

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR E9-1-1 AUTOMATIC LOCATION INFORMATION MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Article 1: Parties & Purpose

1.1 The **West Central Texas Council of Governments (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 in West Central Texas, and the Commission on State Emergency Communications (Commission) has approved its current Strategic Plan.

1.2 **Brown County** (Local Government) is a local government that has agreed to participate in implementing enhanced 9-1-1 services in the Region in accordance with the RPC's 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.

1.5 Automatic location information (ALI) maintenance is a critical component of 9-1-1 service and ensures the timely delivery of accurate 9-1-1 information and location data to the correct public safety answering point. This Agreement between the RPC and Local Government sets forth the requirements for ALI maintenance.

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 which requires that such

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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 perform the activities related to maintaining location information used in the RPC's 9-1-1 Database as specified in the Scope of Work attached hereto.

3.2 Ownership, Transference & Disposition of Equipment

3.2.1. The RPC and the Local Government shall comply with Applicable Law, in regard to 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 may maintain ownership, or it may agree to transfer ownership to the Local Government according to established policy.

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 Ownership and transfer-of-ownership documents shall be prepared by the RPC and signed by both parties upon establishing ownership or transference of ownership of any such 9-1-1 equipment in accordance with UGMS and the State Comptroller of Public Accounts. Sample forms are provided as Attachments A and B to this Agreement.

3.2.5 Replacement insurance on 9-1-1 equipment shall be purchased and maintained by RPC and 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 All 9-1-1 equipment shall be tagged with identification labels.

3.3.3 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 the 9-1-1 Database only to authorized personnel.

3.5 Training

3.5.1 The RPC shall provide training upon request of Local Government, and as approved in the Strategic Plan.

3.6 Operations

The Local Government shall:

3.6.1 Designate an ALI maintenance contact and provide related contact information to the RPC;

3.6.2 Allow 24-hour access to the 9-1-1 equipment for repair and maintenance service, as required;

3.6.3 Make no changes to 9-1-1 equipment, software or programs without prior written consent from the RPC.

Article 4: Performance Monitoring

4.1 The RPC and the Commission reserve the right to perform on-site monitoring 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.

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.

5.2 The RPC shall reimburse the Local Government for supplies necessary for performance of the deliverables per this Agreement.

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.

6.2 The RPC will provide 9-1-1 Funds to the Local Government on a cost reimbursement basis using a monitoring process that provides assurance that the reimbursement requests from the Local Government are complete, accurate, and appropriate.

6.3 The RPC may withhold, decrease, or seek reimbursement of 9-1-1 Funds in the event that those 9-1-1 Funds were used in noncompliance with Applicable Law.

6.4 The Local Government shall reimburse the RPC and/or the Commission, as applicable, any 9-1-1 Funds used in noncompliance with Applicable Law.

6.5 Such reimbursement of 9-1-1 Funds to the RPC and/or the Commission, as applicable, shall be made by the Local Government within 60 days after demand by the RPC, unless an alternative repayment plan is approved by the RPC and then submitted to the Commission for approval.

6.6 The Local Government commits to providing 9-1-1 services as a condition to receiving 9-1-1 Funds as prescribed by the RPC's Strategic Plan and any amendments thereto.

Article 7: Records

7.1 The Local Government will maintain adequate fiscal records and supporting documentation of all 9-1-1 Funds reimbursed to the Local Government for 9-1-1 service consistent with Applicable Law and generally accepted accounting principles and as approved in the RPC's current approved Strategic Plan;

7.2 The RPC or its duly authorized representative shall have access to and the right to examine and audit all books, accounts, records, files, and/or other papers or property pertaining to the 9-1-1 service belonging to or in use by the Local Government 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 reimbursement to Local Government 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 reimbursement to Local Government, and no other legal procedure shall exist whereby payment hereunder can be made to Local Government; and (iv) RPC has negotiated in good faith with Local Government to develop an alternative payment schedule or new agreement that will accommodate RPC's approved budget and/or appropriations for the

applicable period, then RPC will not be obligated to reimburse the Local Government 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:

West Central Texas Council of Governments
3702 Loop 322
Abilene, Texas 79602

The Local Government's address is:

Brown County
200 South Broadway
Brownwood, Texas 76801

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, 2021 and shall terminate on August 31, 2023.

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 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.

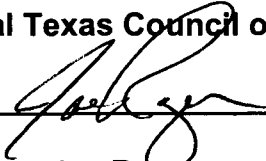
18.5 The following Attachments are part of this Agreement:

Attachment A	Ownership Agreement
Attachment B	Transfer of Ownership Form
Attachment C	Scope of Work
Attachment D	Performance Measures and Monitoring
Attachment E	Commission Documents – Legislation, Rules and Program Policy Statements

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.

West Central Texas Council of Govts

By: 

Printed Name: Joe Rogers

Title: Public Safety Programs Director

Date: June 9, 2021

Brown County

By: 

Printed Name: Judge Paul Lily

Title: County Judge

Date: 06/28/21


**Attachment A
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 Brown County, 200 South Broadway, Brownwood, Texas in Brown County, to be the property of RPC, hereinafter referred to as "Owner".

Following is an itemized listing of 9-1-1 equipment hereby defined as the property of Owner.

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By: 

Printed Name: Joe Rogers

Title: Public Safety Programs Director

Date: June 9, 2021

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Attachment B Transfer of Ownership Form

As stipulated in Article 3 of the Agreement between West Central Texas Council of Governments (RPC) and Brown County (Local Government) dated June 9, 2021, the RPC shall document all transfers of ownership of 9-1-1 equipment between the RPC and the Local Government.

Indicate the appropriate classification:

Transfer _____ Disposition _____ Lost _____

Please provide the following information in as much detail as possible.

Inventory Number	Current Assignee:
Description	Location:
Serial Number	Signature:
Acquisition Date	Date:
Acquisition Cost	New Assignee:
Vendor	Location:
Invoice Number	Signature:
Purchase Order Number	Date:
Condition	

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Attachment B
Transfer of Ownership Form (continued)

Action Recommended by: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Comments: _____

Approved: Yes No

Proceeds, if any: _____

Approved by: _____

Title: _____
 Comptroller

Date: _____

Disposed or Lost Property shall require approval by the agency head.

Reviewed by: _____
 Executive Director (or other appropriate title of agency head)

Date: _____

Attachment C Scope of Work

Deliverables related to ALI maintenance personnel functions:

- Maintain and update maps of all county, public, and private roads.
- Ensure new road names and road name changes are in accordance with addressing standards.
- Assign addresses for all new residences, businesses, and properties and update current database.
- Communicate with emergency service personnel and post office personnel regarding new roads and road name changes and address assignments, and provide updated maps, cross reference listings, etc.
- Work with telephone companies and 9-1-1 ALI database provider to ensure ALI data is compatible with each other's records so that the correct ALI information will be displayed at the Public Safety Answering Point.
- Work with Commissioner's Court and developers in the naming of the new county roads.
- Contact county residents as needed to relay information pertaining to addressing, i.e. changes of address or road name changes, etc.
- Perform any other required or requested duties to ensure accurate county addressing and mapping.

Attachment D

ALI Maintenance Performance Measures and Monitoring

RPC personnel will conduct site visits at least once per year to evaluate compliance with this Agreement.

Reports

The RPC may request that the Local Government provide it with specialized reports which may include, but are not limited to:

- Yearly Inventory and Monitoring Report

Attachment E

Commission Documents

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

1. Commission Legislation: http://www.911.state.tx.us/browse.php/rules_legislation
2. Commission Rules: http://www.911.state.tx.us/browse.php/rules_legislation
3. Commission Program Policy Statements:
http://www.911.state.tx.us/browse.php/program_policy_statements



June 9, 2021

Please find the enclosed *Interlocal Agreement* between the West Central Texas Council of Governments' Regional 9-1-1 Program and your County/City. This is a renewal of the agreement signed two years ago. The Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications requires that interlocal agreements be renewed every two years to reflect any potential policy or administrative changes. This is a standard agreement and contains the same verbiage as the one signed in 2019. Below are the steps to complete the Interlocal Agreement process for your County/City:

1. Review the document.
2. Sign both copies on the flagged pages.
3. RETURN the ORANGE flagged document in the enclosed stamped envelope (return by deadline: July 15, 2021).
4. KEEP the GREEN flagged document for your records.

Do not hesitate to call if you have questions. We look forward to continuing our relationship with you as we strive to maintain an effective 9-1-1 system in our region.

Best Regards,

Joe Rogers
Public Safety Programs Director
West Central Texas Council of Governments