

RIDER B-IT: METHOD OF PAYMENT AND OTHER PROVISIONS

1. **INVOICES AND PAYMENTS.** Department will pay the Provider as follows: Payment terms are net 30 days from the date the State receives an error-free invoice with all necessary and complete supporting documents.

All invoices must include the following:

- A. Advantage Contract numbers for this contract.
- B. Vendor Code number assigned when registering as a vendor with the State of Maine. This number appears on all Contracts and Purchase Orders and can be acquired from the agency contact.
- C. Itemizing all work performed during the invoice period, including the dates of service, rates of pay, hours of work performed, and any other information and/or documentation appropriate and sufficient to substantiate the amount invoiced for payment by the State.
- D. In cases where hourly rates of contracted resources are concerned, invoices must contain a copy or copies of time sheets associated with that invoice. Time sheets will need to be reviewed and approved by the State's contract administrator.

The Department may withhold a Retainage for project-based services in the following manner:

- i. The allowable payment amount from each project milestone payment will be multiplied by ten (10) percent, giving the amount that will be withheld from payment. Ninety (90) percent of the allowable project milestone payment amount will be paid to the Provider.
- ii. The Retainage will be held by the Department until the end of the warranty period.

2. **BENEFITS AND DEDUCTIONS.** If the Provider is an individual, the Provider understands and agrees that they are an independent contractor for whom no Federal or State Income Tax will be deducted by the Department, and for whom no retirement benefits, survivor benefit insurance, group life insurance, vacation and sick leave, and similar benefits available to State employees will accrue. The Provider further understands that annual information returns, as required by the Internal Revenue Code or State of Maine Income Tax Law, will be filed by the State Controller with the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Maine Bureau of Revenue Services, copies of which will be furnished to the Provider for their Income Tax records.
3. **INDEPENDENT CAPACITY.** In the performance of this Contract, the parties hereto agree that the Provider, and any agents and employees of the Provider, shall act in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as officers or employees or agents of the State.
4. **DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE.** The Contract Administrator shall be the Department's representative during the period of this Contract. The Contract Administrator has authority to curtail services if necessary to ensure proper execution. They shall certify to the Department when payments under the Contract are due and the amounts to be paid. They shall make decisions on all claims of the Provider, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the Department.
5. **CHANGES IN THE WORK.** The Department may order changes in the work, the Contract Amount being adjusted accordingly. Any monetary adjustment or any substantive change in the work shall be in the form of an amendment signed by both parties and approved by the State Procurement

Review Committee. Said amendment must be effective prior to the execution of the changed work.

6. **SUB-CONTRACTORS.** The Provider may not enter into any subcontract for the work to be performed under this Contract without the express written consent of the Department. This provision shall not apply to contracts of employment between the Provider and its employees.

The Provider is solely responsible for the performance of work under this Contract. The approval of the Department for the Provider to subcontract for work under this Contract shall not relieve the Provider in any way of its responsibility for performance of the work.

All Subcontractors shall be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract. The Provider shall give the State immediate notice in writing of any legal action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against the Provider by any Subcontractor, which may result in litigation related in any way to this Contract, or which may affect the performance of duties under this Contract.

7. **SUBLETTING, ASSIGNMENT OR TRANSFER.** The Provider shall not sublet, sell, transfer, assign, or otherwise dispose of this Contract, or any portion thereof, or of its right, title, or interest therein, without the written request and written approval from the Department. Such approval shall not in any case relieve the Provider of its responsibility for performance of work or liability under this Contract.

8. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.** During the performance of this Contract, the Provider certifies as follows:

- A. The Provider shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment relating to this Contract because of race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, familial status, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity, unless related to a bona fide occupational qualification.

Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotions, or transfers; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoffs or terminations; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training including apprenticeship. The Provider agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- B. The Provider shall, in all solicitations or advertising for employees placed by, or on behalf of, the Provider, relating to this Contract, state that all qualified applicants shall receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, familial status, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- C. The Provider shall send to each labor union, or representative of the workers, with which it has a collective bargaining Contract, or other Contract or understanding, whereby it is furnished with labor for the performance of this Contract, a notice to be provided by the contracting agency, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the Provider's commitment under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment.

