

AMENDMENT NO. 1
CONTRACT NO. 455-26-1028 FOR
INTERAGENCY COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 1 to Interagency Cooperation Contract No. 455-26-1028 (“Contract”) is entered into by and between the State of Texas, acting through the Railroad Commission of Texas (“RRC”), located at 1701 N. Congress Ave., Austin, Texas 78701 and The University of Texas at El Paso (“UTEP”), a Texas State Agency and Public Institution of Higher Education located at 500 W. University Ave., El Paso, TX 79968 (individually “Party”; collectively “Parties”) Pursuant to the authority granted by and in compliance with the provisions of "The Interagency Cooperation Act," Texas Government Code, Ch.771.

WHEREAS, SECTION 6.03. of the Contract provides the Parties may amend the Contract through written agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to further amend the Contract terms to their mutual benefit to reflect changed circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to amend the Contract as follows:

I. SECTION 3.01. CONSIDERATION., is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“The total amount of fees to be paid by RRC to UTEP under the Contract through the Contract Term shall not exceed **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$136,500.00)**, the total of which includes the current NTE amount of **SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$68,250.00)** plus the addition of **SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$68,250.00)**, as approved by the Commissioners on June 2, 2026.”

I. SECTION 6.01. TERM., is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“This Contract is effective as of September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2027 (the initial term of the Contract plus the exercised optional renewal term one of three; collectively, “Contract Term”) unless terminated earlier as provided in IAC No. 455-26-1028 Part VI Section **6.02 EARLY TERMINATION**.

This Contract may be extended only through written amendment to the Contract, fully executed prior to the expiration of the Contract Term in effect prior to execution of the applicable Amendment to the Contract.

RRC reserves the right to renew the Contract for two (2) additional, one-year renewal terms remaining of the original three (3) one-year renewal terms.”

- Second Optional Renewal Term: September 1, 2027 – August 31, 2028
- Third Optional Renewal Term: September 1, 2028 – August 31, 2029”

Except as expressly amended above, all provisions of the Contract remain in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict among provisions of the Contract and its amendments, the order of precedence shall be: (1) the most recent amendment; (2) prior amendments in reverse chronological order; and (3) the original Contract No. 455-26-1028.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Amendment No. 1 to the Contract to be effective as of the date of the last Party’s signature hereto. By signatures below, each signatory

represents and warrants that they have the authority to amend the Contract on behalf of the respective Party.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

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Danny Sorrells
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Danny Sorrells Deputy Executive Director
Signing on behalf of Wei Wang, Executive Director

Date of Execution: 7/2/2026

Signed by:
Ahmad M. Hani
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Ahmad M. Hani
Vice President for Research & Innovations

Date of Execution: 7/2/2026

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