

August 4, 2025

Ms. Rosy Vega-Barrio Superintendent Tornillo ISD P.O. Box 170 Tornillo, Texas 79853

RE: Renewal of Membership in Walsh Gallegos' Retainer Program

Dear Ms. Vega-Barrio:

It is our privilege to serve Tornillo Independent School District through the Walsh Gallegos Retainer Program. The District's membership is up for renewal on September 1, 2025, and so enclosed you will find our Legal Services Retainer Agreement. If the District chooses to continue its membership, please sign and return the agreement. The invoice for the renewal will be sent on or around 9/1/2025 with your regular monthly statement so there is no need to send a check with the signed agreement. This program includes the following valuable benefits for just \$1,000.00 per year:

- No-charge telephone consultation on day-to-day general and special education matters with attorneys in any of our offices,
- Reduced rates for legal work,
- Reduced fees for inservices,
- Reduced rates for practical Walsh Gallegos products such as the webbased Student Code of Conduct, The Legal Guide to DAEP & Expulsion and the Extracurricular Code of Conduct,
- A free subscription to our bi-monthly general education newsletter "Time Out with Walsh Gallegos,"
- A free subscription to our monthly special education newsletter "This
  Just In," and
- Email updates about the latest developments in education law.

More information about these services and other advantages of the retainer program are included in the attached description. Also enclosed is information about our EFT/ACH payment program that provides a convenient, efficient, secure, and less costly method of payment than paper checks.

It is an honor to be of service to Tornillo Independent School District. Many districts have adopted the Texas Association of School Boards' policy BDD (Local), which requires approval of the agreement by the Board of Trustees; check your policy to see who is authorized to approve and sign the Agreement. Additionally, please note that in accordance with the requirements of HB 1295 we have filed Form 1295 with the Texas Ethics Commission and are enclosing a certification of filing of Form 1295 for your records.

We look forward to receiving your signed contract. In the meantime, please remember that you can call any of our offices and speak with the attorney of your choice to get the guidance you need, when you need it. I am pleased to be your shareholder contact regarding the retainer program. Should you have any questions about the Retainer Agreement or wish to reach me directly, please contact me at (800) 232-9169.

Sincerely,

Eric G. Rodriguez

EGR/glo Enclosures

cc: Ms. Marlene Bullard, Board President

Ms. Maricela Ramos, Special Education Director/504 Coordinator Diagnostician



# LEGAL SERVICES RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Tornillo Independent School District (hereinafter "District"), acting by and through the authorized Trustee or Employee whose signature appears below, hereby retains the law firm of Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson & Roalson P.C. (hereinafter "Law Firm"), to provide the services to the District set forth below.

- 1. <u>Telephone Consultation</u>: The Law Firm shall provide telephone consultation at no charge to the District's Board President, Superintendent, Special Education Director, or designee pertaining to questions arising out of the general operation of the District. The District shall have access to a statewide toll-free telephone number for calls to the Law Firm.
- 2. <u>Additional Legal Work</u>: The District shall be entitled to reduced hourly rates for additional legal work over and above general telephone consultation. Examples of such additional legal work are research, opinion letters, and legal advice or representation in adversarial matters. Expenses incurred by the Law Firm in providing such additional legal work shall be charged.
- 3. <u>Publications</u>: The Law Firm shall provide at no charge the monthly publication This Just In, dealing with special education law issues, and the bi-monthly general school law publication Time Out with Walsh Gallegos, both published by the Law Firm.
- 4. <u>E-mail Updates</u>: The Law Firm shall send periodic e-mail updates to designated District personnel and trustees relating to developments in school law. The content and publication schedule of such updates shall be determined solely by the Law Firm.
- 5. <u>Retainer Term and Cost</u>: There shall be a fee of \$1,000.00 for this Retainer Agreement due upon execution and annually thereafter on the anniversary of the execution date below. This Retainer Agreement shall remain in effect until notice of cancellation is received.
- 6. <u>Compliance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2271:</u> Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2271, as amended, the Law Firm verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement.

- 7. <u>Compliance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2252:</u> Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2252, as amended, the Law Firm verifies that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization, as prohibited by Section 2252.152.
- 8. <u>Compliance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2274 and 809</u>: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapters 2274 and 809, as amended, the Law Firm verifies that it does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of this Agreement.
- 9. <u>Compliance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2274:</u> Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2274, as amended, the Law Firm verifies that it does not discriminate against firearm entities or firearm trade associations and will not discriminate against firearm entities or firearm trade associations during the term of this Agreement.
- 10. Scope of Attorney-Client Relationship: This Retainer Agreement establishes a limited attorney-client relationship only between the Law Firm and the District. All communications between the parties shall be deemed privileged, and all work product shall be protected from disclosure. The relationship exists only as to the consultations and additional legal work that are initiated by the District and accepted by the Law Firm pursuant to this Agreement. The Retainer Agreement does not impose any duty upon the Law Firm to provide advice or work to the District regarding legal matters absent a request by the District's Board President, Superintendent, Special Education Director, or designee for such advice or work on a matter. The Law Firm and the District acknowledge and represent that this Agreement does not establish an attorney-client relationship between the Law Firm and any individual Trustees or Employees of the District. If a lawsuit or other adversarial matter is brought against the District and/or any Trustee or Employee of the District, the Law Firm may require the execution of one or more separate Letters of Engagement prior to undertaking an attorney-client relationship in the matter.
- 11. Confidential Relationship: All information furnished by the District to Law Firm hereunder, including their respective agents, and employees, shall be treated as confidential ("Confidential Information") and shall not be disclosed to third parties except as required by law or authorized in writing. Any Confidential Information of the District may be used by Law Firm only in connection with the Services. Law Firm agrees to protect the confidentiality of any Confidential Information in the same manner that it protects the confidentiality of its own proprietary and confidential information. Access to the Confidential Information shall be restricted to those of Law Firm's personnel engaged under this Agreement. All Confidential Information made available hereunder, including copies thereof, shall be returned in accordance with Law Firm's File Retention Policy or request by the District, whichever occurs first. The restrictions set forth in this section shall not apply to information that is or becomes in the public domain through no fault of Law Firm, is independently developed by Law Firm, is provided to Law Firm by a third party who is not

subject to a duty of confidentiality, or is required to be disclosed pursuant to law or legal process.

