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State of Maine



Master Agreement

Effective Date: 05/23/24

Expiration Date: 05/14/25

Master Agreement Description: Production mail equipment, including inserters, sorters

Buyer Information

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Issuer Information

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Requestor Information

Andrew Giroux 207-287-4593 ext. andrew.j.giroux@maine.gov

Agreement Reporting Categories

Authorized Departments

ALL

Vendor Information

Vendor Line #: 1

Vendor ID

VS0000022476

Vendor Name

DMT SOLUTIONS GLOBAL CORPORATION

Alias/DBA

BlueCrest

Vendor Address Information

37 EXECUTIVE DR

DANBURY, CT 06810

US

Vendor Contact Information

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Payment Discount Terms

Discount 1: 0.0000% 30 **Days**

Commodity Information

Vendor Line #: 1

Vendor Name: DMT SOLUTIONS GLOBAL CORPORATION

Commodity Line #: 1

Commodity Code: 60071

Commodity Description: Production mail equipment, including inserters, sorters

Commodity Specifications:

Commodity Extended Description: AS PER THE SPECIFICATIONS ATTACHED AND MADE PART OF THIS MA. Agencies must contact BlueCrest to request a formal price quotation. After you receive a formal price quotation, create a delivery order (DO), attach your quotation, then submit your order. If your order is less than \$5,000, please email your order to the vendor. If your order is more than \$5,000, Procurement will email your order to the vendor. Subject to NASPO ValuePoint contract #CTR058805.

Quantity	UOM	Unit Price
0.00000		0.000000
Delivery Days	Free On Board	
Contract Amount	Service Start Date	Service End Date
0.00	05/23/24	05/14/25
Catalog Name	Discount	
	0.0000 %	
	Discount Start Date	Discount End Date

Please see authorized signatures displayed on the next page

Each signatory below represents that the person has the requisite authority to enter into this Contract. The parties sign and cause this Contract to be executed.

State of Maine - Department of Administrative and Financial Services

DocuSigned by:
David Morris 5/24/2024
2A644AF5681E482

Signature Date

David Morris, Acting Chief Procurement Officer

Vendor

DocuSigned by:
Susan Gabrielsen 5/23/2024
7E601D575A08408...

Signature Date

Susan Gabrielsen SVP Sales, North America

Print Representative Name and Title

DocuSigned by:
Nicholas Marquis 5/24/2024
A29C99359A37464...

Nicholas Marquis Acting CIO.

RIDERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The following riders are hereby incorporated into this Contract and made part of it by reference: (check all that apply)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rider A – Scope of Work and/or Specifications
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rider B – Terms and Conditions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rider C - Exceptions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bid Cover Page and Debarment Form
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Debarment, Performance, and Non-Collusion Certification
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Price sheet
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other – NASPO ValuePoint master agreement #CTR058805

RIDER A
Scope of Work and/or Specifications

The purpose of this master agreement is to order mailing and shipping software and solutions on an as-needed basis. All state agencies may submit delivery orders at the agreed upon prices until the expiration date of the master agreement. This master agreement and all delivery orders are subject to NASPO ValuePoint contract CTR058805, which is attached and hereby incorporated into this contract. All delivery orders and quotations will be subject to the prices, percentage discounts, terms, and conditions of this master agreement.

Rider B

Terms and Conditions

- 1. DEFINITIONS:** The following definitions are applicable to these standard terms and conditions:
 - a. The term “Buyer” or “State” shall refer to the Government of the State of Maine or a person representing the Government of the State of Maine.
 - b. The term “Department” or “DAFS” shall refer to the State of Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services.
 - c. The term “Bureau” or “BGS” shall refer to the State of Maine Bureau of General Services.
 - d. The term “Division” shall refer to the State of Maine Division of Purchases.
 - e. The term “Contractor”, “Vendor”, or “Provider” shall refer to the organization that is providing goods and/or services through the contract to which these standard terms and conditions have been attached and incorporated.
 - f. The term “Contract” or “Agreement” shall refer to the contract document to which these standard terms and conditions apply, taking the format of a Buyer Purchase Order (BPO) or Master Agreement (MA) or other contractual document that is mutually agreed upon between the State and the Contractor.

- 2. WARRANTY:** The Contractor warrants the following:
 - a. That all goods and services to be supplied by it under this Contract are fit and sufficient for the purpose intended, and
 - b. That all goods and services covered by this Contract will conform to the specifications, drawing samples, symbols or other description specified by the Division, and
 - c. That such articles are merchantable, good quality, and free from defects whether patent or latent in material and workmanship, and
 - d. That all workmanship, materials, and articles to be provided are of the best grade and quality, and
 - e. That it has good and clear title to all articles to be supplied by it and the same are free and clear from all liens, encumbrances and security interest.

Neither the final certificate of payment nor any provision herein, nor partial nor entire use of the articles provided shall constitute an acceptance of work not done in accordance with this agreement or relieve the Contractor liability in respect of any warranties or responsibility for faulty material or workmanship. The Contractor shall remedy any defects in the work and pay any damage to other work resulting therefrom, which shall appear within one year from the date of final acceptance of the work provided hereunder. The Division of Purchases shall give written notice of observed defects with reasonable promptness.

- 3. TAXES:** Contractor agrees that, unless otherwise indicated in the order, the prices herein do not include federal, state, or local sales or use tax from which an exemption is

available for purposes of this order. Contractor agrees to accept and use tax exemption certificates when supplied by the Division as applicable. In case it shall ever be determined that any tax included in the prices herein was not required to be paid by Contractor, Contractor agrees to notify the Division and to make prompt application for the refund thereof, to take all proper steps to procure the same and when received to pay the same to the Division.

4. PACKING AND SHIPMENT: Deliveries shall be made as specified without charge for boxing, carting, or storage, unless otherwise specified. Articles shall be suitably packed to secure lowest transportation cost and to conform to the requirements of common carriers and any applicable specifications. Order numbers and symbols must be plainly marked on all invoices, packages, bills of lading, and shipping orders. Bill of lading should accompany each invoice. Count or weight shall be final and conclusive on shipments not accompanied by packing lists.

5. DELIVERY: Delivery should be strictly in accordance with delivery schedule. If Contractor's deliveries fail to meet such schedule, the Division, without limiting its other remedies, may direct expedited routing and the difference between the expedited routing and the order routing costs shall be paid by the Contractor. Articles fabricated beyond the Division's releases are at Contractor's risk. Contractor shall not make material commitments or production arrangements in excess of the amount or in advance of the time necessary to meet delivery schedule, and, unless otherwise specified herein, no deliveries shall be made in advance of the Division's delivery schedule. Neither party shall be liable for excess costs of deliveries or defaults due to the causes beyond its control and without its fault or negligence, provided, however, that when the Contractor has reason to believe that the deliveries will not be made as scheduled, written notice setting forth the cause of the anticipated delay will be given immediately to the Division. If the Contractor's delay or default is caused by the delay or default of a subcontractor, such delay or default shall be excusable only if it arose out of causes beyond the control of both Contractor and subcontractor and without fault of negligence or either of them and the articles or services to be furnished were not obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

6. FORCE MAJEURE: The State may, at its discretion, excuse the performance of an obligation by a party under this Agreement in the event that performance of that obligation by that party is prevented by an act of God, act of war, riot, fire, explosion, flood 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. The State may, at its discretion, extend the time period for performance of the obligation excused under this section by the period of the excused delay together with a reasonable period to reinstate compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

7. INSPECTION: All articles and work will be subject to final inspection and approval after delivery, notwithstanding prior payment, it being expressly agreed that payment will not constitute final acceptance. The Division of Purchases, at its option, may either reject any article or work not in conformity with the requirements and terms of this order, or re-work the same at Contractor's expense. The Division may reject the entire shipment where it consists of a quantity of similar articles and sample inspection discloses that ten (10%) percent of the articles inspected are defective, unless Contractor agrees to reimburse the Division for the cost of a complete inspection of the articles included in such shipment. Rejected material may be returned at Contractor's risk and expense at the full invoice price plus applicable incoming transportation charges, if any. No replacement of defective articles of work shall be made unless specified by the Division.

8. INVOICE: The original and duplicate invoices covering each and every shipment made against this order showing Contract number, Vendor number, and other essential particulars, must be forwarded promptly to the ordering agency concerned by the Vendor to whom the order is issued. Delays in receiving invoice and also errors and omissions on statements will be considered just cause for withholding settlement without losing discount privileges. All accounts are to be carried in the name of the agency or institution receiving the goods, and not in the name of the Division of Purchases.

9. ALTERATIONS: The Division reserves the right to increase or decrease all or any portion of the work and the articles required by the bidding documents or this agreements, or to eliminate all or any portion of such work or articles or to change delivery date hereon without invalidating this Agreement. All such alterations shall be in writing. If any such alterations are made, the contract amount or amounts shall be adjusted accordingly. In no event shall Contractor fail or refuse to continue the performance of the work in providing of articles under this Agreement because of the inability of the parties to agree on an adjustment or adjustments.

10. TERMINATION: The Division may terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement in any one of the following circumstances:

- a. The Contractor fails to make delivery of articles, or to perform services within the time or times specified herein, or
- b. If Contractor fails to deliver specified materials or services, or
- c. If Contractor fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement, or
- d. If Contractor so fails to make progress as to endanger the performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, or
- e. If Contractor is adjudged bankrupt, or if it makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or if a receiver is appointed on account of its insolvency, or
- f. Whenever for any reason the State shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the State to do so.

In the event that the Division terminates this Agreement in whole or in part, pursuant to this paragraph with the exception of 8(f), the Division may procure (articles and services

similar to those so terminated) upon such terms and in such manner as the Division deems appropriate, and Contractor shall be liable to the Division for any excess cost of such similar articles or services.

11. NON-APPROPRIATION: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the State does not receive sufficient funds to fund this Agreement and other obligations of the State, if funds are de-appropriated, or if the State does not receive legal authority to expend funds from the Maine State Legislature or Maine courts, then the State is not obligated to make payment under this Agreement.

12. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS: Contractor agrees that, in the performance hereof, it will comply with applicable laws, including, but not limited to statutes, rules, regulations or orders of the United States Government or of any state or political subdivision(s) thereof, and the same shall be deemed incorporated herein by reference. Awarding agency requirements and regulations pertaining to copyrights and rights in data. Access by the grantee, the subgrantee, the Federal grantor agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to that specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions. Retention of all required records for three years after grantees or subgrantees make final payments and all other pending matters are closed. Compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h), section 508 of the Clean Water Act, (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15). (Contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000). Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).

13. INTERPRETATION: This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maine as to interpretation and performance.

14. DISPUTES: The Division will decide any and all questions which may arise as to the quality and acceptability of articles provided and installation of such articles, and as to the manner of performance and rate of progress under this Contract. The Division will decide all questions, which may arise as to the interpretation of the terms of this Agreement and the fulfillment of this Agreement on the part of the Contractor.

15. ASSIGNMENT: None of the sums due or to become due nor any of the work to be performed under this order shall be assigned nor shall Contractor subcontract for completed or substantially completed articles called for by this order without the Division's prior written consent. No subcontract or transfer of agreement shall in any case release the Contractor of its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement.

16. STATE HELD HARMLESS: The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the State, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims

and losses accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, material men, laborers and other persons, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, articles, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement.

17. SOLICITATION: The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or written any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor to solicit or secure this Agreement, and it has not paid, or agreed to pay any company, or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration, contingent upon, or resulting from the award for making this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Division shall have the absolute right to annul this agreement or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or contingent fee.

18. WAIVER: The failure of the Division to insist, in any one or more instances, upon the performance of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this order or to exercise any right hereunder, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the future performance of any such term, covenant, or condition or the future exercise of such right, but the obligation of Contractor with respect to such future performance shall continue in full force and effect.

19. MATERIAL SAFETY: All manufacturers, importers, suppliers, or distributors of hazardous chemicals doing business in this State must provide a copy of the current Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for any hazardous chemical to their direct purchasers of that chemical.

20. COMPETITION: By accepting this Contract, Contractor agrees that no collusion or other restraint of free competitive bidding, either directly or indirectly, has occurred in connection with this award by the Division of Purchases.

21. INTEGRATION: All terms of this Contract are to be interpreted in such a way as to be consistent at all times with this Standard Terms and Conditions document, and this document shall take precedence over any other terms, conditions, or provisions incorporated into the Contract.

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

- a. Rider C – Exceptions (page 12)
- b. Rider B – Terms and Conditions (pages 6-11)
- c. Rider A – Scope of Work and/or Specifications (page 10)
- d. Debarment, Performance, and Non-Collusion Certification (page 13)
- e. Price Sheet (Page 14)
- f. State of Maine's NASPO ValuePoint Participating Addendum (Pages 15-19)
- g. State of Arizona's Contract Amendment (pages 20-23)
- h. NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement for Mailing Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance (pages 24-105)

Rider C Exceptions

Rider B, Section 2: Sections 2(a) through (e) are deleted in their entirety. Warranties set forth in Section 10 of the NASPO Master Agreement shall govern all transactions under this Master Agreement.

Rider B, Section 5: The following changes are made to Section 5:

- (a) The first two (2) sentences of Section 5 are deleted in their entirety; and
- (b) The word “immediately” in the following provision is changed to “promptly”:

“ . . . provided, however, that when the Contractor has reason to believe that the deliveries will not be made as scheduled, written notice setting forth the cause of the anticipated delay will be given immediately to the Division.”

Rider B, Section 7: Section 7 is deleted in its entirety. Acceptance testing shall be governed by Section 9.5 of the NASPO Master Agreement.

Rider B, Section 10: The following changes are made to Section 10:

- (a) The first sentence is revised as follows:

“Subject to any delays caused or requested by the Division, the Division may terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement in any one o the following circumstances:”

- (b) Subsection 10(a) is deleted in its entirety and subsections (b) through (f) are relabeled (a) through (e).

Debarment, Performance, and Non-Collusion Certification

By signing this document, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the aforementioned organization, its principals, and any subcontractors named in this proposal:

- 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.*
- c. Have 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.*

- **Failure to provide this certification may result in the disqualification of the Bidder’s proposal, at the discretion of the Department.**

To the best of my knowledge all information provided in the enclosed proposal, both programmatic and financial, is complete and accurate at the time of submission.

Name: susan gabrielsen	Title: svp sales, North America
Authorized Signature: DocuSigned by: <i>Susan Gabrielsen</i> <small>7E5C1D5A5A0C4B3</small> 	Date: 5/23/2024

Price Sheet

Link to NASPO ValuePoint price sheet:

<https://www.naspovaluepoint.org/portfolio/mailing-equipment-supplies-and-maintenance-2022-2027/bluecrest/>

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PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM



MAILING EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND MAINTENANCE
Led by the **State of Arizona**

Master Agreement #: **CTR058805**
Contractor: **DMT SOLUTIONS GLOBAL CORPORATION D/B/A BLUECREST**
Participating Entity: **STATE OF MAINE**

This Participating Addendum is entered into by Contractor and Participating Entity (collectively, the "Parties").

Scope and Participation:

[Removable Instruction: Check one of the boxes below. If Participating Entity has no exclusions or limitations to the scope of the Master Agreement, check the first box.]

1. Scope:

- This Participating Addendum includes the entire scope of the products and services available through the Master Agreement referenced above.
- This Participating Addendum includes the entire scope of the products and services available through the Master Agreement referenced above, except the following:

Any scope exclusions specified herein apply only to this Participating Addendum and shall not amend or affect other participating addendums or the Master Agreement itself.

2. Participation: This Participating Addendum covers participation of Participating Entity in the above-referenced Master Agreement between the State of Arizona and Contractor for Mailing Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance. This Participating Addendum may be used by all state agencies, institutions of higher education, cities, counties, districts, and other political subdivisions of the state, and nonprofit organizations within the state if authorized herein and by law. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the State Chief Procurement Official.

3. Term:

- This Participating Addendum shall become effective as of the date of the last signature below and shall terminate upon the expiration or termination of the Master Agreement, as amended, unless the Participating Addendum is terminated sooner in accordance with the terms set forth herein.
- This Participating Addendum shall become effective as of the date of the last signature below and shall terminate on [date], unless terminated sooner or otherwise amended in accordance with the terms set forth herein. Notwithstanding the previous, in no event shall the term of the Participating Addendum exceed the term of the Master Agreement, as amended.

4. Primary Contacts: The following (or their named successors) are the primary contact individuals for this Participating Addendum:

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CONTRACTOR: DMT SOLUTIONS GLOBAL CORPORATION D/B/A BLUECREST

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PARTICIPATING ENTITY:

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Telephone:	207-624-7337
Fax:	
Email:	justin.franzose@maine.gov

Participating Entity Modifications and Additions to the Master Agreement

- This Participating Addendum incorporates all terms and conditions of the Master Agreement as applied to the Participating Entity and Contractor.
- This Participating Addendum incorporates all terms and conditions of the Master Agreement as applied to the Participating Entity and Contractor, **subject to the following limitations, modifications, and additions:**

I. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows.

A. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation, unless related to a bona fide occupational qualification. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and employees are treated during their employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotions, transfers, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoffs or terminations; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

B. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation.



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C. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of the workers with which he has a collective or bargaining agreement, or other contract or understanding, whereby he is furnished with labor for the performances of his contract, a notice, to be provided by the contracting department or agency, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitment under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and to applicants for employment.

D. The Contractor will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all contracts for any work covered by this agreement so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.

E. Contractors and subcontractors with contracts in excess of \$50,000 will also pursue in good faith affirmative action programs.

II. GOVERNING LAW This Agreement 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 Agreement shall be brought in State of Maine administrative or judicial forums. The Contractor consents to personal jurisdiction in the State of Maine.

III. STATE HELD HARMLESS The contractor shall release, protect, indemnify and hold the State of Maine and their officers, agencies, and employees, harmless from and against any damage, cost or liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, for any or all injuries to persons, property or claims for money damages arising from acts or omissions of the contractor, his employees or subcontractors or volunteers.

IV. NON-APPROPRIATION Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the State does not receive sufficient funds to fund this Agreement and other obligations of the State, if funds are de-appropriated, or if the State does not receive legal authority to expend funds from the Maine State Legislature or Maine courts, then the State is not obligated to make payment under this Agreement. This does not relieve the State or an entity from obligation to pay for products shipped and/or services performed for which funds have been appropriated.

V. ORDERS: Any order placed by a Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity for a product and/or service available from this Master Agreement shall be deemed to be a sale under (and governed by the prices and other terms and conditions) of the Master Agreement unless the parties to the order agree in writing that another contract or agreement applies to such order.

VI. TRAVEL: Standard Business Expenses may be allowed with prior authorization from an Eligible Entity. For Maine, the amount will not be more than that allowed for State of Maine employees (<http://www.maine.gov/osc/travel/per-diem>).

VII. Credit/Procurement Card: The state of Maine may use credit/debit cards, at its choice, for purchases of \$5,000 or under. The same quoted price must be charged for a credit/debit card purchase as a purchase executed through a Purchase Order or Delivery Order (regardless of payment method). No surcharge for credit or debit card purchases is allowed.



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Any limitations, modifications, or additions specified herein apply only to the agreement and relationship between Participating Entity and Contractor and shall not amend or affect other participating addendums or the Master Agreement itself.

Lease Agreements: State of Maine approves of the use of the lease agreement terms and conditions in the master agreement. Any leases entered into during the term of the Participating Addendum will remain in full force and effect throughout the stated lease term of such lease agreement, subject to termination provisions stipulated with such lease. **Subject to Participating Entity's or Purchasing Entity's tax exemption certificate**, sales and purchase tax will be charged, if required under State Statute. Leases for Contractor's equipment are available through two (2) third party leasing companies, PNC Equipment Finance and Municipal Asset management, Inc.

5. Subcontractors: All contractors, dealers, and resellers authorized to provide sales and service support in Participating Entity's state, as shown on Contractor's NASPO ValuePoint-specific webpage, may provide sales and service support to users of this Participating Addendum. Participation of Contractor's contractors, dealers, and resellers will be in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Agreement.
6. Orders: Any order placed by Participating Entity or a Purchasing Entity for a product or service offered through this Participating Addendum shall be deemed to be a sale under, and subject to the pricing and other terms and conditions of, the Master Agreement unless the parties to the order agree in writing that another contract or agreement applies to the order.

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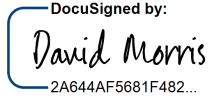




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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Participating Addendum.


PARTICIPATING ENTITY

CONTRACTOR

Signature:  DocuSigned by: David Morris 2A644AF5681F482...	Signature:  DocuSigned by: Susan Gabrielsen 7E5C1D5A5A0C4B3...
Name: David Morris	Name: susan gabrielsen
Title: Acting Chief Procurement Officer	Title: SVP Sales, North America
Date: 5/24/2024	Date: 5/23/2024
Signature:  DocuSigned by: Nicholas Marquis A29C99359A37464...	
Name: Nicholas Marquis	
Title: Acting CIO.	
Date: 5/24/2024	

For questions regarding NASPO ValuePoint Participating Addendums, please contact the Cooperative Contract Coordinator team at info@naspovaluepoint.org.

Fully executed NASPO ValuePoint Participating Addendums must be submitted via email in PDF format to pa@naspovaluepoint.org.

	Contract Amendment		Arizona Department of Administration State Procurement Office Phoenix, AZ 85007
	Contract #: CTR058805	Contract Amendment: Three (3)	
	Effective Date: 5/15/2024		

NASPO Mailing Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance

DMT Solutions Global Corporation - BlueCrest

The purpose of this amendment is to extend the contract, and add on additional items.

In accordance with Section 6: NASPO Valuepoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions, the following items have been amended:

- Pursuant to Section II, Term of Master Agreement, Section 2.1, Initial Term, the contract is hereby extended from May 15, 2024 to May 14, 2025.

