



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL  
**MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

April 24, 2024  
**AGENDA ITEM #2**

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Audit Committee Meeting: Accept  
the Letter of Engagement from RSM  
US, LLP for independent  
auditing services

Strategic Plan Relevance: Stewardship  
Department: Finance  
Contact: José A. Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer  
Associated Costs: \$245,000  
Funding Source: Annual Operating Budget  
Action Requested: Consider and act on draft resolution.

**Project Description/Background:** Each year the Mobility Authority engages an independent CPA firm to conduct the Authority's required annual audit and single audit. RSM US, L.L.P. will be conducting the annual audit for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, and will present those reports to the Audit Committee upon completion.

**Financing:** Annual Operating Budget

**Action requested/Staff Recommendation:** This item requests approval by the Audit Committee of the Chief Financial Officer's acceptance of an arrangement letter engaging RSM US, L.L.P. to provide independent auditing services to the Mobility Authority.

**Backup provided:** Draft Resolution  
Arrangement Letter  
RSM Presentation

**MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-0XX**

**APPROVING AN ARRANGEMENT LETTER WITH RSM US LLP FOR  
INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority is required to have an annual financial and compliance audit of its books and records in accordance with 43 *Texas Administrative Code* §26.61; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-007, dated February 26, 2020, the Mobility Authority's Audit Committee approved the selection of RSM US LLP to provide independent auditing services to the Mobility Authority for a period of up to five (5) years; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer and Controller recommend that the Audit Committee approve the arrangement letter with RSM US LLP to provide an independent audit of the finances of the Mobility Authority for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audit Committee approves the arrangement letter with RSM US LLP which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to execute the arrangement letter on behalf of the Mobility Authority.

Adopted by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

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James M. Bass  
Executive Director

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David Singleton  
Chairman, Audit Committee

**Exhibit A**



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April 16, 2024

Jose Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer  
Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority  
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Attention: Mr. Hernandez

### **The Objective and Scope of the Audit of the Financial Statements**

You have requested RSM US LLP (“RSM”, “we”, “us”, or “our”), audit Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (the Authority) as of and for the year ending June 30, 2024, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements. Management is also responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information presented in relation to the financial statements as a whole in accordance with U.S. GAAP. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter (“Engagement Letter”).

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAS”) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of controls.

### **The Responsibilities of the Auditor**

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS. Those standards, or guides require that we comply with applicable ethical requirements. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, based on an understanding of the entity and its environment, the applicable financial reporting framework, and the entity’s system of internal control, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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- Consider the entity's system of internal control in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of controls, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS.

We will communicate to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (a) any fraud involving senior management and fraud (whether caused by senior management or other employees) that causes a material misstatement of the financial statements that becomes known to us during the audit, and (b) any instances of noncompliance with laws and regulations that we become aware of during the audit (unless they are clearly inconsequential).

We will maintain our independence in accordance with the standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

### **The Responsibilities of Management and Identification of the Applicable Financial Reporting Framework**

Management is responsible for:

1. Identifying and ensuring that the Authority complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities, and for informing us about all known violations of such laws or regulations, other than those that are clearly inconsequential;
2. The design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the Authority involving management, employees who have significant roles in internal control, and others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements; and
3. Informing us of its knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Authority received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, vendors, customers or others.

Management is responsible for the preparation of the required supplementary information ("RSI") which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Management is also responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information presented in relation to the financial statements as a whole in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Management agrees to include the auditor's report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and will indicate that the auditor has reported on such supplementary information. Management also agrees to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements or, if the supplementary information will not be presented

with audited financial statements, to make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance of the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audit Committee is responsible for informing us of its views about the risks of fraud, waste or abuse within the Authority, and its knowledge of any fraud, waste or abuse or suspected fraud, waste or abuse affecting the Authority.

