



**Nortex
Regional
Planning
Commission**

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July 10, 2023

Honorable Kevin Benton
Montague County Judge
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Montague, Texas 76251-0475

Dear Judge Benton:

Please find enclosed the Interlocal Agreement for 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services between Nortex Regional Planning Commission and Montague County. This is a renewal of the previous contract which expires on August 31, 2023.

The Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications requires these contracts be in place according to the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 771.

We are sending you this contract in duplicate originals and asking you to sign **BOTH** copies in two (2) places on each document and return **ONE** of the signed copies to Nortex.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Tim Bryant, Director of 9-1-1 Emergency Services.

Sincerely,

DENNIS WILDE
Executive Director

Enclosures

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR E9-1-1 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT SERVICES

Article 1: Parties & Purpose

1.1 The Nortex Regional Planning Commission (RPC) is a regional planning commission and political subdivision of the State of Texas organized and operating under the Texas Regional Planning Act of 1965, as amended, Chapter 391 of the Local Government Code. The RPC has developed a Strategic Plan to establish and operate 9-1-1 service (Strategic Plan) in State Planning Region 3 (Region), and the Commission on State Emergency Communications (Commission) has approved its current Strategic Plan.

1.2 Montague County, Texas (Local Government) is a local government that operates Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) that assists in implementing the Strategic Plan as approved by the Commission.

1.3 The Commission, as authorized by Health & Safety Code, Chapter 771, is the oversight and funding authority for regional planning commissions implementing 9-1-1 service.

1.4 The Contract for 9-1-1 Services between the Commission and the RPC requires the RPC to execute interlocal agreements with local governments relating to the planning, development, operation, and provision of 9-1-1 service, the use of wireline and wireless 9-1-1 fees and equalization surcharge appropriated to the Commission and granted to the RPC (9-1-1 Funds) and adherence to Applicable Law.

Article 2: Applicable Law

2.1 Applicable laws include, but are not limited to, the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 771; Commission Rules (Title 1, Part 12, Texas Administrative Code) and Program Policy Statements; the biennial state General Appropriations Act, Texas Government Code (including Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards [UGMS]), Chapter 783 and Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter A, Division 4, Texas Administrative Code; Preservation and Management of Local Government Records Act, Chapter 441, Subchapter J; and Resolution of Certain Contract Claims Against the State, Chapter 2260); Texas Local Government Code (including Regional Planning Commissions Act, Chapter 391).

2.2 Any new or amended policy or procedure, other than an adopted rule, shall be enforceable against the Local Government 30 days following the date of its adoption, unless the RPC finds and declares that an emergency exists that requires such policy or procedure be enforceable immediately. The RPC shall provide the Local Government written notice of all new or amended policies, procedures, or interpretations of Commission rules within a reasonable time after adoption, and in any event at least 10 days prior to the time such policies or procedures are enforceable against the Local Government.

Article 3: Deliverables

3.1 The Local Government agrees to:

3.1.1 Operate and maintain the PSAP located at Montague County Sheriff's Office.

3.1.2 Provide 9-1-1 public safety answering service 24 hours per day, seven days per week: and

3.1.3 Cooperate with the RPC in providing and maintaining suitable PSAP space meeting all technical requirements.

3.2 Ownership, Transference & Disposition of Equipment

3.2.1. The RPC and the Local Government shall comply with Applicable Law, regarding the ownership, transfer of ownership, and/or control of equipment acquired with 9-1-1 Funds in connection with the provision of 9-1-1 service (9-1-1 equipment).

3.2.2 The RPC shall establish ownership of all 9-1-1 equipment located within the Local Government's jurisdiction. The RPC will maintain ownership of the equipment. (See attached Ownership Agreement – Attachment A)

3.2.3 The Local Government shall ensure that sufficient controls and security exist by which to protect and safeguard the 9-1-1 equipment against loss, damage, or theft.

3.2.4 The ownership document shall be prepared by the RPC and signed by both parties upon establishing ownership of any such 9-1-1 equipment in accordance with UGMS and the State Comptroller of Public Accounts. (See attached Ownership Agreement - Attachment A)

3.2.5 Replacement insurance on 9-1-1 equipment shall be purchased and maintained by Local Government or prove to be "Self-Insured". Proof of insurance shall be provided upon request.

3.2.6 The RPC and/or the Commission shall be reimbursed by the Local Government for any damage to 9-1-1 equipment other than ordinary wear and tear.