In accordance with Section 3: Scope of Work, Section 3.6, Technology Advancements, the following equipment and technologies have been added to the contract:

Inserters - Production:

- DC INSIGHT COMPUTER
- MODULAR SHEET FEEDER - 60 HZ
- KIT Y234 TO ZXB7 BUFFER INPUT POWER
- UW6-22 UNWINDER CORE 3" DIA 22" WIDTH
- UW6-22 UNWINDER CORE 5" DIA 22" WIDTH
- UW6-22 UNWINDER CORE 150MM DIA 22" WIDTH
- UW6-22 UNWINDER CORE 70MM DIA 22" WIDTH
- UW6-22 UNWINDER CORE 200MM DIA 22" WIDTH
- HUNKELER UW6 22 INCH WIDE UNWINDER
- DIRECTVIEW UI LITE
- DIRECTVIEW PRINT LIC PERIJ
- SERVER, 22U SORTER/INSERTER - DOMESTIC
- BASE MICROSERVER UPS 24SWITCH 1-2USER
- CARD ATTACHER - MAG STRIPE READER
- VACUUM INPUT DIVERT MODULE
- SINGLE VACUUM TABLE, FEEDER CONFIG
- DUAL VACUUM TABLE, FEEDER CONFIG
- CARD FEEDER MODULE FOR CARD LEG INPUT
- SINGLE VACUUM TABLE WITH CARD LEG INPUT
- 7 STAGE BUFFER FOR INPUT VACUUM TABLE
- FEEDER/CARD PRINT/REFEED MODULE
- ASSY, VAC TABLE FOLDER INTERFACE
- CARD LEG TAPE MODULE
- CARD ATTACHER - FOLDER MODULE
- EXTENDED CARD HOPPER
- EVOLUTION/MSE NO INPUT KIT, ALL LENGTHS
- DRIVE ASSY



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- BOTTOM MOUNTED OPEN WINDOW KIT (ZX05)
- COGNEX 7801 BARCODE, VACUUM TABLE
- RELIA-VOTE LABOR
- ZPL FOR PPM, EAGLE OR FALCON
- COGNEX 8401 – 1280 X 1024, FULL TOOL SET
- KIT, NO INPUT END COVER FOR VAC TABLE
- FRICTION FEEDER - SERVO DRIVE
- FRICTION FEEDER - SERVO DRIVE
- BAUM Folder

Pre-Sorting Equipment – Production:

- SW, ASV - IN-LINE SIG VERIF 300K
- SW, ASV - IN-LINE SIG VERIF 500K
- SW, ASV - IN-LINE SIG VERIF 1 MILLION
- SW, ASV - IN-LINE SIG VERIF 1.5 MILLION
- SW, ASV - IN-LINE SIG VERIF 2.0 MILLION
- SW, ASV - IN-LINE SIG VERIF 2.5 MILLION
- SW, ASV - IN-LINE SIG VERIF 3.0 MILLION
- SW, ASV - IN-LINE SIG VERIF 3.5 MILLION
- SW, ASV - IN-LINE SIG VERIF 4.0 MILLION
- SW, ASV - IN-LINE SIG VERIF 4.5 MILLION
- SW, ASV - IN-LINE SIG VERIF 5.0 MILLION
- ASV COMPUTE WORKSTATION KIT

BLUECREST - Software License and Subscription:

- Visual Editor Upgrade
- StreamDiff Printstream Compare
- StreamDiff Other Software
- Postal Software Licenses
- Postal Software Subscriptions
- Postal Software Subscriptions
- Postal Software Referral
- Output Control Component Subscription
- Extended Software Support
- Enterprise Software Support
- Output Enhance Volume Package - Tier 1
- Output Enhance Volume Package - Tier 2
- Output Enhance Volume Package - Tier 3
- Output Enhance Volume Package - Tier 4
- OfficeMail Annual Usage Base
- OfficeMail Additional Usage T1 1k Click
- OfficeMail Additional Usage T2 1k Click
- OfficeMail Additional Usage T3 1k Click
- OfficeMail Additional Usage T4 1k Click
- OfficeMail Initial Onboarding Services



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- OfficeMail Additional App Services
- OfficeMail End User Training Services
- Enterprise Manager Custom Subscription
- Output Manager Custom Subscription
- Output Enhance Custom Subscription
- DFWorks Custom Subscription
- BMS Preprinted BRE Conn - Tier 1
- BMS Preprinted BRE Conn - Tier 2
- BMS Preprinted BRE Conn - Tier 3
- BMS Preprinted BRE Conn - Tier 4
- BMS Preprinted BRE Conn - Tier 5
- SW T&M Professional Services Limited Professional Services
- SW T&M Professional Services Open Professional Services
- Strata Output Manager Platform - Tier 1 1 year Subscription
- Strata Output Manager Platform - Tier 2 1 year Subscription
- Strata Output Manager Platform - Tier 3 1 year Subscription
- Strata Output Manager Mil Sides - Tier 1 1 year Subscription
- Strata Output Manager Mil Sides - Tier 2 1 year Subscription
- Strata Output Manager Mil Sides - Tier 3 1 year Subscription
- Strata Printer Manager Platform - Tier 2 1 year Subscription
- Strata Printer Manager Platform - Tier 3 1 year Subscription
- Strata Printer Manager Printer Units 1 year Subscription
- Strata Sphere Platform - Tier 1 1 year Subscription
- Strata Sphere Platform - Tier 2 1 year Subscription
- Strata Sphere Platform - Tier 3 1 year Subscription
- Strata Sphere Million MP - Tier 1 1 year Subscription
- Strata Sphere Million MP - Tier 2 1 year Subscription
- Strata Sphere Million MP - Tier 3 1 year Subscription
- BMS Multi-Input file Processing 1 year Subscription
- Advanced Data Preparation Add-on 1 year Subscription
- SWPM Professional Services Professional Services

The revised Pricing sheet has been added and attached to the contract as "BlueCrest NASPO Price Book rev. 12062023".

Susan Jabrilser
Signature

SVP Sales North America

Title

12/07/2023

Date

Francine Whittington
Signature


Francine Whittington

Title

12/07/2023

Date

ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS, SPECIFICATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED

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	Contract #: CTR058805	Contract Amendment: Two (2)	
	Effective Date: 5/15/2022		

NASPO Mailing Equipment, Supplies, and Maintenance
DMT Solutions Global Corporation dba BlueCrest

In accordance with the NASPO Valuepoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions, Section 2.2, Amendment Limitations, this contract is amended as follows:

II. Term of Master Agreement, Section 2.1, Initial Term has been revised as follows:

*The initial term of this Master Agreement is for **two (2) years**. The term of this Master Agreement may be amended beyond the initial term for **three (3)** additional years at the Lead State's discretion and by mutual agreement and upon review of requirements of Participating Entities, current market conditions, and Contractor performance.*

Susan Jabrilsen

Signature

SVP Sales North America

Title

10/13/2023

Date

Francine Whittington

Signature

LEAD Contract Administrator

Title

10/13/2023

Date



The State of Arizona
State Procurement Office

In conjunction with



NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement for
Mailing Equipment, Supplies and
Maintenance

(Effective May 15, 2022)

Resulting from Request for Proposals
Arizona Solicitation Number BPM003137



Request for Proposal

Solicitation No. **BPM003137**

Description:
Mailing Equipment, Supplies, and Maintenance

Arizona Department of Administration
State Procurement Office
100 N 15th Ave., Suite 402
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Attachment 3-A Method Proposal (Method of Approach)

The Offeror shall provide a narrative response to each question that demonstrates their understanding of the Scope of Work requirements and describes your company's overall method of approach for providing the service stated in this solicitation. If there is a question that is not applicable to the services required by the Scope of Work, you may mark it N/A.

Question 1: Proposed Offering:

Bidder shall identify which categories are being offered.

	<u>Postage Meter Rental (to include Legacy Postage Meters)</u>
	<u>Mailing Systems, Ultra Low Volume</u>
	<u>Mailing Equipment, Mailing Systems, Low Volume</u>
	<u>Mailing Equipment, Mailing Systems, Medium Volume</u>
	<u>Mailing Systems, High Volume</u>
	<u>Mailing System, Production</u>
	<u>Integrated Postal Scales</u>
	<u>Letter Openers, Low Volume</u>
	<u>Letter Openers, High Volume</u>
	<u>Letter Folders, Low Volume</u>
	<u>Letter Folders, High Volume</u>
X	<u>Inserters, Production</u>
	<u>Folder/Inserters, Low volume</u>
X	<u>Folders/Inserters, Medium Volume</u>
X	<u>Folders/Inserters, High Volume</u>
X	<u>Folders/Inserters, Production</u>
	<u>Envelope Mail Labeler, Low Volume</u>
	<u>Envelope Mail Labeler, Medium Volume</u>
	<u>Envelope Mail Labeler, High Volume</u>
	<u>Envelope Mail Labeler, Production</u>
	<u>Envelope Addressing System, Ink Jet, Low Volume</u>
	<u>Envelope Addressing System, Ink Jet, Medium Volume</u>
	<u>Envelope Addressing System, Ink Jet, High Volume</u>
	<u>Envelope Addressing System, Ink Jet, Production</u>
	<u>Tabbers, Low Volume</u>
	<u>Tabbers, Medium Volume</u>
	<u>Tabbers, High Volume</u>
	<u>Tabbers, Production</u>
	<u>Check Imprinting/Endorsing</u>
	<u>Pressure Sealing, Production</u>
	<u>Bursting Equipment, Production</u>
X	<u>Pre-sorting Equipment, Production</u>
	<u>Extractors</u>
	<u>Mailing Furniture (general)</u>
X	<u>Software, License and Subscription</u>
X	<u>Software Integration</u>
X	<u>Additional Services</u>

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Mailing Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance

Solicitation # BPM003137

Section 1: NASPO ValuePoint Solicitation - General Information

1.1. Purpose

The State of Arizona, State Procurement Office (“Lead State”) is requesting proposals for Mailing Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance in furtherance of the NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Program. The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to establish multiple Master Agreements, by category with qualified Offerors to provide Mailing Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance to meet the mailing needs for all Participating States.

The objective of this RFP is to leverage the collective volume of potential purchases by numerous state and local government entities to obtain best value, and achieve more favorable pricing than is obtainable by an individual state or local government entity. The Master Agreement(s) resulting from this procurement may be used by state governments (including departments, agencies, institutions), institutions of higher education, political subdivisions (e.g., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, etc.), the District of Columbia, territories of the United States, and other eligible entities subject to approval of the individual state procurement director and compliance with local statutory and regulatory provisions. The initial term of the Master Agreement shall be two (2) years with renewal provisions as outlined in Section 6, NASPO ValuePoint Program Provisions, 3. Term of the Master Agreement NASPO ValuePoint Master Terms and conditions.

It is anticipated that this RFP may result in Master Agreement awards to multiple contractors, in the Lead State’s discretion.

This RFP is designed to provide interested Offerors with sufficient information to submit proposals meeting minimum requirements, but is not intended to limit a proposal's content or exclude any relevant or essential data. Offerors are encouraged to expand upon the specifications to add service and value consistent with state requirements.

This RFP is a replacement for the expiring Mailroom Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance Master Agreements for the State of Arizona and NASPO ValuePoint.

1.2. Lead State, Solicitation Number and Lead State Contract Administrator

The State of Arizona, State Procurement Office is the Lead State and issuing office for this document and all subsequent Amendments relating to it. This solicitation (RFP) is a competitive process, in accordance with the Arizona Procurement Code available at <https://spo.az.gov/>. The Arizona Procurement Code is a compilation in one place of

Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 41-2501 et seq. and administrative rules and regulations A.A.C. R2-7-1010 et seq. The solicitation # BPM003137 must be referred to on all proposals, correspondence, and documentation relating to this RFP.

The Lead State Contract Administrator identified below is the single point of contact during this procurement process. Offerors and interested persons shall direct to the Lead State Contract Administrator all questions concerning the procurement process, technical requirements of this RFP, contractual requirements, requests for brand approval, changes, clarifications, and protests, the award process, and any other questions that may arise related to this solicitation and the resulting Master Agreement. The Lead State Contract Administrator designated by the State of Arizona, State Procurement Office is:

Nyesha Daley, PhD, Statewide Procurement Manager
State of Arizona, State Procurement Office
100 N. 15th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Email: nyesha.daley@azdoa.gov
Phone: 602-542-4907

1.3 Schedule of Events

All dates and times are listed in the State's e-procurement system

Solicitation Release:	July 6, 2021
Pre-Proposal Conference:	July 19, 2021
Closing Date and Time:	August 17, 2021
Anticipated Award Date:	November 1, 2021

All times are Mountain Standard time unless indicated otherwise.

1.4. Definitions of Terms

The following definitions apply to this solicitation. Section 6 also contains definitions of terms used in this solicitation and the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement terms and conditions.

1.1 Arizona Procurement Code; A.R.S.; A.A.C.	“Arizona Procurement Code” means, collectively, Title 41 Chapter 23, <i>et. sequitur</i> , in the Arizona Revised Statutes (abbreviated “A.R.S.”) and administrative rules R2-7-101 <i>et. sequitur</i> in the Arizona Administrative Code (abbreviated “A.A.C.”).
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NOTE: There are frequent references to the Arizona Procurement Code throughout the Solicitation Documents,

therefore, you will need to be familiar with its provisions to be able to understand the Solicitation Documents fully.

The Arizona Department of Administration State Procurement Office provides a reference compilation of the Arizona Procurement Code on its website:

<https://spo.az.gov/administration-policy/state-procurement-resource/procurement-regulations>

The Arizona State Legislature provides the official A.R.S. online at:

<http://www.azleg.gov/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp>

The Office of the Arizona Secretary of State provides the official A.A.C. online at:

<http://www.azsos.gov/rules/arizona-administrative-code>

1.2 Clarifications

“Clarifications” means, per A.A.C. R2-7-C313, communications between the Procurement Officer and Offeror for the purpose of providing a greater mutual understanding of the Offer. Clarifications may include demonstrations, questions and answers, or elaborations on previously-submitted information.

1.3 Contract

“Contract” is defined in paragraph 1.2 of the Uniform Terms and Conditions.

1.4 Contract Amendment

“Contract Amendment” is defined in paragraph 1.3 of the Uniform Terms and Conditions.

1.5 Contract Terms and Conditions

“Contract Terms and Conditions” is defined in paragraph 1.8 of the Special Terms and Conditions.

1.6 Contractor

“Contractor” is defined in paragraph 1.4 of the Uniform Terms and Conditions.

1.7 Evaluation

“Evaluation” means, per A.A.C. R2-7-C316, the process whereby the Procurement Officer will determine which Responsive offers, revised offers, and best and final offers are the most advantageous to State taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the Solicitation Documents.

1.8 Negotiation

“Negotiation” means, per A.A.C. R2-7-101(32), an exchange or series of exchanges between State and an offeror for the purposes set forth in A.A.C. R2-7-C314.

1.9 Not Susceptible for Award

“Not Susceptible for Award” means, per A.A.C. R2-7-C311, that the relevant offer has been determined by the Procurement Officer to fail one or more of the tests and comparisons set forth therein. NOTE: A determination of Not Susceptible for Award and a determination of Responsive are mutually exclusive.

1.10 Offer: Initial Offer; Revised Offer; Best and Final Offer (BAFO)

“Initial Offer” means, per A.A.C. R2-7-101(33), Offeror’s proposal submitted to State in response to the Solicitation, as initially submitted.

“Revised Offer” means any revised versions of the Initial Offer that Offeror has submitted to State at State’s request as permitted under A.A.C. R2-7-C314 and R2-7-C315.

“Best and Final Offer” (“BAFO”) means, per A.A.C. R2-7-101(8), the Revised Offer submitted after negotiations have been completed that contain Offeror’s most favorable terms for price, service, and products to be delivered.

Reference to “an Offer, “the Offer,” or “your Offer” means any of the Initial Offer, a Revised Offer, or the Best and Final Offer.

1.11 Offeror

“Offeror” is the Person submitting an Offer; instructions addressed to “you” and references to “your” items are to be construed as being synonymous with “Offeror” and “Offeror’s” throughout these Instructions to Offerors.

1.12 Pricing Document

“Pricing Document” means Section 2-B of the Solicitation Documents. Also known as Pricing Document as defined in the Special Terms and Conditions.

1.13 The State’s e-Procurement System

“The State’s e-Procurement System” is defined in paragraph 1.16 of the Special Terms and Conditions.

1.14 Procurement Officer

“Procurement Officer” means the person, or his or her designee, who has been duly authorized by State to administer the Solicitation and make written determinations with respect to the Solicitation. The Procurement Officer is identified in The State’s e-Procurement System.

1.15 Small Business

“Small Business” means a for-profit or not-for-profit organization, including its affiliates, with fewer than 100 full-time employees or gross annual receipts of less than \$4 million for the last complete fiscal year.

1.16 Solicitation

“Solicitation” means this procurement solicitation, which State is issuing as either:

1. an invitation for bids (“IFB”) under A.R.S. § 41-2533;
2. a request for proposals (“RFP”) under A.R.S. § 41-2534;
3. a request for quotations (“RFQ”) under A.R.S. § 41-2535;
or
4. a request for qualifications under A.R.S. §41-2558.

Refer to the Solicitation Summary for which of the foregoing is this Solicitation.

- 1.17 Solicitation Amendment** “Solicitation Amendment” means, per A.A.C. R2-7-101(15), a change to the Solicitation that has been issued by Procurement Officer.
- 1.18 Solicitation Summary** “Solicitation Summary” means Section 1 of the Solicitation Documents.
- 1.19 State** “State” is defined in paragraph 1.11 of the Uniform Terms and Conditions.
- 1.20 Subcontract** “Subcontract” is defined in paragraph 1.13 of the Uniform Terms and Conditions.
- 1.21 Subcontractor** “Subcontractor” is defined in paragraph 1.19 of the Special Terms and Conditions.

Lead State means the State conducting this cooperative procurement, evaluation, and award.

Offeror means the company or firm who submits a proposal in response to this Request for Proposal.

Proposer has the same meaning as Offeror

Proposal means the official written response submitted by an Offeror in response to this Request for Proposal.

"Request for Proposals" or "RFP" or "Solicitation" means the entire solicitation document, including all parts, sections, exhibits, attachments, and Amendments.

1.5. NASPO ValuePoint Background Information

NASPO ValuePoint (formerly known as WSCA-NASPO) is a cooperative purchasing program of all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States. The Program is facilitated by the NASPO Cooperative Purchasing Organization LLC, a nonprofit subsidiary of the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), doing business as NASPO ValuePoint. NASPO is a non-profit association dedicated to strengthening the procurement community through education, research, and communication. It is made up of the directors of the central purchasing offices in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States. NASPO ValuePoint facilitates administration of the cooperative group contracting consortium of state chief procurement officials for the benefit of state departments, institutions, agencies, and political subdivisions and other eligible entities (i.e., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, some nonprofit organizations, etc.) for all states, the District of Columbia, and territories of the United States. For more information consult the following websites www.naspovaluepoint.org and www.naspo.org.

1.6. Participating States

In addition to the Lead State conducting this solicitation, the following Participating States have requested to be named in this RFP as potential users of the resulting Master Agreement:

- California
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Maryland
- Ohio
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wyoming

Other entities may become Participating Entities after award of the Master Agreement. Some States may have included special or unique terms and conditions for their state that will govern their state Participating Addendum. These terms and conditions are being provided as a courtesy to Proposers to indicate which additional terms and conditions may be incorporated into the state Participating Addendum after award of the Master Agreement. The Lead State will not address questions or concerns or negotiate other States' terms and conditions. The Participating States shall negotiate these terms and conditions directly with the awarded supplier. State-specific terms and conditions are included in Attachments.

1.7. Anticipated Usage

No minimum or maximum level of sales volume is guaranteed or implied.

Section 2: Solicitation Requirements, Information and Instructions to Offerors

2.1. Pre-Offer Conference

A Pre-Offer Conference will be held at the time and place indicated in the solicitation's "Pre-Bid Conference" field as found within the State of Arizona's e-procurement system APP (<https://app.az.gov>); attendance is not required. The purpose of this conference will be to clarify the contents of the solicitation in order to prevent any misunderstanding of the State of Arizona's position. Any doubt as to the requirements of the solicitation or any apparent omission or discrepancy should be presented to the State of Arizona at the conference. The State of Arizona will then determine the appropriate action necessary, if any, and issue a written amendment to the solicitation if required. Oral statements or instructions will not constitute an amendment to the solicitation. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, or this document in an alternative format, by contacting the State of Arizona's Procurement Office listed on page 3. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow sufficient time to arrange for accommodation.

2.2. Inquiries

2.2.1 Solicitation Contact Person. Any inquiry related to this Solicitation, including any requests for inquiries regarding standards referenced in the Solicitation, shall be directed solely to the State of Arizona's Procurement Officer.

2.2.2 Submission of Inquiries. All inquiries to the State of Arizona's Procurement Officer related to the Solicitation are required to be submitted in the State of Arizona's E-Procurement System, APP (<https://app.az.gov>). All interested Proposers shall utilize the Q&A functionality provided through APP (<https://app.az.gov>). All responses to inquiries will be answered in the State's eProcurement system. Any inquiry related to the Solicitation should reference the appropriate solicitation page and paragraph number.

2.2.3 Duty to Examine. It is the responsibility of each Offeror to examine the entire Solicitation, seek clarification in writing (inquiries), and examine its Offer for accuracy before submitting an Offer. Lack of care in preparing an Offer shall not be grounds for modifying or withdrawing the Offer after the Offer due date and time.

2.2.4 Timeliness. Any inquiry or exception to the Solicitation shall be submitted as soon as possible and should be submitted at least seven days before the offer due date and time for review and determination by the State of Arizona. Failure to do so may result in the inquiry not being considered for a solicitation amendment.

2.2.5 No Right to Rely on Verbal or Electronic Mail Responses. An Offeror shall not rely on verbal or electronic mail responses to inquiries. A verbal or electronic mail reply to an inquiry does not constitute a modification of the solicitation.

2.3. Preparation of Proposals

2.3.1 Electronic Documents. This solicitation document is provided in an electronic format. Any unidentified alteration or modification to any solicitation documents, to any attachments, exhibits, forms, charts or illustrations contained herein shall be null and void. In those instances, where modifications are identified, the original document published by the State of Arizona shall take precedence.

