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**CONTRACT FOR  
DUAL-CREDIT COLLEGE COURSES  
Contract CON0001758**

This contract will become effective **January 20, 2026**, and is by and between the **Texas Juvenile Justice Department**, hereinafter **TJJD**, and **Jarvis Christian University (JCU)**, **P. O. Box 1470, Hawkins, Texas 75765**, hereinafter **Service Provider**, to provide dual-credit college courses to eligible juvenile students in TJJD facilities. The purpose of this agreement is to expand educational opportunities and career pathways for students who are involved in the juvenile justice system, thereby fostering academic growth and workforce readiness. This contract is identified as **Contract CON0001758**.

This contract is entered under the authority of Texas Government Code Section 2155.143 and Texas Human Resources Code, Title 12, Chapters 242 and 244 for the mutual considerations described herein.

**SECTION I**  
**CONTRACT TERM**

1. This contract will become effective **January 20, 2026**, and shall remain in effect through **July 31, 2027**. The agreement may be renewed upon mutual written consent of both parties.

**SECTION II**  
**Service Provider**

**A. Duties:**

1. Offer online dual-credit courses and online college courses that align with the academic and career readiness goals of TJJD students.
2. Provide qualified faculty and instructional materials necessary for course delivery.
3. Ensure courses are delivered in an accessible format, including virtual options where applicable.
4. Grant college credit for successfully completed courses that meet JCU's academic standards.
5. Support student success through academic advising and tutoring services, as needed.
6. Expedite enrollment and registration processes for eligible TJJD students.
7. Maintain compliance with accreditation standards and applicable education

policies.

### **B. Program Delivery- Online Dual Credit Courses and Online College Courses**

1. Courses will be offered using a **virtual learning platform** to accommodate students across multiple TJJJ facilities.
2. Courses will follow JCU's accelerated 7-week + 1-day term structure to align with students' fluctuating stays at TJJJ.
3. Course offerings may include general education, career and technical education (CTE), and certification programs relevant to workforce readiness.
4. Additional workforce training opportunities may be available, including but not limited to culinary arts, through a partnership with the Serrato Corporation and Workforce Training Academy.
5. Course content will not include social media platforms or student discussion forums. Students may interact during class sessions, but will not have the ability to interact online.
6. Provide qualified faculty and instructional materials necessary for course delivery.
7. Ensure courses are delivered in an accessible format, including virtual options where applicable.
8. Grant college credit for successfully completed courses that meet JCU's academic standards.
9. Support student success through academic advising and tutoring services, as needed.
10. Expedite enrollment and registration processes for eligible TJJJ students.
11. Maintain compliance with accreditation standards and applicable education policies.
12. Will complete and agree to the terms in Attachment 1 - Statement of Data Security.

### **C. SERVICE PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Service Provider shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, and all statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any court or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this contract including, if applicable, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and licensing laws and regulations. When required, Service Provider shall furnish TJJJ with satisfactory proof of its compliance.
2. 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 TJJJ policies related to PREA. TJJJ PREA policies are attached hereto as (**Exhibit A**) and incorporated herein for all purposes. Service Provider shall complete the acknowledgment form attached to **Exhibit A** and submit it to Contract Specialist, Vickie Griffin at: [Vickie.griffin@tjjd.texas.gov](mailto:Vickie.griffin@tjjd.texas.gov)

3. Incident Reporting
  - a. Service Provider must notify the Office of Inspector General – Incident Reporting Center (IRC) at (866) 477-8354 immediately when a staff member has cause to believe that a youth has been a victim of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, or witnesses a critical or serious incident; and
  - b. Notify the TJJJ immediately after calling the IRC and submit the Initial Report of Serious Incident (CCF-351) to the TJJJ Superintendent within 24 hours of the incident.

4. Invoices  
Service Provider will submit invoices to Vanessa Estrada, via email at [Claudia.V.Estrada@tjjd.texas.gov](mailto:Claudia.V.Estrada@tjjd.texas.gov), Rachel Stimely via email at [Rachel.M.Stimely@tjjd.texas.gov](mailto:Rachel.M.Stimely@tjjd.texas.gov), and the TJJJ Claims Department via email at [tjjdinvoice@tjjd.texas.gov](mailto:tjjdinvoice@tjjd.texas.gov) and/or via regular mail to P. O. Box 12757, Austin, Texas 78711 or 1801 N. Congress 13.1400, Austin, Texas 78701. Payment will be made within thirty (30) days from receipt of an invoice or correct and itemized invoice, or a billing statement. Service Provider shall submit invoice(s) showing the Service Provider name, address, TJJJ contract number, payee I.D., itemization of the services provided, itemized cost of services provided, the name and division of the TJJJ Contract Manager, vendor remit to address, and telephone number. No payment whatsoever shall be made under this contract without the prior submission of correct and itemized invoices. Payments under this contract are subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Service Provider acknowledges and agrees that payments for services provided under this Contract are contingent upon TJJJ's receipt of funds appropriated by the Texas Legislature. Payment will be made in accordance with the Texas Prompt Payment Act, Texas Government Code, Subtitle F, Chapter 2251.