- D. The Provider shall inform the contracting Department's Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator of any discrimination complaints brought to an external regulatory body (Maine Human Rights Commission, EEOC, Office of Civil Rights, etc.) against their agency by any individual, as well as any lawsuit regarding alleged discriminatory practice.
- E. The Provider shall comply with all aspects of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in employment, and in the provision of service, to include accessibility and reasonable accommodations for employees and clients.
- F. The Provider shall cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in any subcontract for any work covered by this Contract so that such provisions shall be binding upon each Subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

9. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** The Provider warrants that no State employee has or will receive any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in or receive or be eligible to receive, directly or indirectly, any benefit that may arise from this Contract, for any employee who participated in any way in the solicitation, award or administration of this Contract according to [Title 5 MRS §18-A, \(2\)](#) and in harmony with [Title 17 MRS §3104](#). Any contract made in violation of these sections is void.

The Provider certifies that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. The Provider further certifies that in the performance of this Contract, no person having any such known interests shall be employed.

10. **EMPLOYMENT AND PERSONNEL.** The Provider shall not engage on a full-time, part-time or other basis during the period of this Contract, any executive employee who participated in any way in the solicitation, award or administration of this Contract according to [Title 5 MRS §18-A, \(2\)](#) and in harmony with [Title 17 MRS §3104](#). Any contract made in violation of these sections is void.

11. **NON-COLLUSION.** The Provider warrants that it has not employed or contracted with any company or person, other than for assistance with the normal study and preparation of a proposal, to solicit or secure this Contract, and that it has not paid, or agreed to pay, any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Provider, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration, contingent upon, or resulting from, the award of this Contract.

And, the Provider has not entered into a prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a response for the same materials, supplies, equipment, or services, and this proposal is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. The above-mentioned entities understand and agree that collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards.

For breach or violation of this provision, the Department shall have the right to terminate this Contract without liability or, at its discretion, to otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

12. ACCOUNTING, RECORDS, AND AUDIT.

- A. The Provider shall maintain all books, documents, payrolls, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to this Contract, including interim reports and working papers, and make such materials available at its offices at all reasonable times during the period of this Contract, and for a period of five (5) years following termination or expiration of the Contract. If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the 5-year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the Contract have been resolved.
- B. Unless the Department specifies in writing a shorter period of time, the Provider agrees to preserve and make available all documents and records pertaining to this Contract for a period of five (5) years from the date of termination of this Contract.
- C. Records involving matters in litigation shall be kept for one year following the termination of litigation, including all appeals.
- D. Authorized Federal and State representatives shall have access to, and the right to examine, all pertinent documents and records during the five-year post-Contract period. During the five-year post-Contract period, delivery of, and access to, all pertinent documents and records will be at no cost to the Department.
- E. The Provider shall be liable for any State or Federal audit exceptions, if applicable, that arise out of any action, inaction, or negligence by the Provider. In the event of an audit exception for which the Provider is liable, the Provider shall have thirty (30) days to remedy that exception. If the Provider fails to remedy that exception within this time period, the Provider shall immediately return to the Department all payments made under this Contract which have been disallowed in the audit exception.
- F. Authorized State and Federal representatives shall at all reasonable times have the right to enter the premises, or such other places, where duties under this Contract are being performed, to inspect, monitor, or otherwise evaluate, the work being performed. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner that will not compromise the work unreasonably.
- G. **ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS** - As a condition of accepting a contract for services under this section, a contractor must agree to treat all records, other than proprietary information, relating to personal services work performed under the contract as public records under the freedom of access laws to the same extent as if the work were performed directly by the department or agency. For the purposes of this subsection, "proprietary information" means information that is a trade secret or commercial or financial information, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive position of the contractor and would make available information not otherwise publicly available. Information relating to wages and benefits of the employees performing the personal services work under the contract and information concerning employee and contract oversight and accountability procedures and systems are not proprietary information. The Provider shall maintain all books, documents, payrolls, papers, accounting records and other evidence pertaining to this Contract and make such materials available at its offices at all reasonable times during the period of this Contract and for such subsequent period as specified under Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing

Practices for Community Agencies (MAAP) rules. The Provider shall allow inspection of pertinent documents by the Department or any authorized representative of the State of Maine or Federal Government, and shall furnish copies thereof, if requested. This subsection applies to contracts, contract extensions and contract amendments executed on or after October 1, 2009.

