 2260.002(3) and Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Section 114.002 shall be governed by the dispute resolution process set forth below in subsections (a)-(d). **NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE GLO OR, IF APPLICABLE, OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY BY PROVIDER.**
 - a. Notwithstanding Texas Government Code, Chapter 2260.002(3) and Chapter 114.012 and any other statute or applicable law, if Provider's claim for breach of contract cannot be resolved by the Parties in the ordinary course of business, Provider may make a claim against the GLO for breach of contract and the GLO may assert a counterclaim against Provider as is contemplated by Texas Government Code, Chapter 2260, Subchapter B. In such event, Provider must provide written notice to the GLO of a claim for breach of the Contract not later than the 180th day after the date of the event giving rise to the claim.

* This section does not apply to a contract with a "governmental entity" as defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 2251.

The notice must state with particularity: (1) the nature of the alleged breach; (2) the amount Provider seeks as damages; and (3) the legal theory of recovery.

- b. The chief administrative officer, or if designated in the Contract, another officer of the GLO, shall examine the claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with Provider in an effort to resolve them. The negotiation must begin no later than the 120th day after the date the claim is received, as is contemplated by Texas Government Code, Chapter 2260, Section 2260.052.
 - c. If the negotiation under paragraph (b) above results in the resolution of some disputed issues by agreement or in a settlement, the Parties shall reduce the agreement or settlement to writing and each Party shall sign the agreement or settlement. A partial settlement or resolution of a claim does not waive a Party's rights under this Contract as to the parts of the claim that are not resolved.
 - d. If a claim is not entirely resolved under paragraph (b) above, on or before the 270th day after the date the claim is filed with the GLO, unless the Parties agree in writing to an extension of time, the Parties may agree to mediate a claim made under this dispute resolution procedure. This dispute resolution procedure is Provider's sole and exclusive process for seeking a remedy for an alleged breach of contract by the GLO if the Parties are unable to resolve their disputes as described in this section.
 - e. Nothing in the Contract shall be construed as a waiver of the state's or the GLO's sovereign immunity, or, if applicable, the governmental immunity of Provider. This Contract shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the State of Texas or Provider. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the State of Texas or, if applicable, of Provider under this Contract or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel. The GLO does not waive any privileges, rights, defenses, or immunities available to it by entering into this Contract or by its conduct, or by the conduct of any representative of the GLO, prior to or subsequent to entering into this Contract. Provider does not waive any privileges, rights, defenses, or immunities available to it by entering into this Contract or by its conduct, or by the conduct of any representative of the GLO, prior to or subsequent to entering into this Contract.
 - f. Except as otherwise provided by statute, rule, or regulation, compliance with the dispute resolution process provided for in Texas Government Code, Chapter 2260, subchapter B and incorporated by reference in subsection (a)-(d) above is a condition precedent to the Provider: (1) filing suit pursuant to Chapter 114 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code; or (2) initiating a contested case hearing pursuant to Subchapter C of Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code.
15. If Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code applies to this Contract, Provider verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the Contract.*
16. This Contract is contingent upon the continued availability of lawful appropriations by the Texas Legislature. Provider understands that all obligations of the GLO under this Contract are subject to the availability of funds. If such funds are not appropriated or become

* This section does not apply to a contract with a "governmental entity" as defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 2251.

unavailable, the GLO may terminate the Contract. The Contract shall not be construed as creating a debt on behalf of the GLO in violation of Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution.

17. Provider certifies that it is not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order 13224, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism", published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
18. In accordance with Section 669.003 of the Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with the executive head of a state agency, Provider certifies that it is not (1) the executive head of the GLO, (2) a person who at any time during the four years before the effective date of the Contract was the executive head of the GLO, or (3) a person who employs a current or former executive head of the GLO.
19. Provider represents and warrants that all statements and information prepared and submitted in connection with this Contract are current, complete, true, and accurate. Submitting a false statement or making a material misrepresentation during the performance of this Contract is a material breach of contract and may void the Contract or be grounds for its termination.
20. Pursuant to Section 2155.004(a) of the Texas Government Code, Provider certifies that neither Provider nor any person or entity represented by Provider has received compensation from the GLO to participate in the preparation of the specifications or solicitation on which this Contract is based. Under Section 2155.004(b) of the Texas Government Code, Provider certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive the specified Contract and acknowledges that the Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate. This Section does not prohibit Provider from providing free technical assistance.*
21. Provider represents and warrants that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization, as prohibited by Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code.*
22. In accordance with Section 2252.901 of the Texas Government Code, for the categories of contracts listed in that section, Provider represents and warrants that none of its employees including, but not limited to, those authorized to provide services under the contract, were employees of the GLO during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of execution of the contract. Solely for professional services contracts as described by Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, Provider further represents and warrants that if a former employee of the GLO was employed by Provider within one year of the employee's leaving the GLO, then such employee will not perform services on projects with Provider that the employee worked on while employed by the GLO.*
23. The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. The venue of any suit arising under the Contract is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless the specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute which directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to any Party.
24. IF THE CONTRACT IS NOT FOR ARCHITECTURE OR ENGINEERING SERVICES GOVERNED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 2254, PROVIDER, TO THE

* This section does not apply to a contract with a "governmental entity" as defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 2251.

EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE GLO, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF PROVIDER OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT AND ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE CONTRACT. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY PROVIDER WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND PROVIDER MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL. PROVIDER AND THE GLO SHALL FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.*

25. IF THE CONTRACT IS FOR ARCHITECTURE OR ENGINEERING SERVICES GOVERNED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 2254, PROVIDER, TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE GLO, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED DAMAGES, COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY, ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OF NEGLIGENCE, INTENTIONAL TORTS, WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, AND/OR OTHERWISE RELATED TO PROVIDER'S PERFORMANCE, AND/OR FAILURES TO PAY A SUBCONTRACTOR OR SUPPLIER BY THE PROVIDER OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, CONSULTANTS UNDER CONTRACT TO PROVIDER, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH PROVIDER EXERCISES CONTROL, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY PROVIDER WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND PROVIDER MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL. PROVIDER AND THE GLO SHALL FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.*

26. TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, PROVIDER SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE GLO AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, VIOLATIONS, MISAPPROPRIATIONS OR INFRINGEMENT OF ANY PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT, TRADE SECRET OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND/OR OTHER INTANGIBLE PROPERTY, PUBLICITY OR PRIVACY RIGHTS, AND/OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING FROM: (1) THE PERFORMANCE OR ACTIONS OF PROVIDER PURSUANT TO THIS CONTRACT; (2) ANY DELIVERABLE, WORK PRODUCT,

* This section does not apply to a contract with a "governmental entity" as defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 2251.

CONFIGURED SERVICE OR OTHER SERVICE PROVIDED HEREUNDER; AND/OR (3) THE GLO'S AND/OR PROVIDER'S USE OF OR ACQUISITION OF ANY REQUESTED SERVICES OR OTHER ITEMS PROVIDED TO THE GLO BY PROVIDER OR OTHERWISE TO WHICH THE GLO HAS ACCESS AS A RESULT OF PROVIDER'S PERFORMANCE UNDER THE CONTRACT. PROVIDER AND THE GLO SHALL FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM. PROVIDER SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY PROVIDER WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL (OAG) WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND PROVIDER MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM OAG. IN ADDITION, PROVIDER WILL REIMBURSE THE GLO AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, COSTS, EXPENSES OR OTHER AMOUNTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS, ARISING FROM ANY SUCH CLAIM. IF THE GLO DETERMINES THAT A CONFLICT EXISTS BETWEEN ITS INTERESTS AND THOSE OF PROVIDER OR IF THE GLO IS REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAW TO SELECT SEPARATE COUNSEL, THE GLO WILL BE PERMITTED TO SELECT SEPARATE COUNSEL AND PROVIDER WILL PAY ALL REASONABLE COSTS OF THE GLO'S COUNSEL.*

27. Provider has disclosed in writing to the GLO all existing or known potential conflicts of interest relative to the performance of the Contract.
28. Sections 2155.006 and 2261.053 of the Texas Government Code prohibit state agencies from accepting a solicitation response or awarding a contract that includes proposed financial participation by a person who, in the past five years, has been convicted of violating a federal law or assessed a penalty in connection with a contract involving relief for Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Katrina, or any other disaster, as defined by Section 418.004 of the Texas Government Code, occurring after September 24, 2005. Under Sections 2155.006 and 2261.053 of the Texas Government Code, Provider certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive the specified Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.*
29. The person executing this Contract certifies that he/she is duly authorized to execute this Contract on his/her own behalf or on behalf of Provider and legally empowered to contractually bind Provider to the terms and conditions of the Contract and related documents.
30. If the Contract is for architectural or engineering services, pursuant to Section 2254.0031 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporates by reference Section 271.904(d) of the Texas Local Government Code, Provider shall perform services (1) with professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineers or architects practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license, and (2) as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent engineer or architect.*
31. The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the Contract. The

* This section does not apply to a contract with a "governmental entity" as defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 2251.

acceptance of funds directly under the Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. Provider shall ensure that this paragraph concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through the Contract and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards. The GLO may unilaterally amend the Contract to comply with any rules and procedures of the state auditor in the implementation and enforcement of Section 2262.154 of the Texas Government Code.

32. Provider certifies that neither it nor its principals are debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from participation in the Contract by any state or federal agency.
33. If the Contract is for the purchase or lease of covered television equipment, as defined by Section 361.971(3) of the Texas Health and Safety Code, Provider certifies its compliance with Subchapter Z, Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, related to the Television Equipment Recycling Program.
34. Pursuant to Section 572.069 of the Texas Government Code, Provider certifies it has not employed and will not employ a former state officer or employee who participated in a procurement or contract negotiations for the GLO involving Provider within two (2) years after the date that the contract is signed or the procurement is terminated or withdrawn. This certification only applies to former state officers or employees whose state service or employment ceased on or after September 1, 2015.
35. The GLO shall post this Contract to the GLO's website. Provider understands that the GLO will comply with the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 552, the "PIA"), as interpreted by judicial rulings and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas (the "Attorney General"). Information, documentation, and other material in connection with this Contract may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the PIA. In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, Provider is required to make any information created or exchanged with the GLO or the State of Texas pursuant to the Contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the PIA, available to the GLO in portable document file (".pdf") format or any other format agreed upon between the Parties that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the GLO or the State of Texas. By failing to mark any information that Provider believes to be excepted from disclosure as "confidential" or a "trade secret," Provider waives any and all claims it may make against the GLO for releasing such information without prior notice to Provider. The Attorney General will ultimately determine whether any information may be withheld from release under the PIA. Provider shall notify the GLO's Office of General Counsel within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of any third-party written requests for information and forward a copy of said written requests to PIALegal@glo.texas.gov. If a request for information was not written, Provider shall forward the third party's contact information to the above-designated e-mail address.

* This section does not apply to a contract with a "governmental entity" as defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 2251.

36. The GLO does not tolerate any type of fraud. GLO policy promotes consistent, legal, and ethical organizational behavior by assigning responsibilities and providing guidelines to enforce controls. Any violations of law, agency policies, or standards of ethical conduct will be investigated, and appropriate actions will be taken. Provider must report any possible fraud, waste, or abuse that occurs in connection with the Contract to the GLO in the manner prescribed by the GLO's website, <http://glo.texas.gov>.
37. If Provider, in its performance of the Contract, has access to a state computer system or database, Provider must complete a cybersecurity training program certified under Texas Government Code Section 2054.519, as selected by the GLO. Provider must complete the cybersecurity training program during the initial term of the Contract and during any renewal period. Provider must verify in writing to the GLO its completion of the cybersecurity training program.
38. Under Section 2155.0061, Texas Government Code, Provider certifies that the entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive the specified Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.*
39. Provider certifies that it does not require its customers to provide any documentation certifying the customer's COVID-19 vaccination or post-transmission recovery on entry to, to gain access to, or to receive service from Provider's business. Provider acknowledges that such a vaccine or recovery requirement would make Provider ineligible for a state-funded contract.
40. Pursuant to Government Code Section 2275.0102, Provider certifies that neither it nor its parent company, nor any affiliate of Provider or its parent company, is: (1) majority owned or controlled by citizens or governmental entities of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or any other country designated by the Governor under Government Code Section 2275.0103, or (2) headquartered in any of those countries.*
41. If Provider is required to make a verification pursuant to Section 2276.002 of the Texas Government Code, Provider verifies that Provider does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the Contract. If Provider does not make that verification, Provider must notify the GLO and state why the verification is not required.*
42. If Provider is required to make a verification pursuant to Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, Provider verifies that it (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a "firearm entity" or "firearm trade association" as those terms are defined in Texas Government Code section 2274.001 and (2) will not discriminate during the term of the Contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. If Provider does not make that verification, Provider must notify the GLO and state why the verification is not required.*
43. If Provider is a "professional sports team" as defined by Texas Occupations Code Section 2004.002, Provider will play the United States national anthem at the beginning of each team sporting event held at Provider's home venue or other venue controlled by Provider for the event. Failure to comply with this obligation constitutes a default of this Contract, and immediately subjects Provider to the penalties for default, such as repayment of money received or ineligibility for additional money. In addition, Provider may be debarred from