- 12. <u>Texas Lawyer's Creed:</u> Under rules of the Texas Supreme Court and the State Bar of Texas, we advise our clients of the contents of the Texas Lawyer's Creed, a copy of which is enclosed. In addition, we advise clients that the State Bar of Texas investigates and prosecutes complaints of professional misconduct against attorneys licensed in Texas. A brochure entitled Attorney Complaint Information is available at all of our offices and is likewise available upon request. A client that has any questions about the State Bar's disciplinary process should call the Office of the General Counsel of the State Bar of Texas at 1-800-932-1900 (toll free).
- 13. <u>Generative Al:</u> While representing District, Law Firm may use generative Al tools and technology like Westlaw to assist in legal research, document drafting and other legal tasks. This technology enables us to provide more efficient and cost-effective legal services. However, it is important to note that while generative Al can enhance Law Firm's work, it is not a substitute for the expertise and judgment of Law Firm's attorneys. Law Firm will exercise professional judgment in using Al-generated content and ensure its accuracy and appropriateness in your specific matters. By entering into this agreement, District understands and agrees to Law Firm's use of Al-assisted applications, including Law Firm's limited, supervised use of those tools to process certain confidential information under Law Firm's continuing monitoring to reasonably protect the confidentiality of all information.

TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Зу: _		
, -	(Signature)	
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	(Print Name)	
-	(Title)	
	(Date)	

WALSH GALLEGOS KYLE ROBINSON & ROALSON P.C.

Ву: \_

Joe A. De Los Santos Managing Shareholder

8/1/2025

(Date)

#### THE TEXAS LAWYER'S CREED -- A MANDATE FOR PROFESSIONALISM

The Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals adopted this Creed, with the requirement that lawyers advise their clients of its contents when undertaking representation.

I am a lawyer. I am entrusted by the People of Texas to preserve and improve our legal system. I am licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas. I must therefore abide by the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, but I know that professionalism requires more than merely avoiding the violation of laws and rules. I am committed to this creed for no other reason than it is right.

#### OUR LEGAL SYSTEM

A lawyer owes to the administration of justice personal dignity, integrity, and independence. A lawyer should always adhere to the highest principles of professionalism. I am passionately proud of my profession. Therefore, "My word is my bond." I am responsible to assure that all persons have access to competent representation regardless of wealth or position in life. I commit myself to an adequate and effective pro bono program. I am obligated to educate my clients, the public, and other lawyers regarding the spirit and letter of this Creed. I will always be conscious of my duty to the judicial system.

#### II. LAWYER TO CLIENT

A lawyer owes to a client allegiance, learning, skill, and industry. A lawyer shall employ all appropriate means to protect and advance the client's legitimate rights, claims, and objectives. A lawyer shall not be deterred by any real or imagined fear of judicial disfavor or public unpopularity, nor be influenced by mere self-interest. I will advise my client of the contents of this creed when undertaking representation. I will endeavor to achieve my client's lawful objectives in legal transactions and in litigation as quickly and economically as possible. I will be loyal and committed to my client's lawful objectives, but I will not permit that loyalty and commitment to interfere with my duty to provide objective and independent advice. I will advise my client that civility and courtesy are expected and are not a sign of weakness. I will advise my client of proper and expected behavior. I will treat adverse parties and witnesses with fairness and due consideration. A client has no right to demand that I abuse anyone or indulge in any offensive conduct. I will advise my client that we will not pursue conduct which is intended primarily to harass or drain the financial resources of the opposing party. I will advise my client that we will not pursue tactics which are intended primarily for delay. I will advise my client that we will not pursue any course of action which is without merit. I will advise my client that I reserve the right to determine whether to grant accommodations to opposing counsel in

all matters that do not adversely affect my client's lawful objectives. A client has no right to instruct me to refuse reasonable requests made by other counsel. I will advise my client regarding the availability of mediation, arbitration, and other alternative methods of resolving and settling disputes.

#### III. LAWYER TO LAWYER

A lawyer owes to opposing counsel, in the conduct of legal transactions and the pursuit of litigation, courtesy, candor, cooperation, and scrupulous observance of all agreements and mutual understandings. Ill feelings between clients shall not influence a lawyer's conduct, attitude, or demeanor toward opposing counsel. A lawyer shall not engage in unprofessional conduct in retaliation against other unprofessional conduct. I will be courteous, civil, and prompt in oral and written communications. I will not quarrel over matters of form or style, but I will concentrate on matters of substance. I will identify for other counsel or parties all changes I have made in documents submitted for review. I will attempt to prepare documents which correctly reflect the agreement of the parties. I will not include provisions which have not been agreed upon or omit provisions which are necessary to reflect the agreement of the parties. I will notify opposing counsel, and, if appropriate, the Court or other persons, as soon as practicable, when hearings, depositions, meetings, conferences, or closings are cancelled. I will agree to reasonable requests for extensions of time and for waiver of procedural formalities, provided legitimate objectives of my client will not be adversely affected. I will not serve motions or pleadings in any manner that unfairly limits another party's opportunity to respond. I will attempt to resolve by agreement my objections to matters contained in pleadings and discovery requests and responses. I can disagree without being disagreeable. I recognize that effective representation does not require antagonistic or obnoxious behavior. I will neither encourage nor knowingly permit my client or anyone under my control to do anything which would be unethical or improper if done by me. I will not, without good cause, attribute bad motives or unethical conduct to opposing counsel nor bring the profession into disrepute by unfounded accusations of impropriety. I will avoid disparaging personal remarks or acrimony towards opposing counsel, parties, and witnesses. I will not be influenced by any ill feeling between clients. I will abstain from any allusion to personal peculiarities or idiosyncrasies of opposing counsel. I will not take advantage, by causing any default or dismissal to be rendered, when I know the identity of an opposing counsel, without first inquiring about that counsel's intention to proceed. I will promptly submit orders to the Court. I will deliver copies to opposing counsel before or contemporaneously with submission to the Court. I will promptly approve the form of orders which accurately reflect the substance of the rulings of the Court. I will not attempt to gain an unfair advantage by sending the Court or its staff correspondence or copies of correspondence. I will not arbitrarily schedule a deposition, court appearance, or hearing until a good faith effort has been made to schedule it by agreement. I will readily stipulate

to undisputed facts in order to avoid needless costs or inconvenience for any party. I will refrain from excessive and abusive discovery. I will comply with all reasonable discovery requests. I will not resist discovery requests which are not objectionable. I will not make objections nor give instructions to a witness for the purpose of delaying or obstructing the discovery process. I will encourage witnesses to respond to all deposition questions which are reasonably understandable. I will neither encourage nor permit my witness to quibble about words where their meaning is reasonably clear. I will not seek Court intervention to obtain discovery which is clearly improper and not discoverable. I will not seek sanctions or disqualification unless it is necessary for protection of my client's lawful objectives or is fully justified by the circumstances.

### IV. LAWYER AND JUDGE

Lawyers and judges owe each other respect, diligence, candor, punctuality, and protection against unjust and improper criticism and attack. Lawyers and judges are equally responsible to protect the dignity and independence of the Court and the profession. I will always recognize that the position of judge is the symbol of both the judicial system and administration of justice. I will refrain from conduct that degrades this symbol. I will conduct myself in Court in a professional manner and demonstrate my respect for the Court and the law. I will treat counsel, opposing parties, the Court, and members of the Court staff with courtesy and civility. I will be punctual. I will not engage in any conduct which offends the dignity and decorum of proceedings. I will not knowingly misrepresent, mischaracterize, misquote or miscite facts or authorities to gain an advantage. I will respect the rulings of the Court. I will give the issues in controversy deliberate, impartial and studied analysis and consideration. I will be considerate of the time constraints and pressures imposed upon the Court, Court staff and counsel in efforts to administer justice and resolve disputes.



## Program for EFT/ACH Payments

Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson & Roalson P.C. is working to improve our services to you and assist you in saving time and money. To that end, we now offer our clients the option to pay their invoices electronically by either Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment--instead of the traditional paper, check-by-mail method.

An EFT/ACH payment authorizes the client's bank to move funds from its bank account to the bank account of the authorized merchant (Walsh, Gallegos). This movement of funds is done between banks electronically—thus the term Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or Automated Clearing House (ACH). This electronic movement of funds between banks is more convenient, efficient, secure, and far less costly than the handling of paper checks.

If your district is interested in participating in our EFT/ACH payment program, please e-mail a request to <u>WA-EFT@wabsa.com</u> or call Karla Alvarado at (800) 252-3405 to receive our bank account information for EFT/ACH payments.

We are excited to be able to extend this opportunity to our clients. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.



## **File Retention Policy**

At the conclusion of a matter, the file is closed and all documents related to the file are gathered in a centralized location and properly labeled. This includes both paper and electronic documents. Because the nature of our work means that many matters may become active again, we have established a policy of maintaining our closed files for a period of 10 years. If a file is reopened, the 10 year period will start again after the file is closed again.

At the end of 10 years, we will notify clients that we will be destroying all files that have been closed for more than 10 years.\* Clients will have 30 days from the date of the letter to let us know if they would prefer that the files be returned to them instead of being destroyed. Clients can also request a list of the files we plan on destroying and request to inspect the files before making a decision about whether or not to allow them to be destroyed. We will provide an estimate cost for delivering the files to clients if they choose to have the files returned to them instead of being destroyed. Any files that are destroyed will be done so at our expense.

For more information about our File Retention Policy please contact Vicki Limon at <a href="mailto:vlimon@wabsa.com">vlimon@wabsa.com</a> or by calling 512.454.6864.

\*Note that there are certain types of files that our attorneys may flag to hold for longer than 10 years before being destroyed. Clients can request a list of all of the closed matters that we have for them at any time by contacting Vicki Limon at <a href="mailto:vlimon@wabsa.com">vlimon@wabsa.com</a>.



## FEE SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 16, 2025 LEGAL SERVICES RETAINER AGREEMENT

## For Retainer Program Clients

Annual retainer fee is \$1,000 billed each year on the anniversary of the client joining the program.

Telephone consultation with school officials in this program regarding general routine legal matters is free of charge. The firm has toll-free telephone numbers that are made available to these clients.

An hourly rate of \$265/hour for associates licensed less than one year, \$290/hour for associates licensed one to two years, \$340/hour for associates licensed over two years, or \$360/hour for shareholders is charged for time spent on research, opinion letters, office visits, board meetings, and other work of a general nature.

For matters requiring more in-depth work, such as document review, negotiation of a contract, grievance, nonrenewal, review of constructions documents, litigation, administrative appeals, and the like, all time, including telephone calls, is charged at the current hourly retainer rates shown above, plus expenses. A new file is set up so that the billings show legal fees attributable to that particular matter.

## For Non-retainer Program Clients

An hourly rate of \$265/hour for associates licensed less than one year, \$290/hour for associates licensed one to two years, \$360/hour for associates licensed over two years, or \$380/hour for shareholders is charged for time spent on any work, including all telephone calls, office visits, litigation, research, opinion letters, hearings, and the like.

The above rates are subject to change at any time.



### BENEFITS OF THE RETAINER PROGRAM

1. FREE TELEPHONE CONSULTATION: The law firm provides telephone consultation at no charge to the District's Board President, Superintendent, Special Education Director or any designee pertaining to questions arising out of the general operation of the District. Last year, our member clients received an average of 10.27 free hours of telephone consultation. That is a \$3,047.00 value in telephone calls alone!

As a retainer client, the District has exclusive access to the statewide toll-free telephone numbers for calls to the law firm. Before making decisions with legal consequences, use our exclusive toll-free number to reach any Walsh Gallegos attorney:

ш	Austin	(800) 252-3405
	San Antonio	(800) 232-9169
ш	Irving	(800) 231-4207
н	Houston	(888) 565-6864
	Rio Grande Valley	(866) 770-6864
8	Amarillo	(800) 622-6864
	Albuquerque	(800) 771-6864

- 2. REDUCED RATES FOR ADDITIONAL LEGAL WORK: The District receives reduced hourly rates for additional works that goes beyond the initial general telephone consultations, such as analyzing documents, writing opinion letters, attending school board meetings, or follow up phone consultations. Though the hourly rates are reduced for retainer clients, any actual expenses (copy costs or mileage, for example) incurred by the law firm in providing such additional work are charged.
- 3. FREE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO FIRM PUBLICATIONS: Membership in the Walsh Gallegos Retainer Program also entitles the District to receive free subscriptions to both of the firm's newsletters:
  - (1) the informative bi-monthly newsletter "Time Out with Walsh Gallegos" that provides timely reminders and practical suggestions about general education law issues arising throughout the school year, and
  - (2) the monthly publication "This Just In" which addresses legal issues specific to the special needs of students with disabilities
- 4. **E-MAIL UPDATES:** As another benefit of the Retainer Program, Walsh Gallegos sends periodic e-mail updates to you (and to any other District personnel or trustees you designate) to help

keep the District abreast of the latest developments in school law. These updates, averaging more than one per month, address a broad range of timely topics and are designed to keep you informed and better prepared in your work for the District. Examples of the topics of our updates include:

- EEOC Releases New Regulations for Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
- Attorney General Rule Updating Title II of the ADA Ensuring that Web Content and Mobile Apps are Accessible
- U.S. Department of Labor Increases Salary Threshold for Exempt Employees
- Final Title IX Regulations Released
- Supreme Court Clarifies Limits on Public Officials' Social Media Conduct
- Next Steps in Medicaid Review Process
- HB 3033 Crucial NEW Deadlines for Responding to PIA Requests
- New I-9 Form for Employment Eligibility Verification
- HB 114 Creates a New Mandatory DAEP Offense

Don't let your District personnel miss our next update!

- 5. REDUCED RATES ON ALL WALSH GALLEGOS INSERVICES: Our Retainer Program members also receive reduced rates on all inservices presented at the District. Our up-to-date training programs are presented by attorneys with firsthand experience and knowledge about the current legal issues confronting Texas school districts. Our retainer clients also receive priority scheduling for inservice training.
- 6. REDUCED RATES ON ALL WALSH GALLEGOS PRODUCTS: To assist clients in their day-to-day operations, we have developed several practical products to save you time and head off potential problems during the school year. These products are easy to navigate, written in plain language, and are full of useful suggestions. As a member of the Retainer Program, clients receive reduced rates on these helpful tools, including:
  - Interactive Student Code of Conduct
  - Discipline Guide for DAEP & Expulsion
  - Administrator's Anti-Bullying Toolkit
  - Sexual Harassment Investigation Guide
  - Operating Guidelines for Cameras in Special Education Settings
- 7. ONE FREE ON-DEMAND WEBINAR: Our retainer clients are also eligible for one free On-Demand webinar of the District's choice, to be selected from our published webinar schedule. Our On-Demand webinars provide excellent training for school administrators without having to leave the district.



### TORNILLO ISD E-MAIL UPDATE FORM

The Walsh Gallegos E-mail Update program is designed to keep our clients informed of the latest developments in school law. These updates address a broad range of topics related to legal issues confronting school districts. In addition, e-mail update recipients will also be notified of upcoming audio/video conferences and specialty publications produced by Walsh Gallegos.

Below is the list of personnel and/or Board of Trustees that are currently in our system. Please review carefully and make any necessary changes or additions. Also note that there may be some names without an e-mail address or position. Please provide a current e-mail address, indicate whether the individual should remain one of our e-mail update recipients, and provide the named position of the individual. If you are having difficulty receiving our e-mail updates, please ask your technology department to add mypinpointe.com to the list of accepted domains.

Name	Title	E-mail Address
Ms. Rosy Vega-Barrio	Superintendent	Superintendent@tisd.us
Ms. Marlene Bullard	Board President	marlene@tisd.us
Ms. Maricela Ramos	Special Education Director/504 Coordinator Diagnostician	ramosm@tisd.us
Mr. Luis Guerra	Finance-Executive Director	guerral@tisd.us
Mrs. Myrna Patti-Lopez	Principal	lopezmy@tisd.us
Ms. Anna Brew	Special Education Clerk	brewa@tisd.us

Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please return this form to Client Services. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Client Services at (800) 252-3405.

VIA FAX (512) 467-9318

VIA MAIL Client Services Walsh Gallegos P.O. Box 2156 Austin, TX 78768 VIA E-MAIL info@wabsa.com

## **CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES**

FORM **1295** 

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	Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties. Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.		CE	OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING	
	of business.  Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson & Roalson P.C., or just Walsh Gallegos		ertificate Number: 025-1336973 ate Filed:		
2	Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.		7/15/2025 ate Acknowledged:		
3	Provide the identification number used by the governmental entit description of the services, goods, or other property to be provid 28264 Legal Services Retainer Agreement		r identify the s	contract, and pro	vide a
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5	Check only if there is NO Interested Party.				
6	UNSWORN DECLARATION				
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	My address is 505 E. Huntland Drive, Suite 600	Austin (city)	,TX (state)		_, <u>USA</u> . (country)
	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct	ot.			
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## Tornillo Independent School District Special Education Department 19200 Cobb Ave. Tornillo, TX 79853

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Professional Services Agreement (this or the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the Tornillo Independent School District (hereinafter the "District") and <u>Ann Morales</u> whose contract number is <u>12028</u> (hereinafter the "Contractor").

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor desires to perform the described services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the District and the Contractor hereby agree as follows:

During the period beginning <u>September 01, 2025</u> and ending <u>August 31, 2026</u>, Contractor, as an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of School District shall provide to the School District and complete during the effective dates of this contract the following services in a timely manner for the use and benefit of public education students in Texas:

#### Description of Services:

Contractor will provide special education related services according to each child's IEP Contractor will provide services on an "as needed" basis for Tornillo ISD students as arranged by the Special Education Department. Contractor will conduct evaluations, provide written reports, maintain and submit progress reports to parents. Contractor will maintain and submit service logs and session notes as directed. Contractor will assist and be a resource for school personnel and attend ARD's as needed. Contractor will provide goals/objectives as necessary. Contractor will be part of assessment team when required.

For the performance, satisfactory to the District, of the services described above, the District shall pay to the Contractor a fee equal to the amount quoted by the Contractor in his/her proposal in response to RFP No. 001-2019 for the sum of \$600 total for Student Evaluations and a maximum of \$200 per ARD participation including but not limited to paperwork and ARD participation. for the performance of the Contractor's duties under this contract, whichever is less, and computed in accordance with Texas law and school district Board policy in effect at the time such fee is incurred by the Contractor. The Contractor cannot work more than 30 consecutive consultative minutes at a time or more than 19.5 hours per week without prior written approval by TISD for either case. Also, contractor cannot exceed 90 days of work in a school year. The Contractor must notify TISD of any makeup time/work as soon as it becomes known to Contractor or made necessary. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the compensation shall constitute full payment to the Contractor and shall include, without limitation, costs of all supplies, materials, equipment, travel expenses, lodging, meals and all other expenses of any kind or nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the services described herein. The Contractor acknowledges and

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Tornillo Independent School District 19200 Cobb Ave. | PO Box 170 Special Education Department



agrees that the compensation is a fixed sum which may only be adjusted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and after written approval by the District. All payments due to the Contractor shall be made by a District check upon documentation required on a case by case basis. All documentation must be

submitted in proper form. All payments due to the Contractor shall be made in accordance with the District's payment policy and will be paid upon verification of receipt of services. Such payments will be paid NET 30 days from the date of invoice. The Contractor further acknowledges and agrees that the District, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to retain up to percent (%) of each such monthly payment to ensure that the Contractor performs the services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Any amount retained by the District shall be paid by the District to the Contractor at the time of final acceptance by the District of the services. Services covered by this Agreement are subject to all applicable grant and program requirements and are contingent on funding of the applicable program.

2. Any report(s) and any other documents prepared by the Contractor with respect to the services shall be the property of the District with all common law and statutory rights related thereto. The District shall have the right to use such documents for any purpose deemed appropriate by the District; provided however, the Contractor shall have no liability for any use of such documents by the District for any purpose unrelated to the Services.

THE DISTRICT'S REVIEW, APPROVAL OR USE OF ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE FOR THE DISTRICT'S SOLE PURPOSE AND SHALL NOT IMPLY THE DISTRICT'S REVIEW OF THE SAME, NOR OBLIGATE THE DISTRICT TO REVIEW SAME FOR QUALITY, COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATUTES, CODES, RULES AND REGULATIONS OR OTHER LIKE MATTERS. ACCORDINGLY, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT ANY DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY THE CONTRACTOR AND REVIEWED BY THE DISTRICT OR ANY AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DISTRICT, AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE WHICH MAY BE RENDERED TO THE CONTRACTOR BY THE DISTRICT OR THE DISTRICT'S AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DISTRICT'S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES, THE DISTRICT SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY WHATSOEVER IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OMISSIONS OR ERRORS CONTAINED IN ANY SUCH DOCUMENT SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL AND ANY SUCH DISTRICT APPROVAL SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OR RELEASE OF THE CONTRACTOR HEREUNDER OR AS PROVIDED BY APPLICABLE LAW. THE PROVISIONS HEREOF AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH PROVISIONS SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

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- 14. Assignment. The Contractor agrees that the duties and obligations of the Contractor under this Agreement are not assignable or transferable and the Contractor agrees not to subcontract any of the Services to be performed hereunder, without the prior written approval of the District.
- 15. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes and expresses the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement shall not be amended or modified except by written instrument signed by both parties.
- 16. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 17. This is a federally funded position and subject to continued Federal Grant funding. The contractor agrees to assist the District in all time and effort requirements under the Federal Grant. Funds for this contract shall be sourced from IDEA-B federal funds (224) and local funds (199). All programs are subject to funding and award for the covered program.



NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS HEREIN CONTAINED TO THE CONTRARY: (i) THE TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT WAIVE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY ITS EXECUTION OR DELIVERY OF THIS AGREEMENT OR BY ANY CONDUCT OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT; AND (ii) THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS HEREIN PROVIDED DOES NOT AFFECT THE TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO ASSERT ALL CLAIMS AND DEFENSES IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING.

AGREED and ACCEPTED on behalf of Contractor to be effective on the earliest date written above by the person authorized to bind contract.



Ann Morales (Aug 12, 2025 12:07:53 MDT)	LSSP	Aug 12, 2025
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## 25-26- Ann Morales

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## Tornillo Independent School District Special Education Department 19200 Cobb Ave. Tornillo, TX 79853

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Professional Services Agreement (this or the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the Tornillo Independent School District (hereinafter the "District") and <u>xSpedite</u> whose contract number is <u>12020</u> (hereinafter the "Contractor").

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor desires to perform the described services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the District and the Contractor hereby agree as follows:

During the period beginning <u>September 01, 2025</u> and ending <u>August 31, 2026</u>, Contractor, as an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of School District shall provide to the School District and complete during the effective dates of this contract the following services in a timely manner for the use and benefit of public education students in Texas:

#### Description of Services:

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AGREED and ACCEPTED on behalf of Contractor to be effective on the earliest date written above by the person authorized to bind contract.



Roxanne Franco (Aug 11, 2025 14:00:16 MDT)	Owner	Aug 11, 2025
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## Tornillo Independent School District Special Education Department 19200 Cobb Ave. Tornillo, TX 79853

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- This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.



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- 9. Indemnification. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its Board of Trustees, employees, agents and representatives (the "Indemnified Parties") from all losses, claims, liabilities, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action, and any costs and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees, of any type or description, brought, asserted or made for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person or person (including, without limitation, one of the Indemnified Parties) or property, arising out of, relating to, or occasioned by the performance or lack of performance, errors, omissions, negligence or intentional acts of the Contractor, its agents, consultants, subcontractors or employees related to the Services and its duties and obligations under or pursuant to this Agreement, whether or not any other party contributes to such performance or lack of performance, errors, omissions, negligence or intentional acts of the Contractor, its agents, consultants, subcontractors or employees. Upon demand by the District, the Contractor shall diligently defend any indemnified matter relating to the Services and which is made or commenced against the District, whether alone or together with the Contractor or any other person, all at the Contractor's own cost and expense and by counsel to be approved by the District in the exercise of its reasonable judgment. In the alternative, at any time the District may elect to conduct its own defense through counsel selected by the District and at the cost and expense of the Contractor. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit or impair any rights or remedies of the District against the Contractor or any other person under any other provision of this Agreement or under applicable law. The Contractor shall not be required to indemnify the District if such indemnification would



be a violation of a Texas statute. The terms of this paragraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

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- 14. Assignment. The Contractor agrees that the duties and obligations of the Contractor under this Agreement are not assignable or transferable and the Contractor agrees not to subcontract any of the Services to be performed hereunder, without the prior written approval of the District.
- 15. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes and expresses the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement shall not be amended or modified except by written instrument signed by both parties.
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NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS HEREIN CONTAINED TO THE CONTRARY: (i) THE TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT WAIVE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY ITS EXECUTION OR



DELIVERY OF THIS AGREEMENT OR BY ANY CONDUCT OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT; AND (ii) THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS HEREIN PROVIDED DOES NOT AFFECT THE TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO ASSERT ALL CLAIMS AND DEFENSES IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING.

AGREED and ACCEPTED on behalf of Contractor to be effective on the earliest date written above by the person authorized to bind contract.

Mark Porras (Aug 12, 2025 09:14:00 MDT)

COTA

Aug 12, 2025



Contractor Title Date

AGREED and ACCEPTED on behalf of District thisauthorized to bind School District.	day of	, by a person
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## 25-26- Mark Porras

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## Tornillo Independent School District Special Education Department 19200 Cobb Ave. Tornillo, TX 79853

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Professional Services Agreement (this or the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the Tornillo Independent School District (hereinafter the "District") and <u>Nancy Menjivar</u> whose contract number is <u>N/A</u> (hereinafter the "Contractor").

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor desires to perform the described services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the District and the Contractor hereby agree as follows:

1. During the period beginning <u>September 01, 2025</u> and ending <u>August 31, 2026</u>, Contractor, as an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of School District shall provide to the School District and complete during the effective dates of this contract the following services in a timely manner for the use and benefit of public education students in Texas:

#### Description of Services:

Contractor will provide special education related services according to each child's IEP Contractor will provide services on an "as needed" basis for Tornillo ISD students as arranged by the Special Education Department. Contractor will conduct evaluations, provide written reports, maintain and submit progress reports to parents. Contractor will maintain and submit service logs and session notes as directed. Contractor will assist and be a resource for school personnel and attend ARD's as needed. Contractor will provide goals/objectives as necessary. Contractor will be part of assessment team when required.

For the performance, satisfactory to the District, of the services described above, the District shall pay to the Contractor a fee equal to the amount quoted by the Contractor in his/her proposal in response to RFP No.

001-2019 for the sum of \$200 flat fee for student evaluations of OT therapy and a maximum of \$100 total for services to include ARD paperwork, ARD attendance, PLAAFP, G&O updates etc. and/or \$80 total per hour for any related services provided, supervision of COTA as well as a for a flat fee of an hour for travel allowance for the performance of the Contractor's duties under this contract, whichever is less, and computed in accordance with Texas law and school district Board policy in effect at the time such fee is incurred by the Contractor. The Contractor cannot work more than 30 consecutive consultative minutes at a time or more than 19.5 hours per week without prior written approval by TISD for either case. Also, contractor cannot exceed 90 days of work in a school year. The Contractor must notify TISD of any makeup time/work as soon as it becomes known to Contractor or made necessary. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the compensation shall constitute full payment to the Contractor and shall include, without limitation, costs of all supplies, materials, equipment, travel expenses, lodging, meals and

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submitted in proper form. All payments due to the Contractor shall be made in accordance with the District's payment policy and will be paid upon verification of receipt of services. Such payments will be paid NET 30 days from the date of invoice. The Contractor further acknowledges and agrees that the District, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to retain up to percent (%) of each such monthly payment to ensure that the Contractor performs the services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Any amount retained by the District shall be paid by the District to the Contractor at the time of final acceptance by the District of the services. Services covered by this Agreement are subject to all applicable grant and program requirements and are contingent on funding of the applicable program.

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AGREED and ACCEPTED on behalf of Contractor to be effective on the earliest date written above by the person authorized to bind contract.



Nancy Menjivar (Aug 13, 2025 17:25:28 MDT)	Occupational Therapist	Aug 13, 2025
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AGREED and ACCEPTED on behalf of District authorized to bind School District.	this day of	, by a person
Superintendent		Date

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## Tornillo Independent School District Special Education Department 19200 Cobb Ave. Tornillo, TX 79853

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**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the District and the Contractor hereby agree as follows:

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- 5. The District and the Contractor are fully committed to working with each other and agree to communicate regularly with each other at all times so as to avoid or minimize disputes or disagreements with respect to the Services to be performed by the Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. If disputes or disagreements do arise, the District and the Contractor each commit to resolve such disputes or disagreements in an amicable, professional, and expeditious manner so as to avoid unnecessary losses, delays, and disruptions to completion of the Services. The District and the Contractor will first attempt to resolve any disputes or disagreements at the filed level through discussions between the parties' respective designated representatives. The Contractor shall continue to perform the Services and the District shall continue to satisfy its payment obligations to the Contractor pending the final resolution of any dispute or disagreement between the parties. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute through discussions between their designated representatives, either party may file a written request for mediation with the other party. Such mediation will be conducted in accordance with the applicable mediation rules of the American Arbitration Association currently in effect. The parties shall share the costs of mediation equally. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the mediation shall be held in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas. Any dispute which cannot be resolved by mediation may then be submitted to the appropriate state or federal court in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas. In the event the efforts to resolve the dispute through mediation are unsuccessful, the Contractor hereby irrevocably submits generally and unconditionally for itself and in respect of its property to the jurisdiction of any state court, or any United States Federal Court, sitting in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, over any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The Contractor further hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection that the Contractor may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue in any such court and any claims that any such court is an inconvenient forum. If any action at law or in equity is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled.



- 6. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.
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- 9. Indemnification. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its Board of Trustees, employees, agents and representatives (the "Indemnified Parties") from all losses, claims, liabilities, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action, and any costs and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees, of any type or description, brought, asserted or made for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person or person (including, without limitation, one of the Indemnified Parties) or property, arising out of, relating to, or occasioned by the performance or lack of performance, errors, omissions, negligence or intentional acts of the Contractor, its agents, consultants, subcontractors or employees related to the Services and its duties and obligations under or pursuant to this Agreement, whether or not any other party contributes to such performance or lack of performance, errors, omissions, negligence or intentional acts of the Contractor, its agents, consultants, subcontractors or employees. Upon demand by the District, the Contractor shall diligently defend any indemnified matter relating to the Services and which is made or commenced against the District, whether alone or together with the Contractor or any other person, all at the Contractor's own cost and expense and by counsel to be approved by the District in the exercise of its reasonable judgment. In the alternative, at any time the District may elect to conduct its own defense through counsel selected by the District and at the cost and expense of the Contractor. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit or impair any rights or remedies of the



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- 12. **Criminal Background Check.** Any Contractor employees having direct contact with students must submit to a criminal background check as required by Texas law.
- 13. **Confidentiality.** The District considers all non-public information concerning the Services to be performed under the terms of this Agreement as well as any reports or other documentation related thereto to be confidential and proprietary unless otherwise expressly indicated in writing by the District to the Contractor. The Contractor shall not release any non-public information to any third party without the prior written consent of the District. The Contractor understands that the District must release certain information under the Texas Public Information Act.
- 14. Assignment. The Contractor agrees that the duties and obligations of the Contractor under this Agreement are not assignable or transferable and the Contractor agrees not to subcontract any of the Services to be performed hereunder, without the prior written approval of the District.
- 15. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes and expresses the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement shall not be amended or modified except by written instrument signed by both parties.
- 16. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 17. This is a federally funded position and subject to continued Federal Grant funding. The contractor agrees to assist the District in all time and effort requirements under the Federal Grant. Funds for this contract shall be sourced from IDEA-B federal funds (224) and local funds (199). All programs are subject to funding and award for the covered program.



NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS HEREIN CONTAINED TO THE CONTRARY: (i) THE TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT WAIVE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY ITS EXECUTION OR DELIVERY OF THIS AGREEMENT OR BY ANY CONDUCT OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT; AND (ii) THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS HEREIN PROVIDED DOES NOT AFFECT THE TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO ASSERT ALL CLAIMS AND DEFENSES IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING.

AGREED and ACCEPTED on behalf of Contractor to be effective on the earliest date written above by the person authorized to bind contract.



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Contractor	Title	Date
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# Tornillo Independent School District Special Education Department 19200 Cobb Ave. Tornillo, TX 79853

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Professional Services Agreement (this or the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the Tornillo Independent School District (hereinafter the "District") and <u>Rio Grande Therapy Group</u> whose contract number is <u>12024</u> (hereinafter the "Contractor").

WHEREAS, the Contractor desires to perform the described services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the District and the Contractor hereby agree as follows:

1. During the period beginning <u>September 01, 2025</u> and ending <u>August 31, 2026</u>, Contractor, as an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of School District shall provide to the School District and complete during the effective dates of this contract the following services in a timely manner for the use and benefit of public education students in Texas:

#### Description of Services:

Contractor will provide special education related services according to each child's IEP Contractor will provide services on an "as needed" basis for Tornillo ISD students as arranged by the Special Education Department. Contractor will conduct evaluations, provide written reports, maintain and submit progress reports to parents. Contractor will maintain and submit service logs and session notes as directed. Contractor will assist and be a resource for school personnel and attend ARD's as needed. Contractor will provide goals/objectives as necessary. Contractor will be part of assessment team when required.

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materials, equipment, travel expenses, lodging, meals and all other expenses of any kind or nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the services described herein. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the compensation is a fixed sum which may only be adjusted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and after written approval by the District. All payments due to the Contractor shall be made by a District check upon documentation required on a case by case basis. All documentation must be

submitted in proper form. All payments due to the Contractor shall be made in accordance with the District's payment policy and will be paid upon verification of receipt of services. Such payments will be paid NET 30 days from the date of invoice. The Contractor further acknowledges and agrees that the District, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to retain up to percent ( %) of each such monthly payment to ensure that the Contractor performs the services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Any amount retained by the District shall be paid by the District to the Contractor at the time of final acceptance by the District of the services. Services covered by this Agreement are subject to all applicable grant and program requirements and are contingent on funding of the applicable program.

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AGREED and ACCEPTED on behalf of Contractor to be effective on the earliest date written above by the person authorized to bind contract.



Hector Zavaleta  Hector Zavaleta (Aug 18, 2025 18:06:38 MDT)	Owner	Aug 18, 2025
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## GTornillo Independent School District Special Education Department 19200 Cobb Ave. Tornillo, TX 79853

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Professional Services Agreement (this or the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the Tornillo Independent School District (hereinafter the "District") and <u>H2A Consulting LLC</u> whose contract number is <u>20241</u> (hereinafter the "Contractor").

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**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the District and the Contractor hereby agree as follows:

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For the performance, satisfactory to the District, of the services described above, the District shall pay to the Contractor a fee equal to the amount quoted by the Contractor in his/her proposal in response to RFP No. 001-2019 for \$550 flat rate per month for all DHH students' to include all direct services and consultative services, ARD participation, and documentation. ARD's paperwork and ARD participation will not be billed separately or per hour. \$200 flat rate for all initial and Re Evaluations, and an additional \$175 per month for any new student that qualifies for student services. Computed in accordance with Texas law and school district Board policy in effect at the time such fee is incurred by the Contractor. All services are at will and are to be on an "as needed" basis.



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have no authority to bind the District in any contract, agreement or otherwise. The District shall have no obligation to: (i) provide training to the Contractor; (ii) instruct the Contractor as to when, where, or how the Contractor is to work; (iii) hire or supervise or pay any assistants for the Contractor; or (iv) furnish the Contractor with tools, materials or equipment. The District shall have no obligation to withhold from the compensation any taxes, FICA, or federal or state unemployment insurance premiums. The Contractor shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding, retirement, profit-sharing or any other benefits which may or may not be afforded employees of the District.

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- 5. The District and the Contractor are fully committed to working with each other and agree to communicate regularly with each other at all times so as to avoid or minimize disputes or disagreements with respect to the Services to be performed by the Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. If disputes or disagreements do arise, the District and the Contractor each commit to resolve such disputes or disagreements in an amicable, professional, and expeditious manner so as to avoid unnecessary losses, delays, and disruptions to completion of the Services. The District and the Contractor will first attempt to resolve any disputes or disagreements at the filed level through discussions between the parties' respective designated representatives. The Contractor shall continue to perform the Services and the District shall continue to satisfy its payment obligations to the Contractor pending the final resolution of any dispute or disagreement between the parties. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute through discussions between their designated representatives, either party may file a written request for mediation with the other party. Such mediation will be conducted in accordance with the applicable mediation rules of the American Arbitration Association currently in effect. The parties shall share the costs of mediation equally. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the mediation shall be held in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas. Any dispute which cannot be resolved by mediation may then be submitted to the appropriate state or federal court in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas. In the event the efforts to resolve the dispute through mediation are unsuccessful, the Contractor hereby irrevocably submits generally and unconditionally for itself and in respect of its property to the jurisdiction of any state court, or any United States Federal Court, sitting in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, over any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The Contractor further hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection that the Contractor may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue in any such court and any claims that any such court is an inconvenient forum. If any action at law



or in equity is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled.

- 6. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.
- 7. The Contractor affirms that this assignment does not create a conflict of interest with his/her business entity or present employer.
  - 8. **Termination; Suspension.** Either party, the District or the Contractor, may void this contract with <u>30</u> days prior written notice of such intent. Written notice must be in the form of United Postal Return Receipt Mail. Termination or suspension shall be subject to the following:
    - (a) By the District. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately upon any breach of this Agreement by the Contractor. The District may also terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor for the District's convenience and without cause. Upon written notice to the Contractor, the District may for its convenience and without cause suspend performance of the Services by the Contractor for a period not to exceed ninety (90) consecutive days. In the event of a suspension by the District, the District shall equitably adjust the terms of this Agreement, including compensation.
    - (b) By the Contractor. The Contractor may terminate this Agreement if the District fails to pay the Consultant in compliance with Paragraph 2 herein. Provided, however, that the Contractor must have first given the District written notice of such failure to pay and the District must have failed to cure such non-payment within twenty (20) days of receipt of such notice. The Contractor may also terminate this Agreement if the District suspends Contractor's performance of the Services for a period in excess of ninety (90) consecutive days.
- 9. Indemnification. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its Board of Trustees, employees, agents and representatives (the "Indemnified Parties") from all losses, claims, liabilities, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action, and any costs and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees, of any type or description, brought, asserted or made for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person or person (including, without limitation, one of the Indemnified Parties) or property, arising out of, relating to, or occasioned by the performance or lack of performance, errors, omissions, negligence or intentional acts of the Contractor, its agents, consultants, subcontractors or employees related to the Services and its duties and obligations under or pursuant to this Agreement, whether or not any other party contributes to such performance or lack of performance, errors, omissions, negligence or intentional acts of the Contractor, its agents, consultants, subcontractors or employees. Upon demand by the District, the Contractor shall diligently defend any indemnified matter relating to the Services and which is made or commenced against the District, whether alone or together with the Contractor or any other person, all at the Contractor's own cost and expense and by counsel to be



approved by the District in the exercise of its reasonable judgment. In the alternative, at any time the District may elect to conduct its own defense through counsel selected by the District and at the cost and expense of the Contractor. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit or impair any rights or remedies of the District against the Contractor or any other person under any other provision of this Agreement or under applicable law. The Contractor shall not be required to indemnify the District if such indemnification would be a violation of a Texas statute. The terms of this paragraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

- 10. **Status of the Contractor.** The Contractor hereby represents, promises and warrants to the District: that the Contractor is financially solvent and possesses sufficient experience, all required licenses, authority, personnel and working capital to complete the Services required under this Agreement.
- 11. **Business Ethics Standards.** The Contractor hereby acknowledges that it has reviewed the District's business ethics policy attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. The Contractor represents to the District that it has not violated such standards in its dealings with the District and covenants that it will abide by such standards in the Contractor's performance of this Agreement.
- 12. **Criminal Background Check.** Any Contractor employees having direct contact with students must submit to a criminal background check as required by Texas law.
- 13. **Confidentiality.** The District considers all non-public information concerning the Services to be performed under the terms of this Agreement as well as any reports or other documentation related thereto to be confidential and proprietary unless otherwise expressly indicated in writing by the District to the Contractor. The Contractor shall not release any non-public information to any third party without the prior written consent of the District. The Contractor understands that the District must release certain information under the Texas Public Information Act.
- 14. Assignment. The Contractor agrees that the duties and obligations of the Contractor under this Agreement are not assignable or transferable and the Contractor agrees not to subcontract any of the Services to be performed hereunder, without the prior written approval of the District.
- 15. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes and expresses the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement shall not be amended or modified except by written instrument signed by both parties.
- 16. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 17. This is a federally funded position and subject to continued Federal Grant funding. The contractor agrees to assist the District in all time and effort requirements under the Federal Grant. Funds for this contract



shall be sourced from IDEA-B federal funds (224) and local funds (199). All programs are subject to funding and award for the covered program.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS HEREIN CONTAINED TO THE CONTRARY: (i) THE TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT WAIVE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY ITS EXECUTION OR DELIVERY OF THIS AGREEMENT OR BY ANY CONDUCT OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT; AND (ii) THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS HEREIN PROVIDED DOES NOT AFFECT THE TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO ASSERT ALL CLAIMS AND DEFENSES IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING.



AGREED and ACCEPTED on behalf of Contractor to be effective on the earliest date written above by the person authorized to bind contract.

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