

**CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
AND  
BLUE & CO., LLC  
For  
Annual Rental Car Revenue Share Audits  
MA 8100 PA200000018**

This Contract is made by and between the City of Austin (“City”), a home-rule municipality incorporated by the State of Texas, and Blue & Co., LLC (“Contractor”), having offices at 250 West Main Street, Suite 2900 Lexington, KY 40507.

**SECTION 1. GRANT OF AUTHORITY, SERVICES AND DUTIES**

1.1 **Engagement of the Contractor.** Subject to the general supervision and control of the City and subject to the provisions of the Terms and Conditions contained herein, the Contractor is engaged to provide the services set forth in Section 2, Scope of Work.

1.2 **Responsibilities of the Contractor.** The Contractor 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 the Scope of Work. In the event that the need arises for the Contractor to perform services beyond those stated in the Scope of Work, the Contractor and the City shall negotiate mutually agreeable terms and compensation for completing the additional services.

1.3 **Responsibilities of the City.** The City’s Contract Manager will be responsible for exercising general oversight of the Contractor’s activities in completing the Scope of Work. Specifically, the Contract Manager will represent the City’s interests in resolving day-to-day issues that may arise during the term of this Contract, shall participate regularly in conference calls or meetings for status reporting, shall promptly review any written reports submitted by the Contractor, and shall approve all invoices for payment, as appropriate. The City’s Contract Manager shall give the Contractor timely feedback on the acceptability of progress and task reports.

1.4 **Designation of Key Personnel.** The Contractor’s Contract Manager for this engagement shall be Rick Shields, Phone: (859)410-2392, Email Address: rshields@blueandco.com. The City’s Contract Manager for the engagement shall be Amy Whitworth, Phone: (512) 530-6649, Email Address: Amy.Whitworth@austintexas.gov. The City and the Contractor resolve to keep the same key personnel assigned to this engagement throughout its term. In the event that it becomes necessary for the Contractor to replace any key personnel, the replacement will be an individual having equivalent experience and competence in executing projects such as the one described herein. Additionally, the Contractor will promptly notify the City Contract Manager and obtain approval for the replacement. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**SECTION 2. SCOPE OF WORK**

2.1 **Contractor’s Obligations.** The Contractor shall fully and timely provide all deliverables described herein and in the Contractor’s Offer in strict accordance with the terms, covenants, and conditions of the Contract and all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

2.2 **Tasks.** In order to accomplish the work described herein, the Contractor shall perform each task as enumerated and detailed in Exhibit A, Contractor’s Proposal dated 11/18/2019.

**SECTION 3. COMPENSATION**

3.1 **Contract Amount.** The Contractor will be paid as indicated herein upon the successful completion of the Scope of Work. In consideration for the services to be performed under this Contract, the Contractor shall be paid an amount not-to-exceed \$34,900.00 for all fees and expenses, to be paid as follows:

- 3.1.1 Year 1: 2019 Audit: \$6,500.00
- 3.1.2 Year 2: 2020 Audit: \$6,900.00
- 3.1.3 Year 3: 2021 Audit: \$6,900.00
- 3.1.4 Year 4: 2022 Audit: \$7,300.00
- 3.1.5 Year 5: 2023 Audit: \$7,300.00

3.2 **Invoices.**

3.2.1 **Invoices shall contain a unique invoice number, the purchase order or delivery order number and the master agreement number if applicable, the Department's Name, and the name of the point of contact for the Department.** Invoices shall be itemized. The Contractor's name and, if applicable, the tax identification number on the invoice must exactly match the information in the Contractor's registration with the City. Unless otherwise instructed in writing, the City may rely on the remittance address specified on the Contractor's invoice. Invoices received without all required information cannot be processed and will be returned to the Contractor. Invoices shall be emailed to the below address:

	City of Austin
Department	Aviation
Attn:	Accounts Payable
Email Address	Abia.invoices@austintexas.gov

3.2.2 Invoices for labor shall include a copy of all time-sheets with trade labor rate and deliverables order number clearly identified. Invoices shall also include a tabulation of work-hours at the appropriate rates and grouped by work order number. Time billed for labor shall be limited to hours actually worked at the work site.

3.2.3 Unless otherwise expressly authorized in the Contract, the Contractor shall pass through all Subcontract and other authorized expenses at actual cost without markup.

3.2.4 Federal excise taxes, State taxes, or City sales taxes must not be included in the invoiced amount. The City will furnish a tax exemption certificate upon request.

3.3 **Payment.**

3.3.1 All proper invoices received by the City will be paid within thirty (30) calendar days of the City's receipt of the deliverables or of the invoice, whichever is later.

3.3.2 **If payment is not timely made, (per this paragraph), interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance at the lesser of the rate specified in Texas Government Code Section 2251.025 or the maximum lawful rate; except, if payment is not timely made for a reason for which the City may withhold payment hereunder, interest shall not accrue until ten (10) calendar days after the grounds for withholding payment have been resolved.**

3.3.3 The City may withhold or off set the entire payment or part of any payment otherwise due the Contractor to such extent as may be necessary on account of:

- 3.3.3.1 delivery of defective or non-conforming deliverables by the Contractor;
- 3.3.3.2 third party claims, which are not covered by the insurance which the Contractor is required to provide, are filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of such claims;
- 3.3.3.3 failure of the Contractor to pay Subcontractors, or for labor, materials or equipment;
- 3.3.3.4 damage to the property of the City or the City's agents, employees or contractors, which is not covered by insurance required to be provided by the Contractor;
- 3.3.3.5 reasonable evidence that the Contractor's obligations will not be completed within the time specified in the Contract, and that the unpaid balance would not be adequate to cover actual or liquidated damages for the anticipated delay;
- 3.3.3.6 failure of the Contractor to submit proper invoices with all required attachments and supporting documentation; or
- 3.3.3.7 failure of the Contractor to comply with any material provision of the Contract Documents.

3.3.4 Notice is hereby given of Article VIII, Section 1 of the Austin City Charter which prohibits the payment of any money to any person, firm or corporation who is in arrears to the City for taxes, and of §2-8-3 of the Austin City Code concerning the right of the City to offset indebtedness owed the City.

3.3.5 Payment will be made by check unless the parties mutually agree to payment by credit card or electronic transfer of funds. The Contractor agrees that there shall be no additional charges, surcharges, or penalties to the City for payments made by credit card or electronic transfer of funds.

3.4 **Non-Appropriation.** The awarding or continuation of this Contract is dependent upon the availability of funding. The City's payment obligations are payable only and solely from funds Appropriated and available for this Contract. The absence of Appropriated or other lawfully available funds shall render the Contract null and void to the extent funds are not Appropriated or available and any deliverables delivered but unpaid shall be returned to the Contractor. The City shall provide the Contractor written notice of the failure of the City to make an adequate Appropriation for any fiscal year to pay the amounts due under the Contract, or the reduction of any Appropriation to an amount insufficient to permit the City to pay its obligations under the Contract. In the event of non or inadequate appropriation of funds, there will be no penalty nor removal fees charged to the City.

3.5 **Reimbursable Expenses.** Expenses incurred directly in support of completing the work set forth in this Contract are reimbursable to the Contractor within the Contract amount.

3.5.1 **Administrative.** The Contractor will be reimbursed for selected administrative expenses incurred directly in support of executing this Contract. Reimbursable administrative expenses include actual charges for long distance telephone calls, facsimile transmissions, reproduction, printing and binding, postage, express delivery and report processing.

3.5.2 **Travel Expenses.** All travel, lodging, and per diem expenses in connection with the Contract for which reimbursement may be claimed by the Contractor under the terms of the Contract will be reviewed against the City's Travel Policy and the current United States General Services Administration Domestic Per Diem Rates (the "Rates") as published and maintained on the Internet at:

<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21287>

No amounts in excess of the Travel Policy or Rates shall be paid. All invoices must be accompanied by copies of itemized receipts (e.g. hotel bills, airline tickets). No reimbursement will be made for expenses not actually incurred. Airline fares in excess of coach or economy will not be reimbursed. Mileage charges may not exceed the amount permitted as a deduction in any year under the Internal Revenue Code or Regulation.