13. TERMINATION. The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated by the Department, whenever for any reason the Contract Administrator shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the Department. Any such termination shall be affected by the delivery to the Provider of a Notice of Termination specifying the date on which such termination becomes effective.

Either party may terminate this Contract for cause by providing a written notice of termination stating the reason for the termination, a minimum of thirty (30) calendar day ahead of the effective date of the termination. As part of the thirty (30) calendar days written notice of termination, the defaulting party shall have fifteen (15) calendar days to cure the default. If the default is of such a nature that it cannot be cured within fifteen (15) calendar days, the defaulting party shall have such additional time, as the parties may agree to, to cure the default, provided the defaulting party has taken steps to cure the default within the initial fifteen (15) calendar days.

Upon termination, the Department shall pay the Provider for work performed by the Provider prior to the date of Notice of Termination.

14. GOVERNMENTAL REQUIREMENTS. The Provider warrants and represents that it will comply with all applicable governmental ordinances, laws, and regulations.

15. GOVERNING LAW. This Contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws, statutes, and regulations of the United States of America and of the State of Maine. Any legal proceeding against the State regarding this Contract shall be brought in the State of Maine administrative or judicial forums. The Provider consents to personal jurisdiction in the State of Maine.

16. STATE HELD HARMLESS. The Provider shall indemnify and hold harmless the Department and its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all third party claims, liabilities, and costs, including reasonable attorney fees, for any or all injuries to persons or property or claims for money damages, including claims for violation of intellectual property rights, arising from the negligent acts or omissions of the Provider, its employees or agents, officers or Subcontractors in the performance of work under this Contract; provided, however, the Provider shall not be liable for claims arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of the Department, or for actions taken in reasonable reliance on written instructions of the Department.

17. NOTICE OF CLAIMS. The Provider shall give the Contract Administrator immediate notice in writing of any legal action or suit filed related in any way to this Contract , or which may affect the performance of duties under this Contract , and prompt notice of any claim made against the Provider by any Subcontractor, which may result in litigation related in any way to this Contract , or which may affect the performance of duties under this Contract .

18. APPROVAL. This Contract must be approved by the State Controller and the State Purchases Review Committee before it can be considered a valid enforceable document.

19. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS. The Provider shall procure and maintain insurance against claims for injuries to persons, or damages to property, which may arise from, or in connection to, the fulfillment of this Contract, by the Provider, its agents, representatives, employees, or Subcontractors. The insurance shall be secured by the Provider, at the Provider's expense, and maintained in force, at all times during the term of this Contract, and, for any claims-made (as opposed to occurrence-based) policy(ies), for a period of not less than two (2) years thereafter.

A. Minimum Coverage

- i. Errors & Omissions, or Professional Liability Insurance, or Insurance by any other name, covering the following:
 - a) All acts, errors, omissions, negligence, infringement of intellectual property (except patent and trade secret) in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and as an annual aggregate;
 - b) Network security and privacy risks, including, but not limited to, unauthorized access, failure of security, breach of privacy, wrongful disclosure, collection, or other negligence in the handling of confidential information, related regulatory defense, and penalties in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and as an annual aggregate;
 - c) Data breach expenses, in an amount not less than (see NOTE below and insert the appropriate limit based upon the number of Personally Identifiable Information records) \$_____, and payable, whether incurred by the Department or the Provider; for and on behalf of the Department, including, but not limited to:
 - C.1) Consumer notification, whether or not required by law;
 - C.2) Forensic investigations;
 - C.3) Public relations and crisis management fees; and
 - C.4) Credit or identity monitoring, or similar remediation services.

The policy shall affirm coverage for contingent bodily injury and property damage arising from the failure of the Provider's technology services, or an error, or omission, in the content of, and information from, the Provider. If a sub-limit applies to any element of the coverage, the certificate of insurance must specify the coverage section and the amount of the sub-limit.

