

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF GALVESTON
AND
THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS**

This Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2020, by and between the City of Galveston, Texas (the "CITY") and the Industrial Development Corporation of the City of Galveston, Texas (the "IDC"), a Texas nonprofit corporation established pursuant to the Development Corporation Act of 1979 and now codified in Chapters 501, 502, 504 and 505 of the Texas Local Government Code (hereafter referred to as the "Act").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the IDC is authorized to provide funding relating to projects that the IDC finds to be encompassed within the definition of "Projects," as that word is defined by Chapters 501, 504 and 505 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the CITY has applied for a grant from the IDC for the construction of the Pelican Island Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the IDC has determined that such a grant complies with the Act and is in keeping with the mission of IDC.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the recitals set forth above and the promises made herein, the CITY and the IDC agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
IDC'S OBLIGATIONS**

A. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Article II hereof, upon execution of this Agreement, the IDC will provide a grant to the CITY as follows: The IDC agrees to pay to the CITY a total of Five Million Dollars (**\$5,000,000.00**) for the following activity to be performed within the City of Galveston, Texas: **The construction of the Pelican Island Bridge.**

The IDC will set aside funds in each annual budget for the construction of the Pelican Island Bridge until the IDC determines that sufficient funds are available to design and complete construction of the Pelican Island Bridge. The IDC will determine when sufficient funds are available to design and complete construction of the Pelican Island Bridge. The design and construction of the Pelican Island Bridge will not begin until the IDC has given written notice to the CITY that there are funds available to design and complete construction of the Pelican Island Bridge and has issued a start work order.

B. The IDC will request a full accounting of the funds expended on the “Pelican Island Bridge” project no later than sixty (60) days after completion of “Pelican Island Bridge” project. If, after completion of the “Pelican Island Bridge” project there are funds remaining and/or savings from “Pelican Island Bridge” project and received from IDC, CITY shall return such funds to the IDC to be returned to the budget line item from which the funds were taken.

**ARTICLE II.
CITY’S OBLIGATIONS**

A. Following the execution of this Agreement, the CITY shall begin efforts to implement the activities described in Article I of this Agreement. The design and construction of the Pelican Island Bridge project shall be completed within _____ months of the date the IDC has given written notice to the CITY that there are funds available to design and complete construction of the Pelican Island Bridge and has issued a start work order.

B. The CITY's failure to complete the construction of the Pelican Island Bridge project within _____ months of the date the IDC has given written notice to the CITY that there are funds available to design and complete construction of the Pelican Island Bridge and has issued a start work order will constitute a breach of the Agreement and result in immediate termination of this agreement with no opportunity to cure. The CITY understands and agrees that, in the event termination of this Agreement by CITY, or pursuant to Article V of this Agreement, the CITY shall reimburse the IDC the full amount of money paid by the IDC to the CITY.

C. In accordance with Chapter 2264 of the Texas Government Code, the CITY agrees not to knowingly employ any undocumented workers. During the term of this Agreement, the CITY shall notify the IDC of any complaint brought against CITY alleging that it has employed undocumented workers. If the CITY, or any branch, division or department of the CITY is convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a (f), the total amount of economic development grants it has received, together with interest at the rate of five percent (5%), shall be repaid by the CITY to the IDC not later than the one hundred twentieth (120th) day after the date the IDC becomes aware of and notifies the CITY of the violation. The CITY shall not be liable for a violation of Chapter 2264 by a subsidiary, affiliate, or franchisee, or by any person with whom the CITY contracts. The CITY shall reimburse the IDC the required amount within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Agreement.

D. The CITY shall keep and maintain complete and accurate records relating to its hiring and employment of persons, which is separate and identifiable from its other records, and shall make such records available for not less than three (3) years following

termination of this Agreement. The IDC and its representatives shall be entitled to inspect said records during the term of this Agreement and for three (3) years thereafter, upon reasonable notice to the CITY. The CITY's failure to comply with this provision will constitute a breach of the Agreement.