**SECTION III**  
**TJJJ**

For and in consideration of the services provided to Youth, TJJJ shall:

1. Pay per credit hour, plus any other fee(s), for online dual credit courses will be \$500.00 per student or the then-current tuition rate paid by Jarvis' traditional students.
2. The cost per credit hour, plus any other fee(s), for online college courses will be \$500.00 per student or the current tuition rate paid by Jarvis' traditional students.
3. Identify and refer eligible students who meet the academic qualifications for dual-credit enrollment.
4. Ensure students have access to the necessary technology and resources to participate in virtual or in-person courses.
5. Provide a structured learning environment for students enrolled in JCU dual-credit courses.
6. Maintain attendance records and academic progress reports for participating students.

7. Facilitate communication between TJJD personnel and JCU faculty to support student success.

8. Adhere to all applicable state and federal laws governing juvenile education and privacy rights.

#### **SECTION IV General**

#### **A. Confidentiality and Compliance**

1. Both parties agree to comply with the **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** to protect student information.
2. JCU and TJJD shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations governing juvenile education and higher education partnerships.
3. Reasonable accommodations will be provided to students with disabilities, as required by the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**.

#### **B. Amendments**

This agreement may be amended in writing at any time by mutual agreement of both parties. Any modifications or additions will be documented and signed by authorized representatives from JCU and TJJD.

#### **C. Terminations**

1. Either party may terminate this Agreement with **thirty (30) days' written notice** to the other party.
2. In the event of termination, both parties shall ensure minimal disruption to students currently enrolled in courses.

#### **SECTION V NOTICES**

Notices shall be addressed to the **Office of General Counsel, Texas Juvenile Justice Department**, mailing address: **P.O. Box 12757, Austin, Texas 78711**; or physical address: **1801 N. Congress, 13.1400, Austin, Texas 78701**, and to the Service Provider at **P. O. Box 1470, Hawkins, Texas 75765**. The following is additional contact information for purposes of this contract:

**Service Provider Contact:**

Name: Mrs. Patricia Smith  
Phone: 903-730-4890  
Email: [psmith@jarvis.edu](mailto:psmith@jarvis.edu)

**TJJD Contact:**

Name: Robert Fischer, Assistant Superintendent of Education

Phone: 512-490-7723  
Email: [robert.fischer@tjld.texas.gov](mailto:robert.fischer@tjld.texas.gov)  
Phone: 512-490-7723

Name: Connie Simon  
Email: [connie.simon@tjld.texas.gov](mailto:connie.simon@tjld.texas.gov)

TJJD Contract Specialist:  
Name: Vickie Griffin, Contract Specialist IV  
Email: [Vickie.griffin@tjld.texas.gov](mailto:Vickie.griffin@tjld.texas.gov)

Attachments and Exhibits included and made part of the contract are:  
Attachment 1 - Statement of Data Security Vendor, Contractor  
Exhibit A - Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and Preventing Sexual Misconduct Overview for TJJD's Service Providers

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

**For the Texas Juvenile Justice Department:**

[Redacted Signature]

Shanara Carter, Executive Director

02/03/2026  
Date

**For Service Provider:**

[Redacted Signature]

Glenell M. Lee-Pruitt, President/CEO

01/29/2026  
Date

**SECTION VI**  
**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

By responding to the solicitation, or fulfilling the contract, procurement, or agreement, the Vendor agrees to the terms and conditions below, which apply to and become a part of every Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) purchase. Only mutually written exceptions will be valid.

The following are conforming terms for purposes of these Terms and Conditions. References to a Contract may correspond to Bid, Application, Response, Proposal. References to Vendor may correspond to "Bidder/Offeror/Applicant/Proposer/Respondent/Contractor/Service Provider." Reference to the Solicitation may correspond to one of the types of solicitation methods (i.e., IFB, RFO, RFP). Any specification in the solicitation or subsequent contract that conflicts with these terms and conditions takes precedence.