3.6 **Final Payment and Close-Out.**

3.6.1 The making and acceptance of final payment will constitute:

3.6.1.1 a waiver of all claims by the City against the Contractor, except claims (1) which have been previously asserted in writing and not yet settled, (2) arising from defective work appearing after final inspection, (3) arising from failure of the Contractor to comply with the Contract or the terms of any warranty specified herein, (4) arising from the Contractor's continuing obligations under the Contract, including but not limited to indemnity and warranty obligations, or (5) arising under the City's right to audit; and

3.6.1.2 a waiver of all claims by the Contractor against the City other than those previously asserted in writing and not yet settled.

## SECTION 4. TERM AND TERMINATION

4.1 **Term of Contract.** The Contract shall commence upon execution, unless otherwise specified, and shall remain in effect for a term of sixty (60) months.

4.1.1 Upon expiration of the term, the Contractor agrees to hold over under the terms and conditions of this Contract for such a period of time as is reasonably necessary for the City to re-solicit and/or complete the deliverables due under this Contract (not exceed 120 calendar days unless mutually agreed on in writing).

4.1.2 This is a firm-fixed price contract. Prices are firm, as detailed in Exhibit A, Contractor's Proposal dated 11/18/2019.

4.2 **Right to Assurance.** Whenever one party to the Contract in good faith has reason to question the other party's intent to perform, demand may be made to the other party for written assurance of the intent to perform. In the event that no assurance is given within the time specified after demand is made, the demanding party may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the Contract.

4.3 **Default.** The Contractor shall be in default under the Contract if the Contractor (a) fails to fully, timely and faithfully perform any of its material obligations under the Contract, (b) fails to provide adequate assurance of performance under the “Right to Assurance paragraph herein, (c) becomes insolvent or seeks relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or (d) makes a material misrepresentation in Contractor’s Offer, or in any report or deliverable required to be submitted by Contractor to the City.

4.4 **Termination for Cause.** In the event of a default by the Contractor, the City shall have the right to terminate the Contract for cause, by written notice effective ten (10) calendar days, unless otherwise specified, after the date of such notice, unless the Contractor, within such ten (10) day period, cures such default, or provides evidence sufficient to prove to the City’s reasonable satisfaction that such default does not, in fact, exist. The City may place Contractor on probation for a specified period of time within which the Contractor must correct any non-compliance issues. Probation shall not normally be for a period of more than nine (9) months, however, it may be for a longer period, not to exceed one (1) year depending on the circumstances. If the City determines the Contractor has failed to perform satisfactorily during the probation period, the City may proceed with suspension. In the event of a default by the Contractor, the City may suspend or debar the Contractor in accordance with the “City of Austin Purchasing Office Probation, Suspension and Debarment Rules for Vendors” and remove the Contractor from the City’s vendor list for up to five (5) years and any Offer submitted by the Contractor may be disqualified for up to five (5) years. In addition to any other remedy available under law or in equity, the City shall be entitled to recover all actual damages, costs, losses and expenses, incurred by the City as a result of the Contractor’s default, including, without limitation, cost of cover, reasonable attorneys’ fees, court costs, and prejudgment and post-judgment interest at the maximum lawful rate. All rights and remedies under the Contract are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other right or remedy provided by law.

4.5 **Termination Without Cause.** The City shall have the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, without cause any time upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice. Upon receipt of a notice of termination, the Contractor shall promptly cease all further work pursuant to the Contract, with such exceptions, if any, specified in the notice of termination. The City shall pay the Contractor, to the extent of funds Appropriated or otherwise legally available for such purposes, for all goods delivered and services performed and obligations incurred prior to the date of termination in accordance with the terms hereof.

4.6 **Fraud.** Fraudulent statements by the Contractor on any Offer or in any report or deliverable required to be submitted by the Contractor to the City shall be grounds for the termination of the Contract for cause by the City and may result in legal action.

## **SECTION 5. OTHER DELIVERABLES**

5.1 **Insurance:** The following insurance requirements apply.

### 5.1.1 **General Requirements.**

5.1.1.1 The Contractor shall at a minimum carry insurance in the types and amounts indicated herein for the duration of the Contract and during any warranty period.

5.1.1.2 The Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance as verification of coverages required below to the City at the below address prior to Contract execution and within fourteen (14) calendar days after written request from the City.

5.1.1.3 The Contractor must also forward a Certificate of Insurance to the City whenever a previously identified policy period has expired, or an extension option or holdover period is exercised, as verification of continuing coverage.

5.1.1.4 The Contractor shall not commence work until the required insurance is obtained and has been reviewed by City. Approval of insurance by the City shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Contractor hereunder and shall not be construed to be a limitation of liability on the part of the Contractor.

5.1.1.5 The City may request that the Contractor submit certificates of insurance to the City for all subcontractors prior to the subcontractors commencing work on the project.

5.1.1.6 The Contractor's and all subcontractors' insurance coverage shall be written by companies licensed to do business in the State of Texas at the time the policies are issued and shall be written by companies with A.M. Best ratings of B+VII or better.

5.1.1.7 All endorsements naming the City as additional insured, waivers, and notices of cancellation endorsements as well as the Certificate of Insurance shall be mailed to the following address:

City of Austin Purchasing Office  
P. O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

OR

[PURInsuranceCompliance@austintexas.gov](mailto:PURInsuranceCompliance@austintexas.gov)

5.1.1.8 The "other" insurance clause shall not apply to the City where the City is an additional insured shown on any policy. It is intended that policies required in the Contract, covering both the City and the Contractor, shall be considered primary coverage as applicable.

5.1.1.9 If insurance policies are not written for amounts specified in Paragraph 5.1.2, Specific Coverage Requirements, the Contractor shall carry Umbrella or Excess Liability Insurance for any differences in amounts specified. If Excess Liability Insurance is provided, it shall follow the form of the primary coverage.

5.1.1.10 The City shall be entitled, upon request, at an agreed upon location, and without expense, to review certified copies of policies and endorsements thereto and may make any reasonable requests for deletion or revision or modification of particular policy terms, conditions, limitations, or exclusions except where policy provisions are established by law or regulations binding upon either of the parties hereto or the underwriter on any such policies.

5.1.1.11 The City reserves the right to review the insurance requirements set forth during the effective period of the Contract and to make reasonable adjustments to insurance coverage, limits, and exclusions when deemed necessary and prudent by the City based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, the claims history of the industry or financial condition of the insurance company as well as the Contractor.

5.1.1.12 The Contractor shall not cause any insurance to be canceled nor permit any insurance to lapse during the term of the Contract or as required in the Contract.

5.1.1.13 The Contractor shall be responsible for premiums, deductibles and self-insured retentions, if any, stated in policies. All deductibles or self-insured retentions shall be disclosed on the Certificate of Insurance.

5.1.1.14 The Contractor shall endeavor to provide the City thirty (30) calendar days written notice of erosion of the aggregate limits below occurrence limits for all applicable coverages indicated within the Contract.

5.1.2 **Specific Coverage Requirements.** The Contractor shall at a minimum carry insurance in the types and amounts indicated below for the duration of the Contract, including extension options and hold over periods, and during any warranty period. These insurance coverages are required minimums and are not intended to limit the responsibility or liability of the Contractor.

5.1.2.1 **Commercial General Liability Insurance.** The minimum bodily injury and property damage per occurrence are \$500,000 for coverages A (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) and B (Personal and Advertising Injuries). The policy shall contain the following provisions and endorsements.

5.1.2.1.1 Contractual liability coverage for liability assumed under the Contract and all other Contracts related to the project.