3.3 Inventory

3.3.1 The RPC shall maintain a current inventory of all 9-1-1 equipment consistent with Applicable Law.

3.3.2 Any lost or stolen 9-1-1 equipment shall be reported to the RPC as soon as possible.

3.4 Security

3.4.1 The Local Government shall limit access to all 9-1-1 equipment and related data only to authorized personnel.

3.4.2 The Local Government shall not connect any external device into the 9-1-1 equipment. (See attached Security Policy Memorandum – Attachment B)

3.5 Operations

The Local Government shall:

- 3.5.1 Designate a PSAP supervisor and provide related contact information to the RPC.
- 3.5.2 Monitor and test the 9-1-1 equipment and report any failures or maintenance issues immediately to the appropriate maintenance vendor and/or the RPC.
- 3.5.3 Coordinate with the RPC and local elected officials in the planning for and implementation and operation of all 9-1-1 equipment.
- 3.5.4 Allow 24-hour access to the 9-1-1 equipment for repair and maintenance service, as required.
- 3.5.5 Assist the RPC in conducting inspections of all 9-1-1 equipment at the PSAP as identified by the RPC for quality assurance (see attached PSAP Monitoring Checklist - Attachment E).
- 3.5.6 Test all Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) for proper operation.
- 3.5.7 Log all TDD 9-1-1 calls and equipment testing as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- 3.5.8 Log all trouble reports and make copies available to the RPC as required by the RPC.
- 3.5.9 Make no changes to 9-1-1 equipment, software, or programs without prior written consent from the RPC.
- 3.5.10 Log all language translation service assistance calls. Report each of those calls as soon as possible after the call is completed.

Article 4: Performance Monitoring

4.1 The RPC and the Commission reserve the right to perform on-site monitoring of the PSAP(s) for compliance with Applicable Law and performance of the deliverables specified in this Agreement. The Local Government agrees to fully cooperate with all monitoring requests from the RPC and/or the Commission for such purposes. (See attached PSAP Monitoring Checklist - Attachment E)

Article 5: Procurement

5.1 The RPC and the Local Government agree to use competitive procurement practices and procedures required by Applicable Law and RPC procurement policies in connection with any procurement to be funded with 9-1-1 Funds.

Article 6: Financial

6.1 As authorized by Applicable Law, the provisioning of 9-1-1 service throughout the Region is funded by Commission grants of appropriated 9-1-1 Funds.

Article 7: Records

7.1 The RPC or its duly authorized representative shall have access to and the right to examine records, files, and/or other papers or property pertaining to the 9-1-1 service belonging to or in use by the Local Government, the PSAP, or by any other entity that has performed or will perform services related to this Agreement.

7.3 The Commission and State Auditor's Office shall have the same access and examination rights as the RPC.

Article 8: Assignment

8.1 The Local Government may not assign its rights or subcontract its duties under this Agreement. An attempted assignment or subcontract in violation of this paragraph is void.

Article 9: Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity

9.1 The RPC and the Local Government shall not exclude anyone from participating under this Agreement, deny anyone benefits under this Agreement, or otherwise unlawfully discriminate against anyone in carrying out this Agreement because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, handicap, or national origin.

Article 10: Dispute Resolution

10.1 Disputes include, but are not limited to, disagreement between the parties about the meaning or application of the Strategic Plan, the Applicable Law or policy, or this Agreement.

10.2 The parties desire to resolve disputes without litigation. Accordingly, if a dispute arises, the parties agree to attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute between them. To this end, the parties agree not to sue one another, except to enforce compliance with this Article 10, until they have exhausted the procedures set out in this Article 10.

10.3 At the written request of either party, each party shall appoint one non-lawyer representative to negotiate informally and in good faith to resolve any dispute arising between the parties. The representatives appointed shall determine the location, format, frequency, and duration of the negotiations.

10.4 If the representatives cannot resolve the dispute within 30 calendar days after the first negotiation meeting, the parties agree to submit the dispute to a mutually designated legal mediator. Each party shall pay one-half the total fee and expenses for conducting the mediation.

10.5 The parties agree to continue performing their duties under this Agreement, which are unaffected by the dispute, during the negotiation and mediation process.