All references to "days" shall be calendar days unless specified otherwise. Vendor and TJJD herein may be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

**1. Americans with Disabilities Act**

Vendor represents and warrants its compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its implementing regulations, as each may be amended.

**2. Antitrust Affirmation**

The undersigned affirms under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that (1) in connection with this Response and any resulting contract, neither I nor any representative of the Vendor have violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15; (2) in connection with this Response and any resulting contract, neither I nor any representative of the Vendor have violated any federal antitrust law; and (3) neither I nor any representative of the Vendor have directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this Response to a competitor of the Vendor or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Vendor.

**3. Assignment**

Vendor 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 provision is void and without effect.

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**5. Buy Texas Affirmation**

In accordance with Section 2155.4441 of the Texas Government Code and to the extent applicable, Vendor 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.

**6. Change in Law and Compliance with Laws**

Any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of the Contract that are required by changes in federal or state law 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.

**7. Child Support Obligation Affirmation, Section 231.006, Texas Family Code**

**Under Section 231.006 of the Family Code, the Vendor certifies that the individual or business**

entity named in this Contract 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 231.006(f). 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. **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) of the Texas Family Code.

**8. Cloud Computing State Risk and Texas Risk and Authorization Management Program (TxRAMP)**

Pursuant to Section 2054.0593(d)-(f) of the Texas Government Code, relating to cloud computing state risk and authorization management, Vendor represents and warrants that it complies with the requirements of the state risk and authorization management program and Vendor 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.

**9. Compliance with Section 572.054, Texas Government Code, Former Officer or Employee of TJJJ**

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

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

Vendor shall comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) (34 U.S.C. 30301 et seq.) and with all applicable standards, rules, regulations, and TJJJ policies related to PREA. Vendor shall make itself familiar with and at all times shall observe and comply with all PREA regulations which affect performance in any manner under the Contract. Failure to comply with PREA standards, rules, regulations, and TJJJ policies may result in termination of the Contract.

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**12. Confidentiality**

- a. Vendor agrees that all of its employees, contractors, subcontractors, or associates will comply with all state and federal law and with TJJJ policies regarding maintaining the confidentiality of TJJJ youth, including, but not limited to, maintaining confidentiality of youth records and identifying information.
- b. Vendor agrees that all information regarding TJJJ and/or its youth that is gathered, produced, or otherwise derived from the Contract shall remain confidential and subject to release only by written permission of TJJJ and in accordance with all state and federal laws.
- c. Vendor employees, contractors, subcontractors, or associates who visit any TJJJ facility will comply with that facility's security regulations.
- d. Identifying pictures, appearances, films, or reports of TJJJ youth may not be disclosed by Vendor without the written consent of TJJJ, of the youth and, if under age 18, of the youth's parent, guardian, or managing conservator.

**13. Contract Amendment and Merger Clause**

The 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 the Contract. No other contracts or agreements, oral or written, shall constitute a part of the Contract unless such is made in writing, executed by the Parties hereto or their successors, and expressly made a part of the Contract.

a. **Bilateral Amendment:** Except as provided for in the Unilateral Amendment section below, the Contract can only be changed by a Bilateral Amendment or supplemented in writing, executed by both Parties hereto or their successors, and expressly made a part of the Contract.

b. **Unilateral Amendment.** A Unilateral Amendment will be effective on the date that is specified in the Unilateral Amendment. TJJJ has sole discretion to issue a Unilateral Amendment to modify a contract's requirements, terms, or conditions as follows:

1. Minor administrative changes to correct typographical errors;
2. Change the TJJJ contract identification number;
3. Changes to incorporate new or revised state or federal laws, regulations, rules, or policies;
4. Increase the "not to exceed" amount or contract rates (if applicable) necessary for continuation of services;
5. Update Vendor's name as recorded by the Secretary of State, as required by law, or as authorized by TJJJ; and
6. Change either Party's contact information.

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15. **COVID-19 Vaccine Passport Prohibition**

Vendor 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 the Vendor's business. Vendor acknowledges that such a vaccine or recovery requirement would make Vendor ineligible for a state-funded contract.

