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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

2019 SDO DISTRICT-WIDE NEWSLETTERS PRINTING & DELIVERY

JCLM19REG0027

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: May 9, 2019

TIME: 12:00 pm (noon)

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PART A CONTRACT INFORMATION

A.1 Connecticut General Assembly

The Connecticut General Assembly (CGA) is the legislative branch of government of the State of Connecticut. Through statutory enactments, the Joint Committee on Legislative Management (JCLM) is responsible for the coordination and management of legislative affairs and the supervision and approval of any and all legislative expenditures. The JCLM is comprised of the top legislative leaders from each political party and works through a subcommittee system. The Personnel Policies Subcommittee is comprised of the Senate President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Senate Republican President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leaders of the House and Senate chambers and the Minority leaders of the House chamber. This Subcommittee is responsible for establishing legislative personnel policies, guidelines, regulations, and salary schedules, and also approves legislative expenditures exceeding \$50,000.

A.2 Official Agency Contact Information

Attention: Eric Crockett
CGA Contracting Group
Office of Legislative Management
Legislative Office Building; Room 5100
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

CGAContracting@cga.ct.gov
(860) 240 – 0100

A.3 Term of Contract

The Contract will be in effect from the date the Contract is executed by both Contractor and the CGA (the "Effective Date") through December 31, 2019, with the option to extend this Contract up to an additional year upon mutual agreement of both parties.

A.4 Procurement Timeline

Milestone	Description of Milestone	Date
Issue the RFP	Posted on the DAS State Contracting Portal at http://www.biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/Default.aspx?Acclast=2 .	April 8, 2019
Question Deadline	Questions shall be submitted via email to CGAContracting@cga.ct.gov .	April 18, 2019, 12:00pm
Answers & Amendments to RFP	All amendments to the RFP and response to written questions will be published on the DAS State Contracting Portal.	April 23, 2019, 5:00pm
Proposal Delivery	All sealed Proposals must be submitted to the CGA Contracting Group at the Office of Legislative Management; Legislative Office Building; 300 Capitol Avenue; Room 5100, Hartford, CT 06106-1591.	May 9, 2019, 12:00pm

PART B SCOPE OF WORK

B.1 Project Scope

The JCLM on behalf of the Senate Democrats' Office of the CGA is seeking proposals for the printing and delivery of the 2019 district-wide newsletters for twenty-two (22) state senators.

B.1.1 Services

The awarded respondent shall perform the following work upon Contract award:

- (a) **Quantity:** There will be an average of 39,000 newsletters printed for each senator during the term of this Contract. The newsletter counts for each senate district (listed in Section E.3 "Qualitative Elements") are estimated quantities as of the time of issuance of this RFP and are for informational purposes only. The final count for each legislative district may change by the date of contract award. Actual counts will be included with each order placed. The CGA will not be responsible for, nor pay for, overruns or under runs. Digital files (as described in subsection (e) below) will be available in two or more sets of newsletters over a short time period (three to six weeks), likely from late May to mid-July 2019. The awarded respondent is responsible for delivering the quantity ordered and will be held accountable in the event of a discrepancy in the quantity delivered.
- (b) **Size:** The size of the newsletter is 10.5" x 17", to be scored and tri-folded to 10.5" x 5.75" (approximately). Newsletter samples are available upon request.
- (c) **Paper Stock:** Cougar Smooth 100 lb. Text (white) must be used for this printing project. No substitutions will be accepted. It is the awarded respondent's responsibility to ensure that paper orders are processed in a timely fashion in order to meet the delivery deadline requirements of this Contract. Upon request, the awarded respondent will be required to provide a copy of their purchase order and the invoice received from the paper company supplying the paper stock for this printing project.
- (d) **Color:** Respondents shall propose pricing for the following two options:
 - i. Option #1: 2/2 for all newsletters (black + one PMS match on two sides) with full bleeds. Expect material to include duotones;
 - ii. Option #2: 4/4 for all newsletters (process color) with full bleeds.
- (e) **Format and Output:** The awarded respondent will be supplied with digital art in (Macintosh) InDesign Creative Cloud format via FTP. All photographs and art will be pre-scanned for output at 150-line screen and included as part of the digital file. Appropriate Postscript or OpenType fonts will be included. Each mailer will vary and include different text, photographs, and artwork.
- (f) **Wafer Seals:** The awarded respondent shall affix two non-perforated 1 inch translucent paper wafer seals on the top edge of each finished, folded newsletter to meet U.S. mailing requirements for Automation-Compatible, Folded Self Mailer mail (two tabs, on the top edge, one within 1 inch from the leading edge and another within 1 inch from the trailing edge). Newsletter pieces with wafer seals that do not meet this specification will result in the print order being returned to the awarded respondent to be redone at its cost. Prior to the first newsletter printing, the awarded respondent will be required to provide a sample of the wafer seal to be used. Wafer seals must be included in proposal pricing.
- (g) **Press Checks:** Representatives of the Senate Democrats' Office reserve the right to attend press checks at the respondent's facility on any and all jobs if desired.
- (h) **Turn-around Time:** Final printed newsletter pieces must be completed and delivered within eight (8) Business Days from the date the awarded respondent receives the signed purchase order and receives digital files for referenced editions. A Business Day is defined as Monday through Friday, excluding Connecticut state holidays. The CGA observes the following official state holidays: New Year's Day; Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Lincoln's Birthday; Washington's Birthday; Good Friday; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.
 - i. **Proofs:** Prior to the final printing of each newsletter, the awarded respondent shall deliver physical color proofs for sign-off within **two (2) Business Days** of receipt of the signed purchase order and newsletter files from the Senate Democrats' office. Turn-around time for orders placed before noon will begin that Business Day, while turn-around time for orders placed after noon will begin the next Business Day. Respondents shall include on-site pick-up and delivery in their proposal pricing.