5.1.2.1.2 Contractor/Subcontracted Work.

5.1.2.1.3 Products/Completed Operations Liability for the duration of the warranty period.

5.1.2.1.4 Waiver of Subrogation, Endorsement CG 2404, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.1.5 Thirty (30) calendar days' Notice of Cancellation, Endorsement CG 0205, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.1.6 The City of Austin listed as an additional insured, Endorsement CG 2010, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.2 **Business Automobile Liability Insurance.** The Contractor shall provide coverage for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a minimum combined single limit of \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. Alternate acceptable limits are \$250,000 bodily injury per person, \$500,000 bodily injury per occurrence and at least \$100,000 property damage liability per accident. The policy shall contain the following endorsements:

5.1.2.2.1 Waiver of Subrogation, Endorsement CA0444, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.2.2 Thirty (30) calendar days' Notice of Cancellation, Endorsement CA0244, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.2.3 The City of Austin listed as an additional insured, Endorsement CA2048, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.3 **Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance.** Coverage shall be consistent with statutory benefits outlined in the Texas Worker's Compensation Act (Section 401). The minimum policy limits for Employer's Liability are \$100,000 bodily injury each accident, \$500,000 bodily injury by disease policy limit and \$100,000 bodily injury by disease each employee. The policy shall contain the following provisions and endorsements:

5.1.2.3.1 The Contractor's policy shall apply to the State of Texas.

5.1.2.3.2 Waiver of Subrogation, Form WC420304, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.3.3 Thirty (30) calendar days' Notice of Cancellation, Form WC420601, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.4 **Professional Liability Insurance.** The Contractor shall provide coverage, at a minimum limit of \$500,000 per claim, to pay on behalf of the assured all sums which the assured shall become legally obligated to pay as damages by reason of any negligent act, error, or omission arising out of the performance of professional services under this Agreement.

If coverage is written on a claims-made basis, the retroactive data shall be prior to or coincident with the date of the Contract and the certificate of insurance shall state that the coverage is claims-made and indicate the retroactive date. This coverage shall be continuous and will be provided for 24 months following the completion of the contract.

5.1.2.5 **Endorsements.** The specific insurance coverage endorsements specified above, or their equivalents must be provided. In the event that endorsements, which are the equivalent of the required coverage, are proposed to be substituted for the required coverage, copies of the equivalent endorsements must be provided for the City's review and approval.

## 5.2 **Equal Opportunity.**

5.2.1 **Equal Employment Opportunity.** No Contractor, or Contractor's agent, shall engage in any discriminatory employment practice as defined in Chapter 5-4 of the City Code. No Offer submitted to the City shall be considered, nor any Purchase Order issued, or any Contract awarded by the City unless the Offeror has executed and filed with the City Purchasing Office a current Non-Discrimination Certification. Non-

compliance with Chapter 5-4 of the City Code may result in sanctions, including termination of the contract and the Contractor's suspension or debarment from participation on future City contracts until deemed compliant with Chapter 5-4.

5.2.2 **Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance.** No Contractor, or Contractor's agent, shall engage in any discriminatory practice against individuals with disabilities as defined in the ADA, including but not limited to: employment, accessibility to goods and services, reasonable accommodations, and effective communications.

5.3 **Acceptance of Incomplete or Non-Conforming Deliverables.** If, instead of requiring immediate correction or removal and replacement of defective or non-conforming deliverables, the City prefers to accept it, the City may do so. The Contractor shall pay all claims, costs, losses and damages attributable to the City's evaluation of and determination to accept such defective or non-conforming deliverables. If any such acceptance occurs prior to final payment, the City may deduct such amounts as are necessary to compensate the City for the diminished value of the defective or non-conforming deliverables. If the acceptance occurs after final payment, such amount will be refunded to the City by the Contractor.

#### 5.4 **Delays.**

5.4.1 The City may delay scheduled delivery or other due dates by written notice to the Contractor if the City deems it is in its best interest. If such delay causes an increase in the cost of the work under the Contract, the City and the Contractor shall negotiate an equitable adjustment for costs incurred by the Contractor in the Contract price and execute an amendment to the Contract. The Contractor must assert its right to an adjustment within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt of the notice of delay. Failure to agree on any adjusted price shall be handled under the Dispute Resolution process specified herein. However, nothing in this provision shall excuse the Contractor from delaying the delivery as notified.

5.4.2 Neither party shall be liable for any default or delay in the performance of its obligations under this Contract if, while and to the extent such default or delay is caused by acts of God, fire, riots, civil commotion, labor disruptions, sabotage, sovereign conduct, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of such Party. In the event of default or delay in Contract performance due to any of the foregoing causes, then the time for completion of the services will be extended; provided, however, in such an event, a conference will be held within three (3) business days to establish a mutually agreeable period of time reasonably necessary to overcome the effect of such failure to perform.

5.5 **Ownership and Use of Deliverables.** The City shall own all rights, titles, and interests throughout the world in and to the deliverables.

5.5.1 **Patents.** As to any patentable subject matter contained in the deliverables, the Contractor agrees to disclose such patentable subject matter to the City. Further, if requested by the City, the Contractor agrees to assign and, if necessary, cause each of its employees to assign the entire right, title, and interest to specific inventions under such patentable subject matter to the City and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver and, if necessary, cause each of its employees to execute, acknowledge, and deliver an assignment of letters patent, in a form to be reasonably approved by the City, to the City upon request by the City.

5.5.2 **Copyrights.** As to any deliverables containing copyrightable subject matter, the Contractor agrees that upon their creation, such deliverables shall be considered as work made-for-hire by the Contractor for the City and the City shall own all copyrights in and to such deliverables, provided however, that nothing in this paragraph shall negate the City's sole or joint ownership of any such deliverables arising by virtue of the City's sole or joint authorship of such deliverables. Should by operation of law, such deliverables not be considered works made-for-hire, the Contractor hereby assigns to the City (and agrees to cause each of its employees providing services to the City hereunder to execute, acknowledge, and deliver an assignment to the City of) all worldwide right, title, and interest in and to such deliverables. With respect to such work made-for-hire, the Contractor agrees to execute, acknowledge, and deliver and cause each of its employees providing services to the City hereunder to execute, acknowledge, and deliver a work-made-for-hire agreement, in a form to be reasonably approved by the City, to the City upon delivery of such deliverables to the City or at such other time as the City may request.

5.5.3 **Additional Assignments.** The Contractor further agrees to, and if applicable, cause each of its employees to, execute, acknowledge, and deliver all applications, specifications, oaths, assignments, and all other instruments which the City might reasonably deem necessary in order to apply for and obtain copyright

protection, mask work registration, trademark registration and/or protection, letters patent, or any similar rights in any and all countries and in order to assign and convey to the City, its successors, assigns and nominees, the sole and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to the deliverables. The Contractor's obligation to execute, acknowledge, and deliver (or cause to be executed, acknowledged, and delivered) instruments or papers such as those described in this paragraph shall continue after the termination of this Contract with respect to such deliverables. In the event the City should not seek to obtain copyright protection, mask work registration or patent protection for any of the deliverables, but should desire to keep the same secret, the Contractor agrees to treat the same as Confidential Information under the terms herein.

5.6 **Rights to Proposal and Contractual Material.** All material submitted by the Contractor to the City shall become property of the City upon receipt. Any portions of such material claimed by the Contractor to be proprietary must be clearly marked as such. Determination of the public nature of the material is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code.

5.7 **Publications.** All published material and written reports submitted under the Contract must be originally developed material unless otherwise specifically provided in the Contract. When material not originally developed is included in a report in any form, the source shall be identified.

## **SECTION 6. WARRANTIES**

### 6.1 **Warranty – Price.**

6.1.1 The Contractor warrants the prices quoted in the Offer are no higher than the Contractor's current prices on orders by others for like deliverables under similar terms of purchase.

