

**INTERAGENCY COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN
RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

This Interagency Cooperation Contract ("Contract") is effective September 1st, 2026 ("Effective Date"), by and between the State agencies shown below as Contracting Agencies, pursuant to authority granted in and in compliance with the *Interagency Cooperation Act, Chapter 771, Texas Government Code*.

I. CONTRACTING AGENCIES:

Receiving Agency: Railroad Commission of Texas, an agency of the State of Texas
1701 N. Congress
Austin, TX 78701

Performing Agency: The University of Texas at Austin, an agency of the State of Texas
Center for Professional Education (CPE)
UTA Building, Suite 2.408
1616 Guadalupe Street
Austin, TX 78701

II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Contract is for Receiving Agency (Railroad Commission (RRC) employees) to obtain various training services from Performing Agency.

III. STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED:

The Performing Agency will perform the work and provide services in accordance with **Exhibit A – Statement of Work and Budget**. If additional training services are needed, Receiving Agency will notify Performing Agency, and the additional training services will be added to the Agreement in a duly executed amendment.

IV. WARRANTIES:

Receiving Agency warrants that (1) it has the authority to contract for the services under authority granted in Chapter 771, *Texas Government Code*; and (2) the representative signing this Contract on its behalf is authorized by its governing body to sign this Contract.

Performing Agency warrants that (1) it has authority to perform the services under authority granted in *Texas Education Code, Section 65.31, Texas Government Code, Chapter 771*; and (2) the representative signing this Contract on its behalf is authorized by its governing body to sign this Contract.

V. COMPENSATION:

Receiving Agency will compensate Performing Agency in accordance with **Exhibit A – Statement of Work and Budget**. The total amount of this Contract shall not exceed **SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$77,350.00)** for the term of the agreement.

Training may be provided under this contract on an as-needed basis. A Not-To-Exceed (NTE) amount has been established; however, the agency is not obligated to utilize or attend the training.

VI. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES:

Performing Agency will invoice Receiving Agency for services. Receiving Agency shall pay invoices for services within thirty (30) days of the invoice date.

In accordance with Chapter 771, *Texas Government Code*, the Receiving Agency shall reimburse the Performing Agency for services satisfactorily performed from appropriation items or accounts of the Receiving Agency from which expenditures would normally be paid, based upon vouchers drawn by the Receiving Agency payable to the Performing Agency, in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

VII. TERM OF CONTRACT:

This Contract will begin on the Effective Date and will expire on August 31, 2027. This Contract may not be renewed.

VIII. CONTACTS

Contact for Receiving Agency is: Jared Thompson
Professional Development Manager,
Railroad Commission of Texas
Phone: (512) 463-6969
Email: Jared.Thompson@rrc.texas.gov

Contact for Performing Agency is: The University of Texas at Austin
Center for Professional Education
1616 Guadalupe Street
Suite 2.408
Austin, TX 78701
Email: cpe@austin.utexas.edu

IX. RESCHEDULE/CANCELLATION POLICY:

- A. The Performing Agency agrees to reschedule or "slip" dates for services in the event of emergencies such as acts of God, strikes, critical workloads, or any problem which results in the non-availability of personnel.

- B. The Receiving Agency will follow CPE's cancellation policy found here:
<https://professionaled.utexas.edu/s/policies-procedures>.

X. TERMINATION:

In the event of a material failure by a Contracting Agency to perform its duties and obligations in accordance with the terms of this Contract, the other agency may terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice of termination setting forth the nature of the material failure; provided that, the material failure is through no fault of the terminating agency. The termination will not be effective if the material failure is fully cured prior to the end of the thirty (30) day period.

XI. NOTICES:

All notices, consents, approvals, demands, requests or other communications provided for or permitted to be given under any of the provisions of this Contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given or served when delivered by hand delivery or when deposited in the U.S. mail by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

For Receiving Agency: Railroad Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress
Austin, TX 78701
Attention: Sonya Patterson

For Performing Agency: The University of Texas at Austin
Business Contracts Office
Attention: Associate Vice President for
Business Contracts
Email: vpcfo.contracts@austin.utexas.edu

With copy to: The University of Texas at Austin
Center for Professional Education
UTA Building, Suite 2.408
1616 Guadalupe Street
Austin, TX 78701
Email: cpe@austin.utexas.edu

Another person or address may be given in writing by either agency to the other in accordance with this Section.

