



TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE

CONTRACT

This contract (Contract), **Number EE-18-0001**, is entered into by and between the Texas Civil Commitment Office ("TCCO"), an agency of the State of Texas, and licensed peace officer **Jose A. Lozano** (Contractor), an individual (collectively, the Parties).

1. **Purpose of the Contract.** TCCO agrees to pay for services, and Contractor agrees to provide, services or goods to the eligible populations as described in the Statement of Work section.

2. **Total Amount of the Contract and Payment Method(s).** The total contract amount shall not exceed fifty dollars per hour (\$50.00).

3. **Funding Obligation.** This Contract is contingent upon the continued availability of funding. If funds become unavailable through lack of appropriations, budget cuts, amendment to the Appropriations Act, or any other disruptions of current appropriated funding for this Contract, the TCCO may restrict, reduce, or terminate funding under this Contract.

4. **Term of the Contract.** This Contract begins on January 31, 2018 and ends on August 31, 2018. TCCO has the option, in its sole discretion, to renew the Contract as provided in this Contract. TCCO is not responsible for payment for services provided under this Contract before both parties have signed the Contract or before the start date of the Contract, whichever is later.

5. **Authority.** TCCO enters into this Contract under the authority of Health and Safety Code, §841.007. If this is a professional services, Contract authority is also granted through Professional Services Procurement Act, Texas Government Code, §§2254.001-2254.005, Health and Safety Code, §12.0121, and 25 Texas Administrative Code, §1.181; and Contractor shall perform "professional services" within the meaning of that term as defined in the above. If this Contract is an interagency, contract authority is also granted through the Texas Government Code, Interagency Cooperation Act, Chapter 771 et seq. If this contract is an interlocal, Contract authority is also granted through the Texas Government Code, Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 et seq.

6. **Renewal.** Based on availability of funds, this Contract may be renewed for two (2) terms of one (1) year, at the sole discretion of TCCO.

7. **Documents Forming Contract.** The Contract consists of the following:

- a. Core Contract (this document)
- b. Exhibits, if applicable

Any changes made to the Contract, whether by edit or attachment, do not form part of the Contract unless expressly agreed to in writing by TCCO and Contractor and incorporated herein through written amendment.

This Contract may be modified within the Contract period by written amendment signed by both Parties.

8. **Statement of Work. Contractor shall:**

- a. *Provide security services to the Texas Civil Commitment Office at board meetings, public hearings, or family meetings upon request at 4616 West Howard Lane, Building 2 Suite 350 Austin, Texas 78728.*
- b. *Calm any disturbances that threaten the safety and security of TCCO staff or meeting participants and request backup assistance from the local law enforcement and the Department of Public Safety as necessary.*
- c. *Contractor shall be awake, alert, and prepared to respond at all times during contractor's shift.*
- d. *Obey all municipal, county, state and federal laws.*

- e. *Not engage in any activity, which creates an actual conflict of interest or has the appearance of a conflict of interest or dual relationships with clients or family members of the client.*
- f. *Not accept, solicit, or give any gift, favor, or service that might reasonably tend to influence his or her duties or know that it is being offered with the intent to influence ones conduct.*
- g. *Accurately and timely document time.*

9. **Payee.** The Parties agree that the following payee is entitled to receive payment for services rendered by Contractor or goods received under this Contract:

Name: Jose A. Lozano
Address: 4616 W. Howard Lane
Building 2, Suite 550
Austin, Texas 78728
Phone: (512) 560-1967

Payee ID Number:

10. **Payment Method.** State Warrant issued by or through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

11. **Billing Instructions.** Contractor shall submit one (1) original itemized invoice showing Purchase Order, if applicable, or Contract number on all copies. Contractor shall invoice TCCO weekly based on a Monday through Sunday schedule within seven (7) days of the end of the week in which services were rendered. The state will incur no penalty for late payment if payment is made in thirty (30) or fewer days from receipt of goods or services and an uncontested invoice. Payment shall be made in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251 (Texas Prompt Payment Act). Contractor shall maintain all documentation that substantiates billing submissions and make the documentation available to TCCO upon request.

Invoices and reports shall be submitted to the following address:

Texas Civil Commitment Office
4616 W. Howard Lane
Building 2, Suite 350
Austin, Texas 78728
Phone (512) 341-4421
Fax (512) 341-4645

OR

Email: billing@tcco.texas.gov

12. **Budget.**

Source of Funds:

The total amount of this Contract is unknown because the Contract will be used on an "as needed" basis. The Contractor is not guaranteed a minimum number of referrals.

13. **Confidentiality.** Contractor shall have a system in effect to protect client or patient records and all other documents deemed confidential by federal or state law, rules, and regulations that are maintained in connection with the activities funded under this Contract. These laws, rules, and regulations include but are not limited to 7 CFR 246; 42 CFR Part 2; 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act [HIPAA]); Health and Safety Code, Chapters 12, 47, 81, 82, 85, 88, 92, 161, 181, 241, 245, 251, 534, 576, 577, 596, 611, and 773; Occupations Code, Chapters 56 and 59; and Health & Safety Code, Sec. 841.142 and 841.1462; and all applicable state rules. Contractor shall not disclose or transfer confidential client or patient information except in accordance with the Texas Medical Practice Act, Occupations Code, Chapter 159 and as allowed under HIPAA. Contractor shall cooperate with the TCCO

to allow the TCCO to request, collect and receive protected health information (PHI) under this Contract, without the consent of the individual to whom the PHI relates.