6.1.2 The Contractor certifies that the prices in the Offer have been arrived at independently without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such fees with any other firm or with any competitor.

6.1.3 In addition to any other remedy available, the City may deduct from any amounts owed to the Contractor, or otherwise recover, any amounts paid for items in excess of the Contractor's current prices on orders by others for like deliverables under similar terms of purchase.

6.2 **Warranty – Services.** The Contractor warrants and represents that all services to be provided to the City under the Contract will be fully and timely performed in a good and workmanlike manner in accordance with generally accepted industry standards and practices, the terms, conditions, and covenants of the Contract, and all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules or regulations.

6.2.1 The Contractor may not limit, exclude or disclaim the foregoing warranty or any warranty implied by law, and any attempt to do so shall be without force or effect.

6.2.2 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, the warranty period shall be at least one year from the acceptance date. If during the warranty period, one or more of the warranties are breached, the Contractor shall promptly upon receipt of demand perform the services again in accordance with above standard at no additional cost to the City. All costs incidental to such additional performance shall be borne by the Contractor. The City shall endeavor to give the Contractor written notice of the breach of warranty within thirty (30) calendar days of discovery of the breach of warranty, but failure to give timely notice shall not impair the City's rights under this section.

6.2.3 If the Contractor is unable or unwilling to perform its services in accordance with the above standard as required by the City, then in addition to any other available remedy, the City may reduce the amount of services it may be required to purchase under the Contract from the Contractor, and purchase conforming services from other sources. In such event, the Contractor shall pay to the City upon demand the increased cost, if any, incurred by the City to procure such services from another source.

## **SECTION 7. MISCELLANEOUS**

7.1 **Place and Condition of Work.** The City shall provide the Contractor access to the sites where the Contractor is to perform the services as required in order for the Contractor to perform the services in a timely and efficient manner in accordance with and subject to the applicable security laws, rules, and regulations. The Contractor acknowledges that it has satisfied itself as to the nature of the City's service requirements and specifications, the

location and essential characteristics of the work sites, the quality and quantity of materials, equipment, labor and facilities necessary to perform the services, and any other condition or state of fact which could in any way affect performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract. The Contractor hereby releases and holds the City harmless from and against any liability or claim for damages of any kind or nature if the actual site or service conditions differ from expected conditions.

7.2 **Workforce Security Clearance and Identification (ID):**

7.2.1 Airport Security: Access to the premises must be strictly controlled. Officers, employees, or agents of the Contractor shall never enter a restricted or operational area of the airport without the express permission of ABIA or any governmental bodies having jurisdiction. Contractor assumes full liability from any such unauthorized incursions.

7.2.2 Security Badges: Contractor personnel will be required to display company/employer-issued photo ID at all times when in the building. Failure to do so may be cause for removal of Contractor Personnel from the worksite, without regard to Contractor's schedule.

7.2.3 The Contractor shall comply with all other security requirements imposed by the City and shall ensure that all employees and subcontractors are kept fully informed as to these requirements.

7.3 **Workforce.**

7.3.1 The Contractor shall employ only orderly and competent workers, skilled in the performance of the services which they will perform under the Contract.

7.3.2 The Contractor, its employees, subcontractors, and subcontractor's employees may not while engaged in participating or responding to a solicitation or while in the course and scope of delivering goods or services under a City of Austin contract or on the City's property:

7.3.2.1 use or possess a firearm, including a concealed handgun that is licensed under state law, except as required by the terms of the Contract; and

7.3.2.2 use or possess alcoholic or other intoxicating beverages, illegal drugs or controlled substances, nor may such workers be intoxicated, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs, on the job.

7.3.3 If the City or the City's representative notifies the Contractor that any worker is incompetent, disorderly or disobedient, has knowingly or repeatedly violated safety regulations, has possessed any firearms, or has possessed or was under the influence of alcohol or drugs on the job, the Contractor shall immediately remove such worker from Contract services, and may not employ such worker again on Contract services without the City's prior written consent.

7.4 **Compliance with Health, Safety, and Environmental Regulations.** The Contractor, its Subcontractors, and their respective employees, shall comply fully with all applicable federal, state, and local health, safety, and environmental laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in the performance of the services, including but not limited to those promulgated by the City and by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). In case of conflict, the most stringent safety requirement shall govern. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from and against all claims, demands, suits, actions, judgments, fines, penalties and liability of every kind arising from the breach of the Contractor's obligations under this paragraph.

7.5 **Significant Event.** The Contractor shall immediately notify the City's Contract Manager of any current or prospective "significant event" on an ongoing basis. All notifications shall be submitted in writing to the Contract Manager. As used in this provision, a "significant event" is any occurrence or anticipated occurrence which might reasonably be expected to have a material effect upon the Contractor's ability to meet its contractual obligations. Significant events may include but not be limited to the following:

7.5.1 disposal of major assets;

7.5.2 any major computer software conversion, enhancement or modification to the operating systems, security systems, and application software, used in the performance of this Contract;

7.5.3 any significant termination or addition of provider contracts;

7.5.4 the Contractor's insolvency or the imposition of, or notice of the intent to impose, a receivership, conservatorship or special regulatory monitoring, or any bankruptcy proceedings, voluntary or involuntary, or reorganization proceedings;

7.5.5 strikes, slow-downs or substantial impairment of the Contractor's facilities or of other facilities used by the Contractor in the performance of this Contract;

7.5.6 reorganization, reduction and/or relocation in key personnel;

7.5.7 known or anticipated sale, merger, or acquisition;

7.5.8 known, planned or anticipated stock sales;

7.5.9 any litigation against the Contractor; or

7.5.10 significant change in market share or product focus.

## 7.6 **Audits and Records.**

7.6.1 The Contractor agrees that the representatives of the Office of the City Auditor or other authorized representatives of the City shall have access to, and the right to audit, examine, or reproduce, any and all records of the Contractor related to the performance under this Contract. The Contractor shall retain all such records for a period of three (3) years after final payment on this Contract or until all audit and litigation matters that the City has brought to the attention of the Contractor are resolved, whichever is longer. The Contractor agrees to refund to the City any overpayments disclosed by any such audit.

### 7.6.2 Records Retention:

7.6.2.1 Contractor is subject to City Code chapter 2-11 (Records Management), and as it may subsequently be amended. For purposes of this subsection, a Record means all books, accounts, reports, files, and other data recorded or created by a Contractor in fulfillment of the Contract whether in digital or physical format, except a record specifically relating to the Contractor's internal administration.

7.6.2.2 All Records are the property of the City. The Contractor may not dispose of or destroy a Record without City authorization and shall deliver the Records, in all requested formats and media, along with all finding aids and metadata, to the City at no cost when requested by the City.

7.6.3 The Contractor shall include sections 7.5.1 and 7.5.2 above in all subcontractor agreements entered into in connection with this Contract.

7.7 **Financial Disclosures and Assurances.** The City may request and review financial information as the City requires to determine the credit worthiness of the Contractor, including but not limited to, annual reports, audited financial statements and reports, bank letters of credit or other credit instruments. Failure of the Contractor to comply with this requirement shall be grounds for terminating the Contract.

7.8 **Stop Work Notice.** The City may issue an immediate Stop Work Notice in the event the Contractor is observed performing in a manner that is in violation of Federal, State, or local guidelines, or in a manner that is determined by the City to be unsafe to either life or property. Upon notification, the Contractor will cease all work until notified by the City that the violation or unsafe condition has been corrected. The Contractor shall be liable for all costs incurred by the City as a result of the issuance of such Stop Work Notice.

