

**LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF EL PASO
AND THE CITY OF EL PASO
FOR 4505 ALBERTA, EL PASO TEXAS**

LANDLORD: County of El Paso Texas
c/o County Judge
500 East San Antonio, Ste. 301
El Paso, Texas 79901

TENANT: City of El Paso, Texas

FOR: City of El Paso Department of Public Health

PREMISES: A portion of 4505 Alberta El Paso, Texas, 79905

APPROXIMATE TOTAL SQUARE FEET RENTED TO TENANT:
Approximately Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four Square Feet
(6,934)

COMMENCEMENT DATE: October 1, 2010

ENDING DATE: September 30, 2011, subject to Option to Renew provided
for in Paragraph 17.

MONTHLY RENT: \$9,000.00 (Nine Thousand Dollars and No Cents) (\$15.58 per square
foot)

UTILITIES TO BE PAID BY TENANT: Gas, electricity, water, telephone, and waste disposal as
described below.

1. PREMISES:

The County of El Paso, Texas, hereafter referred to as "Landlord", for and in consideration of the rents, covenants, and agreements contained in this Lease Agreement to be kept and performed by the parties, does hereby lease to the City of El Paso Texas ("the Tenant") a portion of the property located at 4505 Alberta, El Paso Texas to include the use of specified parking areas, hallways, and other common areas (the "Premises") as more specifically described in **Attachment A** to have and to hold for the duration of the term described above.

2. RENT:

Tenant shall pay the rent to Landlord in advance no later than the tenth (10) day of each calendar month of the term of the Lease. This amount includes Tenant's share towards any operating costs of the Premises including those further described in this Lease. If the commencement date is not the first day of a month, a pro-rated monthly installment shall be paid for the fraction of the month during which the Lease commences, computed as a 30 day month and a 360 day year. Rent is payable by Tenant without notice, demand, abatement, deduction or setoff except as expressly specified in this Lease. Tenant's obligation to pay rent is independent of any obligation of Landlord under this lease. Payments shall be made to

El Paso County Texas
Office of the County Auditor
800 East Overland Room 406
El Paso, Texas 79901

If any installment of rent is not paid within 30 days after it is due, Tenant shall pay a late charge in an amount equal to the rates described in the Texas Prompt Payment Act contained within Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code, unless Landlord agrees otherwise.

All payments by Tenant under this Lease are payable only out of current City of El Paso revenues. In the event that funds relating to this Agreement do not become available, such as by City Council not appropriating the funds, Tenant shall have no obligation to pay or perform any services related herein to Landlord for Tenant's fiscal year during which time such funding is not available or appropriated. Should Tenant experience a funding unavailability as described in this paragraph, either party may choose to terminate the Agreement subject to the terms of this Lease.

3. USE:

Tenant has inspected the Premises and acknowledges that the same are suitable for Tenant's intended purposes as stated in this paragraph. Tenant shall use the Premises exclusively for offices and laboratories for the City of El Paso Department of Public Health Laboratory, and for no other purposes without express prior written consent of the Landlord. Tenant shall not use the Premises or permit anything to be done in or about the Premises, which will in any way conflict with any law, statute, zoning restriction, or any ordinance or governmental rule, regulation or requirement. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be considered a breach of the lease terms. By execution of this Lease, Tenant represents that the use of the property for the described purposes, and all equipment and devices possessed, used, owned, maintained or otherwise utilized by Tenant currently and in the course of this lease shall comply with all local, state, and federal regulations, and are properly licensed and/or permitted as may be required. Upon request by Landlord, Tenant shall, within 3 business days of such request, provide written confirmation of current and on-going compliance

4. TAXATION:

Landlord pays no taxes as it is a tax-exempt entity. Tenant pays no taxes as it is a tax exempt entity. In the event Tenant should be required to pay any tax, fee, penalty or similar assessment related to its use and occupancy of the premises, Tenant shall be solely liable for such payment.

5. UTILITIES:

Tenant shall pay for its own telephone, internet, or similar electronic communication utilities. Additionally, Tenant shall pay for a separate commercial trash receptacle to be used by Tenant to dispose of all trash generated by Tenant. Placement of the receptacle shall be done in coordination with Landlord.

Landlord agrees to pay the gas, electric, and water utility charges on a monthly basis. Tenant hereby covenants and agrees to reimburse Landlord the apportioned cost of the utilities within 30 days of receipt of request for payment by Landlord. Landlord shall provide Tenant copies of actual bills for water and natural gas and electricity.

