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COUNTY OF WEBB §

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT

This contract is made and entered into by and between the COUNTY OF WEBB (COUNTY), a political subdivision of Texas, and Ruben Garza, Jr. ("CONTRACTOR")

WITNESSETH

1. **Scope of Service.** CONTRACTOR shall provide the Webb County Sheriff's Office with specialized training for law enforcement personnel, provide support with ongoing and future investigations, provide recommendations on where and how to reduce the number of potentially infected livestock if any are discovered, and serve as an advisor/liaison with federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities in, provide reports, documentation and photographs with applicable that demonstrate Equine Infectious Anemia ("EIA") which include recommendations concerning enforcement procedures, investigations, and cases affecting Webb County and any other matters that pertain to the mission and goals of the Webb County Sheriff's Office as directed and approved by the Webb County Sheriff ("SHERIFF").

This agreement is for the professional services as a advisor/liaison for the detection and enforcement of Texas Agricultural Code Chapter 161 and Texas Administrative Code Title 4 Part 2 Chapter 49 which addresses a deadly virus that infects livestock known as Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA).

2. **Performance.** For the performance of the work by CONTRACTOR, the COUNTY agrees to pay CONTRACTOR for all services approved by the SHERIFF, for a sum not to exceed \$9,000.00. Said payments shall be made in monthly increments in an amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per month after services have been rendered and an invoice delivered to the Webb County Business Office at apinvoices@webbcountytexas.gov. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that by law the COUNTY may not issue payment to or offset amounts due to CONTRACTOR under this contract against any debt (including taxes) lawfully due to COUNTY from CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR'S debts owed to the COUNTY in any form must be paid and not delinquent in order for the COUNTY to issue payment for services.
3. **Term.** The term of this contract shall be effective February 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020. The work is to be completed for the COUNTY as specified in a written order to proceed from the SHERIFF.

4. **Compensation.** Compensation to the CONTRACTOR (Ruben Garza, Jr.) will be on a monthly basis at the satisfactory completion of that month's activity. The contract work shall be on a fixed-price contract basis, not to exceed \$9,000.00; paid on a monthly basis at \$1,500.00 per month.

Billing/Invoicing. At the end of each month, work performed will be outlined in an invoice stating the month being billed and a general description of all work performed for that month. The CONTRACTOR will not be required to detail any sensitive law enforcement data that may jeopardize any ongoing or potential investigations which CONTRACTOR is working and any billed work must be approved by the SHERIFF prior to payment.

Non-Appropriations. COUNTY warrants that it will have funds available to pay all payments until the end of your contract, and shall use our best efforts to obtain funds to pay all payments in each subsequent fiscal period through the end of your term. If our appropriations request to our legislative body, or funding authority ("Governing Body") for funds to pay the payments is denied, you may terminate this contract on the last day of the fiscal period for which funds have been appropriated, upon (i) submission of documentation evidencing the Governing Body's denial of an appropriation sufficient to continue the contract for the next succeeding fiscal period, and (ii) satisfaction of all charges and obligations under this contract incurred through the end of the fiscal period for which funds have been appropriated including the return of any equipment.

5. **Termination.** The SHERIFF may terminate the performance of this contract in whole or in part with a ten (10) day advance written notice to CONTRACTOR. COUNTY agrees to pay CONTRACTOR for all services approved by the SHERIFF that were completed prior to the effective date of such notice.
6. **Indemnification.** CONTRACTOR agrees to defend, indemnify and hold COUNTY, its officers, agents and employees, harmless against any and all claims, lawsuits, judgments, costs and expenses for personal injury (including death), property damage or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, suffered by any person or persons, that may arise out of or be occasioned by CONTRACTOR's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this contract, or by any negligent or strictly liable act or omission of CONTRACTOR, its officers, agents, associates, employees or sub-contractors, in the performance of this contract; except that the indemnity provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to any liability resulting from the sole negligence of COUNTY, its officers, agents, employees or separate contractors, and in the event of joint and concurrent negligence of both the CONTRACTOR and COUNTY, responsibility, if any, shall be apportioned comparatively in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without waiving any governmental immunity available to the COUNTY under Texas law and without waiving any defenses of the parties under Texas law. The provisions of this

paragraph are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and are not intended to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity.

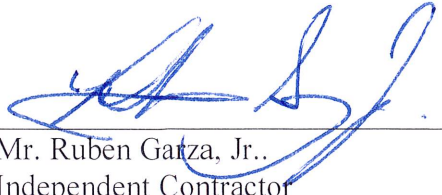
7. **Jurisdiction/Venue.** This contract is made subject to the laws of Texas and authority of the WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, as amended, and all applicable Constitutional provisions of the State of Texas. This contract is performable in Webb County, Texas, and venue for any legal action under this contract shall lie exclusively in Webb County, Texas. In construing this contract, the laws and court decisions of the State of Texas shall control.
8. **Work Product Waiver.** All of CONTRACTOR's work product under this contract shall become the property of the COUNTY, without restriction on future use. Copies may be retained by CONTRACTOR. By execution of this contract and in consideration of the fee for services to be paid under the contract, CONTRACTOR hereby conveys, transfers and assigns to COUNTY all rights under the Federal Copyright Act of 1976 (or any successor copyright statute), as amended, all common law copyrights and all other intellectual property rights acknowledged by law in the training materials and other agreed deliverables developed under this contract. CONTRACTOR shall retain all records relating to this contract for three (3) years following termination, during which time COUNTY reserves the right to audit such records at its election.

Independent Contractor. In performing services under this contract, the relationship between County and CONTRACTOR is that of an independent contractor. CONTRACTOR shall exercise independent judgment in performing duties under this contract and is solely responsible for setting working hours, scheduling or prioritizing the work flow and determining how the work is to be prepared. No term or provision of this Contract shall be construed as making CONTRACTOR the agent, servant or employee of COUNTY, or making CONTRACTOR or any of its employees eligible for the fringe benefits, such as retirement, insurance and worker's compensation, which COUNTY provides its employees.

9. This contract consists of sections 1-9. It constitutes the entire contract of the parties on the subject matter hereof and may not be changed, modified, discharged, or extended except by written instrument duly executed by COUNTY as described in Section 4.

WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

By: _____
TANO TIJERINA
WEBB COUNTY JUDGE



Mr. Ruben Garza, Jr..
Independent Contractor

ATTESTED:

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA
WEBB COUNTY CLERK
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DATE

Jorge L. Trevino, Jr.
WEBB COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
ATTORNEY*

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