14. **Termination.** This Contract may be terminated by mutual agreement of both Parties. Either Party may terminate this Contract by giving the other Party thirty (30) days written notice of its intent to terminate. Written notice may be sent by any method, which provides verification of receipt, and the thirty (30) days will be calculated from the date of receipt. This Contract may be terminated for cause by either Party for breach or failure to perform an essential requirement of the Contract.

Upon termination of all or part of this Contract, TCCO and the Contractor will be discharged from any further obligation created under the applicable terms of this Contract except for the equitable settlement of the respective accrued interests or obligations incurred prior to termination.

TCCO reserves the right to limit or cancel access under this Contract should TCCO determine that it has insufficient capacity in its computer system to maintain current levels of transactions by the Contractor and/or that continued access by the Contractor is detrimental to the overall efficiency and operation of TCCO's computer systems. Any such limitation or termination of services will be upon written notice to the Contractor by TCCO.

15. **Force Majeure.** Neither Party will be liable for any failure or delay in performing all or some of its obligations, as applicable, under this Contract if such failure or delay is due to any cause beyond the reasonable control of such Party, including, but not limited to, extraordinarily severe weather, strikes, natural disasters, fire, civil disturbance, epidemic, war, court order, or acts of God. The existence of any such cause of delay or failure will extend the period of performance in the exercise of reasonable diligence until after the cause of the delay or failure no longer exists and, if applicable, for any reasonable period of time thereafter required to resume performance. A Party, within a period of time reasonable under the circumstances, must inform the other by any reasonable method (phone, e-mail, etc.) and, as soon as practicable, must submit written notice with proof of receipt of the existence of a force majeure event or otherwise waive the right as a defense to non-performance.

16. **Interim Contracts.** The Parties agree that the Contract will automatically continue as an "Interim Contract" beyond the expiration date of the term of the Contract under the following circumstances: (1) on or shortly prior to the expiration date of the Contract, there is a state of disaster declared by the Governor that affects the ability or resources of the TCCO contract or program staff managing the Contract to complete in a timely manner the extension, renewal, or other standard contract process for the Contract; and (2) TCCO makes the determination in its sole discretion that an Interim Contract is appropriate under the circumstances. The TCCO shall notify Contractor promptly in writing if such a determination is made. The notice will specify whether the TCCO is extending the Contract for additional time for Contractor to perform or complete the previously contracted goods and services (with no new or additional funding) or is purchasing additional goods and services as described in the Contract for the term of the Interim Contract, or both. The notice will include billing instructions and detailed information on how the TCCO will fund the goods or services to be procured during the Interim Contract term. The Interim Contract will terminate thirty (30) days after the disaster declaration is terminated unless the Parties agree to a shorter period of time.

17. **General Provisions.**

- A. **Contractor Status.** Contractor certifies by the execution of this Contract that it is not ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension. Contractor further certifies that it has not been debarred from the receipt of an agency contract by any action taken by the State of Texas. A false statement regarding Contractor's status will be treated as a material breach of contract and may be grounds for termination.

- B. Compliance with Statutes and Rules.** Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations, standards and guidelines in effect on the beginning date of this Contract unless amended, including but not limited to all child abuse reporting requirements in Chapter 261 of the Texas Family Code.
- C. Breach of Contract Claim.** Any claims for breach of this Contract by Contractor that the Parties cannot resolve in the ordinary course of business shall be submitted to the negotiation process provided in Chapter 2260, subchapter B, of the Government Code. To initiate the process, Contractor shall submit written notice, as required by Subchapter B. Said notice shall also be given to all other representatives of TCCO and Contractor otherwise entitled to notice under this contract. Compliance by Contractor with Subchapter B is a condition precedent to the filing of a contested case proceeding under Government Code, Chapter 2260, Subchapter C and department rules.
- D. Reporting.** Contractor shall submit reports, if required, in accordance with the reporting requirements established by the TCCO.
- E. Applicable Contracts Law and Venue for Disputes.** Regarding all issues related to contract formation, performance, interpretation, and any issues that may arise in any dispute between the Parties, the Contract shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas. In the event of a dispute between the Parties, venue for any suit shall be Travis County, Texas.
- F. Assurances.** As required by Texas Government Code §2252.903, Contractor certifies by the execution of this Contract that it is not prohibited from entering into a contract because of indebtedness to the state, including but not limited to, tax delinquency, student loan delinquency, or child support delinquency. If the Contractor is indebted to the state or becomes indebted to the state during the terms of this Contract, Contractor agrees that any payments under the Contract will be applied directly toward eliminating the debt until it is paid in full.