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18. **Damage to Government Property**

Vendor shall be liable for all damage to government-owned, leased, or occupied property and equipment caused by the Vendor and its employees, agents, subcontractors, and suppliers, including any delivery or cartage company, in connection with any performance pursuant to the Contract. Vendor shall notify TJJJ in writing of any such damage within one (1) calendar day. Vendor is responsible for the removal of all debris resulting from work performed under the Contract.

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20. **Dealings with Public Servants Affirmation**

Pursuant to Section 2155.003 of the Texas Government Code, Vendor 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. **Debts and Delinquencies Affirmation**

Vendor 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.

**22. Disaster Recovery Plan**

In accordance with 13 TAC § 6.94(a)(9), Vendor shall provide to TJJJ the descriptions of its business continuity and disaster recovery plans if it has or is to have custody of vital state records.

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**25. Dispute Resolution**

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

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**27. Drug-Free Workplace**

Vendor 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.

**28. E-Verify Program**

Vendor certifies that for contracts for services, Vendor 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 Vendor to perform duties within Texas; and
2. all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by Vendor to perform work pursuant to the Contract within the United States of America.

Vendor shall provide, upon written request by TJJJ, an electronic or hard copy screenshot of the confirmation that Vendor is enrolled in E-Verify. Vendor shall provide, upon written request by TJJJ, an electronic or hard copy of the confirmation or non-confirmation screen containing the E-Verify case verification number for attachment to the Form I-9 for each Vendor employee, subcontractor, and subcontractor employee that meet the criteria above, following any required E-Verify protocols to allow for the provision of such information.

If it is determined that Vendor has violated the certifications set forth in this provision, then (1) Vendor shall be in breach of contract, (2) TJJJ 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 TJJJ under the Contract, Vendor shall be responsible for all costs incurred by TJJJ to obtain substitute services to replace the terminated Contract.

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**30. Entities that Boycott Israel**

Pursuant to Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code, Vendor certifies that either (i) it meets an exemption criterion under Section 2271.002; or (ii) it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of any contract executed with TJJJ. Vendor shall state any facts that make it exempt from the boycott certification in its Response.

**31. Equal Employment Opportunity**

Vendor represents and warrants its compliance with all applicable duly enacted state and federal laws governing equal employment opportunities.

**32. Excess Obligations Prohibited - Funding Out Clause**

- a. 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 Vendor'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 Section, TJJD will not be liable to Vendor for any damages, that are caused or associated with such termination, or cancellation, and TJJD will not be required to give prior notice.
- b. TJJD is prohibited from incurring obligations in excess of amounts lawfully appropriated by the Texas Legislature over the course of a biennium.

**33. Excluded Parties**

Vendor 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.

**34. 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, Vendor 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.

**35. False Statements**

Vendor represents and warrants that all statements and information prepared and submitted in this document are current, complete, true, and accurate. Submitting a Response with a false statement or material misrepresentations made during the performance of a contract is a material breach of contract and may void the submitted Response and any resulting contract.

**36. 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. Vendor certifies compliance with these federal requirements for confidentiality (42 USC 290odd-2; 42 CFR Part 2) and agrees to comply with said requirements for so long as this Contract is in force.

**37. Financial Participation Prohibition Affirmation**

Under Section 2155.004(b) of the Texas Government Code, Vendor 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.

**38. Fingerprinting and Background Check**

**A. Vendor shall:**

- 1. As directed by TJJD, provide information for each person providing services under this Contract with access to TJJD youth or youth records to perform a criminal background check,

which may include fingerprinting, 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 TJJJ's expense. Any Vendor 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 Vendor employee, agent, consultant, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or volunteer shall not work under this Contract until the criminal background check is completed and approval is obtained from TJJJ's Director of Human Resources.

2. Within 24 hours of becoming aware of the information, notify TJJJ's Director of Human Resources of any employee, agent, consultant, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or volunteer who works with TJJJ youth, 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 shall be immediately suspended from working under this Contract unless authorized by TJJJ's Director of Human Resources.

**B. TJJJ Approval**

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

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**40. Force Majeure**

Neither Vendor nor TJJJ shall be liable to the other for any delay in, or failure of performance, of any requirement included in the contract caused by force majeure. The existence of such causes of delay or failure shall extend the period of performance until after the causes of delay or failure have been removed provided the non-performing party exercises all reasonable due diligence to perform. Force majeure is defined as acts of God, war, fires, explosions, hurricanes, floods, failure of transportation, or other causes that are beyond the reasonable control of either party and that by exercise of due foresight such party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which, by the exercise of all reasonable due diligence, such party is unable to overcome.