XII. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:

Performing Agency and/or its instructors will own all the intellectual property rights, including but not limited to copyrights in the materials customized for the program, except for any materials provided by Receiving Agency and designated as proprietary to Receiving Agency. Receiving Agency may not teach the program or use the materials outside of the program without the prior written consent of Performing Agency. Nothing shall preclude Performing Agency from customizing for

itself, or for others, materials that are similar to those produced as a result of the services provided hereunder. Receiving Agency's training participants may retain a copy of the course handouts for personal reference.

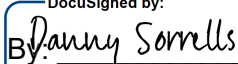
XIII. CERTIFICATION:

The Contracting Agencies certify that, (1) the services specified above are necessary and essential for activities that are properly within the statutory functions and programs of the affected State agencies, (2) the proposed arrangements serve the interest of efficient and economical administration of the State of Texas, and (3) the services, supplies or materials contracted for are not required by Section 21, Article 16 of the *Texas Constitution* to be supplied under contract given to the lowest responsible bidder.

Duly authorized representatives of the Contracting Agencies have executed and delivered this Contract to be effective as of the Effective Date.

RECEIVING AGENCY:

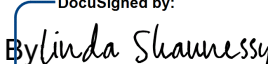
Railroad Commission of Texas

DocuSigned by:

By: Danny Sorrells
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Danny Sorrells
Deputy ED & Director of Oil &
Gas
Signing on behalf of Wei Wang
Executive Director

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PERFORMING AGENCY:

The University of Texas at Austin
Center for Professional Education

DocuSigned by:

By: Linda Shaunnessy
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Linda Shaunnessy
Associate Vice President for
Business Contracts

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EXHIBIT A STATEMENT OF WORK AND BUDGET

I. Statement of Work

- A. CPE will provide qualified instructor(s) to conduct courses.
- B. CPE will provide electronic copies of training materials and general supplies.
- C. CPE will provide meeting room and location for virtual sessions.
- D. In person courses will be held at the University of Texas at Austin Thompson Conference Center or other University-owned property.
- E. A UT EID is required for all participant registrations and program or course platform access. To claim an EID, participants should visit the following link:
https://idmanager.its.utexas.edu/eid_self_help/?geid=.
- F. All available courses and programs can be found here:
<https://professionaled.utexas.edu/s/catalog>. Registration must be received at least two days prior to the course or program start date.
- G. All registrations will follow CPE's registration process:
<https://professionaled.utexas.edu/s/policies-procedures#Registration>.
- H. All registrations will follow CPE's established discount policy:
<https://professionaled.utexas.edu/s/discounts>.
- I. CPE will designate one (1) Point of Contact (POC) for all registration and invoice questions and communications.

Name: Gavino Abrigo
Phone: 512-232-6520
Contact: cpe@austin.utexas.edu
- J. CPE staff will provide logistics communications prior to training.
- K. RRC will notify the CPE in writing via the registration process if any special arrangements (such as interpreters, computers, etc.) are required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). RRC will provide this notice far enough in advance of the training to allow the required arrangements to be made, and RRC will be responsible for any expenses required to comply with ADA.
- L. In the event that RRC has more than six (6) registrations per course/program, the RRC will notify the CPE in writing to determine if a custom training event is appropriate. Pricing, dates, schedule, and all logistics would be negotiated at the time of scheduling, which would require a separate Agreement. If RRC determines a custom training is not appropriate, the CPE will register the six students manually.

II. Statement of Work Budget

The Receiving Agency will provide contract number to reference this agreement in the registration process. After the registration is processed, the Performing Agency will email invoices to be paid by the Receiving Agency to invoices@rrc.texas.gov.