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance acknowledge and understands that they have responsibility:

1. For the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP;
2. To evaluate subsequent events through the date the financial statements are issued. Management also agrees that it will not conclude on subsequent events earlier than the date of the management representation letter referred to below;
3. For the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
4. For report distribution; and
5. To provide us with:
  - a. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements including information relevant to disclosures;
  - b. Draft financial statements, including information relevant to their preparation and fair presentation, when needed, to allow for the completion of the audit in accordance with the proposed timeline;
  - c. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit; and
  - d. Unrestricted access to persons within the Authority from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit, including among other items:

1. That management has fulfilled its responsibilities as set out in the terms of this Engagement Letter; and
2. That it believes the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

### **Reporting**

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the Authority's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Authority. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinion or add an emphasis-of-matter paragraph or other-matter paragraph to our auditor's report.

If circumstances arise relating to the condition of the Authority's records, the availability of appropriate audit evidence or indications of a significant risk of material misstatement of the financial statements because of error, fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets which, in our professional judgment, prevent us from completing the audit or forming an opinion, we retain the unilateral right to take any course of action permitted by professional standards, including, but not limited to, declining to express an opinion or issue a report, or withdrawing from the engagement.

### **Records and Assistance**

During the course of our engagement, we may accumulate records containing data that should be reflected in the Authority's books and records. The Authority will determine that all such data, if necessary, will be so reflected. Accordingly, the Authority will not expect us to maintain copies of such records in our possession.

The assistance to be supplied by Authority personnel, including the preparation of schedules and analyses of accounts, has been discussed and coordinated with Ann Zigmond, Controller. The timely and accurate completion of this work is an essential condition to our completion of the audit and issuance of our audit report.

### **Accounting Services**

In connection with our audit, you have requested us to perform the following accounting service:

1. Assistance with the printing and drafting of the financial statements.

Ann Zigmond, Controller, will oversee the services, make all significant judgments that are the proper responsibility of management, evaluate the adequacy of the services, make an informed judgment about the results of the services, and accept responsibility for them. You also agree to establish and maintain internal control over the services, including ongoing monitoring activities. At the conclusion of our audit, we will ask you to provide written representations to that effect.

### **Fees and Costs**

Our fees for the services described above are based upon the value of the services performed and the time required by the individuals assigned to the engagement, including report processing, travel, meals, and fees for services from other professionals, as well as a charge of 3% of fees for all other expenses, including indirect administrative expenses such as technology, research and library databases, communications, photocopying, postage and clerical assistance. Our base fee estimates of \$165,000 and the data platform effort of \$60,000 to \$80,000 and completion of our work are based upon the following criteria:

1. Anticipated cooperation from Authority personnel
2. Timely responses to our inquiries
3. Timely completion and delivery of client assistance requests
4. Timely communication of all significant accounting and financial reporting matters
5. The assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagement

If any of the aforementioned criteria are not met, then fees may increase. Interim billings will be submitted as work progresses and as expenses are incurred. Billings are due upon submission.

### **Use of Subcontractors and Third-Party Products**

We may, in our sole discretion, use affiliates of ours or qualified third-party service providers, located within or outside the United States, to assist us in providing professional services to you. In such circumstances, it may be necessary for us to disclose Confidential Information (as such term is defined below) to them. In addition, if necessary to perform the services requested, we may arrange for one or more of the member firms of RSM International (each an "RSM International Member Firm") to provide services to you outside of the United States. Those third-party service providers, affiliates of RSM, and RSM International Member Firms we use to assist us in providing services to you are collectively referred to herein as "Subcontractors." We may share your information, including Confidential Information, with our Subcontractors, within or outside of the United States; provided that such recipients are bound by written obligations of confidentiality. You acknowledge and agree that: (i) our use of Subcontractors may involve the processing, input, disclosure, movement, transfer, and storage of your information and data outside of our technology infrastructure; and (ii) an RSM International Member Firm may also share with us any information concerning you or your affiliates reasonably necessary for us to perform the services requested under this Engagement Letter. We will be responsible to you for the performance of our Subcontractors, solely as related to the services performed under this Engagement Letter, subject to all limitations and disclaimers set forth herein.