NOTE: *Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is information that can be used to identify a single person, such as name, social security number, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, driver's license, biometrics, etc. Maine State law also has a more specific definition in 10 M.R.S. §1347(6). The Data Breach component of the Insurance (per occurrence) is pegged to the number of PII records that are the subject of this Contract.*

Number of PII Records	Insurance per Occurrence
<i>1 through 3,000</i>	<i>\$400,000</i>
<i>3,001 through 100,000</i>	<i>\$1,000,000</i>
<i>100,001 through 1,000,000</i>	<i>\$5,000,000</i>

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<i>Greater than 1,000,000</i>	<i>\$10,000,000</i>

- ii. Workers' Compensation and employer's liability, as required by law;
- iii. Property (including contents coverage for all records maintained pursuant to this Contract): \$1,000,000 per occurrence;
- iv. Automotive Liability of not less than \$400,000 per occurrence single limit if the Provider will use vehicles to fulfill the contract;
- v. Crime, in an amount not less than \$_____ (The total monetary amount potentially at risk due to this contract; or Cash Currency and Negotiable Securities actually entrusted to this Provider); and
- vi. Business Interruption, in an amount that would allow the Provider to maintain operations in the event of a Property loss.

B. Other Provisions - Unless explicitly waived by the Department, the insurance policies shall contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

- i. The Provider's insurance coverage shall be the primary and non-contributory. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Department for its officers, agents, and employees shall be in excess of the Provider's insurance and shall not contribute to it.
- ii. The Provider's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.
- iii. The Provider shall furnish the Department with certificates of insurance, and with those endorsements, if any, affecting coverage, required by these Insurance Requirements. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the Department before this Contract commences. The Department reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.
- iv. All policies should contain a revised cancellation clause allowing thirty (30) days notice to the Department in the event of cancellation for any reason, including nonpayment.
- v. The Department will not grant the Provider, or any sub-contractor of the Provider, "Additional Insured" status and the Department will not grant any Provider a "Waiver of Subrogation".

20. NON-APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, if the State does not receive sufficient State, Federal, or other sources of funds to fund this Contract and other obligations of the State, if funds are de-appropriated, or if the State does not receive legal authority to expend funds from State or Federal legislative, executive or judicial bodies, then the State is not obligated to make payment under this Contract.

21. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision, or part thereof, of this Contract shall not affect the remainder of said provision, or any other provisions, and this Contract shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provision or part thereof had been omitted.

22. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE. In the event of a conflict between the documents comprising this Contract, the Order of Precedence shall be:

- Rider C Exceptions
- Rider B-IT Terms and Conditions
- Rider A Scope of Work
- Funding Rider
- Rider D Included at Department's Discretion
- Rider E Included at Department's Discretion
- Rider F Included at Department's Discretion
- Rider G Identification of Country in which contracted work will be performed
- ATTACHMENT A: Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement
- ATTACHMENT B: Business Associate Agreement included at Department's Discretion
- Other Included at Department's Discretion

Notice: No terms on provider's invoices, ordering documents, website, browse-wrap, shrink-wrap, click-wrap, click-through or other non-negotiated terms and conditions provided with any of the contract activities will constitute a part or amendment of this contract or is binding on the State for any purpose. All such other terms and conditions have no force and effect and are deemed rejected by the State, even if access to or use of the contract activities requires affirmative acceptance of such terms and conditions.

23. FORCE MAJEURE. The performance of an obligation by either party shall be excused in the event that performance of that obligation is prevented by an act of God, act of war, riot, fire, explosion, flood, pandemic or other catastrophe, sabotage, severe shortage of fuel, power or raw materials, change in law, court order, national defense requirement, or strike or labor dispute, provided that any such event and the delay caused thereby is beyond the control of, and could not reasonably be avoided by, that party.

24. SET-OFF RIGHTS. The State shall have all of its common law, equitable, and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any monies due to the Provider under this Contract, up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to this Contract, any other Contract with any State department or agency, including any Contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this Contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies, or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the State agency, its representatives, or the State Controller.

25. ENTIRE CONTRACT. This document contains the entire Contract of the parties, and neither party shall be bound by any statement or representation not contained herein. No waiver shall be deemed to have been made by any of the parties unless expressed in writing and signed by the waiving party. The parties expressly agree that they shall not assert in any action relating to the Contract that any implied waiver occurred between the parties, which is not expressed in writing. The failure of any party to insist in any one or more instances upon strict performance of any of the terms or provisions of the Contract, or to exercise an option or election under the Contract,

shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of such terms, provisions, option or election, but the same shall continue in full force and effect, and no waiver by any party of any one or more of its rights or remedies under the Contract shall be deemed to be a waiver of any prior or subsequent rights or remedy under the Contract or at law.