E. Upon completion of the "Pelican Island Bridge" project, but no later than sixty (60) days after, CITY will furnish the IDC with a full accounting of the funds expended on the "Pelican Island Bridge" project. If, after completion of the "Pelican Island Bridge" project there are funds remaining and/or savings from the "Pelican Island Bridge" project, CITY shall return such funds to the IDC within thirty (30) days of IDC's acceptance of the full accounting. At the conclusion of the "Pelican Island Bridge" project the CITY will provide the IDC with an accounting of all monies spent on the "Pelican Island Bridge" project. All monies not spent directly on the "Pelican Island Bridge" project shall be returned to IDC. CITY will make an accounting of all expenses expended pursuant to this Agreement.

F. In accordance with Chapter 2270, Texas Government Code, a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. The signatory executing this contract on behalf of company verifies that the company does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract.

**ARTICLE III.
CITY'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

- A. The CITY represents and warrants, as of the date hereof, that:
1. The CITY is a local governmental entity of the State of Texas;

2. execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the CITY and this Agreement is not in contravention of the CITY's governing authority or any agreement or instrument to which the CITY is a party or by which it may be bound as of the date hereof;

3. no litigation or governmental proceeding is pending or, threatened against or affecting the CITY that may result in a material adverse change in the CITY's business, properties, or operations sufficient to jeopardize the CITY's legal existence; and

4. No written application, written statement, or correspondence submitted by the CITY to the IDC in connection with this Agreement, or in connection with any transaction contemplated hereby contains any untrue statement of a material fact or fails to state any material fact necessary to keep the statements contained therein from being misleading. The CITY agrees that, upon execution of this Agreement, its application shall be attached and incorporated for all purposes.

B. Except as expressly set forth in this Article III, the CITY makes no other representation or warranty of any kind in connection with or related to the provisions of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE IV.
IDC'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

A. The IDC represents and warrants, as of the date hereof, that:

1. The IDC, to the best of the knowledge of its Board of Directors, is legally authorized to enter into this Agreement by virtue of the statute under which it is governed and by the authorities and powers vested in it as a corporation duly and properly organized under the Act;

2. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the IDC;

3. No litigation or governmental proceeding is pending, or, to the knowledge of any of the IDC's officers, threatened against or affecting the IDC, that may result in the IDC's inability to meet its obligations under this Agreement; and

4. The IDC has no reasonable basis for believing that it has or will have incurred debts beyond its ability to pay as such debts mature, including, but not limited to, the obligations set forth in this Agreement.

B. Except as expressly set forth in this Article IV, the IDC makes no other representation or warranty of any kind in connection with or related to the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V. REMEDIES

A. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, in the event of any default in or breach of this Agreement by any party hereto, **or any successor** to such party, such defaulting or breaching party shall, upon written notice from the other party, proceed immediately to cure or remedy such default or breach, and, in any event, within sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice. In the event that remedial action is not taken or not diligently pursued and the default or breach shall not be cured or remedied within a reasonable time (but in no event later than ninety (90) days from the date of notification of such breach), the aggrieved party may institute such proceedings as may be necessary or desirable in its opinion to cure and remedy such default or breach, including, but not limited to, seeking specific performance and/or injunctive relief.

B. Upon breach of this Agreement by either party and the failure to cure as permitted by this Article V, the non-breaching party shall have the sole right and discretion to either terminate this Agreement and/or pursue any and all remedies that may be provided by law and this Agreement. Each party acknowledges and agrees that the CITY is not entitled to recover any amounts in excess of the grant money contracted for under this Agreement and that the IDC, pursuant to a breach and failure to cure by the CITY in accordance with this Agreement, is entitled to recover attorney fees, collection costs, and any other costs due to its pursuit of repayment and remedies under this Agreement.

C. Any delay by any party in instituting or prosecuting any actions or proceedings or otherwise asserting its rights will not, so long as the breach or default by another party is continuing, operate as a waiver of such rights or to deprive it of or limit such rights in any way; nor will any waiver in fact be made by any party with respect to any specific default by any other party except to the extent specifically waived in writing.

ARTICLE VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable and, if for any reason, a provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid by a court having competent jurisdiction over the subject matter of the invalid provision, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions that can be given effect without the invalid provision. Further, in lieu of such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision, there will be added automatically as a part of this Agreement, a provision as similar in its terms to such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid, and enforceable.

B. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended only by written amendment signed by both parties hereto.