We also may provide services to you using certain third-party hardware, software, equipment, or products (collectively, "Third-Party Products" and each, individually, a "Third-Party Product"). You acknowledge that the use of a Third-Party Product may involve the processing, input, disclosure, movement, transfer, and storage of information provided by or on behalf of you to us, including Confidential Information and Personal Information, within the Third-Party Product's infrastructure and not ours. You further acknowledge that the terms of use and service, including, but not limited to, applicable laws, set forth in the end-user license, end-user subscription agreement, or other end-user agreement for such Third-Party Product (collectively, "EULA(s)") will govern all obligations of such licensor relating to data privacy, storage, recovery, security, and processing within such Third-Party Product's infrastructure, as well as, the service levels associated with such Third-Party Product. You hereby consent to the disclosure of your information, including your Confidential Information and Personal Information, to the licensors of such Third-Party Products for the purpose described herein.

To the extent RSM gives the Authority access to a Third-Party Product in connection with the services contemplated herein, the Authority agrees to comply with the terms of any applicable EULA for such Third-Party Product, and the Authority shall be solely responsible for the improper use of a Third-Party Product or a violation of the applicable EULA for such Third-Party Product, by the Authority, or any user to whom the Authority grants access to such Third-Party Product. The Authority agrees to indemnify and hold RSM harmless from and against any claims, actions, lawsuits, proceedings, judgments, liens, losses, damages, costs, expenses, fees (including reasonable legal fees, expenses, and costs), and other liabilities relating to, or arising from or out of, the improper use of a Third-Party Product, or a violation of the terms of the applicable EULA for such Third-Party Product, by the Authority, or any user to whom the Authority grants access to such Third-Party Product.

You acknowledge that the use of Third-Party Products may be subject to limitations, delays, interruptions, errors, and other problems which are beyond our control, including, without limitation, internet outage or lack of availability related to updates, upgrades, patches, fixes, maintenance, or other issues. We will not be liable for any delays, delivery failures, or other losses or damages resulting from such issues. Nor will we be held responsible or liable for any loss, or unauthorized use or disclosure, of any information or data provided by you, including, without limitation, Personal Information provided by you, resulting from the use of a Third-Party Product.

### **Use and Ownership; Access to Audit Documentation**

The Audit Documentation for this engagement is the property of RSM. For the purposes of this Engagement Letter, the term "Audit Documentation" shall mean the confidential and proprietary records

of RSM's audit procedures performed, relevant audit evidence obtained, other audit-related workpapers, and conclusions reached. Audit Documentation shall not include custom-developed documents, data, reports, analyses, recommendations, and deliverables authored or prepared by RSM for the Authority under this Engagement Letter, or any documents belonging to the Authority or furnished to RSM by the Authority.

Review of Audit Documentation by a successor auditor or as part of due diligence is subject to applicable RSM policies, and will be agreed to, accounted for and billed separately. Any such access to our Audit Documentation is subject to a successor auditor signing an Access & Release Letter substantially in RSM's form. RSM reserves the right to decline a successor auditor's request to review our workpapers.

In the event we are required by government regulation, subpoena or other legal process to produce our documents or our personnel as witnesses with respect to our engagement for the Authority, the Authority will, so long as we are not a party to the proceeding in which the information is sought, reimburse us for our professional time and expenses, as well as the fees and expenses of our counsel, incurred in responding to such requests.

The documentation for this engagement is the property of RSM. However, you acknowledge and grant your assent that representatives of the cognizant or oversight agency or their designee, other government audit staffs, and the U.S. Government Accountability Office shall have access to the Audit Documentation upon their request and that we shall maintain the Audit Documentation for a period of at least three years after the date of the report, or for a longer period if we are requested to do so by the cognizant or oversight agency. Access to the requested Audit Documentation will be provided under the supervision of RSM audit personnel and at a location designated by our firm.