- ii. **Author's Alterations:** Following the awarded respondent's receipt of the print order, signed purchase order, and newsletter file, should SDO or the awarded respondent discover an error in the materials or SDO require a last minute change, author's alteration charges will apply and the turn-around time will begin anew upon the awarded respondent's receipt of the corrected materials. An author's alteration is defined as any change or correction not of the awarded respondent's error that is made in the proof stage up until final printing and delivery.
- (i) **Delivery & Packaging:** The awarded respondent shall package all completed editions of newsletters in U.S. Postal Service EMM mail trays with sleeves, addressed to State Capitol Room 016, and shall deliver them through the State Capitol's west entrance (ramp access) at 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT during the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The awarded respondent's delivery person shall make delivery inside to the final destination, Room 016, which is in the State Capitol basement. All deliveries will be scanned at the State Capitol's west entrance before being delivered. The awarded respondent shall clearly label mail trays with the respective Senator's name and with the delivery destination of SDO, Room 016. The awarded respondent shall schedule delivery of all newsletter pieces at least 24 hours prior to delivery, with an exact time of delivery to be agreed upon with a designated staff member of the SDO. The awarded respondent shall also notify the State Capitol Police at 860-240-0240 of the agreed upon delivery time at least 24 hours prior to delivery. Legislative staff is available to meet with the Contractor to review these procedures prior to scheduling the first district-wide newsletter delivery. Meetings shall be scheduled through OLM Contracting staff. Delivery procedures are subject to change during the course of the RFP process and resulting contract.
- (j) **Time Deadlines:** The ability to deliver high quality newsletters on time as outlined in section B.1.1 (h) is of critical importance in performing the requirements of this Contract. Therefore, respondents must have their main printing production facility located within a 60-mile radius of Hartford, Connecticut. The awarded respondent shall assign a printer's representative as a liaison to the Senate Democrats to work on this printing project during the term of this contract.
- (k) **Vendor Restrictions:** The awarded respondent is prohibited from subcontracting out any portion of the work to be completed under this contract. Proposals from printing brokers will not be accepted.

B.2 Required Qualifications

B.2.1 Respondent Qualifications

Respondents shall have the following experience and qualifications:

- (a) Demonstrate that they retain both the personnel and equipment required to produce the newsletters specified within the required timeframe. Respondents must have their main printing production facility located within a 60-mile radius of Hartford, Connecticut. An on-site inspection of the printing facilities may be requested prior to contract award; and
- (b) Provide references and submit samples of prior work for a contract of this size and complexity.

PART C PAYMENT TERMS

C.1 Compensation Amount

Proposals shall reflect all costs and any payment discounts on the Pricing Page included in this RFP. (Attachment A)

There shall be no reimbursement for travel and/or travel-related expenses. Any other expense reimbursements shall be supported by detailed paid receipts for charges incurred prior to payments being made by the CGA. Credit card slips or statements are not acceptable. All costs of consumable materials and shipping shall be included in the Pricing provided in response to this RFP. No additional compensation will be made to the awarded respondent for consumable materials and/or shipping. There is no guarantee that all twenty-two (22) senators will place newsletter orders. No compensation will be made to the awarded respondent if a senator does not place an order. Newsletters may also be cancelled during production at the discretion of the CGA. Respondents shall provide a detailed description of any proposed cancellation fees that may apply as particular milestones, provided by the respondent, are met in the production of the newsletter.

C.1.1 Liquidated Damages

Liquidated damages will be incurred as a result of a Contract breach. By law, the three requisite conditions to establish any liquidated damages are that: (1) the damage from a breach of Contract was uncertain in amount or difficult to provide; (2) there was an advance intent by the parties to establish liquidating damages in the event of a Contract breach; and (3) the amount stipulated was reasonable. *Hanson Development Co. v. East Great Plains Shopping Center, Inc.*, 485 A.2d 1296, 1300 (Conn. 1985).

The awarded respondent acknowledges that failure to deliver each newsletter within the required time frame would constitute a breach of the awarded Respondent's obligation to the SDO of the CGA and that said office would be harmed by such failure to deliver. If such default occurs in the timeliness of any newsletter delivery, the awarded respondent will forfeit twenty-five percent (25%) of the payment due for that newsletter printing. It is understood by both the awarded respondent and the SDO that this amount has been established due to the difficulty in determining and establishing damages in the event that the awarded respondent does not meet the timelines required by this Contract. Recovery of Liquidated Damages shall be construed as cumulative and does not prevent the CGA from recovery of any other remedy provided for in the Contract or at law or in equity.

C.2 Invoice Guidelines

C.2.1 Properly Prepared Invoice

A properly prepared invoice shall include:

- (a) The purchase order number;
- (b) Invoice date;
- (c) Invoice number;
- (d) Separate invoice line per newsletter order, including the last name of the legislator for whom an alteration has been made;
- (e) Description of the service provided and the services dates; and
- (f) All invoices shall reflect the lines on the signed purchase order.

The CGA reserves the right to reject invoices for payment if they are not considered properly prepared as defined above.

C.2.2 Frequency of Billing

Invoices shall be submitted following delivery of the printed newsletters as outlined in this RFP.

C.2.3 Payment Terms

Payments for goods and services shall be made only after the CGA receives and accepts that goods and/or services and after it receives a properly completed invoice. Payment for all accepted goods and/or services shall be due within forty-five (45) days after acceptance of the goods and/or services (in arrears) in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §4a-71.

C.3 Fifteen Dollar Minimum

Pursuant to C.G.S. 2-71p(i), "Each contract for contractual services entered into by the committee on and after July 1, 2015, shall require the contractor awarded such contract, and each subcontractor of such contractor, to pay each of the contractor's or subcontractor's employees providing services under such contract, and that are performed or rendered at the Legislative Office Building or the State Capitol, a wage of at least (1) fifteen dollars per hour, or (2) if applicable, the amount required to be paid under subsection (b) of section 31-57f, whichever is greater. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any employee providing services under such contract who receives services from the Department of Developmental Services."

PART D PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

D.1 Proposal Submission Guidelines

Respondents shall submit proposals in accordance with the following guidelines:

D.1.1 Proposal Form

Respondents shall submit the one original copy of the proposal and one electronic copy of the proposal on a CD, DVD or USB flash drive in a SEALED shipping box or envelope. The electronic version of the proposal can be submitted in Portable Document Format (.pdf) and or Microsoft Word format;

D.1.2 Mailing Address

Proposals shall be mailed to the following address:

Contracting Group
Office of Legislative Management
Legislative Office Building, Room 5100
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

D.1.3 Labeled Proposals

Respondents shall affix the following label to the outside of the shipping box or envelope;

SEALED PROPOSAL TITLE - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL	2019 SDO DISTRICT-WIDE NEWSLETTERS PRINTING & DELIVERY
CONTRACT ID:	JCLM19REG0027
DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT:	May 9, 2019 12:00pm (noon)
CONTACT NAME:	Eric Crockett

D.2 Required Proposal Documentation

Respondents shall submit the following documentation in the following order and format. The CGA reserves the right to disqualify any Proposal which does not include the following documentation.