26. AMENDMENT. No changes, modifications, or amendments in the terms and conditions of this Contract shall be effective unless reduced to writing, numbered and signed by the duly authorized representative of the State and Provider.

27. DEBARMENT AND PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATION. By signing this Contract, the Provider certifies to the best of Provider's knowledge and belief that the aforementioned organization, its principals and any subcontractors named in this Contract:

- A. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, and declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from bidding or working on contracts issued by any governmental agency.
- B. Have not within three years of submitting the proposal for this contract been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for:
 - i. Fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state or local government transaction or contract.
 - ii. Violating Federal or State antitrust statutes or committing embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - iii. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
 - iv. Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this proposal had one or more federal, state or local government transactions terminated for cause or default.

28. STATE PROPERTY. The Provider shall be responsible for the proper custody, care and return of any Department or State-owned property furnished or state-funded for the Provider's use in connection with the performance of this Contract, and the Provider will reimburse the Department for its loss or damage, normal wear and tear excepted.

29. CYBERSECURITY AND PROHIBITED TECHNOLOGIES. Through the execution of this contract, the Provider certifies that the aforementioned organization, its principals and any subcontractors named in this Contract:

- A. is not a foreign adversary business entity, <https://www.maine.gov/oit/prohibited-technologies>, [Title 5 M.R.S. §2021 \(3\)](#); and
- B. is not on the list of prohibited companies or does not obtain or purchase any information or communications technology or services included on the list of prohibited information and communications technology and services <https://www.maine.gov/oit/prohibited-technologies>, [Title 5 M.R.S. §2030-B](#).

Contracts entered into by a state agency in violation of [Title 5 M.R.S. §2030-B](#) are void. A person who executes this contract in violation of this section commits a civil violation for which a fine may

be adjudged in an amount that is twice the amount of this contract or \$250,000, whichever is greater, ([Title 5 M.R.S., §2030-A](#)).

30. CONFIDENTIALITY.

- A. Subject to the Maine Freedom of Access Act (FOAA), [Title 1 M.R.S. §400](#) et seq., “confidential information” means non-public information designated as protected from disclosure under state or federal law. Confidential information given to the Provider by the Department, or acquired by the Provider on behalf of the Department, whether in verbal, written, electronic, or any other format, shall be subject to the requirements herein. The term “confidential information” does not include any information or documentation that is subject to disclosure under FOAA.
- B. In conformance with applicable Federal and State statutes, regulations, and ethical standards, the Provider and the Department shall take all necessary steps to protect confidential information regarding all persons served by the Department, including the proper care, custody, use, and preservation of records, papers, files, communications, and any such items that may reveal confidential information about persons served by the Department, or whose information is utilized in order to accomplish the purposes of this Contract.
- C. In the event of a breach of this confidentiality provision, the Provider shall notify the Contract Administrator immediately.
- D. The Provider shall comply with the [Maine Public Law, Title 10, Chapter 210-B \(Notice of Risk to Personal Data Act\)](#).

31. TARIFFS. Any price increases implemented by the provider due to the imposition of tariffs shall remain in effect only for the duration that such tariffs are in place. In the event of the repeal or reduction of any applicable tariff(s), the provider shall immediately return to the original price list or make a proportional reduction in the price to reflect the decrease in tariff(s). Price adjustments under this clause shall be made in good faith and without undue delay upon confirmation via documents reflecting tariff changes.

32. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. The Provider’s liability to the Department, for damages sustained by the Department, as the result of Provider’s default, or acts, or omissions, in the performance of work under this Contract, whether such damages arise out of breach, negligence, misrepresentation, or otherwise, shall be the greater of any actual direct damages, up to the limits of the insurance required herein, or three times the value of the Product or Service that is the subject of this Contract, up to a maximum of \$25,000,000, but not less than \$400,000.