C. Venue. All payments made pursuant to this Agreement and other obligations performed under this Agreement shall be made or performed in Galveston County, Texas. Venue will lie in Galveston County, Texas; and this Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without respect to the conflict of laws thereof.

D. Notices. All notices given with respect to this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been properly given for all purposes (i) if sent by a nationally recognized overnight carrier for next business day delivery, on the first business day following deposit of such notice with such carrier unless such carrier confirms such notice was not delivered, then on the day such carrier actually delivers such notice, or (ii) if personally delivered, on the actual date of delivery, or (iii) if sent by certified U.S. Mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, on the fifth (5th) business day following the date of mailing, or (iv) if sent by facsimile, then on the actual date of delivery (as evidenced by a facsimile confirmation), provided that a copy of the facsimile and confirmation is also sent by regular U.S. Mail, addressed as follows:

For the IDC: President
City of Galveston, Texas
Industrial Development Corporation
P.O. Box 779
Galveston, Texas 77553
Facsimile: (409) 797-3521

City Manager
City of Galveston
P. O. Box 779
Galveston, Texas 77553
Facsimile: (409) 797-3521

With a copy to: City Attorney
City of Galveston
P. O. Box 779
Galveston, Texas 77553
Facsimile: (409) 797-3531

For the CITY:

City Manager
City of Galveston
P. O. Box 779
Galveston, Texas 77553
Facsimile: (409) 797-3521

With a copy to: City Attorney
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P. O. Box 779
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E. Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the specific prior written consent of the other, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. In the event that a party consents to any valid assignment of this Agreement by the other party hereto, the assigning party will be relieved of any and all obligations and liabilities on the part of such assigning party under this Agreement.

F. Parties in Interest. Nothing in this Agreement shall entitle any party other than the CITY or the IDC to any claim, cause of action, remedy or right of any.

G. Term. The term of this Agreement (the "Term") will commence upon execution of this Agreement and shall terminate on the earlier occurrence of: (i) completion of the construction of the Pelican Island Bridge; (ii) when terminated by mutual agreement of the parties; (iii) when terminated pursuant to Article V hereof; (iv) at the CITY's sole and absolute discretion upon the CITY's return of all grant funding to the IDC that it has received under this Agreement; or (v) upon the CITY's repayment of all monies that are demanded by the IDC and are in fact required to be repaid by the CITY under Article II hereof. Upon termination of this Agreement, all rights, duties and obligations of any kind under this Agreement shall automatically expire and terminate and be of no other force and effect.

H. Interpretation. Each party has had the opportunity to be represented by counsel of its choice in negotiating this Agreement. This Agreement will therefore, be deemed to have been negotiated and prepared at the joint request, direction, and construction of the parties, at arm's length, with the advice and participation of counsel, and will be interpreted in accordance with its terms without favor to any party.

I. No Joint Venture. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended by the parties to create a partnership or joint venture between the parties.

J. Survival of Terms. All rights, duties, liabilities, and obligations accrued prior to termination will survive termination.

K. Public Information. Information provided by or on behalf of the CITY under or pursuant to this Agreement that the CITY considers as proprietary shall be

marked as such and will be maintained as confidential to the extent allowed by law. If proprietary financial or trade secret information is requested under the Texas Public Information Act, the IDC shall follow the standards set out in the Act and under the Texas Attorney General's procedures for such requests, and the CITY shall be responsible for defending the confidentiality of such information. Other records and information provided to the IDC and its representatives to verify compliance with this Agreement shall be available for public inspection.

L. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several identical counterparts by the parties and each counterpart, when so executed and delivered, shall constitute an original instrument.

M. Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

EXECUTED AND EFFECTIVE, as of the date first indicated above, by the CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, by and through its Board President, duly authorized to execute same by action of its Board; and by the CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS acting through its duly authorized official.

**CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS,
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

By: _____
Name: James D. Yarbrough
Title: President, Board of Directors
Date: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____
Name: Brandon Cook
Title: Secretary, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Name: Arthur L. Pertile, III
Title: Counsel for the Corporation

CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS

By: _____
Name: James D. Yarbrough
Title: Mayor
Date: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____
Name: Janelle Williams
Title: City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Name: Donald Glywasky
Title: City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING