Form No. 148(f); Revised 1/25/16

# AGREEMENT FOR ARBITRAGE REBATE COMPLIANCE SERVICES BETWEEN

## **BROWN COUNTY, TEXAS**

(Hereinafter Referred to as the "Issuer")

AND

FIRST SOUTHWEST ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC

(Hereinafter Referred to as "FSAM")

It is understood and agreed that the Issuer, in connection with the sale and delivery of certain bonds, notes, certificates, or other tax-exempt obligations (the "Obligations"), will have the need to determine to what extent, if any, it will be required to rebate certain investment earnings (the amount of such rebate being referred to herein as the "Arbitrage Amount") from the proceeds of the Obligations to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of Section 148(f)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Arbitrage Amount" includes payments made under the election to pay penalty in lieu of rebate for a qualified construction issue under Section 148(f)(4) of the Code.

We are pleased to submit the following proposal for consideration; and if the proposal is accepted by the Issuer, it shall become the agreement (the "Agreement") between the Issuer and FSAM effective at the date of its acceptance as provided for herein below.

1. This Agreement shall apply to all issues of tax-exempt Obligations delivered subsequent to the effective date of the rebate requirements under the Code, except for (i) issues which qualify for exceptions to the rebate requirements in accordance with Section 148 of the Code and related Treasury regulations, or (ii) issues excluded by the Issuer in writing in accordance with the further provisions hereof, (iii) new issues effected in a fashion whereby FSAM is unaware of the existence of such issue, (iv) issues in which, for reasons outside the control of FSAM, FSAM is unable to procure the necessary information required to perform such services.

#### **Covenants of First Southwest Asset Management**

- We agree to provide our professional services in determining the Arbitrage Amount with regard to the Obligations. The Issuer will assume and pay the fee of FSAM as such fee is set out in Appendix A attached hereto. FSAM shall not be responsible for any extraordinary expenses incurred on behalf of Issuer in connection with providing such professional services, including any costs incident to litigation, mandamus action, test case or other similar legal actions.
- 3. We agree to perform the following duties in connection with providing arbitrage rebate compliance services:
  - a. To cooperate fully with the Issuer in reviewing the schedule of investments made by the Issuer with (i) proceeds from the Obligations, and (ii) proceeds of other funds of the Issuer which, under Treasury Regulations Section 1.148, or any successor regulations thereto, are subject to the rebate requirements of the Code;
  - b. To perform, or cause to be performed, consistent with the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder, calculations to determine the Arbitrage Amount under Section 148(f)(2) of the Code; and
  - c. To provide a report to the Issuer specifying the Arbitrage Amount based upon the investment schedule, the calculations of bond yield and investment yield, and other information deemed relevant by FSAM. In undertaking to provide the services set forth in paragraph 2 and this paragraph 3, FSAM does not assume any responsibility for any record retention requirements which the Issuer may have under the Code or other applicable laws, it being understood that the Issuer shall remain responsible for compliance with any such record retention requirements.

August 8, 2016 (Exhibit #1)

#### Covenants of the Issuer

- 4. In connection with the performance of the aforesaid duties, the Issuer agrees to the following:
  - a. The fees due to FSAM in providing arbitrage rebate compliance services shall be calculated in accordance with Appendix A attached hereto. The fees will be payable upon delivery of the report prepared by FSAM for each issue of Obligations during the term of this Agreement.
  - b. The Issuer will provide FSAM all information regarding the issuance of the Obligations and the investment of the proceeds therefrom, and any other information necessary in connection with calculating the Arbitrage Amount. FSAM will rely on the information supplied by the Issuer without inquiry, it being understood that FSAM will not conduct an audit or take any other steps to verify the accuracy or authenticity of the information provided by the Issuer.
  - c. The Issuer will notify FSAM in writing of the retirement, prior to the scheduled maturity, of any Obligations included under the scope of this Agreement within 30 days of such retirement. This notification is required to provide sufficient time to comply with Treasury Regulations Section 1.148-3(g) which requires final payment of any Arbitrage Amount within 60 days of the final retirement of the Obligations. In the event the Issuer fails to notify FSAM in a timely manner as provided hereinabove, FSAM shall have no further obligation or responsibility to provide any services under this Agreement with respect to such retired Obligations.
- In providing the services set forth in this Agreement, it is agreed that FSAM shall not incur any liability for any error of judgment made in good faith by a responsible officer or officers thereof and, except to the limited extent set forth in this paragraph, shall not incur any liability for any other errors or omissions, unless it shall be proved that such error or omission was a result of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of said officer or officers. In the event a payment is assessed by the Internal Revenue Service due to an error by FSAM, the Issuer will be responsible for paying the correct Arbitrage Amount and FSAM's liability shall not exceed the amount of any penalty or interest imposed on the Arbitrage Amount as a result of such error.

### **Obligations Issued Subsequent to Initial Contract**

- 6. The services contracted for under this Agreement will automatically extend to any additional Obligations (including financing lease obligations) issued during the term of this Agreement, if such Obligations are subject to the rebate requirements under Section 148(f)(2) of the Code. In connection with the issuance of additional Obligations, the Issuer agrees to the following:
  - a. The Issuer will notify or cause the notification, in writing, to FSAM of any tax-exempt financing (including financing lease obligations) issued by the Issuer during any calendar year of this Agreement, and will provide FSAM with such information regarding such Obligations as FSAM may request in connection with its performance of the arbitrage rebate services contracted for hereunder. If such notice is not provided to FSAM with regard to a particular issue, FSAM shall have no obligation to provide any services hereunder with respect to such issue.
  - b. At the option of the Issuer, any additional Obligations to be issued subsequent to the execution of this Agreement may be excluded from the services provided for herein. In order to exclude an issue, the Issuer must notify FSAM in writing of their intent to exclude any specific Obligations from the scope of this Agreement, which exclusion shall be permanent for the full life of the Obligations; and after receipt of such notice, FSAM shall have no obligation to provide any services under this Agreement with respect to such excluded Obligations.

#### **Effective Date of Agreement**

7. This Agreement shall become effective at the date of acceptance by the Issuer as set out herein below and remain in effect thereafter for a period of five (5) years from the date of acceptance, provided, however, that this Agreement may be terminated with or without cause by the Issuer or FSAM upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. In the event of such termination, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to FSAM for services provided and extraordinary expenses incurred to and including the date of termination will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for termination of this Agreement. In the event this Agreement is terminated prior to the completion of its stated term, all records provided to FSAM with respect to the investment of monies by the Issuer shall be returned to the Issuer as soon as practicable following written request by Issuer. In addition, the parties hereto agree that, upon termination of this Agreement, FSAM shall have no continuing obligation to the Issuer regarding any arbitrage rebate related services contemplated herein, regardless of whether such services have previously been undertaken, completed or performed.

## **Acceptance of Agreement**

8. This Agreement is submitted in duplicate originals. When accepted by the Issuer in accordance with the terms hereof, it, together with Appendix A attached hereto, will constitute the entire Agreement between the Issuer and FSAM for the purposes and the consideration herein specified. In order for this Agreement to become effective, it must be accepted by the Issuer within sixty (60) days of the date appearing below the signature of FSAM's authorized representative hereon. After the expiration of such 60-day period, acceptance by the Issuer shall only become effective upon delivery of written acknowledgement and reaffirmation by FSAM that the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement remain acceptable to FSAM.

## Governing Law

9. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to its principles of conflicts of laws.

Acceptance will be indicated on both copies and the return of one executed copy to First Southwest Asset Management.

Respectfully submitted,

FIRST SOUTHWEST ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC

Hill A. Feinberg, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Date 8/8/16

### **ISSUER'S ACCEPTANCE CLAUSE**

The above and foregoing is hereby in all things accepted and approved by

ERRY West/Brown Confishe 8th day of August, 2016.

By ERRY Landert Authorized Representative

Title Brown County Judge

Printed Name ERRY West ##