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**CONTRACT CON0001076 BETWEEN  
TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT  
AND  
WORKQUEST  
WITH  
RELIEF ENTERPRISE, INC.  
FOR  
MAINTENANCE WORKER FOR FACILITY IN SHEFFIELD, TEXAS**

This contract is by and between the **Texas Juvenile Justice Department**, hereinafter **TJJD**, and **WorkQuest, 1011 East 53<sup>rd</sup> ½ Street, Austin, Texas 78751**, hereinafter **WorkQuest**, which has assigned the performance of this contract to **Relief Enterprise, Inc.**, hereinafter **Performing Party**, for the provision of a maintenance worker at TJJD's Sheffield facility, located in Pecos County at the intersection of Main Street and Avenue K in Sheffield, Texas, 108 Main Street, Sheffield, TX 79781 (Sheffield Facility). This contract is identified as Contract Number **CON0001076**.

This contract is entered into under the authority of Title 12 and Chapter 122, Title 8, of the Texas Human Resources Code, for the mutual considerations described in this contract.

**SECTION I  
GENERAL ITEMS**

**A. TERM**

This contract shall begin **August 26, 2019**, and shall remain in effect through **August 31, 2020**. The contract may be extended up to three (3) additional one-year periods, provided that both parties agree in writing to do so prior to the expiration date. Any renewals shall be at the same terms and conditions, plus any approved changes. The rates and services may be renegotiated based on performance and required service delivery.

**B. DESIGNATION OF KEY PERSONNEL**

WorkQuest's Contract Manager shall be Larry Sargee, Phone: (325) 670-9110, Email Address: [lsargee@workquesttx.com](mailto:lsargee@workquesttx.com). Performing Party's contact is Ronda Houston, (512) 467-0115, ext. 216, Email Address: [Rhonda\\_Houston@reliefenterprise.org](mailto:Rhonda_Houston@reliefenterprise.org). TJJD's Contract Manager shall be William Walk, Phone: (512) 490-7265, Email Address: [william.walk@tjjd.texas.gov](mailto:william.walk@tjjd.texas.gov). TJJD, WorkQuest, and the Performing Party resolve to keep the same key personnel assigned to this contract throughout its term. In the event that it becomes necessary for the WorkQuest and the Performing Party to replace any key personnel, the replacement will be an individual having equivalent experience in executing projects such as the one described herein. Additionally, WorkQuest and the Performing Party will promptly notify the TJJD Contract Manager and obtain approval for the replacement. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**SECTION II  
SCOPE OF WORK**

WorkQuest and the Performing Party shall ensure that Performing Party maintains the grounds at TJJD's Sheffield Facility for payment as set forth in **Exhibit A**.

**A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF WORKQUEST AND THE PERFORMING PARTY OR THE PERFORMING PARTY**

WorkQuest and the Performing Party or the Performing Party shall provide all technical and professional expertise, knowledge, management, and other resources required for accomplishing all aspects of the tasks and associated activities identified in **Exhibit A**. In the event that the need arises for WorkQuest and the Performing Party to perform services beyond those stated in the Scope of Work, WorkQuest, the Performing Party, and TJJD shall negotiate mutually agreeable terms and compensation for completing the additional services.

## **B. WORKQUEST AND THE PERFORMING PARTY OBLIGATIONS**

WorkQuest and the Performing Party shall fully and timely provide all services described herein in strict accordance with the terms, covenants, and conditions of the contract and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

## **SECTION III** **COMPENSATION**

### **A. CONTRACT AMOUNT**

WorkQuest and the Performing Party will be paid monthly for services as set for in **Exhibit A**. In consideration for the services to be performed under this contract, WorkQuest and the Performing Party shall be paid an amount not-to-exceed **\$40,302.67** annually for the contract term.

### **B. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

WorkQuest shall submit invoices to the TJJD Accounting Department. Invoices shall be submitted after the services are completed. Each invoice must contain a unique invoice number, the purchase order number, and the TJJD contract number.

TJJD will pay WorkQuest monthly for services rendered during the previous month, within thirty (30) days from receipt of proper invoice from WorkQuest.