As required by Texas Family Code, §231.006, a child support obligor who is more than thirty (30) days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25% is not eligible to receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services or receive a state-funded grant or loan. Contractor agrees to comply with these provisions, certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the payments specified in this Contract, and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive this Contract under Texas Government Code § 2155.004 (concerning financial participation by a person who received compensation from TCCO related to this transaction) or Texas Government Code §§ 2155.006 or 2261.053 (concerning certain federal disaster-related contracts) and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if these certifications are inaccurate. Contractor further certifies that neither Contractor nor its principals is disqualified or ineligible for participation in a federal or state assistance program; neither Contractor nor its principals is debarred, suspended, or other

- G. Acceptance as Payment in Full.** Contractor shall accept reimbursement or payment from the TCCO as payment in full for services or goods provided to clients. Contractor agrees to not seek additional reimbursement or payment for services or goods from the Southeast Texas Transitional Center.
- H. Records Retention.** If licensed by a regulatory agency and/or Board, the Contractor shall retain records in accordance with the applicable Texas Administrative Code.

- I. Survival of Obligations.** The obligations of Contractor to retain records and maintain confidentiality of information shall survive this Contract.
- J. Access.** In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, Contractor, and any of Contractor's affiliate or subsidiary organizations or subcontractors shall permit the TCCO or any of its duly authorized representatives, as well as duly authorized federal, state or local authorities, including the State Auditor's Office (SAO), unrestricted access to and the right to examine any site where business is conducted or services are performed and all records (including client and patient records, if any), books, papers or documents related to the Contract.
- K. Gifts and Benefits Prohibited.** Contractor certifies that it has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, present or future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a TCCO official or employee in connection with this Contract.
- L. Program Site.** All Contractors shall ensure that the location where services are provided is in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal zoning, building, health, fire, and safety standards.
- M. Independent Contractor.** Contractor is an Independent Contractor. Contractor shall direct and be responsible for the performance of its employees, subcontractors, joint venture participants or agents. Contractor is not an agent or employee of the TCCO or the State of Texas for any purpose whatsoever.
- N. Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Registrations, and Approvals.** Contractor shall obtain and maintain all applicable licenses, certifications, permits, registrations and approvals to conduct its business and to perform the services under this Contract. Any revocation, surrender, expiration, non-renewal, inactivation or suspension of any such license, certification, permit, registrations or approval shall constitute grounds for termination of this Contract or other remedies the TCCO deems appropriate. Contractor shall ensure that all its employees, staff and volunteers maintain in active status all licenses, certifications, permits, registrations and approvals required to perform their duties under this Contract and shall prohibit any person who does not hold a current, active required license, certification, permit, registration or approval from performing services under this Contract.
- O. Immunity Not Waived.** THE PARTIES EXPRESSLY AGREE THAT NO PROVISION OF THIS CONTRACT IS IN ANY WAY INTENDED TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY TCCO OR THE STATE OF TEXAS OF ANY IMMUNITIES FROM SUIT OR FROM LIABILITY THAT TCCO OR THE STATE OF TEXAS MAY HAVE BY OPERATION OF LAW.
18. **Performance Measure** TCCO shall monitor and audit Contractor's performance under this Contract using a review instrument tool based upon the elements specific to this agreement and shall provide Contractor with a copy of the instrument. The TCCO shall perform inspections in a manner that will not unduly interfere with the Contractor's performance of services. Contractor shall furnish and shall require subcontractors to furnish, at no increase in price, all reasonable assistance for the safe and convenient performance of these duties.
19. **Performance Standard** TCCO shall assess payment or service adjustments for failure to maintain acceptable compliance with the following performance standard.
- a. Contractor shall remain awake at all times during assignment. Contractor shall monitor the family meeting for disturbances or risks to the safety of TCCO staff or meeting participants by maintaining visual contact.
 - b. Acceptable quality level: 100% compliance.
 - c. Unacceptable quality level: Less than 100% compliance.
 - d. Unacceptable quality level will result in a pro-rated payment deduction in an amount equal to the time period during which contractor was not in compliance.

20. **Entire Agreement.** The Parties acknowledge that this Contract is the entire agreement of the Parties and that there are no agreements or understandings, written or oral, between them with respect to the subject matter of this Contract, other than as set forth in this Contract.

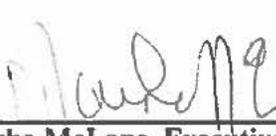
By signing below, the Parties acknowledge that they have read the Contract and agree to its terms, and that the persons whose signatures appear below have the requisite authority to execute this Contract on behalf of the named party.

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE ORIGINALS ON THE DATES INDICATED:

CONTRACTOR NAME:

TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE

BY: 

BY: 

TITLE: Contract Security Officer

Marsha McLane, Executive Director

DATE: 1/31/2018

DATE: 2-2-18

LICENSE#: _____
(if applicable)

PRINT OR TYPE NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR:

Jose A. Lozano
Name

4616 W. Howard Lane Building 2, Suite 550
Address

Austin, Texas 78728
City, State, Zip

(512) 560-1967
(Area Code) Phone Number

FEDERAL TAX #  or CONTRACTOR I.D. # _____
(Required)