* This section does not apply to a contract with a "governmental entity" as defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 2251.

contracting with the State. The GLO or the Attorney General may strictly enforce this provision.*

44. To the extent Section 552.371 of the Texas Government Code applies to Provider and the Contract, in accordance with Section 552.372 of the Texas Government Code, Provider must (a) preserve all contracting information related to the Contract in accordance with the records retention requirements applicable to the GLO for the duration of the Contract, (b) no later than the tenth business day after the date of the GLO's request, provide to the GLO any contracting information related to the Contract that is in Provider's custody or possession, and (c) on termination or expiration of the Contract, either (i) provide to the GLO at no cost all contracting information related to the Contract that is in Provider's custody or possession or (ii) preserve the contracting information related to the Contract in accordance with the records retention requirements applicable to the GLO. Except as provided by Section 552.374(c) of the Texas Government Code, the requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to the Contract and Provider agrees that the Contract may be terminated if Provider knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.*
45. If the Contract is for consulting services governed by Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, Provider, upon completion of the Contract, must give the GLO a compilation, in a digital medium agreed to by the Parties, of all documents, films, recordings, or reports Provider compiled in connection with its performance under the Contract.*
46. If subject to 2 CFR 200.216, Provider shall not obligate or expend funding provided under this Contract to: (a) procure or obtain; (b) extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or (c) enter into a contract to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services, as defined in Public Law 115-232, Section 889, as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.
47. To the extent Texas Government Code Chapter 2252, Subchapter G applies to the Contract, any iron or steel product Provider uses in its performance of the Contract that is produced through a manufacturing process, as defined in Section 2252.201(2) of the Texas Government Code, must be produced in the United States.

* This section does not apply to a contract with a "governmental entity" as defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 2251.

GLO Information Security Appendix

1. Definitions

“[Breach of Security](#)” or “[Breach](#)” means any unauthorized access of computerized data that compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of GLO Data that is in the possession and/or control of Provider (or any entity with which Provider shares GLO Data as authorized herein) including data that is encrypted if the person accessing the data has the key required to decrypt the data, or a loss of control, compromise, unauthorized disclosure or access, failure to physically secure GLO Data or when unauthorized users access PII or SPI for an unauthorized purposes. The term encompasses both suspected and confirmed incidents involving GLO Data which raise a reasonable risk of harm to the GLO or an individual. A Breach of Security occurs regardless of whether caused by a negligent or intentional act or omission on part of Provider and/or aforementioned entities.

“[GLO Data](#)” means any data or information owned by the GLO, including PII or SPI as defined below, that Provider creates, obtains, accesses (via records, systems, or otherwise), receives (from the GLO or on behalf of the GLO), or uses in the course of Contract performance.

“[Personal Identifying Information](#)” or “[PII](#)” means information that alone, or in conjunction with other information, identifies an individual as defined at Tex. Bus. & Com Code 521.002(a)(1).

“[Sensitive Personal Information](#)” or “[SPI](#)” means the information categories listed at Tex. Bus. & Com Code 521.002(a)(2).

All defined terms found in the Contract shall have the same force and effect, regardless of capitalization.

2. Security and Privacy Compliance

- 2.1. Provider shall keep all GLO Data received under the Contract strictly confidential.
- 2.2. Provider shall comply with all applicable federal and state privacy and data protection laws, as well as all other applicable regulations.
- 2.3. Provider shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to protect GLO Data that are no less rigorous than accepted industry practices including, without limitation, the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. All such safeguards shall comply with applicable data protection and privacy laws. Provider shall provide at the beginning of the Contract and annually thereafter certification or attestation of meeting or exceeding accepted industry best practices.
- 2.4. Provider will legally bind any subcontractors to the same requirements stated herein and obligations stipulated in Provider's contract with the GLO. Provider shall ensure that the requirements stated herein are imposed on any subcontractor of Provider's subcontractor(s).
- 2.5. Provider will not share GLO Data with any third parties without first notifying the GLO. Provider shall submit a list of all contractors and subcontractors that have access to GLO Data.