**41. Foreign Terrorist Organizations**

Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code prohibits TJJJ 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. Vendor certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the Contract.

**42. Former Agency Employees**

Vendor 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 TJJJ during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of execution of the Contract.

**43. Franchise Taxes**

- a. Vendor certifies that should Vendor be subject to payment of Texas franchise taxes, that all franchise taxes are current. If such certification is false, this Contract may be terminated at the option of TJJJ or other sanctions may be exercised.
- b. If Vendor is exempt from payment of Texas franchise taxes, Vendor shall so indicate by attachment to this Contract.
- c. If Vendor's payment of Texas franchise taxes becomes delinquent during the term of this

Contract, Vendor will notify TJJJ 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 TJJJ, this Contract may be terminated at the option of TJJJ or other sanctions may be exercised under the provisions of this Contract.

**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 TJJJ.

**45. Hardening of State Government Respondent** certifies that neither it, nor its holding companies or subsidiaries, is:

- (a) Listed in Section 889 of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act;
- (b) Listed in Section 1260H of the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act; or
- (c) Owned by the government of a country on the U.S. Department of Commerce's foreign adversaries list under 15 C.F.R Section 791.4; or
- (d) Controlled by any governing or regulatory body located in a country on the U.S. Department of Commerce's foreign adversaries list under 15 C.F.R Section 791.4.

**46. Human Trafficking Prohibition**

Under Section 2155.0061, Government Code, Vendor 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.

**47. Indemnification**

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

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**50. Independent Contractor - Relationship of the Parties**

Vendor and Vendor's employees, representatives, agents, subcontractors, suppliers, and third-party service providers shall serve as independent contractors in providing the services under the contract. Neither Vendor nor TJJJ is an agent of the other and neither may make any commitments on the other party's behalf. Should Vendor subcontract any of the services required in the Contract, Vendor expressly understands and acknowledges that in entering into such subcontract(s), TJJJ is in no manner liable to any subcontractor(s) of Vendor. In no event shall this provision relieve Vendor

of the responsibility for ensuring that the services performed under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with the Contract. Vendor 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 Vendor and TJJD.

#### **51. Insurance**

**Section 1:** Service Provider shall maintain liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for each occurrence of negligence. The insurance must also cover injury to a youth that occurs when the youth is in the Service Provider's care, custody, or control.

**Section 2:** Service Provider shall provide the TJJD Contracts Department proof of insurance listing TJJD as an additional insured 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.

#### **52. Legal and Regulatory Actions**

Vendor represents and warrants that Vendor is not aware of and has received no notice of any court or governmental agency actions, proceedings or investigations, etc., pending or threatened against Vendor or any of the individuals or entities included in the Response within the five (5) calendar years immediately preceding the submission of the Response that would or could impair Vendor's performance under the Contract, relate to the solicited or similar goods or services, or otherwise be relevant to TJJD's consideration of the Response. If Vendor is unable to make the preceding representation and warranty, then Vendor instead represents and warrants that Vendor has included as a detailed attachment in its Response a complete disclosure of any such court or governmental agency actions, proceedings or investigations, etc. that would or could impair Vendor's performance under the Contract, relate to the solicited or similar goods or services, or otherwise be relevant to TJJD's consideration of the Response. In addition, Vendor represents and warrants that it shall notify TJJD in writing within five (5) business days of any changes to the representations or warranties in this clause and understands that failure to so timely update TJJD shall constitute breach of contract and may result in immediate termination of the Contract.

#### **53. Limitation on Authority**

Vendor shall have no authority to act for or on behalf of TJJD or the State of Texas except as expressly provided for in the Contract; no other authority, power, or use is granted or implied. Vendor may not incur any debt, obligation, expense, or liability of any kind on behalf of TJJD or the State of Texas.

#### **54. Lobbying Prohibition**

Vendor represents and warrants that TJJD's payments to Vendor and Vendor'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.

#### **55. Media Releases**

Vendor shall not use TJJD's name, logo, or other likeness in any press release, marketing material, or other announcement without TJJD's prior written approval. TJJD does not endorse any vendor, commodity, or service. Vendor is not authorized to make or participate in any media releases or public announcements pertaining to this procurement, the Response or the services to which they relate without TJJD's prior written consent, and then only in accordance with explicit written

instructions from TJJJ.

**56. No Conflicts of Interest**

Vendor 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. Vendor has disclosed in writing to TJJJ all existing or potential conflicts of interest relative to the performance of the Contract. And if circumstances change during the course of the Contract, Vendor shall promptly notify TJJJ.