## 7.9 **Indemnity.**

### 7.9.1 Definitions:

7.9.1.1 "Indemnified Claims" shall include any and all claims, demands, suits, causes of action, judgments and liability of every character, type or description, including all reasonable costs and expenses of litigation, mediation or other alternate dispute resolution mechanism, including attorney and other professional fees for:

7.9.1.1.1 damage to or loss of the property of any person (including, but not limited to the City, the Contractor, their respective agents, officers, employees and subcontractors; the officers, agents, and employees of such subcontractors; and third parties); and/or;

7.9.1.1.2 death, bodily injury, illness, disease, worker's compensation, loss of services, or loss of income or wages to any person (including but not limited to the agents, officers and employees of the City, the Contractor, the Contractor's subcontractors, and third parties),

7.9.1.2 "Fault" shall include the sale of defective or non-conforming deliverables, negligence, willful misconduct, or a breach of any legally imposed strict liability standard.

**7.9.2 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL DEFEND (AT THE OPTION OF THE CITY), INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD THE CITY, ITS SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ALL INDEMNIFIED CLAIMS DIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, INCIDENT TO, CONCERNING OR RESULTING FROM THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, OR THE CONTRACTOR'S AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CONTRACT. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL BE DEEMED TO LIMIT THE RIGHTS OF THE CITY OR THE CONTRACTOR (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE RIGHT TO SEEK CONTRIBUTION) AGAINST ANY THIRD PARTY WHO MAY BE LIABLE FOR AN INDEMNIFIED CLAIM.**

7.10 **Claims.** If any claim, demand, suit, or other action is asserted against the Contractor which arises under or concerns the Contract, or which could have a material adverse affect on the Contractor's ability to perform thereunder, the Contractor shall give written notice thereof to the City within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice by the Contractor. Such notice to the City shall state the date of notification of any such claim, demand, suit, or other action; the names and addresses of the claimant(s); the basis thereof; and the name of each person against whom such claim is being asserted. Such notice shall be delivered personally or by mail and shall be sent to the City and to the Austin City Attorney. Personal delivery to the City Attorney shall be to City Hall, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Austin, Texas 78701, and mail delivery shall be to P.O. Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767.

7.11 **Notices.** Unless otherwise specified, all notices, requests, or other communications required or appropriate to be given under the Contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered three (3) business days after postmarked if sent by U.S. Postal Service Certified or Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested. Notices delivered by other means shall be deemed delivered upon receipt by the addressee. Routine communications may be made by first class mail, telefax, or other commercially accepted means. Notices to the City and the Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

To the City:	To the Contractor:
City of Austin, Purchasing Office	Blue & Co., LLC
ATTN: Brenita Selement, Contract Administrator	ATTN: Rick Shields, Contract Manager
P O Box 1088	250 West Main Street, Suite 2900
Austin, TX 78767	Lexington, KY 40507

7.12 **Confidentiality.** In order to provide the deliverables to the City, Contractor may require access to certain of the City's and/or its licensors' confidential information (including inventions, employee information, trade secrets, confidential know-how, confidential business information, and other information which the City or its licensors consider confidential) (collectively, "Confidential Information"). Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the Confidential Information is the valuable property of the City and/or its licensors and any unauthorized use, disclosure, dissemination, or other release of the Confidential Information will substantially injure the City and/or its licensors. The Contractor (including its employees, subcontractors, agents, or representatives) agrees that it will maintain the Confidential Information in strict confidence and shall not disclose, disseminate, copy, divulge, recreate, or otherwise use the Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the City or in a manner not expressly permitted under this Contract, unless the Confidential Information is required to be disclosed by law or an order of any court or other governmental authority with proper jurisdiction, provided the Contractor promptly notifies the City before disclosing such information so as to permit the City reasonable time to seek an appropriate protective order. The Contractor agrees to use protective measures no less stringent than the Contractor uses within its own business to protect its own most valuable information, which protective measures shall under all circumstances be at least reasonable measures to ensure the continued confidentiality of the Confidential Information.

- 7.13 **Advertising.** The Contractor shall not advertise or publish, without the City's prior consent, the fact that the City has entered into the Contract, except to the extent required by law.
- 7.14 **No Contingent Fees.** The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure the Contract upon any agreement or understanding for commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the City shall have the right, in addition to any other remedy available, to cancel the Contract without liability and to deduct from any amounts owed to the Contractor, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.
- 7.15 **Gratuities.** The City may, by written notice to the Contractor, cancel the Contract without liability if it is determined by the City that gratuities were offered or given by the Contractor or any agent or representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the City with a view toward securing the Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending or the making of any determinations with respect to the performing of such contract. In the event the Contract is canceled by the City pursuant to this provision, the City shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by the Contractor in providing such gratuities.
- 7.16 **Prohibition Against Personal Interest in Contracts.** No officer, employee, independent consultant, or elected official of the City who is involved in the development, evaluation, or decision-making process of the performance of any solicitation shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Contract resulting from that solicitation. Any willful violation of this section shall constitute impropriety in office, and any officer or employee guilty thereof shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Any violation of this provision, with the knowledge, expressed or implied, of the Contractor shall render the Contract voidable by the City.
- 7.17 **Independent Contractor.** The Contract shall not be construed as creating an employer/employee relationship, a partnership, or a joint venture. The Contractor's services shall be those of an independent contractor. The Contractor agrees and understands that the Contract does not grant any rights or privileges established for employees of the City.
- 7.18 **Assignment-Delegation.** The Contract shall be binding upon and endure to the benefit of the City and the Contractor and their respective successors and assigns, provided however, that no right or interest in the Contract shall be assigned and no obligation shall be delegated by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the City. Any attempted assignment or delegation by the Contractor shall be void unless made in conformity with this paragraph. The Contract is not intended to confer rights or benefits on any person, firm or entity not a party hereto; it being the intention of the parties that there be no third-party beneficiaries to the Contract.
- 7.19 **Waiver.** No claim or right arising out of a breach of the Contract can be discharged in whole or in part by a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless the waiver or renunciation is supported by consideration and is in writing signed by the aggrieved party. No waiver by either the Contractor or the City of any one or more events of default by the other party shall operate as, or be construed to be, a permanent waiver of any rights or obligations under the Contract, or an express or implied acceptance of any other existing or future default or defaults, whether of a similar or different character.
- 7.20 **Modifications.** The Contract can be modified or amended only in writing signed by both parties. No pre-printed or similar terms on any Contractor invoice, order or other document shall have any force or effect to change the terms, covenants, and conditions of the Contract.
- 7.21 **Interpretation.** The Contract is intended by the parties as a final, complete and exclusive statement of the terms of their agreement. No course of prior dealing between the parties or course of performance or usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term used in the Contract. Although the Contract may have been substantially drafted by one party, it is the intent of the parties that all provisions be construed in a manner to be fair to both parties, reading no provisions more strictly against one party or the other. Whenever a term defined by the Uniform Commercial Code, as enacted by the State of Texas, is used in the Contract, the UCC definition shall control, unless otherwise defined in the Contract.

**7.22 Dispute Resolution.**

7.22.1 If a dispute arises out of or relates to the Contract, or the breach thereof, the parties agree to negotiate prior to prosecuting a suit for damages. However, this section does not prohibit the filing of a lawsuit to toll the running of a statute of limitations or to seek injunctive relief. Either party may make a written request for a meeting between representatives of each party within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the request or such later period as agreed by the parties. Each party shall include, at a minimum, one (1) senior level individual with decision-making authority regarding the dispute. The purpose of this and any subsequent meeting is to attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute. If, within thirty (30) calendar days after such meeting, the parties have not succeeded in negotiating a resolution of the dispute, they will proceed directly to mediation as described below. Negotiation may be waived by a written agreement signed by both parties, in which event the parties may proceed directly to mediation as described below.