- 2.6. Provider will ensure that initial privacy and security training, and annual training thereafter, is completed by its employees or subcontractors that have access to GLO Data or who create, collect, use, process, store, maintain, disseminate, disclose, dispose, or otherwise handle personally handle PII on behalf of the agency. Provider agrees to maintain and, upon request, provide documentation of training completion.
- 2.7. Any GLO Data maintained or stored by Provider or any subcontract must be stored on servers or other hardware located within the physical borders of the United States and shall not be accessed outside of the United States.

3. Data Ownership

- 3.1. GLO shall retain full ownership of all respective data provided to Provider or to which the Provider otherwise gains access by operation of the Contract.
- 3.2. Upon termination of the Contract, Provider shall promptly return to the GLO all GLO Data possessed by Provider and its agents or subcontractors. Provider shall retain no copies or back-up records of GLO Data. If such return is infeasible, as mutually determined by the GLO and Provider, the obligations set forth in this **Attachment C**, with respect to GLO Data, shall survive termination of the Contract and Provider shall limit any further use and disclosure of GLO Data to the purposes that make the return of GLO Data infeasible. In lieu of the requirements in this Section 3.2, the GLO may direct Provider to destroy any GLO Data in Provider's possession. Provider agrees to provide certification of such destruction of GLO Data.

4. Data Mining

- 4.1. Provider agrees not to use GLO Data for unrelated commercial purposes, advertising or advertising-related services, or for any other purpose not explicitly authorized by the GLO in this Contract.
- 4.2. Provider agrees to take all reasonably feasible, physical, technical, administrative, and procedural measures to ensure that no unauthorized use of GLO Data occurs.

5. Breach of Security

- 5.1. Provider agrees to provide the GLO with the name and contact information for an employee of the Provider which shall serve as the GLO's primary security contact.
- 5.2. Upon discovery of a Breach of Security or suspected Breach of Security by the Provider, the Provider agrees to notify the GLO as soon as possible, but in no event longer than 24 hours, upon discovery of the Breach of Security or suspected Breach of Security. Within 72 hours, the Provider agrees to provide, at minimum, a written preliminary report to the GLO with root cause analysis including the total number of records affected.
- 5.3. The initial notification and report shall be submitted to the GLO Information Security Officer at informationsecurity@glo.texas.gov.
- 5.4. Provider agrees to take all reasonable steps to immediately remedy a Breach of Security and prevent any further Breach of Security.

- 5.5. Provider agrees that it shall not inform any third party of any Breach of Security or suspected Breach of Security without first obtaining GLO's prior written consent unless such action is required by law or is done for the sole purpose of containing or remediating a Breach of Security.
- 5.6. If the Breach of Security includes SPI, including Social Security Numbers, payment card information, or health information, the Provider agrees, at the discretion of the GLO, to notify affected individuals of such breach and to provide affected individuals complimentary access for one (1) year of credit monitoring services.

6. Right to Audit

- 6.1. Upon the GLO's request and to confirm Provider's compliance with this **Attachment C**, Provider grants the GLO, or a GLO-contracted vendor, permission to perform an assessment, audit, examination, investigation, or review of all controls in the Provider's, or Provider's subcontractor's, physical and/or technical environment in relation to GLO Data. Provider agrees to fully cooperate with such assessment by providing access to knowledgeable personnel, physical premises, documentation, infrastructure and application software that stores, processes, or transports GLO Data. In lieu of a GLO-conducted assessment, audit, examination, investigation, or review, Provider may supply, upon GLO approval, the following reports: SSAE18, ISO/ICE 27001 Certification, FedRAMP Certification, PCI Compliance Report, TXRAMP Certification Certificate, or similar third-party certifications or attestations. Provider shall ensure that this clause concerning the GLO's authority to assess, audit, examine, investigate, or review, is included in any subcontract it awards.
- 6.2. At the GLO's request, Provider agrees to promptly and accurately complete a written information security questionnaire provided by the GLO regarding Provider's business practices and information technology environment in relation to GLO Data.