2.3.2 Attachment Formats. All attachments shall be submitted in a format acceptable to the Lead State. Acceptable formats include .doc (Microsoft Word document), .xls (Microsoft Excel spreadsheet), and .pdf (Adobe Acrobat portable document format). Prospective Offerors that wish to submit attachments in other formats shall submit an inquiry to the Procurement Officer.

2.3.3 Confidential, Protected or Proprietary Information

All information identified in the “Confidential” section shall be subject to review by the Lead State in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Lead State’s open records statute, freedom of information act, or similar law.

2331 If a person believes that any portion of a proposal, bid, offer, specification, protest or correspondence contains a trade secret or other proprietary information that should be withheld, the Offeror shall clearly designate the trade secret and other proprietary information, using the term “Confidential” and, the State of Arizona’s Procurement Officer shall be so advised in writing. An Offeror shall provide a statement detailing the reasons why the information should not be disclosed including the specific harm or prejudice that may arise upon disclosure. Such material shall be identified as “Confidential” wherever it appears. Until a written determination is made, the State of Arizona’s Procurement Officer shall not disclose information designated as “Confidential” except to those individuals deemed to have a legitimate State interest. In the event the State of Arizona’s Procurement Officer denies the request for confidentiality, the Offeror may appeal the determination to the State of Arizona’s Procurement Administrator within the time specified in the written determination. The State of Arizona, pursuant to A.A.C. R2-7-103, shall review all requests for confidentiality and provide a written determination. If the confidential request is denied, such information shall be disclosed as public information, unless the person, requests a review of that determination under A.A.C. R2-7-103(D). **Contract terms and conditions, pricing, and information generally available to the public are not considered confidential information.**

2332 All Confidential, Protected or Proprietary information must be included in one section of your response. **Do not incorporate**

Confidential, Protected or Proprietary information throughout the Proposal.

2.3.3.2.1 In the event that a limited amount of “Confidential, Protected or Proprietary” information is deemed necessary by the Offeror to respond to solicitation, any such information must be included in a **separate section** of the Offeror’s proposal response which is clearly marked as “Confidential”. In addition, provide a reference in the proposal response directing reader to the specific area of this protected information section.

2.3.3.2.2 Offerors should be aware that marking any portion of an Offer as “Confidential”, may exclude the Offer from evaluation or consideration for award.

2.3.3.2.3 Elements of the proposal that define the contractual requirements, such as approaches to the statement of work, prices, and schedule, may not be marked as “Confidential”. Proposals not complying with these instructions for identification and segregation of confidential and proprietary information may be rejected.

2.3.3.2.4 Information included in the “Confidential” section of an Offeror’s proposal is not automatically accepted and protected.

2.3.4 Exceptions to Terms and Conditions.

All exceptions included with the Offer shall be submitted in the State of Arizona’s eProcurement system in the Conformance Statements included in Part 3 of the Offer in which the Offeror clearly identifies the specific paragraphs of the Solicitation where the exceptions occur. Any exceptions not included in such a section shall be without force and effect in any resulting Contract unless such exception is specifically accepted by the State of Arizona’s Procurement Officer in a written statement. An Offeror shall provide a statement detailing a justification for each exception item request. The Offeror’s preprinted or standard terms will not be considered by the State of Arizona as part of any resulting Contract. **All exceptions that are contained in the Offer may negatively impact an Offeror’s susceptibility for award. An Offer that takes exception to any material requirement of the solicitation may be rejected.**

2.3.5 Evidence of Intent to be Bound.

The Offer and Acceptance form within the Solicitation shall be submitted with the Offer in the State of Arizona's eProcurement system and shall include a signature by a person authorized to sign the Offer. The signature shall signify the Offeror's intent to be bound by the Offer and the terms of the Solicitation and that the information provided is true, accurate and complete. The Offer and Acceptance Form shall be submitted electronically with the submitted Offer no later than the Offer due date and time. Failure to return an Offer and Acceptance Form will result in rejection of the offer.

2.3.6 Subcontractors.

Offerors shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors. Include with their list of proposed subcontractors:

- Subcontractor's contact information;
- Subcontractor's certifications and or licenses required for the performance of the Contract; and,
- Subcontractor's proposed responsibilities under the Offeror's proposal.

2.3.7 Cost of Offer Preparation.

The State of Arizona will not reimburse any Offeror the cost of responding to a Solicitation.

2.3.8 Federal Excise Tax.

The State of Arizona is exempt from certain Federal Excise Tax on manufactured goods. Exemption Certificates will be provided by the Lead State.

2.3.9 Identification of Taxes in Offer.

The State of Arizona is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. If the products and/or services specified require transaction privilege or use taxes or other applicable taxes, they shall be described and itemized separately on the Offer. Arizona transaction privilege tax shall not be considered for evaluation.

2.3.10 Disclosure.

If the Offeror has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity, including being disapproved as a subcontractor with any federal, state or local government, or if any such preclusion from participation from any public procurement activity is currently pending, the Offeror shall fully explain the circumstances relating to the preclusion or proposed preclusion in the Offer. The Offer shall set forth the name and address of the governmental unit, the effective date of the suspension or debarment, the duration of the suspension or debarment, and the relevant circumstances relating to the suspension of debarment. If suspension or debarment is currently pending, a detailed description of all relevant circumstances including the details enumerated above shall be provided.

2.3.11 Unit Price Prevails.

In the case of discrepancy between the unit price or rate and the extension of that unit price or rate, the unit price or rate shall govern.

2.3.12 Delivery.

Unless stated otherwise in the Solicitation, all prices shall be F.O.B. Destination and shall include all freight, delivery and unloading at the destination(s).

2.3.13 Federal Immigration and Nationality Act.

By signing of the Offer, the Offeror warrants that both it and all proposed subcontractors are in compliance with federal immigration laws and regulation (FINA) relating to the immigration status of their employees. The State of Arizona may, at its sole discretion require evidence of compliance during the evaluation process. Should the State of Arizona request evidence of compliance, the Offeror shall have five days from receipt of the request to supply adequate information. Failure to comply with this instruction or failure to supply requested information within the timeframe specified shall result in the Offer not being considered for contract award.

2.3.14 Offshore Performance of Work Prohibited.

Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the State of Arizona or its clients and involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data shall be performed within the defined territories of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this paragraph does not apply to indirect or 'overhead' services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers. Offerors shall declare all anticipated offshore services in the Offer.

2.4. Submission of Offer

2.4.1 Offer Submission, Due Date, and Time.

Offers in response to this solicitation shall be submitted within the Lead State's e- Procurement system, APP (<https://app.az.gov>). Offers shall be received before the date/time listed in the solicitation's 'Bid Due Date' field. Offers submitted outside of APP, or those that are received on or after the date/time stated in the 'Bid Opening Date' field, shall be rejected. Questions about the submission date and/or time shall be directed to the State of Arizona's Procurement Officer or to the APP Help Desk (app@azdoa.gov or 602.542.7600).

2.4.2 Offer Amendment or Withdrawal.

An Offer may not be amended or withdrawn after the offer due date and time except as otherwise provided under applicable law.

2.4.3 Electronic Submission of Offer.

2431 The successful submission of your offer in APP is critical in

order for it to be completely/properly received and evaluated. Prior review of the guides available via <https://app.az.gov> and on <https://spo.az.gov> "Vendor Resources" tab can be of assistance in understanding the electronic submission process.

2432 The Lead State (State of Arizona) accepts no responsibility for a prospective Offeror not receiving solicitation documents and/or revisions to the solicitation. It is the responsibility of the prospective Offeror to monitor their emails for such notices and to monitor APP (<https://app.az.gov>) to obtain RFP addenda or other information relating to the RFP.

2.4.4 Non-collusion, Employment, and Services.

By signing the Offer and Acceptance form or other official contract form, the Offeror certifies that:

2441 The Offeror did not engage in collusion or other anti-competitive practices in connection with the preparation or submission of its Offer; and,

2442 The Offeror does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or person to whom it provides services because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability, and that it complies with applicable federal, state and local laws and executive orders regarding employment.

2.4.5 Waiver and Rejection Rights:

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Solicitation, the State reserves the right to:

2451 Waive any minor informality;

2452 Reject any and all Offers or portions thereof; or,

2453 Cancel the Solicitation. If the Lead State (State of Arizona) determines such action to be in the collective best interests of Participating States, this solicitation may be canceled at any time, up until the time of award of the Master Agreement(s).

2.4.6 A responsive, responsible Offeror shall submit the following:

2461 Offer and Acceptance. Offers shall include a signed Offer and Acceptance form. The Offer and Acceptance form shall be signed with a signature by the person authorized to sign the Offer, and shall be submitted in the State of Arizona's eProcurement system with the Offer no later than the Solicitation due date and time. Failure to return an Offer and Acceptance form will result in rejection of the Offer.

2462 Acknowledgement of Solicitation Amendments. Offeror shall acknowledge Solicitation Amendments electronically in APP

(<https://app.az.gov>) no later than the Offer due date and time. Failure to acknowledge all/any Solicitation Amendments may result in rejection of the Offer.

2.4.6.2.1 Alternately to the electronic acknowledgement in APP, the Offeror can attach a counter-signed copy of each Amendment in APP as part of their Offer.

2463 Offer Forms: Offerors shall include all Offer Forms in part 3 of the solicitation, completed accurately, in the format provided and according to the instructions. Failure to follow Offer Form instructions will result in rejection of Offer.

2.5. References and Experience

The Offeror agrees that by submitting an Offer, the State of Arizona or its designated agent may contact any entities listed in the Offer or any entities known to have a previous business relationship with the Offeror for the purpose of obtaining references relative to past performance and verifying experience or other information submitted with the Offer. In addition, by submitting an Offer, the Offeror is agreeing to give permission to the entity to provide information and the Offeror will take whatever action is necessary to facilitate, encourage or authorized the release of information, if necessary, the Offeror shall sign a release to obtain information.

2.6 Responsibility

In accordance with A.R.S. §41-2534(G), A.A.C. R2-7-C312 and R2-7-C316, the State of Arizona shall consider, at a minimum, the following in determining Offeror's responsibility, as well, as the Offeror's responsiveness and acceptability for contract award.

2.6.1 Whether the Offeror has had a contract within the last five (5) years that was terminated for cause due to breach or similar failure to comply with the terms of the contract;

2.6.2 Whether the Offeror's record of performance includes factual evidence of failure to satisfy the terms of the Offeror's agreements with any party to a contract. Factual evidence may consist of documented vendor performance reports, customer complaints and/or negative references;

2.6.3 Whether the Offeror is legally qualified to contract with the State of Arizona and the Offeror's financial, business, personnel, or other resources, including subcontractors;

2.6.3.1 Legally qualified includes if the vendor or if key personnel have been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully

prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but not limited to, being disapproved as a subcontractor of any public procurement unit or other governmental body.

- 2.6.4 Whether the Offeror promptly supplied all requested information concerning its responsibility;
- 2.6.5 Whether the Offer was sufficient to permit evaluation by the State of Arizona, in accordance with the evaluation criteria identified in this Solicitation or other necessary offer components. Necessary offer components include: attachments, documents or forms to be submitted with the offer, an indication of the intent to be bound, reasonable or acceptable approach to perform the Scope of Work, signed Solicitation Amendments, references to include experience verification, adequacy of financial/business/personal or other resources to include a performance bond and stability including subcontractors and any other data specifically requested in the Solicitation;
- 2.6.6 Whether the Offer was in conformance with the requirements contained in the Scope of Work, Terms and Conditions, and Instructions for the Solicitation and its Amendments, including the documents incorporated by reference;
- 2.6.7 Whether the Offer limits the rights of the State;
- 2.6.8 Whether the Offer includes or is subject to unreasonable conditions, to include conditions upon the State of Arizona or necessary for successful Contract performance. The State of Arizona shall be the sole determiner as to the reasonableness of a condition;
- 2.6.9 Whether the Offer materially changes the contents set forth in the Solicitation, which includes the Scope of Work, Terms and Conditions, or Instructions; and,
- 2.6.10 Whether the Offeror provides misleading or inaccurate information.

2.7. Responsiveness and Acceptability

Proposals that do not contain information sufficient to evaluate the proposal in accordance with the factors identified in the solicitation or other necessary proposal components may not be considered responsive and/or acceptable. Necessary components include an indication of the Offeror's intent to be bound, price proposal, solicitation amendments, bond and reference data as required.

2.8. Opening

Proposals received by the correct time and date will be opened and the name of

each Offeror will be publicly available through the State of Arizona's eProcurement system (<https://app.az.gov>). Proposals will not be available on the eProcurement system until after contract award.

2.9. Offer Acceptance Period

Responses to this RFP, including proposed costs, will be considered firm for one hundred and eighty (180) days after the proposal due date and time.

2.10. Clarifications

Upon receipt and opening of proposals submitted in response to this solicitation, the State may request oral or written clarifications, including demonstrations or questions and answers, for the sole purpose of information gathering or for eliminating minor informalities or correcting nonjudgmental mistakes in proposals. Clarifications shall not otherwise afford Offerors the opportunity to alter or change their proposal.

2.11 Oral Presentations

The State of Arizona may request oral presentations. If requested, the Offeror shall be available for oral presentations with no more than ten (10) business days' advance notice. Participants in the oral presentations should include the Offeror's key persons. Such oral presentations shall not otherwise afford an Offeror the opportunity to alter or change its Offer.

2.12. Evaluation

In accordance with the Arizona Procurement code A.R.S. § 41-2534, awards shall be made to the responsible Offeror(s) whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the State based upon the evaluation criteria listed below. The evaluation factors are listed in their relative order of importance:

1. Capacity of Offeror, Years of Experience
2. Method of Approach
3. Cost

Exceptions to the Terms and Conditions, may impact an Offeror's susceptibility for award.

2.13 Discussions

In accordance with A.R.S. § 41-2534, after the initial receipt of proposals, the State may conduct discussions with those Offerors who submit proposals determined by the State to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

2.14. Best and Final Offer (BAFO)

If discussions are conducted, the State of Arizona shall issue a written request for Best and Final Offers (BAFO's). The request shall set forth the date, time and place

for the submission of BAFO's. BAFO's shall be requested only once; unless, the State of Arizona makes a determination that it is advantageous to conduct further discussions.

2.15 Contract Award

Award of a contract will be made to the most responsive and responsible Offeror(s), by category, whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the State of Arizona based on the evaluation criteria set forth in the solicitation.

2.15.1 Number of Types of Awards.

2.15.1.1 Each State reserves the right to enter into a single Participating Addendum (PA) or enter into multiple PAs, whichever is most advantageous to the Participating State.

2.15.2 **Contract Inception.** An Offer does not constitute a Contract nor does it confer any rights on the Offeror to the award of a Contract. A Contract is not created until the Offer is accepted in writing by the State of Arizona's Procurement Officer's signature on the Offer and Acceptance form. A notice of award or of the intent to award shall not constitute acceptance of the Offer.

2.16 Public Record

All Proposals submitted in response to this Request for Proposal shall become the property of the State of Arizona and shall become a matter of Public Record available for review and must be retained by the State of Arizona for six years. Offers shall be open and available to public inspection through the State of Arizona's eProcurement system after Contract award, except for such Offers deemed to be confidential by the State of Arizona.

2.17 Protests

A protest shall comply with and be resolved according to Arizona Revised Statutes Title 41, Chapter 23, Article 9 and rules adopted thereunder. Protests shall be in writing and be filed with both the State of Arizona's Procurement Officer of the purchasing agency and with the State of Arizona's Procurement Administrator. A protest of a Solicitation shall be received by the State of Arizona's Procurement Officer before the Offer due date. A protest of a proposed award or of an award shall be filed within ten (10) days after the protester knows or should have known the basis of the protest. A protest shall include:

2.17.1 The name, address and telephone number of the protester;

2.17.2 The signature of the protester or its representative;

2.17.3 Identification of the purchasing agency and the Solicitation or Contract number;

- 2.17.4 A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents; and,
- 2.17.5 The form of relief requested.

Section 3: Scope of Work

Contractor shall provide equipment, services, and maintenance support to meet the mailing needs of the customer per the limitations of their award. The applicable product range will include, but not be limited to, software license and subscriptions, ultra-low volume equipment through equipment used in mailing production environments, including postage meter rental, accessories, supplies, and maintenance. All equipment and services offered must meet the approval of the USPS® if applicable.

3.2 Products

- 3.2.1 Any awarded contractor(s) shall also include, upon agency request, information on all environmental features of each item, including but not limited to: energy efficiency modes and their operation, double sided copying operations and double sided default programming, the extent to which any supplies and other packaging may qualify for recycling, re-manufacturing, and will provide the environmental and economic benefits of these features.
- 3.2.1.1. **Printers** – The only printers allowed for purchase through this solicitation are special printers sole use for which is tied to mailroom equipment. If a regular printer (e.g. an HP Printer) is able to be utilized in the same fashion, and function as the printer available from the Contractor, then the printer from the Contractor is not allowed. Allowable printers may be purchased with a mailroom equipment system or as a product replacement from a purchase from this or a previous Master Agreement.
- 3.2.1.2. **Computers** - The only computers allowed for purchase through this Master Agreement are those computers dedicated to mailroom equipment and operations.
- 3213 **Furniture** - Furniture is being awarded within each category as well as being classified as an independent category. The furniture that is applicable to the independent furniture category is furniture that is specific to mailrooms but not specific to the mail equipment category. E.g. Case work or mobile mail cart etc. The furniture section within each category is relevant to furniture that would be considered specific to the Mailing Equipment with which they are compatible.
- 3214 **Accessories** – All accessories, including tablets and scanners, shall be relevant to the functioning of a mailroom. If there is any concern over a specific item being included in this category, said items will be submitted to the Lead State Contract Administrator for a decision. The Lead State Contract Administrator’s decision is the final determination as to whether an item is included in the Scope of any Master Agreement.

- ~~3215~~ **Trade In/Buy Back** - Contractor shall provide a Trade in /Buy Back program to help ensure Participating Entity has the best options to meet their needs. This program is required; however, it is at the sole option of the Participating Entity to utilize this program.
- 3216 All equipment identified as EnergyStar compliant shall be delivered and installed with the Energy Star or similar power management features enabled.

3.3. Remanufactured Equipment

- 3.3.1 A Contractor may offer Remanufactured or Refurbished Equipment that is certified by the Manufacturer. All Remanufactured or Refurbished Equipment will be clearly labeled as Remanufactured equipment. Pricing will be based on a quote and on an Individual Case Basis (ICB). Pricing must not exceed prices listed in approved price book at the time of purchase. All quotes will also provide the fixed annual maintenance rate for years 2-5. Remanufactured equipment shall come with a 1 year all-inclusive as new-warranty and the Offeror shall be able to provide maintenance for years 2-5 that includes all service, labor, software maintenance, and parts. If for any reason a Contractor is not able to provide maintenance (including parts), the Contractor(s) will provide, entirely at their expense, a replacement piece of equipment and/or software. Any replacement items shall have the equal or greater performance and functionality along with the maintenance for the equipment for the duration of the original five (5) year maintenance period (including maintenance on the replacement equipment) at no additional charge. All other requirements of the Master Agreement continue to apply.

3.4. Shipping and Delivery

- 3.4.1 Shipping is to be FOB destination, inside to the contiguous 48 states, Washington DC and point of exportation for Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and territories for shipments outside the 48 contiguous states. The point of exportation location must be agreed to, in writing, by the vendor and the Participating Entity. At that point, shipping terms, charges and conditions should be negotiated with the end-user. These Participating Entities must be notified in advance of any possible shipping charges and mutually agreed to in writing before any purchase or lease is allowed.

The Contractor(s) shall furnish equipment within twenty (20) business days after receipt of order, or a delivery time mutually agreed upon, in writing, between the Participating Entity and the Contractor. The Contractor shall notify the Participating Entity in advance of delivery of equipment so that the Participating Entity can make necessary arrangements. Delivery of start-up supplies shall be made upon or before delivery of equipment. Delivery shall be made in accordance with instructions (time and quantities ordered) from the

Participating Entity as detailed on the Purchase Order. All deliveries shall be accompanied with a Bill of Lading containing the Purchase Order number, the items ordered, the Master Agreement numbers, (both the Master Agreement number and the Participating Entities number) pricing and any special instructions. If there is a discrepancy between the Purchase Order and what is listed on the Master Agreement, it is the Contractor's obligation to seek clarification from the Participating Entity.

All deliveries and installation work shall be performed during regular working hours, defined as 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Changes may be granted with written approval of the Participating Entity. Any delivery required to be performed outside regular working hours or on Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays, as may be reasonably required consistent with contractual obligations, and if agreeable to both the Contractor and the Participating Entity, shall be agreed to in writing by both parties.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the delivery of equipment in first class condition at the point of assembly, and in accordance with good commercial practices. The Contractor shall also be responsible for the removing of all debris associated with the purchase from the premises.

- Packing for shipment shall be provided to adequately protect the product and ensure safe shipment.
- Shipping cases shall be marked to indicate the name of the Contractor/Manufacturer's name and address of receiving Participating Entity, Purchase Order number, and Contract number (both the Master Agreement number and the Participating Entities number).

Participating Entities are authorized to order and the Contractor is authorized to ship only those items approved and awarded under the Master Agreement. If any items other than those awarded in the applicable Master Agreement and not eliminated in the PA negotiation process have been ordered and delivered, the Participating Entity shall take any steps necessary to have the items returned to the Contractor. Contractor shall issue full credit upon return of item(s). Violation may result in administrative actions including, but not be limited to termination of the Participating Addendum or the Master Agreement.