7.22.2 If the efforts to resolve the dispute through negotiation fail, or the parties waive the negotiation process, the parties may select, within thirty (30) calendar days, a mediator trained in mediation skills to assist with resolution of the dispute. Should they choose this option, the City and the Contractor agree to act in good faith in the selection of the mediator and to give consideration to qualified individuals nominated to act as mediator. Nothing in the Contract prevents the parties from relying on the skills of a person who is trained in the subject matter of the dispute or a contract interpretation expert. If the parties fail to agree on a mediator within thirty (30) calendar days of initiation of the mediation process, the mediator shall be selected by the Travis County Dispute Resolution Center (DRC). The parties agree to participate in mediation in good faith for up to thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the first mediation session. The City and the Contractor will share the mediator's fees equally and the parties will bear their own costs of participation such as fees for any consultants or attorneys they may utilize to represent them or otherwise assist them in the mediation.

**7.23 Jurisdiction and Venue.** The Contract is made under and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, including, when applicable, the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in Texas, V.T.C.A., Bus. & Comm. Code, Chapter 1, excluding any rule or principle that would refer to and apply the substantive law of another state or jurisdiction. All issues arising from this Contract shall be resolved in the courts of Travis County, Texas and the parties agree to submit to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of such courts. The foregoing, however, shall not be construed or interpreted to limit or restrict the right or ability of the City to seek and secure injunctive relief from any competent authority as contemplated herein.

**7.24 Invalidity.** The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of the Contract shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision of the Contract. Any void provision shall be deemed severed from the Contract and the balance of the Contract shall be construed and enforced as if the Contract did not contain the particular portion or provision held to be void. The parties further agree to reform the Contract to replace any stricken provision with a valid provision that comes as close as possible to the intent of the stricken provision. The provisions of this section shall not prevent this entire Contract from being void should a provision which is the essence of the Contract be determined to be void.

**7.25 Holidays.** The following holidays are observed by the City:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Date Observed</u>
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	Third Monday in January
President's Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Friday after Thanksgiving	Friday after Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25

If a Legal Holiday falls on Saturday, it will be observed on the preceding Friday. If a Legal Holiday falls on Sunday, it will be observed on the following Monday.

7.26 **Survivability of Obligations.** All provisions of the Contract that impose continuing obligations on the parties, including but not limited to the warranty, indemnity, and confidentiality obligations of the parties, shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract.

7.27 **Non-Suspension or Debarment Certification.** The City of Austin is prohibited from contracting with or making prime or sub-awards to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose principals are suspended or debarred from Federal, State, or City of Austin Contracts. By accepting a Contract with the City, the Vendor certifies that its firm and its principals are not currently suspended or debarred from doing business with the Federal Government, as indicated by the General Services Administration List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-Procurement Programs, the State of Texas, or the City of Austin.

7.28 **Incorporation of Documents. Section 0100, Standard Purchase Definitions,** is hereby incorporated into this Contract by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were incorporated in full text. The full text versions of this Section are available, on the Internet at the following online address:  
[https://assets.austintexas.gov/purchase/downloads/standard\\_purchase\\_definitions.pdf](https://assets.austintexas.gov/purchase/downloads/standard_purchase_definitions.pdf)

7.29 **Order of Precedence.** The Contract includes, without limitation, the Solicitation, the Offer submitted in response to the Solicitation, the Contract award, the Standard Purchase Terms and Conditions, Supplemental Terms and Conditions if any, Specifications, and any addenda and amendments thereto. Any inconsistency or conflict in the Contract documents shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order.

7.29.1 this contract;

7.29.2 the Supplemental Purchase Terms and Conditions;

7.29.3 the Standard Purchase Terms and Conditions;

7.29.4 Exhibit A, Engagement Letter and exhibits; within the Engagement Letter, drawings (figured dimensions shall govern over scaled dimensions) will take precedence over specifications or scope of work.

In witness whereof, the parties have caused duly authorized representatives to execute this Contract on the dates set forth below.

BLUE & CO., LLC

CITY OF AUSTIN

By: Rick Shields  
Signature

By: [Signature]  
Signature

Name: Rick Shields  
Printed Name

Name: Brenita Selement  
Printed Name

Title: Principal

Title: Procurement Specialist II

Date: 12.11.2019

Date: 12-11-19

## List of Exhibits

Exhibit A	Blue & Co., LLC Proposal dated 11/18/2019 (Contractor's Proposal)
Exhibit B	Non-Discrimination Certification, Section 0800
Exhibit C	Non-Suspension or Debarment Certification, Section 0805

EXHIBIT A

CPAs • ADVISORS



Blue & Co., LLC / 250 West Main Street, Suite 2900 / Lexington, KY 40507  
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November 18, 2019

Amy Whitworth, Airport Business Enterprise Manager  
City of Austin Aviation Department  
Austin-Bergstrom International Airport  
3600 Presidential Blvd., Suite 411  
Austin, Texas 78719

Dear Ms. Whitworth:

You have requested an audit of the Owner Annual Report (the Report) required by the South Terminal Lease and Concession Agreement (the Agreement) between the City of Austin (Owner) and Highstar Capital IV, L.P. (Tenant). We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide for the Owner for the years ended September 30, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 by means of this letter.

#### AUDIT SERVICES

We will audit the Report and related notes for the years ended September 30, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

#### Audit Objective

The objective of our audit is the expression of an opinion about whether the Owner Annual Report is fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the requirements of section 18.06 of the Agreement. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will include tests of your accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to express such an opinion. If our opinion is other than unmodified, we will fully discuss the reasons with you in advance.

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the Owner Annual Report. Our report will be addressed to the Owner. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph.

If circumstances occur related to the condition of your records, the availability of sufficient, appropriate audit evidence, or the existence of a significant risk of material misstatement of the Owner Annual Report caused by error, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets, which in our professional judgment prevent us from completing the audit or forming an opinion on the Owner Annual Report, we retain the right to take any course of action permitted by professional standards, including declining to express an opinion or issue a report, or withdrawing from the engagement.

## **Audit Procedures**

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Owner Annual Report; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Owner Annual Report. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Owner Annual Report is free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the Owner or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the Owner.

Based on the assessed risk of material misstatement, we will design and perform substantive procedures which may include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and correspondence with the Tenant, selected customers, and other third parties. We may also request written representations from your attorneys on litigation, claims, and assessments as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to our inquiries. At the conclusion of our audit, we will also request certain written representations from management made during the audit about the Owner Annual Report and related matters.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the Owner Annual Report. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility, as auditors, is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our audit will also include assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Owner Annual Report, including the related disclosures. We may advise management about appropriate accounting principles and their application and we will assist in the preparation of your Owner Annual Report based upon information you provide; however, management has the final responsibility for the selection and application of accounting policies and the fair presentation of Owner Annual Report that reflect the nature and operation of the Owner.

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the Owner and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the Owner Annual Report whether due to error or fraud, and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. An audit is not designed to express an opinion or provide assurance on the effectiveness of the Owner's internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. Accordingly, we will not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Owner's internal control.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards. This communication of internal control related matters is intended solely for the information and use of management, audit committee or those charged with governance, and others within the organization. The communication is not intended to be and should not be distributed to anyone other than these specified parties.

We are also responsible to communicate with the audit committee or those charged with governance about our audit responsibility under the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, an overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant issues or findings from the audit (e.g., significant difficulties encountered during an audit, disagreements with management, etc.), fraud or illegal acts that come to our attention, and the audit committee's views about the risks of fraud or knowledge of fraud or any suspected fraud affecting the entity.

Rick Shields, CPA is the engagement director and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it. We expect to begin our audit in November 2019 and issue our report on or before January 15, 2020. Our audit engagement ends on delivery of our audit report. Any follow-up services that might be required will be a separate, new engagement. The terms and conditions of that new engagement will be governed by a new, specific engagement letter for that service.