For instance, if this Contract is valued at \$15,000,000, then the Provider's liability is up to \$25,000,000. But if this Contract is valued at \$100,000, then the Provider's liability is no greater than \$400,000.

Notwithstanding the above, Provider shall not be liable to the Department for any indirect or consequential damages not covered by any of the insurances required herein.

33. INTERPRETATION OF THE CONTRACT.

- A. Reliance on Policy Determinations - The Department shall determine all program policy. The Provider may, from time to time, request the Department to make policy determinations, or to issue operating guidelines required for the proper performance of this Contract, and the Contract Administrator shall respond in writing in a timely manner. The Provider shall be entitled to rely upon, and act in accordance with, such written policy determinations and operating guidelines, unless subsequently amended, modified, or changed in writing by the Department, and shall incur no liability in doing so unless the Provider acts negligently, maliciously, fraudulently, or in bad faith. Nothing contained in this Contract, or in any Contract, determination, operating guideline, or other communication from the Department shall relieve the Provider of its obligation to keep itself informed of applicable State and Federal laws, regulations, policies, procedure, and guidelines, to be in complete compliance and conformity therewith.
- B. Titles Not Controlling - Titles of sections and paragraphs used in this Contract are for the purpose of facilitating ease of reference only and shall not be construed to imply a contractual construction of the language.
- C. No Rule of Construction - This is a negotiated Contract and no rule of construction shall apply that construes ambiguous or unclear language in favor of or against any party.

34. PERIOD OF WORK. Work under this Contract shall begin no sooner than the date on which this Contract has been fully executed by the parties and approved by the Controller and the State Purchases Review Committee. Unless terminated earlier, this Contract shall expire on the date set out on the first page of this Contract, or at the completion and acceptance of all specified tasks, and delivery of all contracted products and services as defined in this Contract, including performance of any warranty and/or maintenance Contracts, whichever is the later date.

35. NOTICES. All notices under this Contract shall be deemed duly given: 1) upon delivery, if delivered by hand against receipt, or 2) five (5) business days following posting, if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Either party may change its address for notification purposes by giving written notice of the change and setting forth the new address and an effective date.

36. ADVERTISING AND PUBLICATIONS. The Provider shall not publish any statement, news release, or advertisement pertaining to this Contract without the prior written approval of the Contract Administrator. Should this Contract be funded, in whole or in part, by Federal funds, then in compliance with the Steven's Amendment, it will be clearly stated when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations, and other documents: (1) the percentage of the total cost that was financed with Federal moneys; and (2) the dollar amount of Federal funds.

37. LOBBYING.

- A. Public Funds - No Federal or State-appropriated funds shall be expended by the Provider for influencing, or attempting to influence, an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress or State Legislature, an officer or employee of Congress or State Legislature, or an employee of a member of Congress or State Legislature, in connection with any of the

following covered actions: the awarding of any Contract; the making of any grant; the entering into of any cooperative Contract; or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Contract, grant, or cooperative Contract. Signing this Contract fulfills the requirement that Providers receiving over \$100,000 in Federal or State funds file with the Department on this provision.

- B. Federal Certification - Section 1352 of Title 31 of the US Code requires that funds appropriated to a Federal agency be subject to a requirement that any Federal Provider or grantee (such as the Department) certifies that no Federal funds will be used to lobby or influence a Federal officer or member of Congress.

The certification the Department has been required to sign provides that the language of this certification shall be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-agreements, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative Contracts) and that all sub-recipients shall verify and disclose accordingly. The certification also requires the completion of Federal lobbying reports and the imposition of a civil penalty of \$10,000 to \$100,000 for failing to make a required report. As a sub-recipient, the Provider understands and agrees to the Federal requirements for certification and disclosure.

- C. Other Funds - If any non-Federal or State funds have been or will be paid to any person in connection with any of the covered actions in this section, the Provider shall complete and submit a "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" form to the Department.