3.4 Training & Support Services

- 3.4.1 Upon delivery and installation of specified equipment, the Contractor shall provide training to personnel designated by the Participating Entity. Operational Training must be provided to the designated personnel until the personnel are able to operate the

equipment independently. The amount of training is determined by the complexity of the equipment purchased, rented or leased by the Participating Entity. Installed product and system training shall be included in the price. Contractor shall provide additional training at the Participating Entity's request throughout the life of the equipment. All training will be performed on the Participating Entity's sites, via remote or electronic delivery. Site required training will be at no additional charge if the equipment is either under warranty or an active maintenance plan. Upon the mutual agreement of both parties, additional training outside of initial installation will be at the participating entity's expense. Contractor will be responsible for the cost of all travel, lodging and food; no charges will be passed on to the Participating Entity.

The Contractor must agree to maintain a toll-free technical support telephone line. The telephone line shall be accessible to Participating Entity personnel who need to obtain competent technical assistance regarding the installation or operation of the Contractor's equipment. The toll-free support line shall be available during regular working hours, defined as 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. local time Monday through Friday.

3.5 Instruction Manuals

- 3.5.1 Instruction manuals shall be included at no cost for each piece of equipment that is purchased or rented. The instruction manual shall contain, but not be limited to:
- Glossary
 - A section defining the capabilities of the equipment (specifications)
 - A general section describing the technical operation of the equipment
 - A section describing the installation and use criteria of the equipment
 - A section on the primary points of contacts for sales, training and maintenance/service
 - All manuals and instruction shall be in the English language

3.6 Technology Advancements

New equipment and technologies may be considered for the possible implementation as long as they are in consonance with USPS rules and guidelines. New equipment and technologies may be offered to the Lead State, twice annually for review and approval. New products are added at the discretion of the Lead State.

3.7 Software purchases or subscriptions

Software acquired under this Master Agreement shall be specific to the needs of mail operations. Purchase order shall reference a manufacturer's most recent release or version of the product unless the Participating Entity specifically requests in writing a different version. As a minimum, software licenses shall provide license rights as prescribed in section 20 of the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions in Section 6 of this RFP. Software rights other than as proposed shall be negotiated and agreed to by the Participating Entity as defined in the Participating Addendum.

- 3.7.1 In addition to the services directly associated with the receipt of product under this Scope, the Contractor(s) will provide services related to the selection, purchase and management of distributed software, these services include, but are not limited to:
- 3.7.1.1 Assemble, Production Equipment Only
 - 3.7.1.2 Software Installation/Integration
 - 3.7.1.3 Design, Production Equipment only
 - 3.7.1.4 Maintenance, Annual and Time and Material
 - 3.7.1.5 Legacy Maintenance
 - 3.7.1.6 Lease/Rental/Purchase Options

3.8. Equipment Performance

- 3.8.1 Equipment at each individual location shall maintain, at all times a 95% or better uptime. Downtime shall be computed from the time the Contractor representative is notified of equipment failure until the equipment is fully operational. Equipment that does not meet the performance standard of 95% for a two (2) consecutive month period or for three (3) months in a rolling twelve (12) month period shall be replaced by the Contractor with equal or better equipment. It is understood and accepted that equipment failure may not be attributed to the use of recycled paper and/or recycled/remanufactured supplies, as long as those products meet the specifications set by the USPS.

3.8.2 *Repair or Replacement of Unsatisfactory Equipment.*

The Contractor shall grant a credit for any equipment which fails to perform at the effectiveness level defined in section 3.8.1. The credit shall be equivalent to the percentage of down time experienced within that month.

The Contractor may elect to replace a defective component in Production Equipment. The Participating Entity shall notify the Contractor in writing if the repair does not resolve the issue. This written notification will act as a cure letter allowing fifteen (15) days to have resolution plan in place.

During the warranty period, unsatisfactory equipment performance will require an even exchange of equipment of equal or greater performance at no additional cost.

After the warranty period, the credit value shall be the amount paid at the time of purchase.

If equipment or software is not functional after 60 days of delivery, the Purchasing Entity may return for full refund or cancel any rental or lease agreement with no fees or charges of any kind.

3.9. Maintenance on Purchased Equipment

3.9.1 This Master Agreement recognizes two (2) categories of maintenance, Preventive maintenance and Repair Service which is covered by the Service Level Agreement. The Contractor must have the resources, distribution capabilities, inventory of parts, consumable supplies, and staff to meet the requirements of the Master Agreement. Contractor or Contractor's Authorized Dealers/Partners shall maintain replacement parts to ensure minimum downtime. Pricing shall include all maintenance including, but not limited to, all parts, labor and time, and preventative maintenance services at the levels specified for each piece of equipment. The Contractor must offer a full service maintenance contract for all equipment placed. However, the Participating Entity shall have the option of not entering into a maintenance/service contract on purchased equipment, but choose to utilize the Time and Materials option. On-site service shall be available on an immediate need service call basis. Preventive scheduled maintenance is based on the equipment requirements by the Manufacturer. These shall include, cleaning, lubrication, parts replacement and necessary adjustments. Maintenance on any equipment purchased under the Master Agreement must be available for five years.

- Contractor /Authorized Dealer shall provide and maintain a toll-free number, an email address and a fax number for Maintenance and Repair Service.

3.9.2 If a Contractor is called due to non-performance of a system, and the Contractor arrives and determines that the issue is with an excluded item and not their product, they will notify the Purchasing Entity. If the equipment is under a maintenance agreement or in the initial one-year warranty time frame, there will be no cost to the Purchasing Entity for the diagnostic call. If the equipment is not under warranty or a maintenance plan the Contractor may charge their hourly contracted rate.

3.10 Service Level Agreements

3.10.1 All Service Level Agreements shall meet the following requirements:

3.10.1.1 Two (2) hour response time (acknowledgement) to all written or oral notices of a service requirement due to

- an equipment stoppage or malfunction.
- 3.10.12 A factory trained service technician, shall be on site before close business or within 4 hours at the start of the next business day.
- 3.10.13 Any Purchasing Entities that require a 24hr/7 days per week maintenance agreement will be negotiated during the PA process.
- 3.10.14 All parts that require maintenance by a service technician are to be included and considered part of the service repair plan. Failed/defective parts shall be replaced at no additional charge to the Participating Entity.
- 3.10.15 Consumable supplies shall be billed separately.
- 3.10.16 If the equipment includes licensed software, the Contractor shall provide software support.
- 3.10.17 Contractor shall maintain a service log for each piece of equipment at each location. Service log shall be available for Participating entity to review.
- 3.10.18 The Contractor shall supply loaner equipment at equal or greater functionality, at no additional charge, for any inoperable equipment exceeding three (3) business days from time of diagnosis. The Contractor may offer, in lieu of loaner equipment, to provide production or alternative services during the period of repair. This shall be mutually agreed upon in writing beforehand.

3.11 Legacy Maintenance

- 3.11.1 The Contractor shall provide maintenance on legacy devices already sold to a Participating Entity. Pricing will be provided on an Individual Case Basis (ICB), through a quote process.
- 3.11.2 The Contractor must have the resources, distribution capabilities, inventory of parts, consumable supplies and staff to meet the requirements of any Master Agreement. Legacy maintenance pricing shall include but not be limited to all parts, labor and time at the levels specified for each piece of equipment that has previously been purchased from the Manufacturer. The Participating Entity shall have the option of not entering into a maintenance/service contract on purchased equipment, but choose to utilize the Time and Materials option. On-site service is to be available on both an immediate need service call basis, and as needed for preventive maintenance. Preventive maintenance shall be based on the needs of the individual equipment as determined by the manufacturer. This shall include cleaning, lubrication, necessary adjustments, and replacement of unserviceable parts. Maintenance shall be available for equipment that is up to 10 years old from date of purchase.

3.12 Design and Software Consulting Services

Design layout services must be provided at no cost by the Contractor, with the exception of production environment equipment and software consulting services. The total number of hours/days required for services must be agreed to in writing before any design services or software consulting services are initiated. The Contractor shall only charge for actuals costs incurred.

3.13 Installation/Integration

- 3.13.1 All equipment prices shall include installation, with the exception of integrating software solutions and Production Equipment. Contractor may charge the contracted rate for integrating software and Production equipment installation. The total number of hours/days needed shall be agreed to, in writing, before any Installation or, Integration services may be initiated. The Contractor shall charge only for actual costs incurred.
- 3.13.2 If a Contractor needs to utilize special Rigging (e.g. a crane) where the Participating Entity does not have an elevator accessible for moving the equipment, they may charge the hourly Installation /Integration rate. However, all “rigging” charges shall be mutually agreed to, in writing, before work begins.
- 3.13.3 Contractor shall affix a label or a decal to the equipment at the time of installation showing warranty period by dates, and the name, address, and telephone number of the Contractor responsible for warranty service of the equipment.
- 3.13.4 The Contractor and the participating entity shall, prior to purchase, review the installation location to ensure the proposed location meets the manufacturer's installation criteria. If special installation is required, the Contractor and Participating Entity shall agree in writing, to the total cost of the installation based on the hourly/daily rates provided within the Master Agreement. Should the proposed installation location not meet established installation criteria, the Contractor and the Participating Entity may attempt to locate an alternate mutually agreeable location for the equipment.

3.14 Software Maintenance.

Maintenance shall be available for all software licenses purchased. Software maintenance shall include all software updates, patches and new releases/versions and shall be available to all Participating Entities. It is the Contractor's responsibility to communicate all updates, patches, and new releases/versions to all end users. No additional fee shall be charged for installation of the upgrades. The Contractor shall be responsible for Postage Scale software licensing.

3.15 Equipment Leasing.

Participating Entities may enter into lease agreements for the products covered in the Master Agreement. Responders who wish to participate in lease agreements with these individual states/entities must submit copies of all of their lease agreements with their response to this RFP. The lease agreements will not be reviewed or evaluated as part of the RFP evaluation process. The agreements will simply be made available to any state or entity who wishes to negotiate a lease agreement with a Contractor. Any additional Terms and Conditions submitted that are specifically for Equipment Leasing will not become part of the Master Agreement, but the negotiated Lease T&C's will be made part of the PA.

3.16 Equipment Rental.

Individual Participating States and Participating Entities may enter into rental agreements for the products covered in the Master Agreements resulting from the RFP, if they have the legal authority to enter into these types of agreements. Responders who wish to participate in rental agreements with these individual Participating Entities must submit copies of all of their pertinent rental agreements with their responses to this RFP. No additional Terms and Conditions shall apply to any rental agreements. The rental agreements will not be reviewed or evaluated as part of the evaluation process. The agreements will simply be made available to any state or entity who wishes to negotiate a rental agreement with a Contractor. Any additional Terms and Conditions submitted that are specifically for Equipment Rental will not become part of the Master Agreement, but the negotiated Rental T&C's will be made part of the PA.

3.17 Customer Service and Representation

- 3.17.1 *Dedicated Representation and Timely Response.* Contractor shall provide a dedicated representative for each Participating Entity. The Contractor shall submit a list of all Subcontractors by State. The list shall include the name of the dealer, the contact name, title, phone number, physical address, and email address. The Participating Entity shall have sole discretion as to which of the Subcontractors they choose to utilize. The Representative will provide an individual for quote assistance, equipment, services and support recommendations, track and report on equipment lease/rental renewal deadlines, and serve as a contact point for the Participating Entity. Contractor and Authorized Dealers must commit to returning phone calls or responding to emails within two business days.
- 3.17.2 *Problem Escalation.* Contractor must provide an incident escalation path for each Participating Entity, providing on that Participating Entity's website, the name, contact information, and role of individuals to whom problems should be escalated if the problems are not resolved by primary contact with both the Contractor and Authorized Dealer/Partner.
- 3.17.3 *Contract Reviews.* The Contractor shall attend an annual meeting with Lead State Contract Administrator and sourcing team to review

usage and discuss any issues that are occurring, if requested. The Contractor shall meet more often if the Lead State Contract Administrator deems necessary. The Contractor shall conduct a customer satisfaction survey and detailed issues encountered during the previous six-month term. The Contractor shall be prepared to discuss overall effectiveness of contract, total sales, potential cost savings opportunities when could be passed through to the Participating Entities. In a renewal year, the annual review will take place prior to contract extensions. The Lead State Contractor Administrator shall schedule the meeting with the Contactor.

3.18 Price

Pricing shall be a discount off of MSRP list price, with the following exceptions:

1. Maintenance shall be priced based on a Time and Material basis (hourly rate), Design (For Production Equipment only),
2. Installation (Production Equipment only), and Software Consulting Services shall be provided on an hourly/daily rate basis.

Contractor shall submit catalog within 15 days of notice of award. Catalog will include MSRP prices, SKU#, and final contract price. Contractor may propose new products within the category on an annual basis; approval will be at the discretion of the Lead State.

Individual Participating Addendum (PA) may use the Master Agreement pricing as a base and may negotiate an adjusted rate. Any negotiated PA rates, exclusive of taxes or any individual state's administrative fee, shall not exceed the Master Agreement rates. As requested by Purchasing Entity, for example on a high volume single order, Contractor may negotiate to reduce cost for the Participating Entity. Firm individual order quotes shall be provided to Purchasing Entity prior to order submittal. All quotes for purchase, rental or lease shall contain enough detail to easily validate pricing contained within the Master Agreement.

- 3.18.1 *Telephone or Email Quote Support.* Contractor/Authorized Dealer shall accept requests for quotes by telephone, fax, and email. Contractor /Authorized Dealer shall provide and maintain a toll-free number for Purchasing Entity to use. Contractor shall provide an email address for receipt of requests for price quotes. The Contractor must provide written quotes by fax, email or online as requested by the Participating Entity.
- 3.18.2 *Timely Quotes.* Contractor/Authorized Dealer agrees to provide quotes in a timely fashion. Expected response should be within 24 hours but no more than three business days after receiving all of the pertinent information.
- 3.18.3 *Guaranteed 90 Day Quote.* Contractor is required to honor all quotes for 90 calendar days.

- 3.18.4 *Sales Promotion.* The Contractor may conduct sales promotions involving specific products for specified time periods. The promotion should include: the product, the promotional price as compared to the original price and the start and end dates of the sales promotion. The contractor shall maintain a record of all sales promotions and make it available upon request.
- 3.18.5 *Extra-contractual Products and Services Prohibited.* Products and services not awarded in this contract are prohibited from being offered.

3.19 Product Categories

Postage Meter Rental (to include Legacy Postage Meters)

- Digital postage meter must have display that provides date, piece-count, postage used, and postage unused.
- Must be refillable by phone and/or electronically that may be placed on a master account or paid by a purchase card.
- Must imprint postage from \$0.01 to \$99.99.
- No administrative fees for postage meter refills.
- Rental renewal available annually.
- No automatic renewals shall be allowed on this contract.
- No penalties for early rental termination.

Mailing Systems. Ultra Low Volume

- Digital or IBI (Information Based Indicia) Operation to conform with all USPS® requirements.

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- Manual Feed.
 - Must meter, date envelopes.
 - Handles mail envelopes from 3½" x 5" to 12" x 15".
 - Interfaces with postage scales.
 - Must include locking key or security feature.
 - Must imprint postage from \$0.01 to \$99.99.
 - Must have replaceable ink cartridge.
 - Must have wet or dry tape system for oversize packages.

Mailing Equipment. Mailing Systems. Low Volume

- Digital or IBI (Information Based Indicia) Operation to conform with all USPS® requirements.
- Minimum feed speed of 30 pieces/minute.
- Must meter, date, and seal envelopes.
- Handles standard mail envelopes from 3½" x 5" to 12" x 15".
- Interfaces with postage scales.
- Must include locking key or security feature.

- Must imprint postage from \$0.01 to \$99.99.
- Must have replaceable ink cartridge.
- Must have wet or dry tape system for oversize packages.

Mailing Equipment, Mailing Systems, Medium Volume

- Digital or IBI (Information Based Indicia) Operation to conform with USPS® requirements.
- Minimum feed speed of 45 pieces/minute.
- Must meter, date, and seal envelopes.
- Handles letter mail and large envelopes up to 3/8" thick and 7-1/2" wide.
- Interfaces with postage scales up to 100 lbs.
- Includes tape dispenser for parcel.
- Must imprint postage from \$0.01 to \$99.99.
- Must include locking key or security feature.
- Must have replaceable ink cartridge.
- To include water reservoir with water level indicator.
- Must have sealed and non-sealed modes.

Mailing Systems, High Volume

- Digital or IBI (Information Based Indicia) Operation to conform with USPS® requirements.
- Minimum feed speed of 200 pieces/minute.
- Must meter, date, and seal envelopes.
- Handles letter mail and large envelopes from 3"x 5" to 13" x 13".
- Interfaces with postage scales up to 100lbs.
- Includes Tape Dispenser for parcel.
- Must imprint postage from \$0.01 to \$99.99.
- Must include locking key or security feature.
- Must have replaceable ink cartridge.
- To include water reservoir with water level indicator.
- Must have sealed and non-sealed modes.

Mailing System, Production

- Digital or IBI Operation to conform with USPS® requirements.
- Minimum feed speed of 300+ pieces/minute.
- Must meter, date, and seal envelopes.
- Handles letter mail and large envelopes from 3"x 5" to 13" x 13".
- Interfaces with postage scales up to 100 lbs.
- Includes Tape Dispenser for parcel.
- Must imprint postage from \$0.01 to \$99.99.
- Must include locking key or security feature.
- Must have replaceable ink cartridge.
- To include water reservoir with water level indicator.
- Must have sealed and non-sealed modes.

Integrated Postal Scales

- Capable of Interfacing with Postage Meter.
- Includes variety of rates including: Standard, First Class, Priority Mail, Certified Mail, Return Receipt Registered, C.O.D., Insured, Registered, Bulk Rates, etc.
- Includes keyboard graphics, operator prompts and menu selections.
- Special Carrier Rates.
- Capable of weighing to a 32nd of an oz., displaying in increments of 0.5 oz.
- Must electronically set postage meter by the touch of one button.
- Must include postal rate changes at no additional cost throughout the lease or maintenance contract.

Letter Openers. Low Volume

- Includes Feeder and Stacker, Variable Trim Control.
- Processing speed up to 10,000 pieces per hour Minimum.
- Self-Sharpening trim blade adjusts to allow for narrow or wide cut.
- Includes Tray that collects 80 #10 opened envelopes and trimmings

Letter Openers. High Volume

- Includes Feeder and Stacker, Variable Trim Control.
- Processing speed over 20,000 pieces per hour Minimum.
- Self-Sharpening trim blade adjusts to allow for narrow or wide cut.
- Includes Tray that collects 150 opened envelopes and trimmings.

Letter Folders. Low Volume

- Automatic.
- Folds up to 10,000 sheets per hour minimum.
- Completes Standard or Custom folds. •
- Handles at a minimum paper from 3-1/8" x 4" x 9-1/2" x 14".

Letter Folders. High Volume

- Automatic.
- Folds more than 20,000 sheets per hour minimum.
- Completes Standard or Custom folds.
- Handles at a minimum paper from 3-1/8" x 4" x 12" x 18".
- Able to process Multiple Folds.

Inserters. Production

- Processes up to 5,500 sheets per hour minimum.
- Feeds, collates, folds, and, inserts material into envelopes.
- Jobs can be pre-programmed.

Folder/Inserters. Low volume

- Automatic.
- Completes Standard or Custom folds.
- Handles paper from 3-1/8" x 4" x 9-1/2" x 14".
- Processes up to 1,500 sheets per hour minimum.
- Feeds, collates, folds, and, inserts material into envelopes.
- Jobs can be pre-programmed.

Folders/Inserters. Medium Volume

- Automatic.
- Completes Standard or Custom folds.
- Handles paper from 3-1/8" x 4" x 9-1/2" x 14".
- Processes up from 1501 – 4,999 sheets per hour minimum.
- Feeds, collates, folds, and, inserts material into envelopes.
- Jobs can be pre-programmed.

Folders/Inserters. High Volume

- Automatic.
- Completes Standard or Custom folds.
- Handles paper from 3-1/8" x 4" x 9-1/2" x 14".
- Processes up to 5,000 – 9,999 sheets per hour minimum.
- Feeds, collates, folds, and, inserts material into envelopes.
- Jobs can be pre-programmed.

Folders/Inserters. Production

- Automatic.
- Completes Standard or Custom folds.
- Handles paper from 3-1/8" x 4" x 9-1/2" x 14".
- Processes over 10,000 sheets per hour minimum.
- Feeds, collates, folds, and, inserts material into envelopes.
- Jobs can be pre-programmed.

Envelope Mail Labeler. Low Volume

- Label Speed: up to 5,000 # 10 envelopes per hour.
- Applies permanent (peel off) labels ranging in size from 1" to 4" high and maximum backing strip of 6".
- Adjustable label positioning from side-to-side and top-to-bottom of document.
- Motor driven take-up reel for label backing and control for adjusting for different types of labels and backing.
- Includes digital counter.

Envelope Mail Labeler. Medium Volume

- Label Speed: up to 10,000 # 10 envelopes per hour.
- Applies permanent (peel off) labels ranging in size from 1" to 4" high and maximum backing strip of 6".
- Adjustable label positioning from side-to-side and top-to-bottom of document.

- Motor driven take-up reel for label backing and control for adjusting for different types of labels and backing.
- Includes digital counter.

Envelope Mail Labeler. High Volume

- Label Speed: up to 15,000 # 10 envelopes per hour.
- Applies permanent (peel off) labels ranging in size from 1" to 4" high and maximum backing strip of 6".
- Adjustable label positioning from side-to-side and top-to-bottom of document.
- Motor driven take-up reel for label backing and control for adjusting for different types of labels and backing.
- Includes digital counter.

Envelope Mail Labeler. Production

- Label Speed: up to 25,000 # 10 envelopes per hour.
- Applies permanent (peel off) labels ranging in size from 1" to 4" high and maximum backing strip of 6".
- Adjustable label positioning from side-to-side and top-to-bottom of document.
- Motor driven take-up reel for label backing and control for adjusting for different types of labels and backing.
- Includes digital counter.

Envelope Addressing System. Ink Jet. Low Volume

- Label Speed: up to 2,500 # 10 envelopes per hour.
- Applies address information directly to envelopes.
- Adjustable printing positioning from side-to-side and top-to-bottom of document.
- Adjustable print resolution.
- Scalable fonts.
- Interface with Windows based software.
- Includes digital counter.