### **Management Responsibilities**

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the tax services and any other non-attest services (non-attest services include preparation of Owner Annual Report, and consulting services) we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

You are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the fair presentation in the Owner Annual Report in conformity with the Agreement, and reviewing and approving the Owner Annual Report prior to its issuance. As part of our audit process, we will request from you, written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

You are responsible for including all informative disclosures that are appropriate for compliance with the Agreement. Those disclosures will include (1) a reference to the applicable sections of the Agreement, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and, if applicable, how the accounting required by the Agreement differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; (2) informative disclosures similar to those required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and (3) additional disclosures beyond those specifically required that may be necessary for the Owner Annual Report to achieve fair presentation.

You are also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are responsible for providing us with (1) access to all financial information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Owner Annual Report, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the Owner from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. You are responsible for safeguarding of assets.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the Owner Annual Report to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the Owner Annual Report taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the Owner involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the Owner Annual Report. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Owner received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators, grantors or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the Owner complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are required to disclose in the Owner Annual Report the date through which subsequent events have been evaluated and whether that date is the date the Owner Annual Report was issued or available to be issued. You agree that you will not date the subsequent events note earlier than the date of your management representation letter and the date of our auditor's report.

You are also responsible to notify us in advance of your intent to print our report, in whole or in part, and to give us the opportunity to review such printed matter before its issuance.

To ensure that our independence is not impaired under the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (AICPA) *Code of Professional Conduct*, you agree to inform the engagement director before entering into any substantive employment discussions with any of our personnel.

#### **ADMINISTRATION, FEES, AND OTHER TERMS**

Our work necessarily depends on you and your personnel's ability to provide required assistance in a timely manner; otherwise, it may substantially increase the work we have to do to complete the engagement within the established deadlines, resulting in an increase in fees over our original fee estimate.

With regard to the electronic dissemination of the audited the Owner Annual Report, including documents published electronically on your Intranet website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information, and therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

Any additional services not addressed in this engagement letter that are requested by you and agreed to by us will be documented a separate engagement letter covering the additional services.

We retain records relating to professional services that we provide so that we are better able to assist you with your professional needs and, in some cases, to comply with professional guidelines. In order to guard your nonpublic personal information, we maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with our professional standards.

It is our policy to keep records related to this engagement for a period of time as defined in our Record Retention Policy. However, we do not keep any original client records, so we will return those to you at the completion of the services rendered under this engagement. When records are returned to you, it is your responsibility to retain, and protect your records for possible future use, including potential examination by any government or regulatory agencies.

By your signature on this engagement letter, you acknowledge that you understand we will destroy our records related to this engagement upon the expiration of the designated period.

The audit documentation for this engagement is our property and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) pursuant to authority given to it by law or regulation. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under our supervision. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the FAA. The FAA may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other government agencies.

Our policy is to provide any requested advice in writing. Therefore, you should not rely on any unwritten advice because it may be tentative and not fully reviewed.

We may from time to time, and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers, but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

In the interest of facilitating our services to the Owner, we may communicate by facsimile transmission or send electronic mail over the Internet. Such communications may include information that is confidential to the Owner and/or you. While we will use our best efforts to keep such communications secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws and professional standards, you recognize and accept that we have no control over the unauthorized interception of these communications once they have been sent, and you consent to our use of these electronic devices.

Amy Whitworth, Airport Business Enterprise Manager  
City of Austin Aviation Department  
Austin-Bergstrom International Airport  
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Our charges to the Owner for services will be at our regular rates plus out-of-pocket expenses except that we agree our gross fees, including expenses will not exceed \$6,500 for 2019, \$6,900 each year for 2020 and 2021, and \$7,300 each year for 2022 and 2023. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagement. In the event your records are not submitted in a timely manner, or are incomplete or unusable, we reserve the right to charge additional fees and expenses for services required to correct the problem. If this occurs, we will contact you to discuss the matter and the anticipated delay in completing our engagement prior to rendering further services. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs. If significant additional time is necessary, our fees for these services will be based on standard billing rates.

Our billings will be rendered as the work progresses, with payment to be made 30 days subsequent to billing. Interest will be charged at a rate of 1½% per month on balances in excess of 30 days. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes overdue and will not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been complete upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket expenditures through the date of termination.

If any portion of this agreement is deemed invalid or unenforceable, said finding shall not operate to invalidate the remainder of the terms set forth in this engagement letter.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

*Blue & Co., LLC*

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

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Amy Whitworth, Airport Business Enterprise Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT B**  
**City of Austin, Texas**  
**NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-RETALIATION CERTIFICATION**

**City of Austin, Texas**

**Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office**

To: City of Austin, Texas,

I hereby certify that our firm complies with the Code of the City of Austin, Section 5-4-2 as reiterated below, and agrees:

- (1) Not to engage in any discriminatory employment practice defined in this chapter.
- (2) To take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without discrimination being practiced against them as defined in this chapter, including affirmative action relative to employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rate of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training or any other terms, conditions or privileges of employment.
- (3) To post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office setting forth the provisions of this chapter.
- (4) To state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, sex or age.
- (5) To obtain a written statement from any labor union or labor organization furnishing labor or service to Contractors in which said union or organization has agreed not to engage in any discriminatory employment practices as defined in this chapter and to take affirmative action to implement policies and provisions of this chapter.
- (6) To cooperate fully with City and the Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office in connection with any investigation or conciliation effort of the Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office to ensure that the purpose of the provisions against discriminatory employment practices are being carried out.
- (7) To require of all subcontractors having 15 or more employees who hold any subcontract providing for the expenditure of \$2,000 or more in connection with any contract with the City subject to the terms of this chapter that they do not engage in any discriminatory employment practice as defined in this chapter

For the purposes of this Offer and any resulting Contract, Contractor adopts the provisions of the City's Minimum Standard Non-Discrimination and Non-Retaliation Policy set forth below.

**City of Austin**  
**Minimum Standard Non-Discrimination and Non-Retaliation in Employment Policy**

As an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer, the Contractor will conduct its personnel activities in accordance with established federal, state and local EEO laws and regulations.

The Contractor will not discriminate against any applicant or employee based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, veteran status, gender identity, disability, or sexual orientation. This policy covers all aspects of employment, including hiring, placement, upgrading, transfer, demotion, recruitment, recruitment advertising, selection for training and apprenticeship, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and layoff or termination.

The Contractor agrees to prohibit retaliation, discharge or otherwise discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment who has inquired about, discussed or disclosed their compensation.

Further, employees who experience discrimination, sexual harassment, or another form of harassment should immediately report it to their supervisor. If this is not a suitable avenue for addressing their complaint, employees are advised to contact another member of management or their human resources representative. No employee shall be discriminated against, harassed, intimidated, nor suffer any reprisal as a result of reporting a violation of this policy. Furthermore, any employee, supervisor, or manager who becomes aware of any such discrimination or harassment should immediately report it to executive management or the human resources office to ensure that such conduct does not continue.

Contractor agrees that to the extent of any inconsistency, omission, or conflict with its current non-discrimination and non-retaliation employment policy, the Contractor has expressly adopted the provisions of the City's Minimum Non-Discrimination Policy contained in Section 5-4-2 of the City Code and set forth above, as the Contractor's Non-Discrimination Policy or as an amendment to such Policy and such provisions are intended to not only supplement the Contractor's policy, but will also supersede the Contractor's policy to the extent of any conflict.

UPON CONTRACT AWARD, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE THE CITY A COPY OF THE CONTRACTOR'S NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-RETALIATION POLICIES ON COMPANY LETTERHEAD, WHICH CONFORMS IN FORM, SCOPE, AND CONTENT TO THE CITY'S MINIMUM NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-RETALIATION POLICIES, AS SET FORTH HEREIN, **OR** THIS NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-RETALIATION POLICY, WHICH HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE CONTRACTOR FOR ALL PURPOSES WILL BE CONSIDERED THE CONTRACTOR'S NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-RETALIATION POLICY WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT OF A SEPARATE SUBMITTAL.