#### **Indemnification, Limitation of Liability, and Claim Resolution**

Because RSM will rely on the Authority and its management and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors to discharge the foregoing responsibilities, the Authority agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and release RSM and its partners, principals, officers, directors, employees, affiliates, subsidiaries, contractors, subcontractors, agents, representatives, successors, or assigns from all third-party claims, liabilities, losses and costs arising in circumstances where there has been a knowing misrepresentation by a member of the Authority's management.

**THE AUTHORITY AND RSM AGREE THAT NO CLAIM ARISING OUT, FROM, OR RELATING TO THE SERVICES RENDERED PURSUANT TO THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER SHALL BE FILED MORE THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE AUDIT REPORT ISSUED BY RSM OR THE DATE OF THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER IF NO REPORT HAS BEEN ISSUED. IN NO EVENT SHALL RSM OR THE AUTHORITY, OR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTNERS, PRINCIPALS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AFFILIATES, SUBSIDIARIES, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS, OR ASSIGNS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COVERED PARTIES" AND EACH INDIVIDUALLY, A "COVERED PARTY"), BE LIABLE FOR THE INTERRUPTION OR LOSS OF BUSINESS, ANY LOST PROFITS, SAVINGS, REVENUE, GOODWILL, SOFTWARE, HARDWARE, OR DATA, OR THE LOSS OF USE THEREOF (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH LOSSES ARE DEEMED DIRECT DAMAGES), OR INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, PUNITIVE, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, OR SIMILAR SUCH DAMAGES, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. EXCEPT FOR A COVERED PARTY'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE TOTAL AGGREGATE LIABILITY OF THE COVERED PARTIES ARISING OUT OF, FROM, OR RELATING TO THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER, OR THE REPORT ISSUED OR SERVICES PROVIDED HEREUNDER, REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OR NATURE OR TYPE OF CLAIM, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, CLAIMS ARISING FROM A COVERED PARTY'S NEGLIGENCE OR BREACH OF CONTRACT OR WARRANTY, OR RELATING TO OR ARISING FROM A GOVERNMENT, REGULATORY OR ENFORCEMENT ACTION,**

**INVESTIGATION, PROCEEDING, OR FINE, WILL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE FEES PAID BY THE AUTHORITY TO RSM UNDER THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, NOTHING IN THIS LIMITATION OF LIABILITY PROVISION SHALL, OR SHALL BE INTERPRETED OR CONSTRUED TO, RELIEVE THE AUTHORITY OF ITS PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS TO RSM UNDER THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER.**

### **Confidentiality**

RSM and the Authority may, from time to time, disclose Confidential Information (as defined below) to one another. Accordingly, RSM and the Authority agree as the recipient of such Confidential Information (the "Receiving Party") to keep strictly confidential all Confidential Information provided to it by the disclosing party (the "Disclosing Party") and use, modify, store, and copy such Confidential Information only as necessary to perform its obligations and exercise its rights under this Engagement Letter. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the Receiving Party may only disclose the Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party to its personnel, agents, and representatives who are subject to obligations of confidentiality at least as restrictive as those set forth herein and only for the purpose of exercising its rights and fulfilling its obligations hereunder. To avoid any doubt, RSM is permitted to disclose the Authority's Confidential Information to RSM's personnel, agents, and representatives to provide the services or exercise its rights under this Engagement Letter or for the purpose of maintaining compliance with applicable laws and professional, regulatory, and/or ethical standards.

As used herein, "Confidential Information" means, information in any form, oral, graphic, written, electronic, machine-readable or hard copy consisting of: (i) any nonpublic information provided by the Disclosing Party, including, but not limited to, all of its inventions, designs, data, source and object code, programs, program interfaces, know-how, trade secrets, techniques, ideas, discoveries, marketing and business plans, pricing, profit margins and/or similar information; (ii) any information that the Disclosing Party identifies as confidential; or (iii) any information that, by its very nature, a person in the same or similar circumstances would understand should be treated as confidential, including, but not limited to, this Engagement Letter. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Authority acknowledges and agrees that Audit Documentation constitutes Confidential Information of RSM.

