



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT CAVAZOS
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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)
BETWEEN
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON (USAG) FORT CAVAZOS
AND
CENTRAL TEXAS SURROUNDING CITIES
FOR
CEN-TEX SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP
IM-W45CL7-24-005-MOA**

1. Purpose. To establish a continued multi-year partnership to develop and implement the Cen-Tex Sustainable Communities Partnership (hereafter referred to as the "Partnership") among Fort Cavazos and surrounding cities (hereafter referred to as "the Parties") from Killeen, Gatesville, Harker Heights, Copperas Cove, Nolanville, Salado, Belton, and Lampasas to promote sustainability in Central Texas through voluntary programs.

2. Goal. To achieve measurable benefits by agreeing upon common environmental goals and implementing Partnership-guided projects to contribute to the vitality of the Central Texas economy and quality of life for the region's citizens.

3. Areas of Consideration. To develop and implement the Partnership, the Parties intend to actively cooperate in the following areas:

a. Developing a Partnership project work plan for future planning and project for collaboration.

b. Identifying potential funding requirements to support future Partnership projects.

c. On an as-needed basis, recruiting new participants to support the Partnership in both advisory and project implementation roles.

d. Participating in periodic conference calls, virtual meetings, and face-to-face meetings.

e. Developing a mechanism for evaluating and measuring Partnership progress, including emission reductions and other environmental benefits achieved.

f. Devoting staff time to support Partnership project activities.

g. Analyzing, selecting, and implementing a variety of sustainable and environmentally beneficial projects for the Central Texas Region.

4. Governance. The Parties will constitute the Core Project Management Group of the Partnership, which will act as the decision-making body of this initiative. The Parties will seek cooperation with appropriate state agencies, other federal agencies, non-

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governmental organizations, and commercial entities on Partnership projects; and, as determined by the Parties, other participants may join the Partnership in either advisory or Partnership project implementation roles for particular projects.

5. Decision Making. Although majority consensus is desirable, any party who, for some reason, cannot support an initiative is allowed to abstain or withdraw, without repercussion, from participation in that project. Approval of participation in any project or initiative is subject to the approval of the entity's governing body.

6. Limitations.

a. All commitments made by the Parties through this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) are subject to the approval of the governing body. Nothing in this MOA, in and of itself, obligates the Parties to expend appropriations or to enter into any contract, assistance agreement, interagency agreement, or incur other financial obligations. Each party paying for the performance of governmental functions or services must make those payments from current revenues available to the paying party.

b. This MOA does not exempt the other Parties from their respective policies requiring competition for financial assistance and contracts. Any endeavor involving the Parties' funding will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures, and will be subject to separate written agreements.

c. This MOA does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law or equity against the Parties, their officers or employees, or any other person.

d. This MOA does not apply to any person or organization outside of the Parties.

e. The Parties agree that the "Cen-Tex Sustainable Communities Partnership" name may be used in conjunction with the names of other cities in the future. No one Party to this MOA claims exclusive rights to the "Cen-Tex Sustainable Communities Partnership" name, and other neighboring communities to Fort Cavazos are welcome to join the Partnership at any time during this partnership period by signing the MOA.

7. Contacts for the Parties. The following individuals are the designated contacts of the Parties for this MOA and are the members of the Executive Committee on behalf of their organizations:

- **USAG Fort Cavazos:** COL Laticia R. Stokes, Garrison Commander, (254) 288-3451.
- **City of Killeen:** Kent Cagle, City Manager, (254) 501-7700.

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- **City of Copperas Cove:** Ryan Haverlah, City Manager, (254) 547-4221.
- **City of Gatesville:** Scott Albert, City Manager, (254) 865-8951.
- **City of Harker Heights:** David Mitchell, City Manager, (254) 953-5600.
- **City of Belton:** Sam Listi, City Manager, (254) 933-5818.
- **City of Nolanville:** Kara Escajeda, City Manager, (254) 698-6335.
- **City of Lampasas:** Finley deGraffenried, City Manager, (512) 556-6831.
- **Village of Salado:** Manuel De La Rosa, Village Administrator, (254) 947-5060.

If this contact information changes, the Parties agree to notify all other parties to this MOA in writing; such written notification shall become an addendum to this MOA.

8. Review of Agreement. This MOA will be reviewed annually on or around the anniversary of its effective date for financial impacts and triennially in its entirety.

9. Modification of Agreement. This MOA may only be modified by the written agreement of the Parties, duly signed by their authorized representative.

10. Termination of Agreement. Any of the Parties may terminate their participation in this MOA at any time.

11. Effective Date. This MOA takes effect beginning on the day after the last Party signs. This Agreement expires on 15 July 2034.

AGREED:

Lakicia R. Stokes
Colonel, US Army
Garrison Commander

Debbie Ann Nash-King
Mayor of Killeen

(Date)

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