WorkQuest shall pay the Performing Party, as assignee and servicing agent of Performing Party's interest in the payment under this contract (as directed), for services received upon receipt of a proper invoice or voucher prepared by the Performing Party to WorkQuest, within thirty (30) days from receipt of same, provided that favorable inspection of work performed is documented and authorization to pay is granted. Payment for services performed shall be billed at a rate based upon the amount of work completed as noted on the invoice provided, however, that favorable inspection of work performed is documented and authorization to pay is granted by TJJD.

Terms of payment shall be in accordance with Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code and Texas Government Code 403.0551 that payment owing to the WorkQuest and the Performing Party under this contract will be applied toward elimination of WorkQuest's indebtedness to the state, delinquency in payment of taxes to the state, or delinquency in payment of taxes that the Comptroller administers or collects until the indebtedness or delinquency is paid in full.

### **C. PRICE INCREASES**

Price increases are not applicable without prior approval of TJJD or the Purchasing from People with Disabilities Advisory Committee or its successor. Price increases in subsequent renewal periods shall be in line with the current Consumer Price Index (CPI). TJJD will negotiate a lower rate if it determines that the rate increase is higher than the CPI.

## **SECTION IV** **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**WorkQuest and the Performing Party are both a "Service Provider" for purposes of this Section.**

## **1. Americans with Disabilities Act and Equal Employment Opportunity**

Service Provider certifies compliance with all terms, provisions, and requirements of Titles VI and VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and any other federal, state, local, or other anti-discriminatory act, law, statute, or regulation, along with all amendments and revisions of the acts, laws, statutes, or regulations, in the performance of this contract, and will not discriminate against any child or youth, client, employee, or applicant for employment because of race, creed, religion, age, sex, color, national or ethnic origin, handicap, or any other illegal discriminatory basis or criteria.

## **2. Unfair Business Practices**

Service Provider represents and warrants that it has not been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations under Chapter 17 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, or allegations of any unfair business practice in any administrative hearing or court suit and that Service Provider has not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings. Service Provider certifies that it has no officers who have served as officers of other entities who have been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations or allegations of any unfair business practices in an administrative hearing or court suit and that such officers have not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings.

## **3. Franchise Taxes**

**Section 1:** Service Provider certifies that should Service Provider be subject to payment of Texas franchise taxes, all franchise taxes are current. If such certification is false, this contract may be terminated at the option of TJJD or other sanctions may be exercised.

**Section 2:** If Service Provider is exempt from payment of Texas franchise taxes, Service Provider shall so indicate by attachment to this contract.

**Section 3:** If Service Provider's payment of Texas franchise taxes becomes delinquent during the term of this contract, Service Provider will notify TJJD within twenty-four (24) hours. If such delinquency cannot be cured within twenty-four (24) hours and a copy of the Certification of Account Status proving payment of delinquent taxes cannot be provided to TJJD, this contract may be terminated at the option of TJJD or other sanctions may be exercised under the provisions of this contract.

## **4. Human Immunodeficiency Virus Services Act Compliance**

**Section 1:** Service Provider certifies compliance with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Services Act (Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 85) requirements for maintenance of confidentiality regarding the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and its related conditions, including acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

**Section 2:** Service Provider further certifies that workplace guidelines have been developed and implemented in accordance with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Services Act. Service Provider may elect to use workplace guidelines developed and implemented by the TJJD. Should Service Provider not elect to use workplace guidelines developed and implemented by the TJJD, Service Provider agrees that its workplace guidelines shall be similar to the TJJD's as required by Section 85.113 of the Texas Health and Safety Code

**Section 3:** In the absence of confidentiality guidelines, Service Provider is not eligible to receive state funds, and Service Provider agrees to refund to the state any state funds Service Provider receives while ineligible.

## **5. Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act Compliance**

Service Provider certifies compliance with the applicable provisions of the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act (Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 81).

## **6. Federal Confidentiality Compliance**

Any program that specializes, in whole or in part, in providing treatment, counseling, and/or assessment and referral services for youth with alcohol or other drug problems must comply with federal confidentiality regulations. Said regulations apply only to programs that are federally assisted either directly or indirectly. Service Provider certifies compliance with these federal requirements for confidentiality (42 USC 290dd-2; 42 CFR Part 2) and agrees to comply with said requirements for so long as this contract is in force.

## 7. Restriction on Possession of Weapons

Service Provider agrees that Service Provider or any employees, contractors, subcontractors, or associates providing services on behalf of Service Provider shall not carry or possess any type of firearm or other weapon listed in Texas Penal Code Section 46.01 while rendering services to TJJD youth under this contract. This prohibition includes the carrying of a handgun licensed under the authority of Chapter 411, Subchapter H, Texas Government Code. Service Provider shall be under an affirmative duty to keep weapons out of the possession of TJJD youth in Service Provider's care.

## 8. Lobbying Prohibition

Service Provider represents and warrants that TJJD's payments to Service Provider and Service Provider's receipt of appropriated or other funds under the contract are not prohibited by Sections 556.005 or 556.0055 of the Texas Government Code.

## 9. Subcontractors

Service Provider may not subcontract any or all of the work and/or obligations due under this contract without prior written approval of the TJJD. Subcontracts, if any, entered into by the Service Provider shall be in writing and be subject to the requirements of this contract. Should Service Provider subcontract any of the services required in this contract, Service Provider expressly understands and acknowledges that in entering into such subcontract(s), TJJD is in no manner liable to any subcontractor(s) of Service Provider. In no event shall this provision relieve Service Provider of the responsibility for ensuring that the services performed under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with this contract.

## 10. Child Support Obligation Affirmation, Section 231.006, Texas Family Code

**Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the vendor or applicant [Service 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.** 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.

SERVICE PROVIDER MUST PROVIDE, IN THE SPACE BELOW, THE NAME AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF AN INDIVIDUAL OWNER, A SOLE PROPRIETOR, AND ALL PARTNERS, SHAREHOLDERS, OR OWNERS WITH AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE (25) PERCENT OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY ENTERING INTO THIS CONTRACT.

For business entities with no identifiable owner of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the entity, indicate with "NONE" on the first line below.

Name:	Social Security Number:	Percent Ownership:
NONE		

**FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT NOTICE:** This notice is given pursuant to the Federal Privacy Act. Disclosure of your Social Security Number (SSN) is required under Section 231.006(c) and Section 231.302(c)(2) of the Texas Family Code. The SSN will be used to identify persons that may owe child support. The SSN will be kept confidential to the fullest extent allowed under Section 231.302(e), Texas Family Code.

## 11. Compliance with Section 572.054, Texas Government Code, Former Officer or Employee of TJJD

Service Provider certifies compliance with Texas Government Code Section 572.054. Service Provider has not employed a former officer or employee of TJJD to perform services on Service Provider's behalf, to secure the contract, or to represent Service Provider in any manner prohibited by Section 572.054. A false certification could result in termination of this contract, withholding of payments, or other sanctions.

## 12. Former Agency Employees

Service Provider represents and warrants that none of its employees including, but not limited to, those authorized to provide services under the contract, were former employees of TJJD during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of execution of the contract.

### **13. Suspension and Debarment**

Service Provider certifies that it and its principals are eligible to participate in this transaction and have not been subjected to suspension, debarment, or similar ineligibility determined by any federal, state, or local governmental entity. Entities ineligible for federal procurement are listed at <http://www.sam.gov>.

### **14. Excluded Parties**

Service Provider certifies that it is not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order No. 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.

### **15. Fingerprint and Background Check**

Service Provider will:

1. As directed, provide information regarding persons providing services under this contract and personnel access for a criminal background checks, including, but not limited to, a fingerprinting check, criminal records check, sex offender registration records check, PREA employment standards check, child abuse registry check, and drug test. Criminal background checks shall be conducted at TJJD's expense and through TJJD or TJJD's contracted service provider for each Service Provider employee, agent, consultant, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, and volunteer worker. Any Service Provider employee, agent, consultant, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or volunteer worker who is unwilling to provide or who does not provide required information will not be allowed to work under this contract. Any Service Provider employee, agent, consultant, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or volunteer worker shall not work under this contract until the criminal background check is completed and approval is obtained from TJJD's Director of Human Resources.
2. Notify TJJD's Director of Human Resources of any employee, agent, consultant, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or volunteer worker who works with TJJD youth and who is arrested, indicted, or charged with a criminal offense or who resigns while under investigation for inappropriate conduct or policy violations. Such employee, agent, consultant, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or volunteer worker shall be immediately suspended from working under this contract unless authorized by TJJD's Director of Human Resources.