As used herein, the term "Confidential Information" will not include information that: (i) is publicly available at the time of disclosure by the Disclosing Party; (ii) becomes publicly available by publication or otherwise after disclosure by the Disclosing Party, other than by breach of the confidentiality obligations set forth herein by the Receiving Party; (iii) was lawfully in the Receiving Party's possession, without restriction as to confidentiality or use, at the time of disclosure by the Disclosing Party; (iv) is provided to the Receiving Party without restriction as to confidentiality or use by a third party without violation of any obligation to the Disclosing Party; or (v) is independently developed by employees or agents of the Receiving Party who did not access or use the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information.

The Receiving Party will treat the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information with the same degree of care as the Receiving Party treats its own confidential and proprietary information, but in no event will such standard of care be less than a reasonable standard of care. The Receiving Party will promptly notify the Disclosing Party if it becomes aware that any of the Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party has been used or disclosed in violation of this Engagement Letter.

Notwithstanding anything stated to the contrary in this Engagement Letter, the Authority consents to RSM: (i) using any information or data, including Confidential Information and Personal Information, provided by or on behalf of the Authority, or otherwise obtained by RSM, in connection with the services provided under this Engagement Letter, to provide the Authority with professional services under any other professional services agreement the Authority enters into or has entered into with RSM; and (ii) using any information or data provided by or on behalf of the Authority, or otherwise obtained by RSM, in connection with professional services provided by RSM under another professional service agreement

RSM has entered into with the Authority, including confidential, personal, or other protected information, to provide the services under this Engagement Letter to the Authority.

### **Preexisting Nondisclosure Agreements**

In the event that the parties have executed a separate nondisclosure agreement, such agreement shall be terminated as of the effective date of this Engagement Letter and the terms of this Engagement Letter shall apply to the treatment of information shared by the parties hereto.

### **Data Protection Compliance**

Our Privacy Policy ("Privacy Policy") is located on our website at <https://rsmus.com/pages/rsm-us-privacy-policy.html>. Our Privacy Policy may be amended from time to time in our sole discretion and without prior notice, and is hereby incorporated by reference into this Engagement Letter. You acknowledge that you have read and understand the Privacy Policy and agree to the practices as described therein.

Upon written request, but not more than annually during the term of this Engagement Letter, we will deliver to you a copy of our third-party provided SOC 2 report evidencing the operating effectiveness of our Information Technology ("IT") control environment. Our SOC 2 report and any information we disclose to you concerning our IT control environment shall constitute Confidential Information of RSM and shall be subject to the confidentiality obligations set forth in this Engagement Letter.

Prior to disclosing to us or our Subcontractors or granting us or our Subcontractors with access to your data, you will identify in writing any personal, technical, or other data provided or made accessible to us or our Subcontractors pursuant to this Engagement Letter that may be subject to heightened protections under applicable privacy, cybersecurity, export control, and/or data protection laws, including, but not limited to, protected health information pursuant to the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), classified, marked or unmarked controlled unclassified information ("CUI") subject to the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual ("NISPOM") or the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement ("DFARS"), or export controlled data subject to Export Administration Regulations ("EAR") or International Traffic in Arms Regulations ("ITAR"). Unless otherwise expressly agreed upon and specified in writing by RSM and the Authority, you shall not provide us or any of our Subcontractors with access to such data and you shall be responsible for the handling of all such data in connection with the performance of the services requested hereunder, including, but not limited to, the scrubbing, de-identification, de-aggregation, protection, encryption, transfer, movement, input, storage, migration, deletion, copying, processing, and modification of such data.