In order to more accurately allocate the actual costs of utilities and operations, Landlord has installed a separate meter to measure electric usage by the Tenant.

Landlord shall review the electric sub-meter on a monthly basis, determine the portion of the electric utility charges used by Tenant on the second floor of the premises and apportion said charges accordingly. Apportionment of the natural gas and water bills shall be based on twenty-two percent (22%) of the total monthly charges for each such utility indicated on Landlord's monthly bill for the premises. Monthly charges shall include any and all charges imposed by the utility including but not limited to fuel surcharges, customer charges, energy charges and similar type charges.

Tenant has previously installed a separate gas meter to measure natural gas usage for an emergency generator. Tenant shall be responsible for all costs associated with the gas usage indicated on the meter as well as any costs associated with installation, repair, maintenance or removal of said meter.

Except for any interruption in utility service caused by the Landlord's negligence or gross negligence, Landlord shall in no event be liable to Tenant for any interruption in the service of any such utilities to the Premises, however such interruption may be caused, and this lease shall continue in full force and effect despite any such interruptions.

6. INSURANCE:

Premises Insurance: Landlord shall, at Landlord's expense and as Landlord deems appropriate, maintain at all times during the term of this Lease a policy or policies of insurance covering loss or damage to the Premises in the amount of the full

replacement value thereof (exclusive of Tenant's trade fixtures, equipment and contents), providing protection against perils included within the classification of fire, extended coverage, vandalism, mischief, sprinkler leakage and special extended peril (all-risk insurance). Landlord may self-insure. Tenant shall self-insure or carry, at Tenant's expense, general liability insurance.

7. FIRE EQUIPMENT:

Tenant agrees to supply and maintain at its own expense any fire extinguishers, or other fire prevention equipment required by law, rules, orders, ordinances and regulations of the City of El Paso, the State of Texas, and/or any required by any insurance carrier, underwriters association or other similar body having jurisdiction involving the use and/or occupancy of the Premises; Tenant shall be responsible for any fines, penalties, or similar assessments which are assessed for malfunctioning of or non-compliance

of Tenant's equipment. Landlord shall provide and maintain a fire protection system, including sprinkler and smoke detectors in accordance with the applicable requirements for such fire safety equipment. Landlord shall be responsible for any fines, or penalties assessed for malfunctioning of or non-compliance of Landlord's fire safety equipment referenced in this paragraph.

8. SECURITY

Nothing in this Lease shall obligate the Landlord to maintain or provide any security services or system for the Premises. Tenant agrees that Landlord shall not be liable to Tenant for, and Tenant shall waive any claim against Landlord with respect to any loss by theft or any other damage suffered or incurred by Tenant in connection with any unauthorized entry into the Premises or other criminal or willful acts of third parties, unless such loss, theft, or damage is caused by intentional acts by Landlord or Landlord's employees or agent.

9. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS:

- a. Landlord's Obligations: Except for damage caused by negligent or intentional act or omission of Tenant and Tenant's agents, employees or invitees, Landlord, at Landlord's expense, shall keep in good condition and repair: all interior and exterior heating, ventilation, air-conditioning equipment, glass, parking areas, driveways, sidewalks, fences, landscaped areas, roof, foundation, and exterior plumbing up to the point plumbing lines enter the building. Fixed equipment such as air conditioning, heating and water heaters which have been installed and are owned by Landlord are to be maintained by Landlord, along with electrical power sources, except for public power lines.