TJJD will approve or deny any Service Provider employee, agent, consultant, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or volunteer worker in accordance with TJJD policies and procedures. TJJD's designated contact for criminal background checks is the Human Resources Department, Manager of Criminal Background Checks, (512) 490-7674.

### **16. Prior Disaster Relief Contract Violation**

**Under Section 2155.006 and 2261.053, Government Code, the vendor or contractor [Service Provider] certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid or 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.**

Sections 2155.006 and 2261.053 of the Texas Government Code, prohibit state agencies from accepting a 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, Therefore, undersigned Service Provider certifies that the individual or business entity named in this response or 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.

#### **17. Antitrust Affirmation**

Service Provider represents and warrants that, in accordance with Section 2155.005 of the Texas Government Code, neither Service Provider nor the firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by Service 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 federal antitrust laws, or (2) if applicable, communicated directly or indirectly the contents of a response to any competitor or any other person engaged in the same line of business as Service Provider.

#### **18. Executive Head of a State Agency Affirmation**

In accordance with Section 669.003 of the Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with the executive head of a state agency, Service Provider certifies that it is not (1) the executive head of TJJD, (2) a person who at any time during the four years before the date of the contract was the executive head of TJJD, or (3) a person who employs a current or former executive head of TJJD. Or Service Provider and TJJD have complied with the requirements of Section 669.003 concerning board approval and notice to the Legislative Budget Board.

#### **19. Financial Participation Prohibition Affirmation**

Under Texas Government Code, Section 2155.004, TJJD may not accept a bid or award a contract that includes proposed financial participation by a person who received compensation from TJJD to participate in preparing the specifications or request for proposals on which the bid or contract is based. If Service Provider is not eligible, then this contract may be immediately terminated. **Under Section 2155.004, Government Code, the vendor [Service Provider] certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid or 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.**

#### **20. Dealings with Public Servants Affirmation**

Pursuant to Section 2155.003 of the Texas Government Code, Service 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.

#### **21. False Statements**

The undersigned certifies that the information contained in this contract is accurate and complete.

#### **22. No Conflicts of Interest**

Service Provider represents and warrants that the provision of goods and services or other performance under the contract will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create the appearance of impropriety. Service Provider has disclosed in writing to TJJD all existing or potential conflicts of interest relative to the performance of the contract. And if circumstances change during the course of the contract, Service Provider shall promptly notify TJJD.

#### **23. Compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA)**

Service Provider shall comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) (42 U.S.C. 15601 et seq.) and with all applicable standards, rules, regulations, and TJJD policies related to PREA. Service Provider shall make itself familiar with and at all times shall observe and comply with all PREA regulations which affect performance in any manner under this contract. Failure to comply with PREA standards, rules, regulations, and TJJD policies may result in termination of this contract.

#### **24. Public Information Act**

Information, documentation, and other material in connection with this contract may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "Public Information Act"). In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, Service Provider is required to make any information created or exchanged with the State pursuant to the contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is accessible by the

public at no additional charge to the State. Such formats include, but are not necessarily limited to, in a non-encrypted electronic format, PDF, and HTML.

## **25. E-Verify Program**

Service Provider certifies that for contracts for services, Service Provider shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system (E-Verify) during the term of the contract to determine the eligibility of:

1. all persons employed by Service Provider to perform duties within Texas; and
2. all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by Service Provider to perform work pursuant to the contract within the United States of America.

If it is determined that Service Provider has violated the certifications set forth in this provision, then (1) Service Provider shall be in breach of contract, (2) TJJD shall have the option to terminate the contract for cause without prior notice, and (3) in addition to any other rights or remedies available to TJJD under the contract, Service Provider shall be responsible for all costs incurred by TJJD to obtain substitute services to replace the terminated contract.

## **26. Entities that Boycott Israel**

Pursuant to Section 2270.002 of the Texas Government Code, Service Provider certifies that either: (i) it meets an exemption criterion under Section 2270.002; or (ii) that it does not, and shall not for the duration of the contract, boycott Israel as the term is defined by 808.001(1) of the Texas Government Code.

## **27. Foreign Terrorist Organizations**

Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code prohibits TJJD from awarding a contract to any person who does business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization as defined in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code. Service Provider certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the contract.

## **28. Independent Contractor - Relationship of the Parties**

Service Provider and Service Provider's employees, representatives, agents, subcontractors, suppliers, and third-party service providers shall serve as independent contractors in providing the services under the contract. Neither Service Provider nor TJJD is an agent of the other and neither may make any commitments on the other party's behalf. Should Service Provider subcontract any of the services required in the contract, Service Provider expressly understands and acknowledges that in entering into such subcontract(s), TJJD is in no manner liable to any subcontractor(s) of Service Provider. In no event shall this provision relieve Service Provider of the responsibility for ensuring that the services performed under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with the contract. Service Provider shall have no claim against TJJD for vacation pay, sick leave, retirement benefits, social security, worker's compensation, health or disability benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, or employee benefits of any kind. The contract shall not create any joint venture, partnership, agency, or employment relationship between Service Provider and TJJD.

## **29. Indemnification**

**SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND TJJD, 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 SERVICE 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 SERVICE PROVIDER WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND SERVICE PROVIDER MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL. SERVICE PROVIDER AND TJJD AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.**

### **30. Insurance**

**Section 1:** Service Provider shall maintain liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000.00 for each occurrence of negligence. The insurance must cover injury to a youth that occurs when the youth is in Service Provider's care, custody, or control.

**Section 2:** Service Provider shall provide the TJJD Contracts Department proof of insurance upon contract execution, upon insurance renewal if coverage expires during the contract term (including contract extensions, if any), and upon request.

**Section 3:** The required insurance coverage, in the above-stated amount, must be maintained during the term of this contract and through any subsequent extensions. Failure to maintain the required insurance coverage may result in termination of this contract or sanctions.

### **31. Confidentiality and Security**

**Section 1:** Service Provider agrees that all of its employees, contractors, subcontractors, or associates will comply with all state and federal law and with TJJD policies regarding maintaining the confidentiality of TJJD youth, including, but not limited to, maintaining confidentiality of student records and identifying information.

**Section 2:** Service Provider agrees that all information regarding TJJD and/or its youth that is gathered, produced, or otherwise derived from this contract shall remain confidential and subject to release only by permission of TJJD.

**Section 3:** Service Provider's employees, contractors, subcontractors, or associates who visit any TJJD facility will comply with that facility's security regulations.

**Section 4:** Identifying pictures, appearances, films, or reports of TJJD youth may not be disclosed by Service Provider without the written consent of TJJD, of the youth and, if under age 18, of the youth's parent, guardian, or managing conservator.

### **32. Sanctions**

**Section 1:** In addition to its authority to terminate this contract under the termination provision or other provisions of this contract, TJJD, based on information from monitoring or other verifiable sources, may take other actions including, but not limited to:

- a. Requiring Service Provider to take specific corrective actions in order to remain in compliance with the terms of this contract; and/or
- b. Recouping payment made to Service Provider; and/or
- c. Imposing recommendations from audit or investigative findings, and minor or major sanctions; and/or
- d. Assessing liquidated damages to the extent allowed by Texas law for each instance of non-compliance; and/or
- e. Suspending, placing into abeyance, or removing any contractual rights including, but not limited to, withholding payment.

**Section 2:** Service Provider shall fully cooperate with TJJD and its authorized representatives in carrying out corrective action plans.

### **33. Termination**

**Section 1:** Service Provider may terminate the contract for convenience by giving thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to TJJD.