**57. 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.

**58. No Quantity Guarantees**

TJJJ makes no express or implied warranty whatsoever that a minimum compensation or minimum quantity will be guaranteed under this Contract.

**59. 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.

**60. Notice of Changes**

a. Vendor shall notify TJJJ immediately in writing of any significant change affecting Vendor, including, but not limited to, change of Vendor'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.

b. Vendor shall not transfer or assign this contract or enter into any subcontract for the services under this Contract without prior written approval from TJJJ.

c. Vendor shall not relocate the services provided under this Contract from the location stated in the preamble of the Contract, if applicable, without prior written approval from TJJJ 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.

**61. Permits, Certifications, and Licenses**

Vendor 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.

**62. Prior Disaster Relief Contract Violation**

Under Sections 2155.006 and 2261.053 of the Texas Government Code, the Vendor 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.

**63. 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.

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**65. Public Information Act**

Information, documentation, and other material in connection with a solicitation or any resulting 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, Vendor 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.

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**67. Restricted Employment for Certain State Personnel**

Pursuant to Section 572.069 of the Texas Government Code, Vendor 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 TJJJ involving Vendor 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.

**68. Restriction on Possession of Weapons**

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

**69. Sanctions**

- a. In addition to its authority to terminate this Contract under the termination provision or other provisions of this Contract, TJJJ, based on information from monitoring or other verifiable sources, may take other actions including, but not limited to:
  - i. Requiring Vendor to take specific corrective actions in order to remain in compliance with the terms of this Contract; and/or
  - ii. Recouping payment made to Vendor; and/or
  - iii. Imposing recommendations from audit or investigative findings, and minor or major sanctions; and/or
  - iv. Recovery of damages to the extent allowed by Texas law for each instance of non-compliance; and/or
  - v. Suspending, placing into abeyance, or removing any contractual rights including, but not limited to, withholding payment.
- b. Vendor shall fully cooperate with TJJJ and its authorized representatives in carrying out corrective action plans.

**70. 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.

**71. Signature Authority**

By submitting this Response, Vendor represents and warrants that the individual submitting this document and the documents made part of this Response is authorized to sign such documents on

behalf of the Vendor and to bind the Vendor under any contract that may result from the submission of this Response.

**72. Sovereign Immunity**

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

**73. Specifications**

Vendor shall provide services in accordance with the specifications contained in the 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 the Vendor.

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**75. 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 Vendor 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, a vendor 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. Vendor 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.

Vendor 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. Vendor 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. Vendor 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. Vendor 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. Vendor'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 Vendor's sole cost and expense, independent audits by a qualified certified public accounting firm of Vendor'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 Vendor. 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.

**76. Subcontractors**

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

**77. Survival**

Expiration or termination of the Contract for any reason does not release Vendor 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.

**78. Suspension and Debarment**

Vendor certifies that it and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the state or federal government as listed on the *State of Texas Debarred Vendor List* maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the *System for Award Management (SAM)* maintained by the General Services Administration.

**79. Taxes**

Purchases made for state uses are exempt from Texas State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax. A Tax Exemption Certificate will be furnished upon written request to TJJD. Vendor represents and warrants that it shall pay all taxes or similar amounts resulting from the Contract, including, but not limited to, any federal, State, or local income, sales or excise taxes of Vendor or its employees. TJJD shall not be liable for any taxes resulting from the Contract.

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**82. Termination for Convenience**

- a. Vendor may terminate the Contract for convenience by giving thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to TJJD. Students enrolled in the class(es) will be allowed a teach-out option.
- b. 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, Vendor shall refund to TJJD any amounts attributable to the terminated months within thirty (30) days of the termination.
- c. 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.
- d. Cause/Default/Breach: If Vendor 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 Vendor, 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 Vendor in writing prior to the exercise of such remedy. Vendor 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.

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**85. Unfair Business Practices**

Vendor 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 Vendor has not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings. Vendor 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.