- b. Landlord shall commence required repairs as soon as reasonably practical after receiving written notice from Tenant. With respect to interior plumbing such as ruptured lines or stoppage, if it is determined that such stoppage was caused by Tenant's actions, Landlord shall repair the stoppage as soon as reasonable and Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for the expense of such repairs.
- c. Tenant shall reasonably and properly maintain and repair any equipment which Tenant installs or has previously installed, or which has been installed on behalf of the Tenant. Tenant shall keep and maintain the interior of the leased Premises, including hallways, elevators and stairwells of the second floor, in a good and clean order at Tenant's own expense. Tenant shall at all times keep all parts of the Premises not required to be maintained by Landlord, in good order, condition and repair and keep them in a lean, orderly, sanitary and safe condition. If Tenant neglects to reasonably maintain the leased Premises, Landlord may, but is not required to, repair or correct the damages caused by such failure upon 15 days notice to Tenant. Any costs incurred by Landlord for repair or corrections for which Tenant is responsible under this section are payable by Tenant to Landlord as additional rental on the next rental installment date.
- d. Upon request Tenant shall furnish to Landlord copies of any records or manifests demonstrating that Tenant has properly maintained and had inspected any systems, generators, incinerators, or other equipment used or installed by or on behalf of Tenant, including assurance that the use or installation of such does not impair or threaten the soundness of the Premises in any way.
- e. Alterations and Additions: Landlord shall not make any changes to the premises which materially impair the size or dimensions of the demised premises without prior consent of the Tenant which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Landlord shall consult with Tenant as to potential effect of newly installed equipment and renovated areas, allowing Tenant to comment, provide feedback, and make any necessary adjustments its use of the Premises. If Tenant's square footage is reduced from that set forth in this Lease, Tenant shall have the option to either accept a reduced rental rate adjusted in proportion to the reduction in the square footage of the leased Premises, or terminate this Lease with sixty (60) days notice to Landlord.
- f. Tenant shall not, without Landlord's prior written consent, make any alterations, additions, improvements or utility installations in, on or about the Premises, except for non-structural alterations. All alterations, additions, or improvements made to the structure by the Tenant shall be

made in a professional and workmanlike manner and become the property of the Landlord at the termination of this Lease, except for unattached movable fixtures; provided however that Landlord may reject such alterations, additions, or improvements in which case Tenant shall restore the premises to their original or similar condition as received.

- g. Upon expiration of this Lease, Tenant shall surrender the Premises in the same condition as received, ordinary wear and tear, and damage by fire, earthquake, act of God, unavoidable casualty, or the elements alone excepted. Tenant, at its sole cost and expense, agrees to repair any damage to the Premises caused by or in connection with the removal of any articles of personal property, business or trade fixtures, machinery equipment, cabinetwork, furniture, movable partition, or permanent improvements or additions made by or on behalf of Tenant, including repairing the floor, roof, or ceiling, and patching and painting the walls where required to Landlord's reasonable satisfaction.

10. DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION:

- a. Landlord shall not be responsible for loss or damage to Tenant's fixtures, equipment or other property so installed or placed by Tenant on the Premises, except where such damage is due to Landlord's willful failure to make repairs required to be made under this Lease.
- b. Partial Damage-Insured: In the event improvements on the Premises are damaged by any casualty covered under an insurance policy maintained by Landlord, then Landlord shall repair such damage as soon as reasonably possible and this Lease shall continue in full force and effect. For purposes of this provision, minor repairs shall be completed within thirty (30) days and major repairs shall be completed within ninety (90) days of the damage.
- c. Total Destruction: If during the term of this lease, the demised Premises shall be damaged or destroyed from any cause, whether or not covered by insurance under this Lease, so as to render un-tenantable more than fifty percent (50%) of the leased floor area, Tenant reserves the right to automatically terminate the Lease as of the date of such total destruction.

11. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- a. Hazardous Material. As used in this Lease, "Hazardous Material" shall be defined as pollutants, toxic substances, regulated substances, oil, hydrocarbons, asbestos, or similar materials as defined in or pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, the federal Clean Water Act, as amended, the Texas Water Code, as amended, the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, and any other federal, state, or local environmental or health and safety related law, or regulation.'

- b. Use of Hazardous materials. Landlord hereby acknowledges that Tenant's intended use of the premises as stated in Paragraph 3 above, may require that Tenant to utilize Hazardous Materials. Tenant shall not cause or permit any Hazardous Material to escape or be released in the Premises, be brought upon, kept, or used in or about the premises by Tenant, its agents, or invitees without the prior written consent of Landlord, which Landlord shall not unreasonably withhold, provided Tenant demonstrates to Landlord's satisfaction that such Hazardous Material is necessary or useful to Tenant's operations and will be kept, stored, and used in a manner that complies with the laws regulating such Hazardous Materials so used, kept, or brought upon the Premises by Tenant. Prior to execution of this Lease, Tenant has provided Landlord with information as to the Hazardous Materials to be used. Tenant affirmatively states that all such Hazardous Materials will be kept, stored, and used in a manner that complies with all laws regulating such Hazardous Materials. By execution of this Lease, Landlord hereby consents to the storage and usage of such Hazardous Materials consistent with the provisions of this Paragraph. Tenant shall remove all such Hazardous Material upon the expiration or termination of this Lease and restore the Premises to pre-lease existing conditions, normal wear and tear excluded. The provisions of this paragraph specifically shall survive the expiration or termination of this Lease.
- c. Notice of violations. Tenant shall immediately advise Landlord of (a) any government or regulatory actions instituted or threatened under any environmental law listed above affecting Tenant or the Premises; and (b) all claims threatened or made by any third party against Tenant or the Premises relating to damage, contribution, cost recovery, compensation, loss or injury resulting from Tenant's use or storage of Hazardous Material, (c) the discovery of any occurrence or condition on any real property adjoining or in the vicinity of the Premises that could cause the Premises to be classified in a manner which may support a claim under any environmental laws, and (d) the discovery of a occurrence or condition on the Premises or any real property adjoining or in the vicinity of the Premises which could subject landlord or the Premises under any environmental laws. Landlord may elect to join and participate in any settlements, remedial actions, legal proceedings or other actions initiated in connection with any claims under any environmental laws and to have its reasonable attorney's fees paid by Tenant. At its sole and expense, Tenant agrees to promptly and completely cure and remedy each and every violation of an environmental law caused by Tenant, its agents, employees, contractors, or invitees.

12. ENTRY BY LANDLORD:

- a) Landlord shall have the right at reasonable times to enter the Premises to inspect the same or to maintain or repair, make alterations or additions to the Premises on any portion of the premises or to show the Premises to prospective purchasers and other persons. Landlord shall make reasonable efforts to notify Tenant of the need to enter upon the premises prior to entering upon the premises. Rent shall not abate during such entry. Additionally, during any such apparent Landlord, its employees, and/or

agents may enter the premises forcibly without liability and without in any manner affecting Tenant's obligations under this Lease. Prior to entering the premises for emergency purposes, Landlord shall endeavor to contact Tenant to advise Tenant of the emergency with such notice as is reasonable under the circumstances, to coordinate with Tenant and allow Tenant the opportunity to resolve the emergency.

13. MOVE-OUT REQUIREMENTS, HOLDOVER:

Except as otherwise provided in this Lease, if Tenant intends to vacate the premises or terminate the lease, Tenant shall provide a ninety (90) day written notice to the Landlord. Rent will continue until all keys to the Premises are turned over to Landlord. If Tenant remains in possession of all or any part of the Premises after the expiration of the term stated above, this Lease shall continue on a month-to-month basis, subject to all the terms and conditions of this Lease except that the revised monthly rent shall be 110% of the rent for the last month of the term of this Lease or the extended Lease. No payments of money by Tenant to the Landlord after the termination of this Lease shall reinstate, continue, or extend this Lease term and no extension of this Lease after termination or expiration is valid unless it is reduced to writing and signed by both the Landlord and the Tenant. Nothing in this Lease may be construed to give Tenant the right to hold over beyond any expiration date or any earlier termination of this Lease or preclude Landlord from having the right to dispossess or otherwise terminate Tenant's right of possession. Any month-to-month tenancy is terminable upon notice from the Landlord.

14. NOTICES:

All notices or demands to be given by Landlord or Tenant hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered a) the date of actual hand-delivery; or b) two (2) days after depositing the notice or demand in the U.S. mail, certified or registered, postage pre-paid, addressed to the party at the addresses listed on the final page of this Agreement.

15. CONDEMNATION:

If the Premises or any part thereof are condemned for any public purpose to the extent that the remainder of the Premises is, in Landlord's opinion, not reasonably suitable for occupancy and Tenant's specific use, the Landlord may at its election terminate the Lease. All proceeds from any taking or condemnation of the Premises shall belong to the Landlord, except that Landlord shall not be entitled to any award part made to Tenant for loss of business, depreciation to or cost of removal of Tenant's personal property.

16. LIENS:

Tenant shall keep the Premises free from any liens arising out of work performed, materials furnished or obligations incurred by Tenant.

17. OPTION TO RENEW:

Tenant is hereby granted an option to renew this lease subject to approval by Landlord. Tenant shall be granted the option of two (2) consecutive one (1) year extensions of this Lease pursuant to the same terms and conditions. In order to exercise the option to renew, no less than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the initial term or the then current term, the City must provide a written notice to the County of the City's desire to exercise the option to renew. Within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof, Landlord shall deliver to Tenant a notice of confirmation or denial of the lease renewal. Failure to do so shall not act as an automatic approval.

18. DEFAULT:

In the event that Tenant defaults in the timely payment of rent, or violates or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Lease, Landlord shall send written notice of such default, violation or omission to the Tenant, and unless Tenant shall have completely cured or removed said default within thirty (30) days after receiving of such notice from Landlord, or upon such reasonable cure time as the parties mutually agree upon. Landlord may thereupon re-enter the Premises, by summary proceedings or take possession of said Premises and remove all persons and property, and may elect to either cancel Lease or re-let the Premises as agent for the Tenant or otherwise, and receive rent, applying the same to the payment of the rent balance under this Lease and the fulfillment of Tenant's covenants hereunder, the balance (if any) to be paid by Tenant, who shall remain liable for any deficiency.

If Landlord breaches this Lease, Tenant may exercise its rights and remedies as it may be entitled to under law or equity.

19 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

- a. Landlord shall make necessary interior and exterior modifications to the Premises agreed upon to make the Premises accessible for disabled persons. Tenant and Landlord covenant to make reasonable, mutual efforts to make accommodation for matters on the Premises related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- b. Tenant and Landlord shall comply with applicable all laws, ordinances, orders, rules and regulations of all governmental bodies (municipal, state and federal) applicable to, or having jurisdiction over the use, occupancy, operation, and maintenance of the Premises and the non-leased parts of Landlord's building located at the address of the Premises, including without limitation, all applicable environmental and hazardous materials/substance laws..

20. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Signs: Tenant may, at Tenant's expense, install signs approved by the Landlord. All signs shall be removed at the termination of this lease. Sign work shall be done in such a manner to avoid injury, defacement or overloading of the building.
- b. Parking: Landlord shall designate one parking space for use by Tenant. Otherwise, Tenant's employees and visitors shall use parking spaces in the adjacent parking garage and shall avoid using spaces designated for Landlord's employees and visitors.
- c. Severability: If any provision of this Lease shall, to any extent, be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Lease shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Lease shall be valid and be enforceable to the extent permitted by law.
- d. Assignment and Subletting: Tenant shall not assign, sublet, transfer, pledge, or encumber this Lease or any interest therein without the prior written consent of Landlord.
- e. Amendment: No amendment, modification, or alteration of the terms hereof shall be binding unless it is in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereof, and duly executed by the parties.
- f. Landlord covenants and agrees that, upon payment by Tenant of the rent and upon Tenant's observance of the covenants and agreements provided for in this Lease, Tenant shall at all times have peaceable and quiet enjoyment and possession of the demised premises.

Neither Landlord nor Tenant is required to perform any term or covenant of this Lease so long as performance is delayed or prevented by *force majeure*, which includes acts of God, strikes, lookouts, civil riot, floods, and any other causes not reasonably within Landlord's or Tenant's control and that Landlord or Tenant, by exercising due diligence and paying money, cannot prevent or overcome if said building housing the Premises and/or the Premises become so damaged as to render said Premises unfit for occupancy, then, and from the date of such damage, this Lease shall terminate and other obligations hereunder shall be due and payable only to the date of such damage.

- h. This Lease shall be construed under the laws of the State of Texas and venue for all legal matters is in El Paso County, Texas. All obligations of the parties created by this Lease are performable in El Paso County, Texas.
- g. Entire Agreement: This instrument, and any attachments to it, constitutes the entire agreement between Landlord and Tenant relative to the Premises and

this Agreement and the exhibits and attachments may be altered, amended or revoked only by an instrument in writing signed by both Landlord and Tenant.

- h. Without regard to the date actually executed this lease shall be considered effective as of October 1, 2010.

Anthony Cobos
El Paso County Judge

Joyce Wilson
El Paso City Manager

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT

Liza Ramirez,
Capital Assets Manager
Capital Assets – City of El Paso

Michael Hill, Director Of Health
City of El Paso Health Department

Signatures continue on next page.

Approved as to Form

Attest:

Erich A. Morales
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Richard Duffy Momsen
El Paso City Clerk

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Josette Flores
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NOTICES TO BE DELIVERED UNDER THIS LEASE

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ATTACHMENT "A"