D.2.1 Section A - Experience and Knowledge

1. Respondent Experience and Knowledge:
 - a) Size of firm (number of employees);
 - b) Years in business;
 - c) Principal Place of Business;
 - d) Demonstrate that respondent can meet requirements listed in B above.

2. Reference Projects:
 - a) Name, title, address and telephone number of reference;
 - b) Description of project;
 - c) Duration of project;
 - d) Total Project Cost.

D.2.2 Section B - Pricing Page

All respondents **SHALL** include a completed Pricing Page in the Proposals; (Attachment A)

D.2.3 Section C - Terms and Conditions Acknowledgement

All respondents shall acknowledge that the CGA Terms and Conditions included in this RFP in Attachment C will be included in the awarded contract. Any exceptions to the CGA Terms and Conditions shall be included in the proposal in Section I.

D.2.4 Section D - Forms

Respondents shall complete and submit the following forms along with the electronic copy of the proposal only. The forms listed below include links to the fillable forms which can be completed and submitted electronically.

[Proof of Authorization](#)

[Certification Form](#)

[CHRO Contract Compliance Monitoring Report](#)

[Vendor Profile](#)

[W-9 Form](#)

[Notice of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations Form](#)

D.2.5 Section E - Equipment List

Proposals shall include a list of equipment that would be used for this Contract. The ability to provide back-up equipment in case of a breakdown is extremely important.

D.2.6 Section F - Cancellation Fees

Proposals shall include a detailed description of cancellation fees as particular milestones, detailed by the Respondent, are met in the production of a newsletter.

D.2.7 Section G - Forest Stewardship Council Certification

Proposals shall include documentation supporting Respondent's distinction as a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) approved printer, if applicable.

D.2.8 Section H - Confidential Information

The respondent shall clearly specify which information contained in the Proposal response is respondent Information and therefore should be considered exempt by the CGA from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The respondent may not merely state generally that the materials are proprietary or confidential in nature and not, therefore, subject to release to third parties. Those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages or sections that the respondent believes are exempt from disclosure under the FOIA must be specifically identified as such. Convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption consistent with the FOIA must accompany the request. The rationale and explanation must be stated in terms of the prospective harm to the competitive position of the respondent that would result if the identified material were to be released and the reasons why the materials are legally exempt from release pursuant to the FOIA.

D.2.9 Section I - Exceptions

The respondent shall clearly indicate all exceptions to the specifications, terms and/or conditions of the Request for Proposal.

D.3 Documentation Required Subsequent to Contract Award

The following shall be provided subsequent to the Contract award.

D.3.1 Insurance Certificate

Please see minimum required levels listed in the Terms and Conditions section of this RFP. The awarded respondent must name the State of CT/CT General Assembly as an additional insured;

D.3.2 Nondiscrimination Certification

Public Act 11-55 and Public Act 11-229 have amended the nondiscrimination provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes to add gender identity or expression to the existing protected classes and to require State contractors to adopt policies in support of the new statutes by means of an affidavit or resolution. Accordingly, this form is a certification that the successful Contractor must deliver executed at the time that it executes the Contract. The execution and submittal of this certificate is a condition precedent to the CGA's executing the Contract, unless the Contractor is exempt from this statutory requirement, in which case the Contractor must obtain a written waiver from the State's Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;

Please refer to the following guidelines when completing the Nondiscrimination Certification:

- **Form A. Representation:** For use by an [individual](#) when entering into any Contract, [regardless of Contract value](#).
- **Form B. Representation:** For use by an [entity](#) when entering into any Contract valued at [less than \\$50,000](#) for any year of the Contract.

- **Form C. Affidavit:** For use by an [entity](#) when entering into any Contract valued at [\\$50,000 or more](#) for any year of the **Contract and** the entity certifies through an [affidavit](#) that a complying nondiscrimination policy is currently in place.
- **Form D. New Resolution:** For use by a [entity](#) when entering into any Contract valued at [\\$50,000 or more](#) for any year of the Contract **and** the entity has a complying nondiscrimination policy adopted by a [new resolution](#) of the board of directors, shareholders, managers, members, or other governing body.
- **Form E. Prior Resolution:** For use by a [entity](#) when entering into any Contract valued at [\\$50,000 or more](#) for any year of the Contract **and** the entity has a complying nondiscrimination policy adopted by a [prior resolution](#) of the board of directors, shareholders, managers, members, or other governing body.