Envelope Addressing System. Ink Jet. Medium Volume

- Label Speed: up to 5,000 # 10 envelopes per hour.
- Applies address information directly to envelopes.
- Adjustable printing positioning from side-to-side and top-to-bottom of document.
- Adjustable print resolution.
- Interface with Windows based software.
- Includes digital counter.

Envelope Addressing System. Ink Jet. High Volume

- Label Speed: up to 24,999 # 10 envelopes per hour.
- Applies address information directly to envelopes.
- Adjustable printing positioning from side-to-side and top-to-bottom of document.

- Adjustable print resolution.
- Multiple print heads.
- Movable print heads.
- Print USPS Bar Codes.
- Scalable fonts.
- Interface with Windows based software.
- Includes digital counter.

Envelope Addressing System. Ink Jet. Production

- Label Speed: over 25,000 # 10 envelopes per hour.
- Applies address information directly to envelopes.
- Adjustable printing positioning from side-to-side and top-to-bottom of document.
- Adjustable print resolution.
- Multiple print heads.
- Movable print heads.
- Scalable fonts.
- Print USPS Bar Codes.
- Interface with Windows based software.
- Includes digital counter.

Tabbers. Low Volume

- Complies with all USPS® regulations.
- Single-tab speeds up to 15,000/Hr.
- Multiple tabbing options (paper, clear translucent with or without perforation etc.).
- Easy Programming and Set up.
- Automatic size adjusting (accepts various tab sizes).
- Accepts various types and sizes of media.

Tabbers. Medium Volume

- Complies with all USPS® regulations.
- Single-tab speeds from 15,001 - 22,000/Hr.
- Multiple tabbing options (paper, clear translucent with or without perforation etc.).
- Easy Programming and Set up.
- Automatic size adjusting (accepts various tab sizes).
- Accepts various types and sizes of media.

Tabbers. High Volume

- Complies with all USPS® regulations.
- Single-tab speeds greater than 22,001/Hr. – 50,000/Hr.
- Multiple tabbing options (paper, clear translucent with or without perforation etc.).
- Easy Programming and Set up.
- Accepts various types and sizes of media.

Tabbers. Production

- Complies with all USPS® regulations.
- Single-tab speeds greater than 50,000/Hr.
- Multiple tabbing options (paper, clear translucent with or without perforation etc.).
- Easy Programming and Set up.
- Accepts various types and sizes of media.

Check Imprinting/Endorsing

- Minimum monthly volume of 25,000.
- Utilize both cut sheet and continuous style documents.
- Able to provide a variety of options with regards to signatures, date stamps, seals and logos on various locations on the document.
- Counters that can be reset and non-reset for audit purposes.
- Offers both tri-color and ultraviolet ink roll options.

Pressure Sealing. Production

- Creates a single piece mailer from a full range of stock or custom forms.
- Creates a single piece mailer with a continuous seal formed to assure security and confidentiality.
- Must be able to detect when “double documents” are processed.
- Must be able to detect document jams during production.
- Shall have emergency shut off/safety devise.

Bursting Equipment. Production

- Able to burst cut sheet.
- Able to burst at the perforation.
- Stack sequentially and continuous multipart documents.
- Burst at the horizontal perforations.
- Burst various locations of perforations.

Pre-sorting Equipment. Production

- Minimum monthly volume of 100,000.
- Ability to sort various sizes of envelopes, flats and packages.
- Multiple Station.
- Various rates of speed.
- Ability to process the entire range of USPS.

Extractors

- Processes up to 3000 pieces per hour.
- One, Two, or, Three Sided Opening.
- Includes counting and monitoring system that counts pieces processed.
- Capable of processing various sizes of intermixed mail up to and including #11 envelopes, heights to 5-1/4”.

Mailing Furniture (specific to a category)

- Mailroom furniture shall be appropriate for the mailroom category being it is being offered in.
- Mailroom work tables, pedestals, bins etc. must be constructed of wood, steel or plastic bases with steel, laminate or wood tops that can support the daily use and weight of mailroom product and equipment.
- Only furniture specifically related to the category/group of equipment may be purchased under this category.

Mailing Furniture (general)

- Mailroom furniture shall not be specific to a piece of equipment or a category/group.
- Mailroom free standing mail sorter tables, case works, mail carts etc. must be constructed of wood, steel or plastic bases with steel, laminate or wood tops that can support the dialing use and weight of mailroom activity.

Accessories

- Mailroom accessories must be appropriate for a mailroom operation.
- All accessories related to equipment configurations must be identified in the equipment catalogs with the associated percentage % discount(s) off the manufacturer's suggested retail price.

Software, License and Subscription

- Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) and customized mailroom related software utilized by mailing equipment (e.g. tracking software or accounting software) and purchased/leased on either a monthly or annual basis.
- All software must be specifically utilized only for mailing equipment operations.
- Includes licensing, software maintenance, technical support and updates.
- All installations will be performed by the Contracted Supplier.
- Updates shall be performed by Contracted Supplier or user.

Software Integration

- Consulting services provided by Contractor that includes but not limited to the process of bringing together applications into one system to ensure the applications function together as a whole for mailing room operations functionality.

Training

- *Additional* training services as specified in Section 3.4.1.

Supplies /Consumables

- All Supplies/Consumables needed to operate the mailing device or equipment.
- Regular paper is not included in this category.
- Labels for addressing and other mailroom purposes are included.

Design, Production Only

- Billable only for Production equipment.
- Total hours/days with total fee will be agreed to in writing from both parties before any work will begin.
- All other Design work is included in the cost of the mailing equipment.

Assembly/Installation, Production Only

- Billable only for Production equipment.
- Total hours/days with total fee will be agreed to in writing from both parties before any work will begin.
- All other Installation work is included in the cost of the mailing equipment.

Equipment Leasing

- See section 3.15.

Equipment Rental

- See section 3.16.

Equipment Relocations Services

- Equipment Relocation Services include: dismantling, packing, transporting and re-installing equipment at the Client Agency's request. No additional charges shall be incurred for fuel or tolls. Awarded contractors may charge for device moves. Such charges must be in the format listed below according to the distance from the original placement:

Move Zone	Distance from the Original Device Placement	Allowable Charge Format
Zone 1	100 Yards or less; or within the same Building	No Charge Allowed
Zone 2	Between Zone 1 and 50 miles	Flat Fee
Zone 3	Outside of Zone 2	Per mile fee

Section 4: NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Statement of Compliance

4.1. NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement(s) resulting from this RFP will constitute the final agreement except for negotiated terms and conditions specific to a Participating Entity's Participating Addendum.

The Master Agreement will include, but not be limited to, the NASPO ValuePoint Standard Terms and Conditions in Section 6 and Lead State specific terms and conditions required to execute a master agreement, the statement of work, Section 3 and selected portions of the Offeror's Proposal.

This section highlights particular terms and conditions of NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions, although Offerors will be bound to all the terms and conditions when executing a Master Agreement as shown in section 6. Offerors must include a statement in their Proposal that they have read and understand all of the terms and conditions as shown in the Master Agreement (section 6).

4.1.a Insurance

To be eligible for award, the Offeror agrees to acquire insurance from an insurance carrier or carriers licensed to conduct business in each Participating Entity's state at the prescribed levels set forth in Section 21 of the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions. Describe your insurance or plans to obtain insurance satisfying the requirements in Section 21.

4.1.b NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee and Reporting Requirements

To be eligible for award, the Offeror agrees to pay a NASPO ValuePoint administrative fee as specified in Paragraph 6 of Section 6 of the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions. Moreover, specific summary and detailed usage reporting requirements are prescribed in paragraph 7 of NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions.

Offerors shall identify the person responsible for providing the mandatory usage reports. This information must be kept current during the contract period. Contractor will be required to provide reporting contact within 15 days of Master Agreement execution.

4.2 Lead State Terms and Conditions.

Refer to Section 7 for the Lead State Special Terms and Conditions that apply to this solicitation and the resulting Master Agreements

Section 5: Price and Cost Proposal

Cost proposal must be submitted to the Lead State as a separate document in Offerors Proposal. **Do not embed cost proposal in the technical proposal response.**

Offeror shall provide detailed costs for all costs associated with the responsibilities and related services, per Attachment 4.

Cost for the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreements shall be based on the following:

Offeror must submit cost, prices and rates as required by (Pricing and Pricing Scenario Workbooks attached in APP within the Attachments Tab), Cost Sheets. Prices and rates shall include all anticipated charges, including but not limited to, freight and delivery, cost of materials and product, travel expenses, transaction fees, overhead, profits, and other costs or expenses incidental to the Offeror's performance.

The Lead State is exempt from federal excise taxes and no payment will be made for any taxes levied on the Offeror's or any Subcontractor's employee's wages. The Lead State will pay for any applicable Lead State or local sales or use taxes on the products provided or the services rendered. If required by Lead State, Taxes shall be included as a separate line item on an Offeror's invoice. The tax rules with respect to other Participating Entities may vary and are expected to be addressed in the Participating Amendments.



Section 6: NASPO VALUEPOINT MASTER AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. Definitions

- 1.1 **Acceptance** means acceptance of goods and services as set forth in Section IX of this Master Agreement.
- 1.2 **Contractor** means a party to this Master Agreement, whether a person or entity, that delivers goods or performs services under the terms set forth in this Master Agreement.
- 1.3 **Embedded Software** means one or more software applications which permanently reside on a computing device.
- 1.4 **Intellectual Property** means any and all patents, copyrights, service marks, trademarks, trade secrets, trade names, patentable inventions, or other similar proprietary rights, in tangible or intangible form, and all rights, title, and interest therein.
- 1.5 **Lead State** means the State centrally administering any resulting Master Agreement(s) who is a party to this Master Agreement.
- 1.6 **Master Agreement** means the underlying agreement executed by and between the Lead State, acting in cooperation with NASPO ValuePoint, and the Contractor, as now or hereafter amended.
- 1.7 **NASPO ValuePoint** is a division of the National Association of State Procurement Officials ("NASPO"), a 501(c)(3) limited liability company. NASPO ValuePoint facilitates administration of the NASPO cooperative group contracting consortium of state chief procurement officials for the benefit of state departments, institutions, agencies, and political subdivisions and other eligible entities (i.e., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, some nonprofit organizations, etc.) for all states, the District of Columbia, and territories of the United States. NASPO ValuePoint is identified in the Master Agreement as the recipient of reports and may perform contract administration functions relating to collecting and receiving reports, as well as other contract administration functions as assigned by the Lead State.
- 1.8 **Order or Purchase Order** means any purchase order, sales order, contract or other document used by a Purchasing Entity to order the Products.
- 1.9 **Participating Addendum** means a bilateral agreement executed by a Contractor and a Participating Entity incorporating this Master Agreement and any additional Participating Entity-specific language or other requirements (e.g., ordering procedures specific to the Participating Entity, entity-specific terms and conditions, etc.).
- 1.10 **Participating Entity** means a state (as well as the District of Columbia and US territories), city, county, district, other political subdivision of a State, or a nonprofit organization under the laws of some states properly authorized to enter into a Participating Addendum, that has executed a Participating Addendum.
- 1.11 **Participating State** means a state that has executed a Participating Addendum or has indicated an intent to execute a Participating Addendum.
- 1.12 **Product or Products and Services** means any equipment, software (including embedded software), documentation, service, or other deliverable supplied or created by the Contractor pursuant to this Master Agreement. The term Product includes goods and services.

- 1.13 Purchasing Entity** means a state (as well as the District of Columbia and US territories), city, county, district, other political subdivision of a State, or a nonprofit organization under the laws of some states if authorized by a Participating Addendum, that issues a Purchase Order against the Master Agreement and becomes financially committed to the purchase.

II. Term of Master Agreement

- 2.1 Initial Term.** The initial term of this Master Agreement is for one (1) year. The term of this Master Agreement may be amended beyond the initial term for four (4) additional years at the Lead State's discretion and by mutual agreement and upon review of requirements of Participating Entities, current market conditions, and Contractor performance.
- 2.2 Amendment Limitations.** The terms of this Master Agreement will not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented, or amended in any manner whatsoever without prior written agreement of the Lead State and Contractor.
- 2.3 Amendment Term.** The term of the Master Agreement may be amended past the initial term and stated renewal periods for a reasonable period if in the judgment of the Lead State a follow-on competitive procurement will be unavoidably delayed (despite good faith efforts) beyond the planned date of execution of the follow-on master agreement. This subsection will not be deemed to limit the authority of a Lead State under its state law to otherwise negotiate contract extensions.

III. Order of Precedence

- 3.1 Order.** Any Order placed under this Master Agreement will consist of the following documents:
- 3.1.1** A Participating Entity's Participating Addendum ("PA");
 - 3.1.2** NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement, including all attachments thereto;
 - 3.1.3** A Purchase Order or Scope of Work/Specifications issued against the Master Agreement;
 - 3.1.4** The Solicitation or, if separately executed after award, the Lead State's bilateral agreement that integrates applicable provisions;
 - 3.1.5** Contractor's response to the Solicitation, as revised (if permitted) and accepted by the Lead State.
- 3.2 Conflict.** These documents will be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents will be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. Contractor terms and conditions that apply to this Master Agreement are only those that are expressly accepted by the Lead State and must be in writing and attached to this Master Agreement as an Exhibit or Attachment.
- 3.3 Participating Addenda.** Participating Addenda will not be construed to diminish, modify, or otherwise derogate any provisions in this Master Agreement between the Lead State and Contractor. Participating Addenda will not include a term of agreement that exceeds the term of the Master Agreement.

IV. Participants and Scope

- 4.1 Requirement for a Participating Addendum.** Contractor may not deliver Products under this Master Agreement until a Participating Addendum acceptable to the Participating Entity and Contractor is executed.
- 4.2 Applicability of Master Agreement.** NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions are applicable to any Order by a Participating Entity (and other Purchasing Entities covered by their Participating Addendum), except to the extent altered, modified, supplemented

or amended by a Participating Addendum, subject to Section III. For the purposes of illustration and not limitation, this authority may apply to unique delivery and invoicing requirements, confidentiality requirements, defaults on Orders, governing law and venue relating to Orders by a Participating Entity, indemnification, and insurance requirements. Statutory or constitutional requirements relating to availability of funds may require specific language in some Participating Addenda in order to comply with applicable law. The expectation is that these alterations, modifications, supplements, or amendments will be addressed in the Participating Addendum or, with the consent of the Purchasing Entity and Contractor, may be included in the ordering document (e.g., purchase order or contract) used by the Purchasing Entity to place the Order.

- 4.3 Authorized Use.** Use of specific NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreements by state agencies, political subdivisions and other Participating Entities is subject to applicable state law and the approval of the respective State Chief Procurement Official. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the respective State Chief Procurement Official.
- 4.4 Obligated Entities.** Obligations under this Master Agreement are limited to those Participating Entities who have signed a Participating Addendum and Purchasing Entities within the scope of those Participating Addenda. States or other entities permitted to participate may use an informal competitive process to determine which Master Agreements to participate in through execution of a Participating Addendum. Participating Entities incur no financial obligations on behalf of other Purchasing Entities.
- 4.5 Notice of Participating Addendum.** Contractor shall email a fully executed PDF copy of each Participating Addendum to pa@naspovaluepoint.org to support documentation of participation and posting in appropriate databases.
- 4.6 Eligibility for a Participating Addendum.** Eligible entities who are not states may under some circumstances sign their own Participating Addendum, subject to the consent of the Chief Procurement Official of the state where the entity is located. Coordinate requests for such participation through NASPO ValuePoint. Any permission to participate through execution of a Participating Addendum is not a determination that procurement authority exists; the entity must ensure that they have the requisite procurement authority to execute a Participating Addendum.
- 4.7 Prohibition on Resale.** Subject to any specific conditions included in the solicitation or Contractor's proposal as accepted by the Lead State, or as explicitly permitted in a Participating Addendum, Purchasing Entities may not resell Products purchased under this Master Agreement. Absent any such condition or explicit permission, this limitation does not prohibit: payments by employees of a Purchasing Entity for Products; sales of Products to the general public as surplus property; and fees associated with inventory transactions with other governmental or nonprofit entities and consistent with a Purchasing Entity's laws and regulations. Any sale or transfer permitted by this subsection must be consistent with license rights granted for use of intellectual property.
- 4.8 Individual Customers.** Except as may otherwise be agreed to by the Purchasing Entity and Contractor, each Purchasing Entity shall follow the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum and will have the same rights and responsibilities for their purchases as the Lead State has in the Master Agreement and as the Participating Entity has in the Participating Addendum, including but not limited to any indemnity or right to recover any costs as such right is defined in the Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum for their purchases. Each Purchasing Entity will be responsible for its own charges, fees, and liabilities. The Contractor will apply the charges and invoice each Purchasing Entity individually.
- 4.9 Release of Information.** Throughout the duration of this Master Agreement, Contractor must secure from the Lead State prior approval for the release of information that pertains to the

potential work or activities covered by the Master Agreement. This limitation does not preclude publication about the award of the Master Agreement or marketing activities consistent with any proposed and accepted marketing plan.

- 4.10 No Representations.** The Contractor shall not make any representations of NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, any Participating Entity, or any Purchasing Entity's opinion or position as to the quality or effectiveness of the services that are the subject of this Master Agreement without prior written consent.

V. NASPO ValuePoint Provisions

- 5.1 Applicability.** NASPO ValuePoint is not a party to the Master Agreement. The terms set forth in Section V are for the benefit of NASPO ValuePoint as a third-party beneficiary of this Master Agreement.

5.2 Administrative Fees

5.2.1 NASPO ValuePoint Fee. Contractor shall pay to NASPO ValuePoint, or its assignee, a NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee of one-quarter of one percent (0.25% or 0.0025) no later than sixty (60) days following the end of each calendar quarter. The NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee must be submitted quarterly and is based on all sales of products and services under the Master Agreement (less any charges for taxes or shipping). The NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee is not negotiable. This fee is to be included as part of the pricing submitted with a vendor's response to the Lead State's solicitation.

5.2.2 State Imposed Fees. Some states may require an additional fee be paid directly to the state on purchases made by Purchasing Entities within that state. For all such requests, the fee rate or amount, payment method and schedule for such reports and payments will be incorporated into the applicable Participating Addendum. Unless agreed to in writing by the state, Contractor may not adjust the Master Agreement pricing to include the state fee for purchases made by Purchasing Entities within the jurisdiction of the state. No such agreement will affect the NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee percentage or the prices paid by Purchasing Entities outside the jurisdiction of the state requesting the additional fee.

5.3 NASPO ValuePoint Summary and Detailed Usage Reports

5.3.1 Summary Sales Data. The Contractor shall submit quarterly sales reports directly to NASPO ValuePoint using the NASPO ValuePoint Quarterly Sales/Administrative Fee Reporting Tool found at <http://calculator.naspovaluepoint.org>. All sales made under this Master Agreement must be reported as cumulative totals by state. Contractor must submit a report for each quarter, including quarters during which a Contractor has no sales, in which case this will be indicated in the Reporting Tool. Reports must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendar quarter (as specified in the reporting tool).

5.3.2 Detailed Sales Data. Contractor shall also report detailed sales data by: (1) state; (2) entity/customer type, e.g. local government, higher education, K12, non-profit; (3) Purchasing Entity name; (4) Purchasing Entity bill-to and ship-to locations; (4) Purchasing Entity and Contractor Purchase Order identifier/number(s); (5) Purchase Order Type (e.g. sales order, credit, return, upgrade, determined by industry practices); (6) Purchase Order date; (7) Ship Date; (8) and line item description, including product number if used. The report must be submitted in any form required by the solicitation. Reports are due on a quarterly basis and must be received by the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Development Team no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the reporting period. Reports must be delivered to the Lead State and to the NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Development Team electronically through a designated

portal or other method as determined by the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint. Detailed sales data reports must include sales information for all sales under Participating Addenda executed under this Master Agreement.

- 5.3.3 Reporting on Personal Use.** Reportable sales for the summary sales data report and detailed sales data report includes sales to employees for personal use where authorized by the solicitation and the Participating Addendum. Report data for employees should be limited to ONLY the state and entity ((state and agency, city, county, school district, etc.) under whose authority the employee is purchasing Product for personal use and the amount of sales. No personal identification numbers (e.g., names, addresses, **social security numbers or any other numerical identifier**) may be submitted with any report.
- 5.3.4 Executive Summary.** Contractor shall provide the NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Development Coordinator with an executive summary each quarter that includes, at a minimum, a list of states with an active Participating Addendum, states that Contractor is in negotiations with and any Participating Addendum roll out or implementation activities and issues. NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Development Coordinator and Contractor will determine the format and content of the executive summary. The executive summary is due thirty (30) days after the conclusion of each calendar quarter.
- 5.3.5 Use of Data.** Timely submission of these reports is a material requirement of the Master Agreement. The recipient of the reports will have exclusive ownership of the media containing the reports. The Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint shall have a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty free, transferable right to display, modify, copy, and otherwise use reports, data and information provided under this section.

5.4 NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Program Marketing, Training, and Performance Review

- 5.4.1 Staff Education.** Contractor shall work cooperatively with NASPO ValuePoint personnel. Contractor shall present plans to NASPO ValuePoint for the education of Contractor's contract administrator(s) and sales/marketing workforce regarding the Master Agreement contract, including the competitive nature of NASPO ValuePoint procurements, the master agreement and participating addendum process, and the manner in which eligible entities can participate in the Master Agreement.
- 5.4.2 Onboarding Plan.** Upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, Contractor shall, as Participating Addendums are executed, provide plans to launch the program for the Participating Entity. Plans will include time frames to launch the agreement and confirmation that the Contractor's website has been updated to properly reflect the scope and terms of the Master Agreement as available to the Participating Entity and eligible Purchasing Entities.
- 5.4.3 Annual Contract Performance Review.** Contractor shall participate in an annual contract performance review with the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint, which may at the discretion of the Lead State be held in person and which may include a discussion of marketing action plans, target strategies, marketing materials, Contractor reporting, and timeliness of payment of administration fees.
- 5.4.4 Use of NASPO ValuePoint Logo.** The NASPO ValuePoint logos may not be used by Contractor in sales and marketing until a separate logo use agreement is executed with NASPO ValuePoint.
- 5.4.5 Most Favored Customer.** Contractor shall, within thirty (30) days of their effective date, to notify the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint of any contractual most-favored-customer provisions in third-party contracts or agreements that may affect the promotion of this Master Agreements or whose terms provide for adjustments to future rates or pricing based on rates, pricing in, or Orders from this Master Agreement. Upon request

of the Lead State or NASPO ValuePoint, Contractor shall provide a copy of any such provisions.