RSM and the Authority acknowledge and agree that they may correspond or convey information and documentation, including Confidential Information and Personal Information, via various forms of electronic transmission, including, but not limited to, Third-Party Products, such as, email, FTP and cloud-based sharing and hosting applications (e.g., portals, data analytics tools, and helpdesk and support ticketing applications), and that neither party has control over the performance, operation, reliability, availability, or security of these electronic transmissions methods. Therefore, neither party will be liable for any loss, damage, expense, harm, disclosure or inconvenience resulting from the loss, delay, interception, corruption, unauthorized disclosure, or alteration of any electronic transmission where the party has used commercially reasonable efforts to protect such information. We offer our clients various platforms for the exchange of information. You hereby agree that you shall be bound by and comply with any and all user terms and conditions made available (whether by link, click-through, or otherwise) with respect to such platforms.

### **Personal Information**

As used herein, the term "Personal Information" means any personal information, as may be defined by applicable privacy, data protection, or cybersecurity laws, that directly or indirectly identifies a natural person, and includes, but is not limited to, nonpublic, personally identifiable information such as Social

Security numbers, Social Insurance numbers, driver's license numbers or government-issued identification card numbers, and health information.

Each party agrees to transmit Personal Information consistent with applicable laws and any other obligations the respective party may have. We are permitted to use all such Personal Information to perform our obligations and exercise our rights under this Engagement Letter.

You represent and warrant that you have provided all notices and obtained all consents required under applicable data protection laws prior to your collection, use and disclosure to us or our Subcontractors of such Personal Information and shall take reasonable steps to ensure that such Personal Information does not include irrelevant or unnecessary information about individuals.

Where we are acting as a service provider under the California Consumer Privacy Act and the California Privacy Rights Act, including as amended or replaced, and the associated regulations ("CCPA"), we (i) will not Sell or Share (as those terms are defined by the CCPA) any Personal Information received from the Authority; (ii) will not retain, use, or disclose Personal Information to another business, person, or third party, except for the purpose of maintaining or providing the services or exercising our rights as specified in this Engagement Letter, including to provide Personal Information to advisers or sub-contractors, to maintain or provide the services provided under this Engagement Letter, or to the extent such disclosure is required by law. At your written request, and at your cost, we shall reasonably assist you in addressing your obligations under the CCPA with regard to privacy rights requests related to your Personal Information held by us, directly resulting from our business relationship with you. We reserve the right to decline such a request where, as determined in our sole discretion, the request for our assistance could violate or impair a Consumer's (as that term is defined by the CCPA) rights under the CCPA or another applicable law, regulation, or professional or ethical standard. We certify that we understand and will comply with the requirements enumerated in (i) and (ii). For the avoidance of doubt, all permitted uses of Personal Information by service providers that are enumerated in the CCPA are understood to apply to the Personal Information processed by us.

We agree to maintain appropriate security measures to protect such Personal Information in accordance with applicable laws.

If we become aware of an unauthorized acquisition or use of Authority-provided Personal Information, we will promptly inform you of such unauthorized acquisition or use as required by applicable laws and, upon your written request, reasonably cooperate with you at your sole cost in support of any breach notification requirements as imposed upon you by applicable laws.

#### **Retention of Records**

We will return to you all original records you provide to us in connection with this engagement. Further, in addition to providing you with those deliverables set forth in this Engagement Letter, we will provide to you a copy of any records we prepare or accumulate in connection with such deliverables which are not otherwise reflected in your books and records without which your books and records would be incomplete. You have the sole responsibility for retaining and maintaining in your possession or custody all of your financial and nonfinancial records related to this engagement. We will not host, and will not accept responsibility to host, any of your records. We, however, may maintain a copy of any records of yours necessary for us to comply with applicable law and/or professional standards or to exercise our rights under this Engagement Letter. Any such records retained by us will be subject to the confidentiality obligations set forth herein and destroyed in accordance with our record retention policies.

#### **Termination**

Your failure to make full payment of any and all undisputed amounts invoiced in a timely manner constitutes a material breach for which we may refuse to provide deliverables and/or, upon written notice, suspend or terminate our services under this Engagement Letter. We will not be liable to you for any

resulting loss, damage or expense connected with the suspension or termination of our services due to your failure to make full payment of undisputed amounts invoiced in a timely manner.