**Section 2:** TJJD may terminate the contract for convenience on thirty (30) calendar days' written notice. There is no buy out or other amounts due if TJJD terminates early. Upon termination under this provision, Service Provider shall refund to TJJD any amounts attributable to the terminated months within thirty (30) days of the termination.

**Section 3:** TJJD shall terminate this contract in the event that TJJD is not granted funding to pay for the herein described services or in the event that funding is lost due to either a reduction in the budget or a reallocation of budgeted funds.

**Section 4:** Cause/Default/Breach: If Service Provider fails to provide the goods or services contracted for according to the provisions of this contract, or fails to comply with any terms or conditions of this contract, TJJD may, upon written notice of default or breach to Service Provider, immediately terminate all or any part of this contract. Termination is not an exclusive remedy, but exists in addition to any other rights and



remedies provided in equity, by law, or under this contract. TJJD may exercise any other right, remedy, or privilege available to it under applicable law or may proceed by appropriate court action to enforce the provisions of this contract. The exercise of any of the foregoing remedies will not constitute a termination of this contract unless TJJD notifies Service Provider in writing prior to the exercise of such remedy. Service Provider shall be liable for all costs and expenses, including court costs, incurred by TJJD with respect to the enforcement of any of the remedies listed herein.

#### **34. Survival**

Expiration or termination of the contract for any reason does not release Service Provider from any liability or obligation set forth in the contract that is expressly stated to survive any such expiration or termination, that by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such expiration or termination, or that is necessary to fulfill the essential purpose of the contract, including without limitation the provisions regarding warranty, indemnification, confidentiality, and rights and remedies upon termination.

#### **35. Excess Obligations Prohibited - Funding Out Clause**

The contract is subject to termination or cancellation, without penalty to TJJD, either in whole or in part, subject to the availability of state funds. TJJD is a state agency whose authority and appropriations are subject to actions of the Texas Legislature. If TJJD becomes subject to a legislative change, revocation of statutory authority, or lack of appropriated funds that would render either TJJD's or Service Provider's delivery or performance under the contract impossible or unnecessary, the contract will be terminated or cancelled and be deemed null and void. In the event of a termination or cancellation under this provision, TJJD will not be liable to Service Provider for any damages that are caused or associated with such termination or cancellation and TJJD will not be required to give prior notice.

#### **36. No Implied Waiver**

The failure of a party to insist at any time upon the strict performance of any covenant or agreement or to exercise any option, right, power, or remedy contained in the contract shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment thereof for the future.

#### **37. Severability**

If any provision of the contract is construed to be illegal or invalid, such construction will not affect the legality or validity of any of its other provisions. The illegal or invalid provision will be deemed severable and stricken from the contract as if it had never been incorporated herein, but all other provisions will continue in full force and effect.

#### **38. Contract Amendment and Merger Clause**

This contract encompasses the complete and entire agreement of the parties. Neither party has made nor relied on any representations, stipulations, or agreements other than those expressly contained in this contract. No other contracts or agreements, oral or written, shall constitute a part of this contract unless such is made in writing, executed by the parties hereto or their successors, and expressly made a part of this contract. This contract may only be amended or supplemented in a writing, executed by the parties hereto or their successors, and expressly made a part of this contract, except that TJJD reserves the right to make unilateral minor administrative changes to correct typographical errors, change TJJD contract identification number, or increase the "not to exceed" amount (if applicable) necessary for continuation of services.

#### **39. Permits, Certifications, and Licenses**

Service Provider represents and warrants that it has determined what licenses, certifications, and permits are required under the contract and has acquired all applicable licenses, certifications, and permits and shall maintain them as necessary throughout the term of the contract.

#### **40. Prompt Payment**

Payment shall be made in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code, commonly known as the Texas Prompt Payment Act. Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code shall govern remittance of payment and remedies for late payment and non-payment.

#### **41. Restricted Employment for Certain State Personnel**

Pursuant to Section 572.069 of the Texas Government Code, Service Provider certifies that it has not employed and will not employ a former state officer or employee who participated in a procurement or contract negotiations for TJJD involving Service Provider within two (2) years after the date that the contract is signed or the procurement is terminated or withdrawn. This certification applies to former state officers or employees whose state service or employment ceased on or after September 1, 2015.