- 5.5 Cancellation.** In consultation with NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State may, in its discretion, cancel the Master Agreement or not exercise an option to renew, when utilization of Contractor's Master Agreement does not warrant further administration of the Master Agreement. The Lead State may also exercise its right to not renew the Master Agreement if vendor fails to record or report revenue for three consecutive quarters, upon 60-calendar day written notice to the Contractor. Cancellation based on nonuse or under-utilization will not occur sooner than [two years] after execution of the Master Agreement. This subsection does not limit the discretionary right of either the Lead State or Contractor to cancel the Master Agreement or terminate for default subject to the terms herein. This subsection also does not limit any right of the Lead State to cancel the Master Agreement under applicable laws.
- 5.6 Canadian Participation.** Subject to the approval of Contractor, any Canadian provincial government or provincially funded entity in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, or Saskatchewan, and territorial government or territorial government funded entity in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, or Yukon, including municipalities, universities, community colleges, school boards, health authorities, housing authorities, agencies, boards, commissions, and crown corporations, may be eligible to use Contractor's Master Agreement.
- 5.7 Additional Agreement with NASPO.** Upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, awarded Contractor shall enter into a direct contractual relationship with NASPO ValuePoint related to Contractor's obligations to NASPO ValuePoint under the terms of the Master Agreement, the terms of which shall be the same or similar (and not less favorable) than the terms set forth in the Master Agreement.

VI. Pricing, Payment & Leasing

- 6.1 Pricing.** The prices contained in this Master Agreement or offered under this Master Agreement represent the not-to-exceed price to any Purchasing Entity.
- 6.1.1** All prices and rates must be guaranteed for the initial term of the Master Agreement.
- 6.1.2** Following the initial term of the Master Agreement, any request for a price or rate adjustment must be for an equal guarantee period and must be made at least 90 days prior to the effective date.
- 6.1.3** Requests for a price or rate adjustment must include sufficient documentation supporting the request. Any adjustment or amendment to the Master Agreement will not be effective unless approved in writing by the Lead State.
- 6.1.4** No retroactive adjustments to prices or rates will be allowed.
- 6.2 Payment.** Unless otherwise agreed upon in a Participating Addendum or Order, Payment after Acceptance will be made within thirty (30) days following the date the entire order is delivered or the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is later. After 45 days the Contractor may assess overdue account charges up to a maximum rate of one percent per month on the outstanding balance, unless a different late payment amount is specified in a Participating Addendum or Order, or otherwise prescribed by applicable law. Payments will be remitted in the manner specified in the Participating Addendum or Order. Payments may be made via a purchasing card with no additional charge.
- 6.3 Leasing or Alternative Financing Methods.** The procurement and other applicable laws of some Purchasing Entities may permit the use of leasing or alternative financing methods for the acquisition of Products under this Master Agreement. Where the terms and conditions are not otherwise prescribed in an applicable Participating Addendum, the terms and conditions for

leasing or alternative financing methods are subject to negotiation between the Contractor and Purchasing Entity.

VII. Ordering

- 7.1 Order Numbers.** Master Agreement order and purchase order numbers must be clearly shown on all acknowledgments, packing slips, invoices, and on all correspondence.
- 7.2 Quotes.** Purchasing Entities may define entity-specific or project-specific requirements and informally compete the requirement among companies having a Master Agreement on an “as needed” basis. This procedure may also be used when requirements are aggregated or other firm commitments may be made to achieve reductions in pricing. This procedure may be modified in Participating Addenda and adapted to the Purchasing Entity’s rules and policies. The Purchasing Entity may in its sole discretion determine which Master Agreement Contractors should be solicited for a quote. The Purchasing Entity may select the quote that it considers most advantageous, cost, and other factors considered.
- 7.3 Applicable Rules.** Each Purchasing Entity will identify and utilize its own appropriate purchasing procedure and documentation. Contractor is expected to become familiar with the Purchasing Entities’ rules, policies, and procedures regarding the ordering of supplies and/or services contemplated by this Master Agreement.
- 7.4 Required Documentation.** Contractor shall not begin work without a valid Purchase Order or other appropriate commitment document under the law of the Purchasing Entity.
- 7.5 Term of Purchase.** Orders may be placed consistent with the terms of this Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum during the term of the Master Agreement and Participating Addendum.
- 7.5.1** Orders must be placed pursuant to this Master Agreement prior to the termination date thereof, but may have a delivery date or performance period up to 120 days past the then-current termination date of this Master Agreement.
- 7.5.2** Notwithstanding the previous, Orders must also comply with the terms of the applicable Participating Addendum, which may further restrict the period during which Orders may be placed or delivered.
- 7.5.3** Financial obligations of Purchasing Entities payable after the current applicable fiscal year are contingent upon agency funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available.
- 7.5.4** Notwithstanding the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Master Agreement, Contractor shall perform in accordance with the terms of any Orders then outstanding at the time of such expiration or termination. Contractor shall not honor any Orders placed after the expiration, cancellation, or termination of this Master Agreement, or in any manner inconsistent with this Master Agreement’s terms.
- 7.5.5** Orders for any separate indefinite quantity, task order, or other form of indefinite delivery order arrangement priced against this Master Agreement may not be placed after the expiration or termination of this Master Agreement, notwithstanding the term of any such indefinite delivery order agreement.
- 7.6 Order Form Requirements.** All Orders pursuant to this Master Agreement, at a minimum, must include:
- 7.6.1** The services or supplies being delivered;
- 7.6.2** A shipping address and other delivery requirements, if any;
- 7.6.3** A billing address;

- 7.6.4 Purchasing Entity contact information;
 - 7.6.5 Pricing consistent with this Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum and as may be adjusted by agreement of the Purchasing Entity and Contractor;
 - 7.6.6 A not-to-exceed total for the products or services being ordered; and
 - 7.6.7 The Master Agreement number or the applicable Participating Addendum number, provided the Participating Addendum references the Master Agreement number.
- 7.7 **Communication.** All communications concerning administration of Orders placed must be furnished solely to the authorized purchasing agent within the Purchasing Entity's purchasing office, or to such other individual identified in writing in the Order.
- 7.8 **Contract Provisions for Orders Utilizing Federal Funds.** Pursuant to Appendix II to 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards, Orders funded with federal funds may have additional contractual requirements or certifications that must be satisfied at the time the Order is placed or upon delivery. These federal requirements may be proposed by Participating Entities in Participating Addenda and Purchasing Entities for incorporation in Orders placed under this Master Agreement.

VIII. Shipping and Delivery

- 8.1 **Shipping Terms.** All deliveries will be F.O.B. destination, freight pre-paid, with all transportation and handling charges paid by the Contractor.
- 8.1.1 Notwithstanding the above, responsibility and liability for loss or damage will remain the Contractor's until final inspection and acceptance when responsibility will pass to the Purchasing Entity except as to latent defects, fraud, and Contractor's warranty obligations.
- 8.2 **Minimum Shipping.** The minimum shipment amount, if any, must be contained in the Master Agreement. Any order for less than the specified amount is to be shipped with the freight prepaid and added as a separate item on the invoice. Any portion of an Order to be shipped without transportation charges that is back ordered will be shipped without charge.
- 8.3 **Inside Deliveries.** To the extent applicable, all deliveries will be "Inside Deliveries" as designated by a representative of the Purchasing Entity placing the Order. Inside Delivery refers to a delivery to a location other than a loading dock, front lobby, or reception area. Specific delivery instructions will be noted on the order form or Purchase Order. Costs to repair any damage to the building interior (e.g., scratched walls, damage to the freight elevator, etc.) caused by Contractor or Contractor's carrier will be the responsibility of the Contractor. Immediately upon becoming aware of such damage, Contractor shall notify the Purchasing Entity placing the Order.
- 8.4 **Packaging.** All products must be delivered in the manufacturer's standard package. Costs must include all packing and/or crating charges. Cases must be of durable construction, in good condition, properly labeled and suitable in every respect for storage and handling of contents. Each shipping carton must be marked with the commodity, brand, quantity, item code number and the Purchasing Entity's Purchase Order number.

IX. Inspection and Acceptance

- 9.1 **Laws and Regulations.** Any and all Products offered and furnished must comply fully with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

- 9.2 Applicability.** Unless otherwise specified in the Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or ordering document, the terms of this Section IX will apply. This section is not intended to limit rights and remedies under the applicable commercial code.
- 9.3 Inspection.** All Products are subject to inspection at reasonable times and places before Acceptance. Contractor shall provide right of access to the Lead State, or to any other authorized agent or official of the Lead State or other Participating or Purchasing Entity, at reasonable times, to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance requirements under this Master Agreement.
- 9.3.1** Products that do not meet specifications may be rejected. Failure to reject upon receipt, however, does not relieve the contractor of liability for material (nonconformity that substantially impairs value) latent or hidden defects subsequently revealed when goods are put to use.
- 9.3.2** Acceptance of such goods may be revoked in accordance with the provisions of the applicable commercial code, and the Contractor is liable for any resulting expense incurred by the Purchasing Entity related to the preparation and shipping of Product rejected and returned, or for which Acceptance is revoked.
- 9.4 Failure to Conform.** If any services do not conform to contract requirements, the Purchasing Entity may require the Contractor to perform the services again in conformity with contract requirements, at no increase in Order amount. When defects cannot be corrected by re-performance, the Purchasing Entity may require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to contract requirements and reduce the contract price to reflect the reduced value of services performed.
- 9.5 Acceptance Testing.** Purchasing Entity may establish a process, in keeping with industry standards, to ascertaining whether the Product meets the standard of performance or specifications prior to Acceptance by the Purchasing Entity.
- 9.5.1** The Acceptance Testing period will be thirty (30) calendar days, unless otherwise specified, starting from the day after the Product is delivered or, if installed by Contractor, the day after the Product is installed and Contractor certifies that the Product is ready for Acceptance Testing.
- 9.5.2** If the Product does not meet the standard of performance or specifications during the initial period of Acceptance Testing, Purchasing Entity may, at its discretion, continue Acceptance Testing on a day-to-day basis until the standard of performance is met.
- 9.5.3** Upon rejection, the Contractor will have fifteen (15) calendar days to cure. If after the cure period, the Product still has not met the standard of performance or specifications, the Purchasing Entity may, at its option: (a) declare Contractor to be in breach and terminate the Order; (b) demand replacement Product from Contractor at no additional cost to Purchasing Entity; or, (c) continue the cure period for an additional time period agreed upon by the Purchasing Entity and the Contractor.
- 9.5.4** Contractor shall pay all costs related to the preparation and shipping of Product returned pursuant to the section.
- 9.5.5** No Product will be deemed Accepted and no charges will be paid until the standard of performance or specification is met.

X. Warranty

- 10.1 Applicability.** Unless otherwise specified in the Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or ordering document, the terms of this Section X will apply.
- 10.2 Warranty.** The Contractor warrants for a period of one year from the date of Acceptance that:
- (a) the Product performs according to all specific claims that the Contractor made in its response

to the solicitation, (b) the Product is suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such Product is used, (c) the Product is suitable for any special purposes identified in the solicitation or for which the Purchasing Entity has relied on the Contractor's skill or judgment, (d) the Product is designed and manufactured in a commercially reasonable manner, and (e) the Product is free of defects.

- 10.3 Breach of Warranty.** Upon breach of the warranty set forth above, the Contractor will repair or replace (at no charge to the Purchasing Entity) the Product whose nonconformance is discovered and made known to the Contractor. If the repaired and/or replaced Product proves to be inadequate, or fails of its essential purpose, the Contractor will refund the full amount of any payments that have been made.
- 10.4 Rights Reserved.** The rights and remedies of the parties under this warranty are in addition to any other rights and remedies of the parties provided by law or equity, including, without limitation, actual damages, and, as applicable and awarded under the law, to a prevailing party, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
- 10.5 Warranty Period Start Date.** The warranty period will begin upon Acceptance, as set forth in Section IX.

XI. Product Title

- 11.1 Conveyance of Title.** Upon Acceptance by the Purchasing Entity, Contractor shall convey to Purchasing Entity title to the Product free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, or other security interests.
- 11.2 Embedded Software.** Transfer of title to the Product must include an irrevocable and perpetual license to use any Embedded Software in the Product. If Purchasing Entity subsequently transfers title of the Product to another entity, Purchasing Entity shall have the right to transfer the license to use the Embedded Software with the transfer of Product title. A subsequent transfer of this software license will be at no additional cost or charge to either Purchasing Entity or Purchasing Entity's transferee.
- 11.3 License of Pre-Existing Intellectual Property.** Contractor grants to the Purchasing Entity a nonexclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable, license to use, publish, translate, reproduce, transfer with any sale of tangible media or Product, perform, display, and dispose of the Intellectual Property, and its derivatives, used or delivered under this Master Agreement, but not created under it ("Pre-existing Intellectual Property"). The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that this license is consistent with any third-party rights in the Pre-existing Intellectual Property.

XII. Indemnification

- 12.1 General Indemnification.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless NASPO, NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, Participating Entities, and Purchasing Entities, along with their officers and employees, from and against third-party claims, damages or causes of action including reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs for any death, injury, or damage to tangible property arising from any act, error, or omission of the Contractor, its employees or subcontractors or volunteers, at any tier, relating to performance under this Master Agreement.
- 12.2 Intellectual Property Indemnification.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless NASPO, NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, Participating Entities, Purchasing Entities, along with their officers and employees ("Indemnified Party"), from and against claims, damages or causes of action including reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs arising out of the claim that the Product or its use infringes Intellectual Property rights of another person or entity ("Intellectual Property Claim").

- 12.2.1** The Contractor's obligations under this section will not extend to any combination of the Product with any other product, system or method, unless the Product, system or method is:
- 12.2.1.1** provided by the Contractor or the Contractor's subsidiaries or affiliates;
 - 12.2.1.2** specified by the Contractor to work with the Product;
 - 12.2.1.3** reasonably required to use the Product in its intended manner, and the infringement could not have been avoided by substituting another reasonably available product, system or method capable of performing the same function; or
 - 12.2.1.4** reasonably expected to be used in combination with the Product.
- 12.2.2** The Indemnified Party shall notify the Contractor within a reasonable time after receiving notice of an Intellectual Property Claim. Even if the Indemnified Party fails to provide reasonable notice, the Contractor shall not be relieved from its obligations unless the Contractor can demonstrate that it was prejudiced in defending the Intellectual Property Claim resulting in increased expenses or loss to the Contractor. If the Contractor promptly and reasonably investigates and defends any Intellectual Property Claim, it shall have control over the defense and settlement of the Intellectual Property Claim. However, the Indemnified Party must consent in writing for any money damages or obligations for which it may be responsible.
- 12.2.3** The Indemnified Party shall furnish, at the Contractor's reasonable request and expense, information and assistance necessary for such defense. If the Contractor fails to vigorously pursue the defense or settlement of the Intellectual Property Claim, the Indemnified Party may assume the defense or settlement of the Intellectual Property Claim and the Contractor shall be liable for all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs, incurred by the Indemnified Party in the pursuit of the Intellectual Property Claim.
- 12.2.4** Unless otherwise set forth herein, Section 12.2 is not subject to any limitations of liability in this Master Agreement or in any other document executed in conjunction with this Master Agreement.

XIII. Insurance

- 13.1 Term.** Contractor shall, during the term of this Master Agreement, maintain in full force and effect, the insurance described in this section. A Participating Entity may negotiate alternative Insurance requirements in their Participating Addendum.
- 13.2 Class.** Contractor shall acquire such insurance from an insurance carrier or carriers licensed to conduct business in each Participating Entity's state and having a rating of A-, Class VII or better, in the most recently published edition of A.M. Best's Insurance Reports. Failure to buy and maintain the required insurance may result in this Master Agreement's termination or, at a Participating Entity's option, result in termination of its Participating Addendum.
- 13.3 Coverage.** Coverage must be written on an occurrence basis. The minimum acceptable limits will be as indicated below:
- 13.3.1** Contractor shall maintain Commercial General Liability insurance covering premises operations, independent contractors, products and completed operations, blanket contractual liability, personal injury (including death), advertising liability, and property damage, with a limit of not less than \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million general aggregate;
 - 13.3.2** Contractor must comply with any applicable State Workers Compensation or Employers Liability Insurance requirements.

- 13.4 Notice of Cancellation.** Contractor shall pay premiums on all insurance policies. Contractor shall provide notice to a Participating Entity who is a state within five (5) business days after Contractor is first aware of expiration, cancellation or nonrenewal of such policy or is first aware that cancellation is threatened or expiration, nonrenewal or expiration otherwise may occur.
- 13.5 Notice of Endorsement.** Prior to commencement of performance, Contractor shall provide to the Lead State a written endorsement to the Contractor's general liability insurance policy or other documentary evidence acceptable to the Lead State that (1) provides that written notice of cancellation will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions, and (2) provides that the Contractor's liability insurance policy will be primary, with any liability insurance of any Participating State as secondary and noncontributory.
- 13.6 Participating Entities.** Contractor shall provide to Participating States and Participating Entities the same insurance obligations and documentation as those specified in Section XIII, except the endorsement is provided to the applicable Participating State or Participating Entity.
- 13.7 Furnishing of Certificates.** Contractor shall furnish to the Lead State copies of certificates of all required insurance in a form sufficient to show required coverage within thirty (30) calendar days of the execution of this Master Agreement and prior to performing any work. Copies of renewal certificates of all required insurance will be furnished within thirty (30) days after any renewal date to the applicable state Participating Entity. Failure to provide evidence of coverage may, at the sole option of the Lead State, or any Participating Entity, result in this Master Agreement's termination or the termination of any Participating Addendum.
- 13.8 Disclaimer.** Insurance coverage and limits will not limit Contractor's liability and obligations under this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum, or any Purchase Order.

XIV. General Provisions

14.1 Records Administration and Audit

- 14.1.1** The Contractor shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to this Master Agreement and Orders placed by Purchasing Entities under it to the extent and in such detail as will adequately reflect performance and administration of payments and fees. Contractor shall permit the Lead State, a Participating Entity, a Purchasing Entity, the federal government (including its grant awarding entities and the U.S. Comptroller General), and any other duly authorized agent of a governmental agency, to audit, inspect, examine, copy and/or transcribe Contractor's books, documents, papers and records directly pertinent to this Master Agreement or orders placed by a Purchasing Entity under it for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. This right will survive for a period of six (6) years following termination of this Agreement or final payment for any order placed by a Purchasing Entity against this Master Agreement, whichever is later, or such longer period as is required by the Purchasing Entity's state statutes, to assure compliance with the terms hereof or to evaluate performance hereunder.
- 14.1.2** Without limiting any other remedy available to any governmental entity, the Contractor shall reimburse the applicable Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity for any overpayments inconsistent with the terms of the Master Agreement or Orders or underpayment of fees found as a result of the examination of the Contractor's records.
- 14.1.3** The rights and obligations herein exist in addition to any quality assurance obligation in the Master Agreement that requires the Contractor to self-audit contract obligations and that permits the Lead State to review compliance with those obligations.

14.2 Confidentiality, Non-Disclosure, and Injunctive Relief

- 14.2.1 Confidentiality.** Contractor acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, in the course of providing a Product under this Master Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to Purchasing Entity or Purchasing Entity's clients.
- 14.2.1.1** Any and all information of any form that is marked as confidential or would by its nature be deemed confidential obtained by Contractor or its employees or agents in the performance of this Master Agreement, including but not necessarily limited to (1) any Purchasing Entity's records, (2) personnel records, and (3) information concerning individuals, is confidential information of Purchasing Entity ("Confidential Information").
- 14.2.1.2** Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the Confidential Information by Contractor shall be treated in the same manner as the Confidential Information.
- 14.2.1.3** Confidential Information does not include information that (1) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by Contractor) publicly known; (2) is furnished by Purchasing Entity to others without restrictions similar to those imposed by this Master Agreement; (3) is rightfully in Contractor's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Master Agreement; (4) is obtained from a source other than Purchasing Entity without the obligation of confidentiality, (5) is disclosed with the written consent of Purchasing Entity; or (6) is independently developed by employees, agents or subcontractors of Contractor who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.
- 14.2.2 Non-Disclosure.** Contractor shall hold Confidential Information in confidence, using at least the industry standard of confidentiality, and shall not copy, reproduce, sell, assign, license, market, transfer or otherwise dispose of, give, or disclose Confidential Information to third parties or use Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than what is necessary to the performance of Orders placed under this Master Agreement.
- 14.2.2.1** Contractor shall advise each of its employees and agents of their obligations to keep Confidential Information confidential. Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist Purchasing Entity in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information.
- 14.2.2.2** Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Contractor shall advise Purchasing Entity, applicable Participating Entity, and the Lead State immediately if Contractor learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Master Agreement, and Contractor shall at its expense cooperate with Purchasing Entity in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of Purchasing Entity or Contractor against any such person.
- 14.2.2.3** Except as directed by Purchasing Entity, Contractor will not at any time during or after the term of this Master Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, except in accordance with this Master Agreement, and that upon termination of this Master Agreement or at Purchasing Entity's request, Contractor shall turn

over to Purchasing Entity all documents, papers, and other matter in Contractor's possession that embody Confidential Information.

14.2.2.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor may keep one copy of such Confidential Information necessary for quality assurance, audits, and evidence of the performance of this Master Agreement.

14.2.3 Injunctive Relief. Contractor acknowledges that Contractor's breach of Section 14.2 would cause irreparable injury to the Purchasing Entity that cannot be inadequately compensated in monetary damages. Accordingly, Purchasing Entity may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interests of Purchasing Entity and are reasonable in scope and content.