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## Attachment 1

### Statement of Data Security

**Jarvis Christian University**, hereinafter "Vendor," shall take the following administrative and physical precautions to securely protect any information and/or data collected pursuant to the associated Contract or Agreement (Contract) and in addition to the applicable Federal and State confidentiality laws:

#### **Access Control/Password Protection/Storage/Physical Security**

1. All electronic materials will be stored on a password-protected device and/or in a limited-access folder that is stored on a password-protected shared drive and will be disclosed only to Vendor and individuals approved by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) in accordance with the Contract.
2. Access to device: Access to devices storing data shall be restricted by providing a locked and secure facility. This may be in the form of a secured datacenter/server room or a secured office. Regular audits of access control shall be performed.
3. Storage Devices: TJJD information and/or data stored on devices such as file server shares must have security access controls restricting access to Vendor and individuals approved by TJJD in accordance with the Contract. If information and/or data is to be stored on Cloud services, such as Platform as a Service (PaaS), Software as a Service (SaaS), or Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), the cloud vendor must meet or be vetted by Texas Risk and Authorization Management Program (TX-RAMP) assessors for State of Texas TX-RAMP compliance. Cloud-based storage of TJJD information must remain within the confines of the border of the United States.
4. Removable media: If data is stored on removable media (e.g., USB drive, DVD, external hard drive), the media must be encrypted using Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-3-standards and secured in the same manner as storage machines. Removable media must be stored in a secure space, either in a locked office, locked cabinet, safe, data center/server room, or other restricted access locked facility. The removable media must be labeled with the appropriate information classification (e.g., Sensitive, Confidential).
5. Authorized Parties: Data must only be physically accessible by TJJD-approved employees or subcontractors of the Vendor who have successfully passed a hiring background check and have completed a Cybersecurity training course. Proof of completed training will be provided to the TJJD contract manager and re-completed annually for the duration of the Contract.
  - a. **ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE if CJIS Addendum Required:** Authorized Parties: Data must only be physically accessible in accordance with the CJIS Addendum Contract. Proof of Compliance with the CJIS Addendum must be provided to TJJD before any information and/or data may be provided to the Vendor.
6. Printed Media: Any data printed must use a Secure Print solution. Storage of printed data shall be restricted in the same manner as Removable Media. Destruction of printed materials must be done through a secure shredding service.
7. Media containing sensitive data must be labeled as "Sensitive Unclassified Information" or with the appropriate information categorization (e.g., personally identifiable information (PII), criminal justice information (CJI)).
8. Prior to release or disposal, electronic media containing sensitive data must be completely erased or destroyed using the latest revision to NIST Special Publication 800-8 authorized methods. Electronic media is any type of device that stores and allows distribution or use of electronic information.

#### **Logical Security**

1. Encryption: Data-at-rest is encrypted in accordance with FIPS 140-3 standards. Data-in-motion encryption is provided by Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.2 and Security Shell (SSH) encrypted sessions and must use FIPS 140-3 standards cryptographic modules.

2. Secure Working Environments: Temporary working directories shall be constructed in a manner in alignment with raw data requirements. Data retention processes apply to temporary directories.

### **Monitoring/Auditing**

1. System Logging: Devices that store or process data are actively monitored by an appropriate log-monitoring solution. Logs must be retained and made available to TJJD by request. Logs must contain all successful and unsuccessful access attempts.

### **Data Breaches**

1. Data containing CJI must be protected in accordance with the Contract, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Security Policy, and Texas Department of Information Resources Regulations, as applicable.
2. Breach of data security is the unauthorized acquisition of computerized data that compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of sensitive personal information maintained by a person, including data that is encrypted if the person accessing the data has the key required to decrypt the data.
3. Vendor must report to the TJJD information security officer at [IT-Security@tjidd.texas.gov](mailto:IT-Security@tjidd.texas.gov) all suspected or confirmed breaches of data security and/or incidents involving the loss and/or disclosure of CJI or PII within three (3) hours of learning of the incident.

### **Data Destruction**

1. Conclusion of Data Usage: As provided in the Contract, information and/or data must be destroyed or maintained by the conclusion of the work described in the Contract, by the termination date of the Contract, or by the end date of any renewals of the Contract. The information and/or data, including backups of datasets, must be destroyed in a manner such that it cannot be recovered under reasonable efforts. Destruction methods include shredding, incineration, and other appropriate methods for secure disposal.
2. Data retention: Data temporary analysis files shall be managed in the same manner as raw data unless specified by the Contract requirements. Destruction of temporary analysis files is subject to the same requirements of data destruction as raw data.