**Sanctions:**

Our firm understands that non-compliance with Chapter 5-4 and the City's Non-Retaliation Policy may result in sanctions, including termination of the contract and suspension or debarment from participation in future City contracts until deemed compliant with the requirements of Chapter 5-4 and the Non-Retaliation Policy.

**Term:**

The Contractor agrees that this Section 0800 Non-Discrimination and Non-Retaliation Certificate of the Contractor's separate conforming policy, which the Contractor has executed and filed with the City, will remain in force and effect for one year from the date of filing. The Contractor further agrees that, in consideration of the receipt of continued Contract payment, the Contractor's Non-Discrimination and Non-Retaliation Policy will automatically renew from year-to-year for the term of the underlying Contract.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2019.

CONTRACTOR	<u>BLUE &amp; CO., LLC</u>
Authorized Signature	<u><i>Rick Shields</i></u>
Title	<u>Principal</u>

**EXHIBIT C**  
**City of Austin, Texas**  
**Section 0805**  
**NON-SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

The City of Austin is prohibited from contracting with or making prime or sub-awards to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose principals are suspended or debarred from Federal, State, or City of Austin Contracts. Covered transactions include procurement contracts for goods or services equal to or in excess of \$25,000.00 and all non-procurement transactions. This certification is required for all Vendors on all City of Austin Contracts to be awarded and all contract extensions with values equal to or in excess of \$25,000.00 or more and all non-procurement transactions.

The Offeror hereby certifies that its firm and its principals are not currently suspended or debarred from bidding on any Federal, State, or City of Austin Contracts.

Contractor's Name: BLUE & CO., LLC

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Signature of Officer or  
Authorized  
Representative:

*Rick Shields*

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Date: 12.11.2019

Printed Name:

Rick Shields, CPA

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Title

Principal

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**City of Austin Purchasing Office**  
**Certificate of Exemption for Professional Services,**  
**Public Health and Safety or Other Exempt Purchase**  
**(Non-Competitive)**

DATE: 11/22/2019 DEPT: Aviation  
TO: Purchasing Officer or Designee FROM: Amy Whitworth  
PURCHASING POC: Marian Moore PHONE: 512-530-6649

Chapter 252 of the Local Government Code requires that municipalities comply with the procedures established for competitive sealed bids or proposals before entering into a contract requiring an expenditure unless the expenditure falls within an exemption listed in Section 252.022.

Refer to Local Government Code 252.022 for a complete list of exemptions:

[Link to Local Government Code](#)

The City has selected a vendor for contract award and declares the competitive solicitation procedures in Local Government Code Chapter 252.022 to be exempt for this procurement. This Certificate of Exemption is hereby executed and filed with the Purchasing Office as follows:

1. The undersigned is authorized and certifies that the following exemption is applicable to this procurement.

Please check the criteria listed below that applies to this request:

- A procurement made because of a public calamity that requires the immediate appropriation of money to relieve the necessity of the municipality's residents or to preserve the property of a municipality.
- A procurement necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents.
- A procurement necessary because of unforeseen damage to public machinery, equipment, or other property.
- A procurement of personal, professional, or planning services
- Other exemption from Chapter 252.022: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Describe this procurement

- What it is for and why it is needed?
- Describe the following (as applicable):
  - **For Public Calamity, Public Health and Safety, Unforeseen Damage to Public Machinery or Equipment, or Critical Business Need Exemptions:**
    - Provide description of the event leading to the procurement and a business justification for this purchase.
    - What would be the impact to department operations and the community if this purchase was not made?
    - How and why this vendor was selected?
  - **For Professional, Personal, or Planning Service Exemptions:**
    - Why is the vendor the most qualified to provide the services?
    - Does this vendor have a history of working with the City? If so, was it on this particular service?
    - Will this procurement be component of a larger service or phases of service?
    - Is the vendor a City of Austin local vendor?
    - Does the vendor hold an M/WBE certification with the City, a HUB certification with the State of Texas, or any other minority or women owned certifications?
    - What qualifications, certifications, or specialized training does the vendor have?
    - What is the impact if a contract is not secured with this particular vendor (loss of project timeline, loss of funding etc.)?
    - What other vendors can provide these services and why are they not the best fit for the contract?
  - **For Other Exceptions from Chapter 252.022:**
    - Explain the circumstances of the procurement.
- **Prices were determined to be reasonable based on the following (select all that apply):**
  - Prices are established under a current Cooperative contract.  
*Notes: At a minimum, note the contract number, contract title, cooperative entity, and government or entity who created the contract.*
  - Prices are the same or similar to current City contract.  
*Notes: At a minimum, note the City of Austin contract number and title.*
  - Prices are the same or similar to current contract with another government.  
*Notes: At a minimum, note the contract number, title and government that created the contract.*
  - Prices are on a current and publicly available list price, for the same or similar products, available to all government and commercial customers.  
*Notes: At a minimum, note the list price title, source of the list price (catalog and catalog publish date or web address and download date).*
  - Prices are established by law or regulation.  
*Notes: At a minimum, note the legal or regulatory reference that established the prices.*
  - Other means of determining Price Reasonableness.  
*Notes: Describe any other source that was used to establish Price Reasonableness.*
    - \* The questions in the form are designed to justify why this purchase should be exempt from a competitive procurement process. Failure to provide adequate documentation to substantiate the request may lead to the request being rejected.

Department Description of Procurement:

Description of services:

Annual audit of ABIA's Owner Annual Report of rental car revenues, enplaned passengers, and rental car revenue share ("rental car revenue share audit") for the years ended September 30, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. The audit is required per Section 18.06(f) of Aviation's agreement with Lonestar Holdings, operator of ABIA's South Terminal. Aviation's deadline to the vendor for the 2019 audit report is January 15, 2020.

Professional Services

The vendor, Blue & Co., has professional audit expertise with appropriate licensure/certification (i.e., CPA firm). In addition, Blue & Co. has specialized knowledge of rental car company transaction data, financial systems and revenue report practices, as well as airport rental car concession contract provisions.

Aviation has previously engaged this vendor to perform other rental car concession audit services and found services to be good and a good value to the City. Therefore, for the prior two years (FY17 and FY18) Aviation engaged the vendor to perform the rental car revenue share audit (CT-8100-17113000125 and CT-8100-18101100014).

In addition, prior to its first engagement with the vendor, the Airport contacted Blue's airport references and confirmed positive recommendations. (This was performed by Patricia Van Buren, former Airport Business Assurance Manager.)

3. Forward the completed and signed Certificate of Exemption to the Purchasing Office along with the following documentation:

- Scope of Work or Statement of Work (if applicable) - see engagement letter
- Vendor's proposal/quote (if applicable) - see engagement letter
- Project timeline with associated tasks, schedule of deliverables or milestones, and proposed payment schedule - see engagement letter
- Professional resumes, certifications, and/or licenses (Professional, Personal or Planning Services Only)
- Other supporting documentation

4. Because of the above facts and supporting documentation, the City of Austin exempts this procurement from Local Government Code Chapter 252 and intends to contract with:

(Vendor Name): Blue & Co., LLC for

(Description of Procurement): Annual Rental Car Revenue Share Audit

5. Check the contract type (one-time or multi-term) and fill in the dollar amount and term as applicable:

This is a one-time request for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This is a multi-term contract request for 60 (# months for base term) in the amount of \$ 34,900 with 0 (# of renewal options) for \$ 0 each for a total contract amount of \$ 34,900.

Recommended Certification

[Signature] 11/22/2019  
Originator Date

Approved Certification

[Signature] 11/25/19  
Department Director or designee Date

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Assistant City Manager / General Manager Date  
or designee (procurement requiring Council approval)

Purchasing Office Review

[Signature] 12/6/19  
Authorized Purchasing Office Staff Date

Purchasing Office Management Review (if required due to signature authority level)

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Purchasing Officer or designee Date