14.2.4 Purchasing Entity Law. These provisions will be applicable only to extent they are not in conflict with the applicable public disclosure laws of any Purchasing Entity.

14.2.5 NASPO ValuePoint. The rights granted to Purchasing Entities and Contractor's obligations under this section will also extend to NASPO ValuePoint's Confidential Information, including but not limited to Participating Addenda, Orders or transaction data relating to Orders under this Master Agreement that identify the entity/customer, Order dates, line-item descriptions and volumes, and prices/rates. This provision does not apply to disclosure to the Lead State, a Participating State, or any governmental entity exercising an audit, inspection, or examination pursuant to this Master Agreement. To the extent permitted by law, Contractor shall notify the Lead State of the identify of any entity seeking access to the Confidential Information described in this subsection.

14.2.6 Public Information. This Master Agreement and all related documents are subject to disclosure pursuant to the Lead State's public information laws.

14.3 Assignment/Subcontracts

14.3.1 Contractor shall not assign, sell, transfer, subcontract or sublet rights, or delegate responsibilities under this Master Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of the Lead State.

14.3.2 The Lead State reserves the right to assign any rights or duties, including written assignment of contract administration duties, to NASPO ValuePoint and other third parties.

14.4 Changes in Contractor Representation. The Contractor must, within ten (10) calendar days, notify the Lead State in writing of any changes in the Contractor's key administrative personnel managing the Master Agreement. The Lead State reserves the right to approve or reject changes in key personnel, as identified in the Contractor's proposal. The Contractor shall propose replacement key personnel having substantially equal or better education, training, and experience as was possessed by the key person proposed and evaluated in the Contractor's proposal.

14.5 Independent Contractor. Contractor is an independent contractor. Contractor has no authorization, express or implied, to bind the Lead State, Participating States, other Participating Entities, or Purchasing Entities to any agreements, settlements, liability or understanding whatsoever, and shall not to hold itself out as agent except as expressly set forth herein or as expressly set forth in an applicable Participating Addendum or Order.

14.6 Cancellation. Unless otherwise set forth herein, this Master Agreement may be canceled by either party upon sixty (60) days' written notice prior to the effective date of the cancellation.

Further, any Participating Entity may cancel its participation upon thirty (30) days' written notice, unless otherwise limited or stated in the Participating Addendum. Cancellation may be in whole or in part. Any cancellation under this provision will not affect the rights and obligations attending Orders outstanding at the time of cancellation, including any right of a Purchasing Entity to indemnification by the Contractor, rights of payment for Products delivered and accepted, rights attending any warranty or default in performance in association with any Order, and requirements for records administration and audit. Cancellation of the Master Agreement due to Contractor default may be immediate.

14.7 Force Majeure. Neither party to this Master Agreement shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, unusually severe weather, other acts of God, or acts of war which are beyond that party's reasonable control. The Lead State may terminate this Master Agreement upon determining such delay or default will reasonably prevent successful performance of the Master Agreement.

14.8 Defaults and Remedies

14.8.1 The occurrence of any of the following events will be an event of default under this Master Agreement:

14.8.1.1 Nonperformance of contractual requirements;

14.8.1.2 A material breach of any term or condition of this Master Agreement;

14.8.1.3 Any certification, representation or warranty by Contractor in response to the solicitation or in this Master Agreement that proves to be untrue or materially misleading;

14.8.1.4 Institution of proceedings under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar law, by or against Contractor, or the appointment of a receiver or similar officer for Contractor or any of its property, which is not vacated or fully stayed within thirty (30) calendar days after the institution or occurrence thereof; or

14.8.1.5 Any default specified in another section of this Master Agreement.

14.8.2 Upon the occurrence of an event of default, the Lead State shall issue a written notice of default, identifying the nature of the default, and providing a period of fifteen (15) calendar days in which Contractor shall have an opportunity to cure the default. The Lead State shall not be required to provide advance written notice or a cure period and may immediately terminate this Master Agreement in whole or in part if the Lead State, in its sole discretion, determines that it is reasonably necessary to preserve public safety or prevent immediate public crisis. Time allowed for cure will not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for damages, including liquidated damages to the extent provided for under this Master Agreement.

14.8.3 If Contractor is afforded an opportunity to cure and fails to cure the default within the period specified in the written notice of default, Contractor shall be in breach of its obligations under this Master Agreement and the Lead State shall have the right to exercise any or all of the following remedies:

14.8.3.1 Any remedy provided by law;

14.8.3.2 Termination of this Master Agreement and any related Contracts or portions thereof;

14.8.3.3 Assessment of liquidated damages as provided in this Master Agreement;

14.8.3.4 Suspension of Contractor from being able to respond to future bid solicitations;

14.8.3.5 Suspension of Contractor's performance; and

14.8.3.6 Withholding of payment until the default is remedied.

14.8.4 Unless otherwise specified in the Participating Addendum, in the event of a default under a Participating Addendum, a Participating Entity shall provide a written notice of default as described in this section and shall have all of the rights and remedies under this paragraph regarding its participation in the Master Agreement, in addition to those set forth in its Participating Addendum. Unless otherwise specified in an Order, a Purchasing Entity shall provide written notice of default as described in this section and have all of the rights and remedies under this paragraph and any applicable Participating Addendum with respect to an Order placed by the Purchasing Entity. Nothing in these Master Agreement Terms and Conditions will be construed to limit the rights and remedies available to a Purchasing Entity under the applicable commercial code.

14.9 Waiver of Breach. Failure of the Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity to declare a default or enforce any rights and remedies will not operate as a waiver under this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum, or any Purchase Order. Any waiver by the Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity must be in writing. Waiver by the Lead State or Participating Entity of any default, right or remedy under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum, or by Purchasing Entity with respect to any Purchase Order, or breach of any terms or requirements of this Master Agreement, a Participating Addendum, or Purchase Order will not be construed or operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach of such term or requirement, or of any other term or requirement under this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum, or any Purchase Order.

14.10 Debarment. The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in public procurement or contracting by any governmental department or agency. This certification represents a recurring certification made at the time any Order is placed under this Master Agreement. If the Contractor cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by the Lead State.

14.11 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

14.11.1 In no event will this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum or any contract or any Purchase Order issued thereunder, or any act of the Lead State, a Participating Entity, or a Purchasing Entity be a waiver of any form of defense or immunity, whether sovereign immunity, governmental immunity, immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or otherwise, from any claim or from the jurisdiction of any court.

14.11.2 This section applies to a claim brought against the Participating Entities who are states only to the extent Congress has appropriately abrogated the state's sovereign immunity and is not consent by the state to be sued in federal court. This section is also not a waiver by the state of any form of immunity, including but not limited to sovereign immunity and immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

14.12 Governing Law and Venue

14.12.1 The procurement, evaluation, and award of the Master Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Lead State sponsoring and administering the procurement. The construction and effect of the Master Agreement after award will be governed by the law of the state serving as Lead State. The construction and effect of any Participating Addendum or Order against the Master

Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Participating Entity's or Purchasing Entity's state.

- 14.12.2** Unless otherwise specified in the RFP, the venue for any protest, claim, dispute or action relating to the procurement, evaluation, and award is in the state serving as Lead State. Venue for any claim, dispute or action concerning the terms of the Master Agreement will be in the state serving as Lead State. Venue for any claim, dispute, or action concerning any Order placed against the Master Agreement or the effect of a Participating Addendum will be in the Purchasing Entity's state.
- 14.12.3** If a claim is brought in a federal forum, then it must be brought and adjudicated solely and exclusively within the United States District Court for (in decreasing order of priority): the Lead State for claims relating to the procurement, evaluation, award, or contract performance or administration if the Lead State is a party; a Participating State if a named party; the state where the Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity is located if either is a named party.

14.13 Assignment of Antitrust Rights. Contractor irrevocably assigns to a Participating Entity who is a state any claim for relief or cause of action which the Contractor now has or which may accrue to the Contractor in the future by reason of any violation of state or federal antitrust laws (15 U.S.C. § 1-15 or a Participating Entity's state antitrust provisions), as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time, in connection with any goods or services provided in that state for the purpose of carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum, including, at the Participating Entity's option, the right to control any such litigation on such claim for relief or cause of action.

Section 7: Lead State (State of Arizona) Terms and Conditions

7.1 State of Arizona Special terms and Conditions

A. Purpose

Pursuant to provisions of the Arizona Procurement Code, A.R.S. §§ 41-2501 *et seq.*, the State of Arizona intends to establish a Contract (Participating Addendum, PA) for the materials or services as listed herein on service to the State.

B. Licenses

Contractor shall maintain in current status all Federal, State and Local licenses and permits required for the operation of a business conducted by the contractor.

C. Volume of Work

The State does not guarantee a specific amount of work either for the life of the Contract or on an annual basis.

D. Key Personnel

It is essential that the contractor provide an adequate staff of experienced personnel, capable of and devoted to the successful accomplishment of work to be performed under this contract. The contractor must assign specific individuals to the key positions.

1. The Contractor agrees that, once assigned to work under this Contract, key personnel shall not be removed or replaced without written notice to the State.
2. Key personnel who are not available for work under this Contract for a continuous period exceeding thirty (30) calendar days, or are expected to devote substantially less effort to the work than initially anticipated, the contractor shall immediately notify the State and shall subject to the concurrence of the State, replace such personnel of substantially equal ability and qualifications.

E. Price or Rate Adjustment

Any price or rate adjustment shall be within the confines of the awarded contract, or as negotiated in service to this Contract. Any price or rate adjustment requested must not exceed the Producers Price Index (PPI) by Industry: Other Commercial and Service Industry Machinery Manufacturing: Mailing, Letter Handling, and Addressing Machines, Except Parts and Attachments, Series ID: PCU3333183333183A at time of requested adjustment. Any negotiated price adjustments for this Contract shall be documented via a bilateral Contract Amendment.

F. Information Disclosure

The Contractor shall establish and maintain procedures and controls that are acceptable to the State for the purpose of assuring that no information contained in its records or obtained from the state or from others in carrying out its functions under the contract shall be used or disclosed by it, its agents, officers, or employees, except as required to efficiently perform duties under the Contract. Persons requesting such information should be referred to the State. The Contractor also agrees that any information pertaining to individual persons shall not be divulged other than to employees or officers of the Contractor as needed for the performance of duties under the Contract, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the State.

G. Employees of the Contractor

All employees of the Contractor employed in the performance of work under the Contract shall be considered employees of the Contractor at all times, and not employees of the State. The Contractor shall comply with the Social Security Act, Workman's Compensation laws and Unemployment laws of the State of Arizona and all State, local and Federal legislation relevant to the Contractor's business.

H. Warranty

All services supplied under this Contract shall be fully guaranteed by the Contractor for a minimum period of ninety (90) days from the date of acceptance by the State. Any defects of design, workmanship, or delivered materials that would result in non-compliance shall be fully corrected by the Contractor without cost to the State.

I. Non-Exclusive Contract

Any Contract resulting from this solicitation shall be awarded with the understanding and agreement that it is for the sole convenience of the State of Arizona. The State reserves the right to obtain like goods or services from another source when necessary, or when determined to be in the best interest of the State.

1. Method of Assessment:

At the completion of each quarter, the contractor reviews all sales under their contract in preparation for submission of their Usage Report. The contractor identifies all sales receipts transacted by members of the State Purchasing Cooperative and assesses one percent (1.0%) of this amount in their Usage Report. An updated list of State Purchasing Cooperative members may be found at: <https://spo.az.gov/state-purchasing-cooperative>. At its option, the State may expand or narrow the applicability of this fee. The State shall provide thirty (30) written notice prior to exercising or changing this option. The contractor shall summarize all sales, along with all assessed Administrative Fee amounts within their Usage Report, including total amounts for the following:

- Total sales receipts from State agencies, boards and commissions;
- Total sales receipts from members of the State Purchasing Cooperative; and
- Total Administrative Fee amount based on one percent (1.0%) of the sales receipts from members of the State Purchasing Cooperative.

2. Submission of Reports and Fees:

Within thirty (30) days following the end of the quarter, the contractor submits their Usage Report and if applicable, a check in the amount of one percent (1%) of their sales receipts from members of the State Purchasing Cooperative, to the Department of Administration, State Procurement Office. Contractors are required to use the State's current report templates unless you have authorization from your contract officer to use a different format. You need to complete Form 799, which is a cover letter that gives the totals of your transactions; and Form 801, which is an Excel spreadsheet that details your transactions. Sales to state agencies and the cooperative members are to be totaled separately. The most current forms can be downloaded at <https://spo.az.gov/statewide-contracts-administrative-fee>.

4.1 The submission schedule for Administrative Fees and Usage reports shall be as follows:

FY Q1, July through September Due October 31
 FY Q2, October through December Due January 31
 FY Q3, January through March Due by April 30
 FY Q4, April through June Due by July 31

2.2 Usage Reports and any questions are to be submitted by email to the state's designated usage report email address: usage@azdoa.gov

3. Administrative Fee

The Administrative Fee shall be a part of the Contractor's unit prices and is not to be charged directly to the customer in the form of a separate line item. Statewide contracts shall not have separate prices for State Agency customers and State Purchasing Cooperative customers.

4. Contractor's failure to remit administrative fees

Contractor's failure to remit administrative fees in a timely manner consistent with the contract's requirements may result in the State exercising any recourse available under the contract or as provided for by law.

J. Compensation

Should the Contractor fail to provide all required services or deliver work products, as agreed upon by State and the Contractor, the State shall be entitled to invoke applicable remedies, including but not limited to, withholding payment to the Contractor and declaring the Contractor in material breach of the Contract. If the Contractor is in any manner in default of any obligation or the Contractor's work or performance is determined by the State to be defective, sub-standard, or if audit exceptions are identified, the State may, in addition to other available remedies, either adjust the amount of payment or withhold payment until satisfactory resolution of the default, defect, exception or sub-standard performance. The Contractor shall reimburse the State on demand, or the State may deduct from future payments, any amounts paid for work products or performance which are determined to be an audit exception, defective or sub-standard performance. The Contractor shall correct its mistakes or errors without additional cost to the State. The State shall be the sole determiner as to defective or sub-standard performance.

The Contractor shall fulfill their contractual requirements including the Deliverables identified in the Statement of Work and fulfill the roles and responsibilities described in the Statement of Work for a firm fixed price, inclusive of travel and travel-related expenses. The fixed amount shall be inclusive of any fees for the use of any third party products or services required for use in the performance of this Contract.

K. Offshore Performance of Work Prohibited

Due to security and identity protection concerns, direct services under this contract shall be performed within the borders of the United States. Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the State of Arizona or its clients and may involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data or development or modification of software for the State shall be performed within the borders of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this definition does not apply to indirect or "overhead" services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers.

L. Indemnification and Insurance

1.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, and any jurisdiction or agency issuing permits for any work included in the project, and their respective directors, officers, officials, agents and employees (hereinafter referred to as "Indemnitee") from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, costs, losses, or expenses, (including reasonable attorney's fees), (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Claims") arising out of actual or alleged bodily injury or personal injury of any person (including death) or

loss or damage to tangible or intangible property caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent or willful acts or omissions of Contractor or any of Contractor's directors, officers, agents, employees, volunteers or subcontractors. This indemnity includes any claim or amount arising or recovered under the Workers' Compensation Law or arising out of the failure of Contractor to conform to any federal, state or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or court decree. It is the specific intention of the parties that the Indemnitee shall, in all instances, except for Claims arising solely from the negligent or willful acts or omissions of the Indemnitee, be indemnified by Contractor from and against any and all Claims. It is agreed that Contractor will be responsible for primary loss investigation, defense and judgment costs where this indemnification is applicable. This indemnification will survive the termination of the above listed contract with the Contractor.

This indemnity shall not apply if the contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are an agency, board, commission or university of the State of Arizona.

1.2 Insurance Requirements

1.2.1 Contractor and subcontractors shall procure and maintain, until all of their obligations have been discharged, including any warranty periods under this Contract, insurance against claims for injury to persons or damage to property arising from, or in connection with, the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

1.2.2 The Insurance Requirements herein are minimum requirements for this Contract and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Contract. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the minimum limits contained herein are sufficient to protect the Contractor from liabilities that arise out of the performance of the work under this Contract by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors, and the Contractor is free to purchase additional insurance.

1.3 Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance

Contractor shall provide coverage with limits of liability not less than those stated below.

1.3.1 Commercial General Liability (CGL) – Occurrence Form Policy shall include bodily injury, property damage, and broad form contractual liability coverage.

General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products – Completed Operations Aggregate	\$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
Damage to Rented Premises	\$50,000
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000

- a. The policy shall be endorsed, as required by this written agreement, to include the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents, and employees as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor
- b. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement, as required by this written agreement, in favor of the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

1.3.2 Business Automobile Liability

Bodily Injury and Property Damage for any owned, hired, and/or non-owned automobiles used in the performance of this Contract.

- Combined Single Limit (CSL) \$1,000,000

Policy shall be endorsed, as required by this written agreement, to include the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents, and employees as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by, or on behalf of, the Contractor involving automobiles owned, hired and/or non-owned by the Contractor.

- c. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement as required by this written agreement in favor of the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

1.3.3 Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability

- Workers' Compensation Statutory
- Employers' Liability
- Each Accident \$1,000,000
- Disease – Each Employee \$1,000,000
- Disease – Policy Limit \$1,000,000

- d. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement, as required by this written agreement, in favor of the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.
- e. This requirement shall not apply to each Contractor or subcontractor that is exempt under A.R.S. § 23-901, and when such Contractor or subcontractor executes the appropriate waiver form (Sole Proprietor or Independent Contractor).

1.3.4 Technology Errors & Omissions Insurance

- Each Claim \$2,000,000
- Annual Aggregate \$2,000,000

- f. Such insurance shall cover any, and all errors, omissions, or negligent acts in the delivery of products, services, and/or licensed programs under this contract.
- g. Coverage shall include or shall not exclude settlement and/or defense of claims involving intellectual property, including but not limited to patent or copyright infringement.
- h. In the event that the Tech E&O insurance required by this Contract is written on a claims-made basis, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract and, either continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of two (2) years, beginning at the time work under this Contract is completed.

1.3.5 Media Liability Coverage

- Each Claim \$2,000,000
- Annual Aggregate \$2,000,000

- i. Such insurance shall cover any and all errors and omissions or negligent acts in the production of content, including but not limited to plagiarism, defamation, libel, slander, false advertising, invasion of privacy, and infringement of copyright, title, slogan, trademark, service mark and trade dress.
- j. In the event that the Media Liability insurance required by this Contract is written on a claims-made basis, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract and, either continuous coverage will be maintained, or an extended discovery period will be

exercised for a period of two (2) years beginning at the time work under this Contract is completed.

1.4 Additional Insurance Requirements

The policies shall include, or be endorsed to include, as required by this written agreement, the following provisions:

1.4.1 The Contractor's policies, as applicable, shall stipulate that the insurance afforded the Contractor shall be primary and that any insurance carried by the Department, its agents, officials, employees or the State of Arizona shall be excess and not contributory insurance, as provided by A.R.S. § 41-621 (E).

1.4.2 Insurance provided by the Contractor shall not limit the Contractor's liability assumed under the indemnification provisions of this Contract

1.5 Notice of Cancellation

Applicable to all insurance policies required within the Insurance Requirements of this Contract, Contractor's insurance shall not be permitted to expire, be suspended, be canceled, or be materially changed for any reason without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the State of Arizona. Within two (2) business days of receipt, Contractor must provide notice to the State of Arizona if they receive notice of a policy that has been or will be suspended, canceled, materially changed for any reason, has expired, or will be expiring. Such notice shall be sent directly to the Department and shall be mailed, emailed, hand delivered or sent by facsimile transmission to (State Representative's Name, Address & Fax Number).

1.6 Acceptability of Insurers

Contractor's insurance shall be placed with companies licensed in the State of Arizona or hold approved non-admitted status on the Arizona Department of Insurance List of Qualified Unauthorized Insurers. Insurers shall have an "A.M. Best" rating of not less than A- VII. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the above-required minimum insurer rating is sufficient to protect the Contractor from potential insurer insolvency.

1.7 Verification of Coverage

Contractor shall furnish the State of Arizona with certificates of insurance (valid ACORD form or equivalent approved by the State of Arizona) as required by this Contract. An authorized representative of the insurer shall sign the certificates.

1.7.1 All certificates and endorsements, as required by this written agreement, are to be received and approved by the State of Arizona before work commences. Each insurance policy required by this Contract must be in effect at, or prior to, commencement of work under this Contract. Failure to maintain the insurance policies as required by this Contract, or to provide evidence of renewal, is a material breach of contract.

1.7.2 All certificates required by this Contract shall be sent directly to the Department. The State of Arizona project/contract number and project description shall be noted on the certificate of insurance. The State of Arizona reserves the right to require complete copies of all insurance policies required by this Contract at any time.

1.8 Subcontractors

Contractor's certificate(s) shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring and/or verifying that all subcontractors have valid and collectable insurance as evidenced by the certificates of insurance and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to the minimum Insurance Requirements identified above. The Department reserves the right to require, at any time throughout the life of this contract, proof from the Contractor that its subcontractors have the required coverage.

1.9 Approval and Modifications

The Contracting Agency, in consultation with State Risk, reserves the right to review or make modifications to the insurance limits, required coverages, or endorsements throughout the life of this contract, as deemed necessary. Such action will not require a formal Contract amendment but may be made by administrative action.

1.10 Exceptions

In the event the Contractor or subcontractor(s) is/are a public entity, then the Insurance Requirements shall not apply. Such public entity shall provide a certificate of self-insurance. If the Contractor or subcontractor(s) is/are a State of Arizona agency, board, commission, or university, none of the above shall apply.

P. Data Privacy/Security Incident Management

Contractor and its agents shall cooperate and collaborate with appropriate State personnel to identify and respond to an information security or data privacy incident, including a security breach.