### **Incident Response**

1. An information system incident is an unexpected, unplanned event that could have a negative effect on information technology resources. A security incident is an event that violates security policies or circumvents security mechanisms (e.g., hostile probes, intrusions, malicious software) and that may lead to the unauthorized exposure, access, disclosure, compromise, or loss of confidential or sensitive information. All confirmed security incidents must be reported to the TJJD information security officer no later than 24 hours after the discovery of the security incident.
2. Vendor will be familiar with Sections 521.052, 521.053, and 521.151, Texas Business and Commerce Code, related to the protection of personal identifying information, information breach notification, and penalties for violations of Chapter 521, Texas Business and Commerce Code.
3. In the event of an information breach involving TJJD data, Vendor will notify the TJJD information security officer within 24 hours of discovery of the breach.
4. Vendor will make every effort to provide TJJD with applicable breach event artifacts and allow TJJD to monitor and assist with Vendor's investigation of the breach.
5. Vendor will be responsible for any legal consequences as a result of a breach.

This Statement of Data Security is a binding part of the Contract. Vendor's failure to comply with the precautions described herein may constitute a breach or default under the Contract and entitle TJJD to seek any remedies for breach or default available under the Contract or other law.



Vendor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Glenn M. Lee-Pruitt, President/CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title

01 / 29 / 2024 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Exhibit A

### Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and Preventing Sexual Misconduct Policy Overview and Training Acknowledgment for TJJD's Contract Service Providers

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was created to eliminate sexual violence within corrections. PREA mandates apply to all TJJD institutions, community-based corrections, and contract facilities. TJJD volunteers and service providers are also subject to this law. Among other things, PREA establishes a **zero-tolerance standard** for sexual violence in corrections in the United States and increases the accountability of officials who fail to *detect, prevent, reduce, and punish* sexual violence. It was also established to protect the Eighth Amendment rights of federal, state, and local prisoners, or in our case, the youth. Sexual abuse of persons in custody is cruel and unusual punishment—a violation of our nation's Bill of Rights.

#### A. TJJD POLICIES

- **GAP 380.9337. Zero Tolerance for Sexual Abuse, Sexual Activity and Sexual Harassment** is TJJD's zero-tolerance policy for any form of sexual abuse or sexual harassment of youth under TJJD jurisdiction. This rule describes prohibited conduct and behaviors that are broader than those established by statute as violations of law. This rule sets forth standards for reporting and investigating alleged sexual abuse of TJJD youth. This rule also addresses screening and housing placement procedures for youth who may be potential victims or perpetrators of sexual abuse.
- **PRRS.02.09. Staff/Youth Relationship** states that the nature of the relationship of TJJD staff, service providers, or volunteers and youth is of critical importance in efforts to influence youth in a positive manner. Employees and volunteers found to have engaged in any prohibited behavior when interacting with TJJD youth are subject to disciplinary action. Service providers found to have engaged in any prohibited behavior when interacting with TJJD youth will result in the termination of their contract and criminal investigation.
- **GAP 380.9301. Basic Youth Rights** states that TJJD recognizes that each youth in the TJJD system has certain basic rights, including the right to protection from physical and psychological harm.
- **GAP 07.03. Incident Reporting** states that critical incidents must be reported immediately to the Office of Inspector General Incident Reporting Center (IRC) and a written report must be provided to the Chief Local Administrator. Critical incidents include alleged sexual abuse of a youth, alleged sexual misconduct by a youth, and other incidents.
- **GAP 380.9333. Alleged Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation** provides for the investigation of allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation in programs and facilities under TJJD jurisdiction. This rule provides standards for investigations and for the compilation of investigation information.

**You must report all suspected incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation immediately. There are no consequences for reporting alleged misconduct. TJJDC cannot retaliate against a staff, volunteer, or contractor for reporting alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a youth. You are required by law to report.**

**Report allegations of misconduct to the Incident Reporting Center by emailing [TJJDC.IRC@tjcd.texas.gov](mailto:TJJDC.IRC@tjcd.texas.gov) or by calling a 24-hour-a-day toll free hotline 1-866-477-8354.**

**Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and Preventing Sexual Misconduct Policy  
Overview and Training Acknowledgment for TJJD's Service Providers**

As part of the contractual agreement with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD), and to be in compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards, I certify and acknowledge that I have read and understand the contents of this document provided to me regarding the purpose of PREA, TJJD's Zero Tolerance policy, and my reporting responsibilities regarding suspected and or known incidents of sexual abuse, sexual assault and sexual harassment. **I further certify that I understand and have completed the online TJJD PREA training and attached my certification of completion to this acknowledgment.**

Link to mandatory online TJJD PREA Training:

<https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/start/?quiz=f7m5b75d6be12d87>

**Contract Service Provider:**

Signature

Printed Name

Date