#### **42. Notice of Changes**

**Section 1:** Service Provider shall notify TJJD immediately in writing in advance of any significant change affecting Service Provider, including, but not limited to, change of Service Provider's name or identity, location of services, ownership or control, operating entity, governing board membership, key personnel, payee identification number, and any other significant changes that may affect the delivery of services under the terms of this contract.

**Section 2:** Service Provider shall not transfer or assign this contract or enter into any subcontract for the services under this contract without prior written approval from TJJD.

**Section 3:** Service Provider shall not relocate the services provided under this contract from the location stated in the preamble, if applicable, without prior written approval from TJJD and a certification that the location to which services are to be relocated is in compliance with Chapter 244, Texas Local Government Code, if applicable.

#### **43. Notice**

Any written notice required under this contract will be either through hand delivery or by U.S. Mail, certified, return receipt requested, to Service Provider at the address indicated on page 1 of the contract and to TJJD at Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Office of General Counsel, 11209 Metric Blvd., Bldg. H, Ste. A, Austin, Texas 78758.

#### **44. Governing Law and Venue**

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 TJJD.

#### **45. Problem Solving in the Ordinary Course of Business**

**Section 1:** The parties to the contract shall use the procedures contained in this provision for routine problem solving. These procedures may also be used if a party is asserting a claim for breach of contract. Should these procedures not resolve claims for breach of the contract, the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code must be used.

**Section 2:** Informal Resolution: Service Provider and TJJD staff will communicate regularly and engage in informal problem solving efforts as a routine measure, thus preventing differences from becoming major problems. When routine measures have been exhausted, Service Provider and TJJD staff are encouraged to utilize the following mechanism to resolve problems.

**Section 3:** Formal Resolution:

- a. Service Provider or TJJD staff who wish to submit problems for resolution may do so in writing, including all relevant information and a recommended resolution (Statement of Problem).
- b. The Statement of Problem will be submitted to the designated contact unless the problem specifically involves the designated contact, in which case, it will be submitted to the designated contact's supervisor.
- c. Problems are to be addressed within ten (10) working days; a written decision will be sent to the individual or program that submitted it, with copies retained by the designated contact and the designated contact's supervisor.

**Section 4:** Appeal: Service Provider or TJJD staff desiring to appeal the decision may do so in writing, within ten (10) working days from the date of written decision, by providing all pertinent information relevant to the appeal to the designated contact's supervisor if the problem was originally addressed by the designated contact, or to TJJD's Office of General Counsel if the problem was addressed by the designated contact's supervisor. When appealed, the problem shall be addressed within fourteen (14) working days,

with written responses sent to the individual or program who submitted it, an copies retained by the designated contact, the designated contact's supervisor, and TJJD's Office of General Counsel.

#### **46. Dispute Resolution**

The dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code must be used to attempt to resolve any dispute arising under the contract.

#### **47. No Third-Party Beneficiaries**

The contract is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties named herein and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person shall have any right, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits pursuant to or on account of the contract as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise.

#### **48. State Auditor's and TJJD's Right to Audit**

Pursuant to Section 2262.154 of the Texas Government Code, the state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under any contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the contract. The acceptance of funds by Service Provider or any other entity or person 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, Service Provider or other 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. Service 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.

Service Provider shall maintain and retain supporting fiscal documents adequate to ensure that claims for contract funds are in accordance with TJJD and State of Texas requirements. Service Provider shall maintain all such documents and other records relating to this contract and the State's property for a period of seven (7) years after the date of submission of the final invoices or until a resolution of all billing questions or contract issues, whichever is later. Service Provider shall make available at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, and for reasonable periods, all information related to the State's property, such as work papers, reports, books, data, files, software, records, and other supporting documents pertaining to this contract, for purposes of inspecting, monitoring, auditing, or evaluating by TJJD, the State of Texas, or their authorized representatives. Service Provider shall cooperate with auditors and other authorized TJJD and State of Texas representatives and shall provide them with prompt access to all of such State's property as requested by TJJD or the State of Texas. Service Provider's failure to comply with this provision shall constitute a material breach of this contract and shall authorize TJJD to immediately terminate and/or assess liquidated damages to the extent allowed by Texas law. TJJD may require, at Service Provider's sole cost and expense, independent audits by a qualified certified public accounting firm of Service Provider's books and records or the State's property. The independent auditor shall provide TJJD with a copy of such audit at the same time it is provided to Service Provider. TJJD retains the right to issue a request for proposals for the services of an independent certified public accounting firm under this contract.