1. Threat of Security Breach

Contractor(s) agrees to notify the State Chief Information Officer (CIO), the State Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and other key personnel as identified by the State of any perceived threats placing the supported infrastructure and/or applications in danger of breach of security. The speed of notice shall be at least commensurate with the level of threat, as perceived by the Contractor(s). The State agrees to provide contact information for the State CIO, CISO and key personnel to the Contractor(s).

2. Discovery of Security Breach

Contractor agrees to immediately notify the State CIO, the CISO and key personnel as identified by the State of a discovered breach of security. The State agrees to provide contact information for the State CIO, the CISO and key personnel.

Q. Access Constraints and Requirements

Contractor access to State facilities and resources shall be properly authorized by State personnel, based on business need and will be restricted to least possible privilege. Upon approval of access privileges, the Contractor shall maintain strict adherence to all policies, standards, and procedures. Policies / Standards, ADOA/ASET Policies / Procedures, and Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §28-447, §28-449, §38-421, §13-2408, §13-2316, §41-770.

Failure of the Contractor, its agents or subcontractors to comply with policies, standards, and procedures including any person who commits an unlawful breach or harmful access (physical or virtual) will be subject to prosecution under all applicable state and / or federal laws.

Any and all recovery or reconstruction costs or other liabilities associated with an unlawful breach or harmful access shall be paid by the Contractor.

R. Compliance Requirements for A.R.S. § 41-4401, Government Procurement: E-Verify Requirement

1. The Contractor warrants compliance with all Federal immigration laws and regulations relating to employees and warrants its compliance with Section A.R.S. § 23-214, Subsection A. (That subsection reads: "After December 31, 2007, every employer, after hiring an employee, shall verify the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program.")
2. A breach of a warranty regarding compliance with immigration laws and regulations shall be deemed a material breach of the Contract and the

Contractor may be subject to penalties up to and including termination of the Contract.

3. Failure to comply with a State audit process to randomly verify the employment records of Contractors and subcontractors shall be deemed a material breach of the Contract and the Contractor may be subject to penalties up to and including termination of the Contract.
4. The State Agency retains the legal right to inspect the papers of any employee who works on the Contract to ensure that the Contractor or subcontractor is complying with the warranty under paragraph One(1).

7.2 State of Arizona Uniform Terms and Conditions

1. Definition of Terms

As used in this Solicitation and any resulting Contract, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

- 1.1. *"Attachment"* means any item the Solicitation requires the Offeror to submit as part of the Offer.
- 1.2. *"Contract"* means the combination of the Solicitation, including the Uniform and Special Instructions to Offerors, the Uniform and Special Terms and Conditions, and the Specifications and Statement of Scope of Work; the Offer and any Best and Final Offers; and any Solicitation Amendments or Contract Amendments.
- 1.3. *"Contract Amendment"* means a written document signed by the Procurement Officer that is issued for the purpose of making changes in the Contract.
- 1.4. *"Contractor"* means any person who has a Contract with the State.
- 1.5. *"Days"* means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- 1.6. *"Exhibit"* means any item labeled as an Exhibit in the Solicitation or placed in the Exhibits section of the Solicitation.
- 1.7. *"Gratuity"* means a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is received.
- 1.8. *"Materials"* means all property, including equipment, supplies, printing, insurance and leases of property but does not include land, a permanent interest in land or real property or leasing space.

- 1.9. *“Procurement Officer”* means the person, or his or her designee, duly authorized by the State to enter into and administer Contracts and make written determinations with respect to the Contract.
- 1.10. *“Services”* means the furnishing of labor, time or effort by a contractor or subcontractor which does not involve the delivery of a specific end product other than required reports and performance, but does not include employment agreements or collective bargaining agreements.
- 1.11. *“Subcontract”* means any Contract, express or implied, between the Contractor and another party or between a subcontractor and another party delegating or assigning, in whole or in part, the making or furnishing of any material or any service required for the performance of the Contract.
- 1.12. *“State”* means the State of Arizona and Department or Agency of the State that executes the Contract.
- 1.13. *“State Fiscal Year”* means the period beginning with July 1 and ending June 30.

2. Contract Interpretation

- 2.1. Arizona Law. The Arizona law applies to this Contract including, where applicable, the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted by the State of Arizona and the Arizona Procurement Code, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Title 41, Chapter 23, and its implementing rules, Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 2, Chapter 7.
- 2.2. Implied Contract Terms. Each provision of law and any terms required by law to be in this Contract are a part of this Contract as if fully stated in it.
- 2.3. Contract Order of Precedence. In the event of a conflict in the provisions of the Contract, as accepted by the State and as they may be amended, the following shall prevail in the order set forth below:
 - 2.3.1. Special Terms and Conditions;
 - 2.3.2. Uniform Terms and Conditions;
 - 2.3.3. Statement or Scope of Work;
 - 2.3.4. Specifications;
 - 2.3.5. Attachments;
 - 2.3.6. Exhibits;
 - 2.3.7. Documents referenced or included in the Solicitation.
- 2.4. Relationship of Parties. The Contractor under this Contract is an independent Contractor. Neither party to this Contract shall be deemed to be the employee or agent of the other party to the Contract.

- 2.5. Severability. The provisions of this Contract are severable. Any term or condition deemed illegal or invalid shall not affect any other term or condition of the Contract.
- 2.6. No Parole Evidence. This Contract is intended by the parties as a final and complete expression of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall supplement or explain any terms used in this document and no other understanding either oral or in writing shall be binding.
- 2.7. No Waiver. Either party's failure to insist on strict performance of any term or condition of the Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of that term or condition even if the party accepting or acquiescing in the nonconforming performance knows of the nature of the performance and fails to object to it.

3. Contract Administration and Operation

- 3.1. Records. Under A.R.S. § 35-214 and § 35-215, the Contractor shall retain and shall contractually require each subcontractor to retain all data and other "records" relating to the acquisition and performance of the Contract for a period of five years after the completion of the Contract. All records shall be subject to inspection and audit by the State at reasonable times. Upon request, the Contractor shall produce a legible copy of any or all such records.
- 3.2. Non-Discrimination. The Contractor shall comply with State Executive Order No. 2009-09 and all other applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 3.3. Audit. Pursuant to ARS § 35-214, at any time during the term of this Contract and five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor's or any subcontractor's books and records shall be subject to audit by the State and, where applicable, the Federal Government, to the extent that the books and records relate to the performance of the Contract or Subcontract.
- 3.4. Facilities Inspection and Materials Testing. The Contractor agrees to permit access to its facilities, subcontractor facilities and the Contractor's processes or services, at reasonable times for inspection of the facilities or materials covered under this Contract. The State shall also have the right to test, at its own cost, the materials to be supplied under this Contract. Neither inspection of the Contractor's facilities nor materials testing shall constitute final acceptance of the materials or services. If the State determines non-compliance of the materials, the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all costs incurred by the State for testing and inspection.

- 3.5. Notices. Notices to the Contractor required by this Contract shall be made by the State to the person indicated on the Offer and Acceptance form submitted by the Contractor unless otherwise stated in the Contract. Notices to the State required by the Contract shall be made by the Contractor to the Solicitation Contact Person indicated on the Solicitation cover sheet, unless otherwise stated in the Contract. An authorized Procurement Officer and an authorized

Contractor representative may change their respective person to whom notice shall be given by written notice to the other and an amendment to the Contract shall not be necessary.

- 3.6. Advertising, Publishing and Promotion of Contract. The Contractor shall not use, advertise or promote information for commercial benefit concerning this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

- 3.7. Property of the State. Any materials, including reports, computer programs and other deliverables, created under this Contract are the sole property of the State. The Contractor is not entitled to a patent or copyright on those materials and may not transfer the patent or copyright to anyone else. The Contractor shall not use or release these materials without the prior written consent of the State.

- 3.8. Ownership of Intellectual Property. Any and all intellectual property, including but not limited to copyright, invention, trademark, trade name, service mark, and/or trade secrets created or conceived pursuant to or as a result of this contract and any related subcontract ("Intellectual Property"), shall be work made for hire and the State shall be considered the creator of such Intellectual Property. The agency, department, division, board or commission of the State of Arizona requesting the issuance of this contract shall own (for and on behalf of the State) the entire right, title and interest to the Intellectual Property throughout the world. Contractor shall notify the State, within thirty (30) days, of the creation of any Intellectual Property by it or its subcontractor(s). Contractor, on behalf of itself and any subcontractor(s), agrees to execute any and all document(s) necessary to assure ownership of the Intellectual Property vests in the State and shall take no affirmative actions that might have the effect of vesting all or part of the Intellectual Property in any entity other than the State. The Intellectual Property shall not be disclosed by contractor or its subcontractor(s) to any entity not the State without the express written authorization of the agency, department, division, board or commission of the State of Arizona requesting the issuance of this contract.

- 3.9. Federal Immigration and Nationality Act. The contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local immigration laws and regulations relating

to the immigration status of their employees during the term of the contract. Further, the contractor shall flow down this requirement to all subcontractors utilized during the term of the contract. The State shall retain the right to perform random audits of contractor and subcontractor records or to inspect papers of any employee thereof to ensure compliance. Should the State determine that the contractor and/or any subcontractors be found noncompliant, the State may pursue all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to; suspension of work, termination of the contract for default and suspension and/or debarment of the contractor.

3.10 E-Verify Requirements. In accordance with A.R.S. § 41-4401, Contractor warrants compliance with all Federal immigration laws and regulations relating to employees and warrants its compliance with Section A.R.S. § 23-214, Subsection A.

3.11 Offshore Performance of Work Prohibited.

Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the State of Arizona or its clients and involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data shall be performed within the defined territories of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this paragraph does not apply to indirect or 'overhead' services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers.

4. Costs and Payments

4.1. Payments. Payments shall comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Titles 35 and 41, Net 30 days. Upon receipt and acceptance of goods or services, the Contractor shall submit a complete and accurate invoice for payment from the State within thirty (30) days.

4.2. Delivery. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract, all prices shall be F.O.B. Destination and shall include all freight delivery and unloading at the destination.

4.3. Applicable Taxes.

4.3.1. Payment of Taxes. The Contractor shall be responsible for paying all applicable taxes.

4.3.2. State and Local Transaction Privilege Taxes. The State of Arizona is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. Transaction privilege taxes apply to the sale and are the responsibility of the seller to remit. Failure to collect such taxes from the buyer does not relieve the seller from its obligation to remit taxes.

4.3.3. Tax Indemnification. Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay all Federal, state and local taxes applicable to its operation and any persons employed by the Contractor. Contractor shall, and require all subcontractors to hold the State harmless from any responsibility for taxes, damages and interest, if applicable, contributions required under Federal, and/or state and local laws and regulations and any other costs including transaction privilege taxes, unemployment compensation insurance, Social Security and Worker's Compensation.

4.3.4. IRS W9 Form. In order to receive payment, the Contractor shall have a current I.R.S. W9 Form on file with the State of Arizona, unless not required by law.

4.4. Availability of Funds for the Next State fiscal year. Funds may not presently be available for performance under this Contract beyond the current state fiscal year. No legal liability on the part of the State for any payment may arise under this Contract beyond the current state fiscal year until funds are made available for performance of this Contract.

4.5. Availability of Funds for the current State fiscal year. Should the State Legislature enter back into session and reduce the appropriations or for any reason and these goods or services are not funded, the State may take any of the following actions:

4.5.1. Accept a decrease in price offered by the contractor;

4.5.2. Cancel the Contract; or

4.5.3. Cancel the contract and re-solicit the requirements.

5. Contract Changes

5.1. Amendments. This Contract is issued under the authority of the Procurement Officer who signed this Contract. The Contract may be modified only through a Contract Amendment within the scope of the Contract. Changes to the Contract, including the addition of work or materials, the revision of payment terms, or the substitution of work or materials, directed by a person who is not specifically authorized by the procurement officer in writing or made unilaterally by the Contractor are violations of the Contract and of applicable law. Such changes, including unauthorized written Contract Amendments shall be void and without effect, and the Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim under this Contract based on those changes.

5.2. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract under this Contract for the performance of this contract without the advance written approval of the Procurement Officer. The Contractor shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors and the subcontractor's

proposed responsibilities. The Subcontract shall incorporate by reference the terms and conditions of this Contract.

- 5.3. Assignment and Delegation. The Contractor shall not assign any right nor delegate any duty under this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer. The State shall not unreasonably withhold approval.

6. Risk and Liability

- 6.1. Risk of Loss: The Contractor shall bear all loss of conforming material covered under this Contract until received by authorized personnel at the location designated in the purchase order or Contract. Mere receipt does not constitute final acceptance. The risk of loss for nonconforming materials shall remain with the Contractor regardless of receipt.
- 6.2. Indemnification
 - 6.2.1. Contractor/Vendor Indemnification (Not Public Agency) The parties to this contract agree that the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall be indemnified and held harmless by the contractor for the vicarious liability of the State as a result of entering into this contract. However, the parties further agree that the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall be responsible for its own negligence. Each party to this contract is responsible for its own negligence.
 - 6.2.2. Public Agency Language Only Each party (as 'indemnitor') agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party (as 'indemnitee') from and against any and all claims, losses, liability, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'claims') arising out of bodily injury of any person (including death) or property damage but only to the extent that such claims which result in vicarious/derivative liability to the indemnitee, are caused by the act, omission, negligence, misconduct, or other fault of the indemnitor, its officers, officials, agents, employees, or volunteers."
- 6.3. Indemnification - Patent and Copyright. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State against any liability, including costs and expenses, for infringement of any patent, trademark or copyright arising out of Contract performance or use by the State of materials furnished or work performed under this Contract. The State shall reasonably notify the Contractor of any claim for which it may be liable under this paragraph. If the contractor is insured pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-621 and § 35-154, this section shall not apply.

6.4. Force Majeure.

6.4.1 Except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this Contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this Contract is prevented by reason of force majeure. The term "*force majeure*" means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Without limiting the foregoing, force majeure includes acts of God; acts of the public enemy; war; riots; strikes; mobilization; labor disputes; civil disorders; fire; flood; lockouts; injunctions-intervention-acts; or failures or refusals to act by government authority; and other similar occurrences beyond the control of the party declaring force majeure which such party is unable to prevent by exercising reasonable diligence.

6.4.2. Force Majeure shall not include the following occurrences:

6.4.2.1. Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, or an oversold condition of the market;

6.4.2.2. Late performance by a subcontractor unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence in accordance with this force majeure term and condition; or

6.4.2.3. Inability of either the Contractor or any subcontractor to acquire or maintain any required insurance, bonds, licenses or permits.

6.4.3. If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by force majeure, the delayed party shall notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as is practicable and no later than the following working day, of the commencement thereof and shall specify the causes of such delay in such notice. Such notice shall be delivered or mailed certified-return receipt and shall make a specific reference to this article, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party shall cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and shall notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time of completion shall be extended by Contract Amendment for a period of time equal to the time that results or effects of such delay prevent the delayed party from performing in accordance with this Contract.

6.4.4. Any delay or failure in performance by either party hereto shall not constitute default hereunder or give rise to any claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits if, and to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by force majeure.

- 6.5. Third Party Antitrust Violations. The Contractor assigns to the State any claim for overcharges resulting from antitrust violations to the extent that those violations concern materials or services supplied by third parties to the Contractor, toward fulfillment of this Contract.

7. Warranties

- 7.1. Liens. The Contractor warrants that the materials supplied under this Contract are free of liens and shall remain free of liens.
- 7.2. Quality. Unless otherwise modified elsewhere in these terms and conditions, the Contractor warrants that, for one year after acceptance by the State of the materials, they shall be:
 - 7.2.1. Of a quality to pass without objection in the trade under the Contract description;
 - 7.2.2. Fit for the intended purposes for which the materials are used;
 - 7.2.3. Within the variations permitted by the Contract and are of even kind, quantity, and quality within each unit and among all units;
 - 7.2.4. Adequately contained, packaged and marked as the Contract may require; and
 - 7.2.5. Conform to the written promises or affirmations of fact made by the Contractor.
- 7.3. Fitness. The Contractor warrants that any material supplied to the State shall fully conform to all requirements of the Contract and all representations of the Contractor, and shall be fit for all purposes and uses required by the Contract.
- 7.4. Inspection/Testing. The warranties set forth in subparagraphs 7.1 through 7.3 of this paragraph are not affected by inspection or testing of or payment for the materials by the State.
- 7.5. Compliance with Applicable Laws. The materials and services supplied under this Contract shall comply with all applicable Federal, state and local laws, and the Contractor shall maintain all applicable license and permit requirements.
- 7.6. Survival of Rights and Obligations after Contract Expiration or Termination.
 - 7.6.1. Contractor's Representations and Warranties. All representations and warranties made by the Contractor under this Contract shall survive the expiration or termination hereof. In addition, the parties hereto acknowledge that pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-510, except as provided in A.R.S. § 12-529, the State is not subject to or barred by any limitations of actions prescribed in A.R.S., Title 12, Chapter 5.

7.6.2. Purchase Orders. The Contractor shall, in accordance with all terms and conditions of the Contract, fully perform and shall be obligated to comply with all purchase orders received by the Contractor prior to the expiration or termination hereof, unless otherwise directed in writing by the Procurement Officer, including, without limitation, all purchase orders received prior to but not fully performed and satisfied at the expiration or termination of this Contract.

8. State's Contractual Remedies

- 8.1. Right to Assurance. If the State in good faith has reason to believe that the Contractor does not intend to, or is unable to perform or continue performing under this Contract, the Procurement Officer may demand in writing that the Contractor give a written assurance of intent to perform. Failure by the Contractor to provide written assurance within the number of Days specified in the demand may, at the State's option, be the basis for terminating the Contract under the Uniform Terms and Conditions or other rights and remedies available by law or provided by the contract.
- 8.2. Stop Work Order.
 - 8.2.1. The State may, at any time, by written order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all or any part, of the work called for by this Contract for period(s) of days indicated by the State after the order is delivered to the Contractor. The order shall be specifically identified as a stop work order issued under this clause. Upon receipt of the order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage.
 - 8.2.2. If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled or the period of the order or any extension expires, the Contractor shall resume work. The Procurement Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule or Contract price, or both, and the Contract shall be amended in writing accordingly.
- 8.3. Non-exclusive Remedies. The rights and the remedies of the State under this Contract are not exclusive.
- 8.4. Nonconforming Tender. Materials or services supplied under this Contract shall fully comply with the Contract. The delivery of materials or services or a portion of the materials or services that do not fully comply constitutes a breach of contract. On delivery of nonconforming materials or services, the State may terminate the Contract for default under applicable termination clauses in the Contract, exercise any of its

rights and remedies under the Uniform Commercial Code, or pursue any other right or remedy available to it.

- 8.5. Right of Offset. The State shall be entitled to offset against any sums due the Contractor, any expenses or costs incurred by the State, or damages assessed by the State concerning the Contractor's non-conforming performance or failure to perform the Contract, including expenses, costs and damages described in the Uniform Terms and Conditions.

9. Contract Termination

- 9.1. Cancellation for Conflict of Interest. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-511, the State may cancel this Contract within three (3) years after Contract execution without penalty or further obligation if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating the Contract on behalf of the State is or becomes at any time while the Contract or an extension of the Contract is in effect an employee of or a consultant to any other party to this Contract with respect to the subject matter of the Contract. The cancellation shall be effective when the Contractor receives written notice of the cancellation unless the notice specifies a later time. If the Contractor is a political subdivision of the State, it may also cancel this Contract as provided in A.R.S. § 38-511.
- 9.2. Gratuities. The State may, by written notice, terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, if the State determines that employment or a Gratuity was offered or made by the Contractor or a representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the State for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the procurement or securing the Contract, an amendment to the Contract, or favorable treatment concerning the Contract, including the making of any determination or decision about contract performance. The State, in addition to any other rights or remedies, shall be entitled to recover exemplary damages in the amount of three times the value of the Gratuity offered by the Contractor.
- 9.3. Suspension or Debarment. The State may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate this Contract if the State determines that the Contractor has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but not limited to, being disapproved as a subcontractor of any public procurement unit or other governmental body. Submittal of an offer or execution of a contract shall attest that the contractor is not currently suspended or debarred. If the contractor becomes suspended or debarred, the contractor shall immediately notify the State.

- 9.4. Termination for Convenience. The State reserves the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part at any time when in the best interest of the State, without penalty or recourse. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall stop all work, as directed in the notice, notify all subcontractors of the effective date of the termination and minimize all further costs to the State.

In the event of termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State upon demand. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for work in progress, work completed and materials accepted before the effective date of the termination. The cost principles and procedures provided in A.A.C. R2-7-701 shall apply.

- 9.5. Termination for Default.

9.5.1. In addition to the rights reserved in the contract, the State may terminate the Contract in whole or in part due to the failure of the Contractor to comply with any term or condition of the Contract, to acquire and maintain all required insurance policies, bonds, licenses and permits, or to make satisfactory progress in performing the Contract. The Procurement Officer shall provide written notice of the termination and the reasons for it to the Contractor.

9.5.2. Upon termination under this paragraph, all goods, materials, documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State on demand.

9.5.3. The State may, upon termination of this Contract, procure, on terms and in the manner that it deems appropriate, materials or services to replace those under this Contract. The Contractor shall be liable to the State for any excess costs incurred by the State in procuring materials or services in substitution for those due from the Contractor.

- 9.6. Continuation of Performance through Termination. The Contractor shall continue to perform, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, up to the date of termination, as directed in the termination notice.

10. Contract Claims

All contract claims or controversies under this Contract shall be resolved according to A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 23, Article 9, and rules adopted thereunder.

11. Arbitration

The parties to this Contract agree to resolve all disputes arising out of or relating to this contract through arbitration, after exhausting applicable administrative review, to the extent required by A.R.S. §12-1518, except as may be required by other applicable statutes (Title 41).

12. Comments Welcome

The State Procurement Office periodically reviews the Uniform Terms and Conditions and welcomes any comments you may have. Please submit your comments to: State Procurement Administrator, State Procurement Office, 100 North 15th Avenue, Suite 201, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.