Either party hereto may terminate this Engagement Letter for any reason upon fifteen (15) days' prior written notice to the other party. In the event you terminate this engagement, you will pay us for all services rendered (including deliverables and products delivered), expenses incurred, and noncancelable commitments made by us on your behalf through the effective date of termination.

Either party may terminate this Engagement Letter upon written notice if: (i) circumstances arise that in its judgment would cause its continued performance to result in a violation of law, a regulatory requirement, applicable professional or ethical standards, or, in the case of RSM, our client acceptance or retention standards; or (ii) if the other party is placed on a Sanctioned List (as defined herein), or if any director or executive of, or other person closely associated with such other party or its affiliate, is placed on a Sanctioned List.

We will not be responsible for any delay or failure in our performance resulting from acts beyond our reasonable control or unforeseen or unexpected circumstances, such as, but not limited to, acts of God, government or war, riots or strikes, disasters, fires, floods, epidemics, pandemics or outbreaks of communicable disease, cyberattacks, and internet or other system or network outages. At your option, you may terminate this Engagement Letter where our services are delayed more than 120 days; however, you are not excused from paying us for all amounts owed for services rendered and deliverables provided prior to the termination of this Engagement Letter.

When an engagement has been suspended at the request of management or those charged with governance and work on that engagement has not recommenced within 120 days of the request to suspend our work, we may, at our sole discretion, terminate this Engagement Letter without further obligation to you. Resumption of our work following termination may be subject to our client acceptance procedures and, if resumed, will require additional procedures not contemplated in this Engagement Letter. Accordingly, the scope, timing and fee arrangement discussed in this Engagement Letter will no longer apply. In order for us to recommence work, the execution of a new Engagement Letter will be required.

The parties agree that those provisions of this Engagement Letter which, by their context, are intended to survive, including, but not limited to, payment, use and ownership, and confidentiality obligations, shall survive the termination of this Engagement Letter.

### **Miscellaneous**

We may mention your name and provide a general description of the engagement in our client lists and marketing materials.

Notwithstanding anything stated to the contrary in this Engagement Letter, the Authority acknowledges and consents that we also may utilize Confidential Information and Personal Information to (i) improve the quality of our services and offerings and/or (ii) develop or perform internal data analysis or other insight generation. Information developed in connection with these purposes may be used by us to provide services or offerings. We will not use your Confidential Information or Personal Information in a way that would permit the Authority or an individual to be identified by third parties without your prior written consent.

You have informed us that you may issue public debt in the future and that you may include our report on your financial statements in the offering statement. You have further informed us that you do not intend for us to be associated with the proposed offering.

We agree that our association with any proposed offering is not necessary, providing the Authority agrees to clearly indicate that we are not associated with the contents of any such official statement or memorandum. The Authority agrees that the following disclosure will be prominently displayed in any such official statement or memorandum:

RSM US LLP, our independent auditor, has not been engaged to perform, and has not performed, since the date of its report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. RSM US LLP also has not performed any procedures relating to this [official statement] [memorandum].

Our professional standards require that we perform certain additional procedures, on current and previous years' engagements, whenever a partner or professional employee leaves the firm and is subsequently employed by or associated with a client in a key position. Accordingly, you agree to compensate us for any additional costs incurred as a result of your employment of one of our partners, principals or employees.

Each party hereto affirms it has not been placed on a Sanctioned List (as defined below) and will promptly notify the other party upon becoming aware that it has been placed on a Sanctioned List at any time throughout the duration of this Engagement Letter. The Authority shall not, and shall not permit third parties to, access or use any of the deliverables provided for hereunder, or Third-Party Products provided hereunder, in violation of any applicable sanctions laws or regulations, including, but not limited to, accessing or using the deliverables provided for hereunder or any Third-Party Products from any territory under embargo by the United States. The Authority shall not knowingly cause RSM to violate any sanctions applicable to RSM. As used herein "Sanctioned List" means any sanctioned person or entity lists promulgated by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. State Department, the Consolidated Canadian Autonomous Sanctions List, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, and the United Kingdom.