38. PROVIDER PERSONNEL.

- A. The parties recognize that the primary value of the Provider to the Department derives directly from its Key Personnel assigned in the performance of this Contract. Key Personnel are deemed to be those individuals whose résumés were offered by the Provider in the Proposal. Therefore, the parties agree that said Key Personnel shall be assigned in accordance with the time frames in the most recent mutually agreed upon project schedule and work plan, and that no re-deployment or replacement of any Key Personnel may be made without the prior written consent of the Contract Administrator. Replacement of such personnel, if approved, shall be with personnel of equal or greater abilities and qualifications.
- B. The Department shall retain the right to reject any of the Provider's employees whose abilities and qualifications, in the Department's judgment, are not appropriate for the performance of this Contract. In considering the Provider's employees' abilities and qualifications, the Department shall act reasonably and in good faith.
- C. During the course of this Contract, the Department reserves the right to require the Provider to reassign or otherwise remove any of its employees found unacceptable by the Department. In considering the Provider's employees' acceptability, the Department shall act reasonably and in good faith.
- D. In signing this Contract, the Provider certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it, and all persons associated with this Contract, including any Subcontractors, including persons or corporations who have critical influence on or control over this Contract, are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any Federal or State department or agency.

- E. During the course of this Contract, the Department reserves the right to require a background check on any of the Provider's personnel (employees and Subcontractors) that are in any way involved in the performance of this Contract.

39. PATENT, COPYRIGHT, AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS.

- A. The Provider certifies that all services, equipment, software, supplies, and any other products provided under this Contract do not, and will not, infringe upon or violate any patent, copyright, trade secret, or any other proprietary right of any third party. In the event of any claim by a third party against the Department, the Department shall promptly notify the Provider and the Provider, at its expense, shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Department against any loss, cost, expense, or liability arising out of such claim, including reasonable attorney fees.
- B. The Provider may not publish or copyright any data without the prior approval of the Department. The State and the Federal Government, if applicable, shall have the right to publish, duplicate, use, and disclose all such data in any manner, and for any purpose whatsoever, and may authorize others to do so.

40. PRODUCT WARRANTY. The Provider expressly warrants its products and services for one full year from their final written acceptance by the Department. The responsibility of the Provider with respect to this warranty is limited to correcting deficiencies in any deliverable using all the diligence and dispatch at its command, at no additional cost to the Department. The Provider is also responsible for correcting and/or updating any documentation affected by any operational support performed under this warranty provision.

41. COVER. If, in the reasonable judgment of the Contract Administrator, a breach or default by the Provider is not so substantial as to require termination, and reasonable efforts to induce the Provider to cure the breach or default are unavailing, and the breach or default is capable of being cured by the Department or by another contractor without unduly interfering with the continued performance by the Provider, then the Department may provide or procure the services necessary to cure the breach or default, in which event the Department shall withhold from future payments to the Provider the reasonable costs of such services.

42. OWNERSHIP.

- A. All data (including Geographical Information Systems data), notebooks, plans, working papers and other works produced, and equipment and products purchased in the performance of this Contract are the property of the Department, or the joint property of the Department and the Federal Government, if Federal funds are involved. The State (and the Federal Government, if Federal funds are involved) shall have unlimited rights to use, disclose, duplicate, or publish for any purpose whatsoever all information and data developed, derived, documented, or furnished by the Provider under this Contract, or equipment and products purchased pursuant to this Contract. The Provider shall furnish such information and data, upon the request of the Department, in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws.

- B. Upon termination of this Contract for any reason, or upon request of the Department, the Provider agrees to convey to the Department good titles to purchased items free and clear of all liens, pledges, mortgages, encumbrances, or other security interests.

43. CUSTOM SOFTWARE. For all custom software furnished by the Provider as part of this Contract, the following terms and conditions shall apply:

- A. The Department shall own all custom software. The Department shall grant all appropriate Federal and State agencies a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, modify, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to do so, all custom software. Such custom software shall include, but not be limited to, all source, object and executable code, operating system instructions for execution, data files, user and operational/administrative documentation, and all associated administrative, maintenance, and test software that are relevant to this Contract.
- B. A fundamental obligation of the Provider is the delivery to the Department of all ownership rights to the complete system, free of any claim or retention of rights thereto by the Provider. The Provider acknowledges that this system shall henceforth remain the sole and exclusive property of the Department, and the Provider shall not use or describe such software and materials without the written permission of the Department. This obligation to transfer all ownership rights to the Department on the part of the Provider is not subject to any limitation in any respect.