10.6 If mediation does not resolve the parties' dispute, the parties may pursue their legal and equitable remedies.

Article 11: Suspension for Unavailability of Funds

11.1 In the event that (i) the RPC's approved budget and/or appropriations to the Commission from the Texas Legislature do not permit or otherwise appropriate funds for maintaining the PSAP provided for in this Agreement, and (ii) such lack of permission or non-appropriation shall not have resulted from any act or failure to act on the part of the RPC, and (iii) the RPC has exhausted all funds legally available for operations of the PSAP, and no other legal procedure shall exist whereby the PSAP cannot be maintained; and (iv) RPC has negotiated in good faith with Local Government to develop an alternative or new agreement that will accommodate RPC's approved budget and/or appropriations for the applicable period, then RPC will not be obligated to maintain operations of the PSAP for the applicable budget year(s).

Article 12: Notice to Parties

12.1 Notice under this Agreement must be in writing and received by the party against whom it is to operate. Notice is received by a party (1) when it is delivered to the party personally; or (2) on the date shown on the return receipt if mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the party's address specified in this Article and signed on behalf of the party.

12.2 The RPC's address is:

Nortex Regional Planning Commission
4309 Old Jacksboro Hwy Suite 200
Wichita Falls, TX 76302

The Local Government's address is:

Montague County
PO Box 475
Montague, TX 76251

12.3 A party may change its address by providing notice of the change in accordance with paragraph 12.1.

Article 13: Effective Date and Term

13.1 This Agreement is effective as of September 1, 2023, and shall terminate on August 31, 2025.

13.2 In the event of default in the performance of this Agreement, the non-defaulting party may terminate this Agreement after providing written notice of the default to the defaulting party, and the failure of the defaulting party to cure said default within 30 calendar days of said notice.

13.3 If this Agreement is terminated for any reason, the RPC shall not be liable to the Local Government for any damages, claims, losses, or any other amounts arising from or related to any such termination.

Article 14: Force Majeure

14.1 The RPC may grant relief from performance of the Agreement if the Local Government is prevented from performance by act of war, order of legal authority, act of God, or other unavoidable cause not attributable to the fault or negligence of the Local Government. The burden of proof for the need of such relief shall rest upon the Local Government. To obtain release based on force majeure, the Local Government shall file a written request with the RPC.

Article 15: Confidentiality

15.1 The parties will comply with the Texas Public Information Act, Government Code, Chapter 552 as interpreted by judicial opinions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. This Agreement and all data and other information generated or otherwise obtained in its performance may be subject to the Texas Public Information Act. The parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of information received during the performance of this Agreement.

15.2 The Local Government or its duly authorized representative will notify the RPC upon receipt of any requests for information.

Article 16: Indemnification

16.1 To the extent authorized by law, each party agrees to indemnify the other and agrees to defend its governing body members, officers, and employees, against any claim, suit, or administrative proceeding, and to indemnify them against any liability including all costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred arising out of an act or omission of the governing body, any officer, employee or agent in carrying out this Agreement.

Article 17: Historically, Underutilized Business Requirements

17.1 The Local Government shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 2261 of the Government Code regarding Historically Underutilized Businesses.

Article 18: Miscellaneous

18.1 For purposes of this Agreement, terms not specifically defined herein are defined in the Applicable Laws.

18.2 Each individual signing this Agreement on behalf of a party warrants that he or she is legally authorized to do so, and that the party is legally authorized to perform the obligations undertaken.

18.3 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all oral or written agreements between the parties relating to matters herein. An amendment to this Agreement is not effective unless in writing and signed by both parties.

18.4 All parties agree that should any provision of this Agreement be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the term of this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect.

18.5 The following Attachments are part of this Agreement:

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| Attachment A | Ownership Agreement |
| Attachment B | NRPC 9-1-1 Security Policy Memorandum |
| Attachment C | PSAP Operations Performance Measures and Monitoring |
| Attachment D | Commission Documents: Rules and Program Policy Statements |
| Attachment E | Monitor Visit Form |

18.6 This Agreement is binding on, and to the benefit of, the parties' successors in interest.

18.7 This Agreement is executed in duplicate originals.

NORTEX REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

By: 

Printed Name: Dennis Wilde

Title: Executive Director

Date: _____

MONTAGUE COUNTY, TEXAS

By: 

Printed Name: Judge Kevin Benton

Title: Montague County Judge

Date: July 24, 2023

Ownership Agreement

As stipulated in Article 3 of the Agreement, the RPC shall establish ownership of all 9-1-1 equipment located within the Local Government's jurisdiction.

The RPC hereby establishes all 9-1-1 equipment located at Montague County Sheriff's Office, in Montague County, to be the property of Nortex Regional Planning Commission, hereinafter referred to as "Owner".