The contract may be amended unilaterally by TJJD 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.

#### **49. Debts and Delinquencies Affirmation**

Service Provider agrees that any payments due under the contract shall be directly applied towards eliminating any debt or delinquency it has to the State of Texas including, but not limited to, delinquent taxes, delinquent student loan payments, and delinquent child support.

#### **50. Buy Texas Affirmation**

In accordance with Section 2155.4441 of the Texas Government Code, Service Provider agrees that during the performance of a contract for services it shall purchase products and materials produced in Texas

when they are available at a price and time comparable to products and materials produced outside this state.

#### **51. Specifications**

Service Provider shall provide services in accordance with the specifications contained in this contract. TJJD will determine the answers to all questions that may arise as to the interpretation of the specifications and the quality or acceptability of work performed. Substitutions cannot be made without TJJD prior approval. TJJD will decide the rate of progress of the work and the acceptable fulfillment of services on the part of Service Provider.

#### **52. Assignment**

Service Provider shall not assign its rights under the contract or delegate the performance of its duties under the contract without prior written approval from TJJD. Any attempted assignment in violation of this Section is void and without effect.

#### **53. Change in Law and Compliance with Laws**

In the execution of the contract, Service Provider shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws or regulations, including, but not limited to, laws governing labor, equal employment opportunity, safety, and environmental protection. Service Provider shall make itself familiar with and at all times shall observe and comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations which in any manner affect performance under this contract. Any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of the contract that are required by changes in federal, state, or local laws, ordinances, or regulations are automatically incorporated into the contract without written amendment hereto, and shall become effective on the date designated by such law or by regulation.

#### **54. Cybersecurity Training**

If Service Provider, including subcontractor, officer, or employee of Service Provider, has access to a state computer system or database, then Service Provider and any applicable subcontractor, officer, or employee of Service Provider, must complete a cybersecurity training program (Program) certified under Texas Government Code Section 2054.519 as selected by TJJD. The Program must be completed during the term of the contract and during any renewal period thereafter, if applicable.

#### **55. Drug-Free Workplace**

Service Provider represents and warrants that it shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.) and maintain a drug-free work environment.

#### **56. Signature Authority**

Service Provider represents and warrants that the individual signing this contract is authorized to sign this document on behalf of Service Provider and to bind Service Provider under this contract. This contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of TJJD and Service Provider and to their representatives, successors, and assigns.

#### **57. Sovereign Immunity**

The Parties expressly agree that no provision of the contract is in any way intended to constitute a waiver by the TJJD or the State of Texas of any immunities from suit or from liability that the TJJD or the State of Texas may have by operation of law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have made and executed this contract as of the day and year last below written.

**For WorkQuest:**

_____ Signature	_____ Printed Name	_____ Title	_____ Date
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**For Relief Enterprise, Inc. (Performing Party):**

_____ Signature	_____ Printed Name	_____ Title	_____ Date
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**For the Texas Juvenile Justice Department:**

 _____ Camille Cain, Executive Director	 _____ Date
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**Approved as to form:**

 _____ TJJD Attorney	 _____ Date
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## Exhibit A

**Texas Juvenile Department  
Maintenance Worker  
Sheffield, TX**

Price is based on one individual providing twenty(20) hours of maintenance per week for 52 weeks. Cost does not include any grounds maintenance equipment, etc.

Item #	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
1	On Site Attendant	1040	Hours	\$34.95	\$36,348.00
2	Gasoline	NTE	Gallons	-----	\$420.00
3	Materials (Misc. Items)	NTE			\$500.00
4	Make Ready	1		\$3,034.67	\$3,034.67

TJJD will provide all mowing and major equipment to be used during the routine daily services. For this project.