Any term of this Engagement Letter that would be prohibited by or impair our independence under applicable law or regulation shall not apply, to the extent necessary only to avoid such prohibition or impairment.

#### **Notices**

Unless otherwise expressly agreed upon by the parties in this Engagement Letter, all notices required to be given hereunder will be in writing and addressed to the party at the business address provided in this Engagement Letter, or such other address as such party may indicate by a notice delivered to the other party. A copy of any legal notice (e.g., any claimed breach or termination of this Engagement Letter) sent by the Authority to RSM shall also be sent to the following address: Office of the General Counsel, RSM US LLP, 200 South Wacker Drive, Suite 3900, Chicago, IL 60606. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Engagement Letter, notices hereunder will be deemed given and effective: (i) if personally delivered, upon delivery; (ii) if sent by registered or certified mail or by overnight courier service with tracking capabilities, upon receipt; and, (iii) if sent by electronic mail (without indication of delivery failure), at such time as the party that sent the notice receives confirmation of receipt, whether by read-receipt confirmation or otherwise.

#### **Governing Law**

This Engagement Letter, including, without limitation, its validity, interpretation, construction, and enforceability, and any dispute, litigation, suit, action, claim, or other legal proceeding arising out of, from, or relating in any way to this Engagement Letter, any provisions herein, a report issued or the services provided hereunder, will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to its conflict of law principles, and applicable U.S. federal law.

### **Entire Agreement**

This Engagement Letter constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of agreement between RSM and the Authority, and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, and proposals, whether oral or written, relating to the subject matter of this Engagement Letter.

If any term or provision of this Engagement Letter is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such term or provision will be deemed stricken, and all other terms and provisions will remain in full force and effect.

This Engagement Letter may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both parties.

### **Electronic Signatures and Counterparts**

Each party hereto agrees that any electronic signature of a party to this Engagement Letter or any electronic signature to a document contemplated hereby (including any representation letter) is intended to authenticate such writing and shall be as valid, and have the same force and effect, as a manual signature. Any such electronically signed document shall be deemed (a) to be "written" or "in writing," (b) to have been signed and (c) to constitute a record established and maintained in the ordinary course of business and an original written record when printed from electronic files. Each party hereto also agrees that electronic delivery of a signature to any such document (via email or otherwise) shall be as effective as manual delivery of a manual signature. For purposes hereof, "electronic signature" includes, but is not limited to, (a) a scanned copy (as a "pdf" (portable document format) or other replicating image) of a manual ink signature, (b) an electronic copy of a traditional signature affixed to a document, (c) a signature incorporated into a document utilizing touchscreen capabilities or (d) a digital signature. This Engagement Letter may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original instrument, but all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement. Paper copies or "printouts," of such documents if introduced as evidence in any judicial, arbitral, mediation or administrative proceeding, will be admissible as between the parties to the same extent and under the same conditions as other original business records created and maintained in documentary form. Neither party shall contest the admissibility of true and accurate copies of electronically signed documents on the basis of the best evidence rule or as not satisfying the business records exception to the hearsay rule.

Please sign and return a copy of this Engagement Letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the financial statements, including our respective responsibilities.

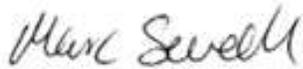
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**Acknowledgement and Acceptance**

Each party acknowledges that it has read and agrees to all of the terms and conditions contained herein. Each party and its signatory below represent that said signatory is a duly authorized representative of such party and has the requisite power and authority to bind such party to the undertakings and obligations contained herein.

**AGREED TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY:**

RSM US LLP



Marc Sewell, Partner

Confirmed on behalf of Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority:

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Jose Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer

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Date