44. OFF-THE-SHELF (OTS) SOFTWARE. For all OTS software purchased by the Provider as part of this Contract, the following terms and conditions shall apply.

- A. This Contract grants to the Department a non-exclusive and non-transferable license to use the OTS software and related documentation for its business purposes. The Department agrees that the Provider may, at its own expense, periodically inspect the computer site in order to audit the OTS software supplied by the Provider, installed at the Department's site, at mutually agreed upon times. In the event that a separate license Contract accompanies the OTS software, then the terms of that separate license Contract supersede the above license granted for that OTS software.
- B. This Contract does not transfer to the Department the title to any intellectual property contained in any OTS software. The Department will not decompile or disassemble any OTS software provided under this Contract, or modify any OTS software that bears the copyright notice of a third party. The Department will make and maintain no more than one archival copy (for back-up purpose) of each OTS software, and each copy will contain all legends and notices, and will be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as the original.
- C. If the CPU on which any OTS software is licensed becomes temporarily unavailable, use of such OTS software may be temporarily transferred to an alternative CPU until the original CPU becomes available.

45. SOFTWARE AS SERVICE. When the software is fully owned, hosted, and operated by the Provider, and the Department uses said software remotely over the Internet, the following terms and conditions shall apply:

- A. The Provider, as depositor, shall enter into an escrow contract, upon terms acceptable to the Department, with a recognized software Escrow Agent. The escrow contract must provide for the Department to be an additional party/beneficiary. The Provider shall deposit with the Escrow Agent the software, all relevant documentation, and all of the Department's data, and all updates thereof (the "Deposit Materials"), in electronic format. Deposits will occur no less frequently than once a month.
- B. The escrow contract shall provide for the retention, administration, and controlled access of the Deposit Materials, and the release of the Deposit Materials to the Department, upon receipt of a joint written instruction from the Department and the Provider, or upon receipt of written notice from the Department that:
 - i. The Provider has failed to carry out its obligations set forth in this Contract; or
 - ii. A final, non-appealable judicial determination that the Provider has failed to continue to do business in the ordinary course; or
 - iii. The Provider has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, or any voluntary proceeding relating to insolvency, receivership, liquidation, or composition for the benefit of creditors, or becomes subject to an involuntary petition in bankruptcy, which petition or proceeding is not dismissed or unstayed within sixty (60) days from the date of filing; or
 - iv. The Provider is in material breach of its maintenance and support obligations and has failed to cure such breach within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt by the Provider of written notice of such breach; or
 - v. A condition has occurred that materially and adversely impacts the Provider's ability to support the software and the Provider has failed to cure such condition within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt by the Provider of written notice of such condition.
- C. The Provider is responsible for all fees to be paid to the Escrow Agent.
- D. The Escrow Agent may resign by providing advance written notice to both the Department and the Provider at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date of resignation. In such an event, it is the obligation of the Provider to establish a new escrow account with a new Escrow Agent.

46. PRICE PROTECTION.

- A. The Provider shall ensure that all prices, terms, and warranties included in this Contract are comparable to, or better than, the equivalent terms being offered by the Provider to any present customer meeting the same qualifications or requirements as the Department. If, during the term of this Contract, the Provider enters into Contract(s) that provide more favorable terms to other comparable customer(s), the Provider shall provide the same terms to the Department.
- B. If Federal funding is used for the acquisition of products and/or services under this Contract, interest cannot be paid under any installment purchase or lease-purchase Contract entered into as a part of this Contract.

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47. IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT. In order to assure the Provider's faithful adherence to the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Provider shall submit an irrevocable letter of credit, acceptable to the Department, that is payable on demand. This letter of credit will be procured at

the expense of the Provider, naming the Department as the beneficiary, in the entire Contract amount. In lieu of this requirement, the Department will accept a commitment letter from a recognized financial institution or investment fund stating that the Provider has sufficient capital to fund the obligations, and has legally committed such capital to fund the obligations, in accordance with this Contract. The letter of credit, or the equivalent commitment letter, shall specifically refer to this Contract, and shall bind the parties to all the terms and conditions of this Contract. The Provider shall have fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of execution of this Contract to furnish the letter of credit or the equivalent commitment letter. Should the Provider fail to comply with this section, then the Department shall have the right to terminate this Contract without liability.