NORTEX REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

By:



Printed Name: Dennis Wilde

Title: Executive Director

Date: _____

MONTAGUE COUNTY, TEXAS

By:



Printed Name: Judge Kevin Benton

Title: Montague County Judge

Date: July 24, 2023

ATTACHMENT A

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nortex RPC 9-1-1 PSAPs and County Jurisdictions

FROM: Nortex RPC
9-1-1 Director

SUBJECT: NRPC 9-1-1 Security Policy

The signed Interlocal Agreement between Nortex RPC and your governing agency has a security section as follows:

3.4 Security

3.4.1 The Local Government shall limit access to all 9-1-1 equipment and related data only to authorized personnel.

3.4.2 The Local Government shall not connect any external device into the 9-1-1 equipment.

NRPC 9-1-1 Security Policy:

The PSAP is responsible for restricting access to all 9-1-1 equipment and data to authorized personnel only. No unauthorized software shall be added to the 9-1-1 system.

For security reasons and the ultimate health of the regional 9-1-1 system, it is prohibited to insert any USB or cabled device, including but not limited to, USB flash drives of any type, wireless phones or tablets for charging, desk/floor lights, desk/floor fans, external hard drives, music, etc. or DVD/CD of any type into the 9-1-1 workstations/consoles or any 9-1-1 routers, servers, or switches. USB plugs are not to be removed for any reason except by Nortex RPC authorized personnel.

I certify that I have read, understand, and will abide by this policy:

Judge Kevin Benton
Printed Name


Signature

July 24, 2023
Date

ATTACHMENT B

PSAP Operations Performance Measures and Monitoring

Reports

The RPC may request that the Local Government provide it with specialized reports which will not duplicate information readily available from vendors.

Quality Assurance Inspections

RPC personnel will conduct site visits at least twice per year to evaluate the condition of equipment, efficiency of PSAP operations, and compliance with the Agreement.

In addition, quality assurance inspections will be conducted using the attached Nortex PSAP Monitoring Checklist. (ATTACHMENT E)

ATTACHMENT C

Commission Documents

The following documents govern the funding and provisioning of 9-1-1 services by the RPC:

1. Commission Legislation: <https://www.csec.texas.gov>
2. Commission Rules: <https://www.csec.texas.gov/s/rules>
3. Commission Program Policy Statements:
<https://www.csec.texas.gov/s/program-policy-statements>

ATTACHMENT D

NORTEX REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PSAP MONITORING CHECKLIST

County Name:		Date:	
PSAP Name:		Telephone Number:	
PSAP Contact Person:		RPC 9-1-1 Monitor:	
CPE Vendor:	MOTOROLA	CPE Maint. Vendor:	WSC
CPE Brand/Model:	VESTA GEO-DIVERSE V911 7.7 HF1		

1. CPE - Front Room

Category	Compliance	Comments
Position 1 Equipment Operating Properly		(PPS 031 A.1.h)
Position 2 Equipment Operating Properly		(PPS 031 A.1.h)
Map Display		(PPS 031 A.1.h)
Verify ANI/ALI DISPLAY		(PPS 031 A.1.a,b)
Contingency Routing Plan		(PPS 031 A.1.k) Built into ESInet Policy Routing Rules when circuits fail
No unauthorized third-party software/integration		(PPS 031 A.1.m) This is a closed network
Wireless Phase I & II E9-1-1 level of service		(PPS 031 A.1.c) Minimal No Class of Service Calls
RPC Contact Information Posted and Available		
WSC Contact POSTED & Available		
Poison Control Direct Transfer Displayed		(PPS 031 A.1.o) 800-816-1100
Language Service Info & PSAP ID Posted		(PPS 031 A.1.n)

2. CPE Backroom

Category	Compliance	Comments
Lighting, Cleanliness, Ventilation		
Backroom Secure		
Back-up Power (UPS)		(PPS 031 A.1.g)

3. Recorders

Brand/Model		DSS/Equature NG9-1-1 Performance Solution	
Category	Compliance	Comments	
Recorder Functioning		(PPS 031 A.2.a)	
Each 9-1-1 line is being recorded		(PPS 031 A.2.a)	

4. Testing

Category	Compliance	Comments
Test Text to 9-1-1 Call		Field tested by GIS Staff
Test Wireless Call		

Additional Comments:

ATTACHMENT E