PART E EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

E.1 Mandatory Requirements

Prior to submitting a Proposal, each respondent shall examine the RFP and may visit the site of the work. Each respondent shall fully inform themselves prior to submitting the Proposal as to the existing conditions and limitations under which the work is to be performed, and shall include in the Proposal a sum to cover the cost of items necessary to perform the work as set forth in this RFP. No allowance will be made to a respondent because of lack of such examination or knowledge. The submission of a Proposal will be considered conclusive evidence that the respondent has made such an examination. The CGA will determine if Proposals include all the mandatory requirements and are complete submissions. The CGA has the sole discretion to decide if Proposals are nonresponsive to this RFP.

E.2 Qualitative Elements

Once it is determined that the Proposal(s) are complete submissions, the Proposal will be given to the Evaluation Committee for review. The following factors will be scored by the Evaluation Committee. Each factor will be scored using a scale of 1 through 5. The individual ratings for each member of the Evaluation Committee will be combined and averaged and then multiplied by pre-set criteria weights.

Evaluation Criteria	
1	Price
2	Demonstrated ability to accomplish the work described in the Scope of Work section of this RFP, as evidenced by the responses provided to the Proposal Requirements in Part D
3	Applicable professional experience and references of business entity, including past performance for the CGA, if applicable.
TOTAL	

E.3 Price Comparison Methodology

The following methodology will be utilized for price comparison purposes:

Newsletter Quantity	Estimated # of Senators at Quantity	Price per 2-color Newsletter Order	Total 2-color (Estimate x Price)	Price per 4-color Newsletter Order	Total 4-color (Estimate x Price)
43,000	3				
42,500	2				
42,000	2				
41,500	2				
41,000	1				
40,500	2				
40,000	2				
39,500	1				
39,000	1				
38,500	1				
38,000	1				
37,500	3				
37,000	0				
36,500	0				
36,000	0				
35,500	1				
35,000	0				
34,500	0				
34,000	0				
33,500	0				
33,000	0				
32,500	0				
32,000	0				
31,500	0				
31,000	0				
30,500	0				
30,000	0				
		Total	\$ _____	Total	\$ _____

E.4 Presentations

After review of the Proposals by the evaluation committee, the CGA may schedule times for some or all respondents to make presentations. During these presentations, the respondent(s) may be asked to provide an overview of their written Proposal, answer questions and/or provide clarifications.

E.5 Contract Award

All respondents will be notified of the Contract award once approved by the Legislative Leaders. The CGA will send letters to all respondents indicating the Proposal selected for Contract award.

PRICING PAGE

Contract Title: 2019 SDO District-wide Newsletters Printing & Delivery
Contract Number: JCLM19REG0027

Compensation

Newsletter Quantity	2-Color	4-Color	Newsletter Quantity	2-Color	4-Color
1. 30,000	\$	\$	14. 37,000	\$	\$
2. 30,500	\$	\$	15. 37,500	\$	\$
3. 31,000	\$	\$	16. 38,000	\$	\$
4. 31,500	\$	\$	17. 38,500	\$	\$
5. 32,000	\$	\$	18. 39,000	\$	\$
6. 32,500	\$	\$	19. 39,500	\$	\$
7. 33,000	\$	\$	20. 40,000	\$	\$
8. 33,500	\$	\$	21. 40,500	\$	\$
9. 34,000	\$	\$	22. 41,000	\$	\$
10. 34,500	\$	\$	23. 41,500	\$	\$
11. 35,000	\$	\$	24. 42,000	\$	\$
12. 35,500	\$	\$	25. 42,500	\$	\$
13. 36,000	\$	\$	26. 43,000	\$	\$
14. 36,500	\$	\$	27. 43,500	\$	\$
Additional Charge/Credit per 500 Newsletters	\$	\$	Author's Alterations Charges	\$ per	\$ per

Payment Terms

Standard payment terms are net 45 days.

Please indicate any early payment discount terms: % Discount, Days.

Please indicate if you are a Connecticut SBE/MBE: MBE SBE

The undersigned agrees to furnish all services and/or commodities to the CT General Assembly as described in Contract at the prices listed above.

Company Name:			
Company Address:			
Signature:		Date:	
Name (Printed):		Title:	
Email:		FEIN#:	
Office Phone #:		Cell Phone:#	

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

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PROPOSAL FORMAT	PROPOSAL PAGE
Section A:	
1. Respondent Experience and Knowledge	
2. Reference Projects	
Section B: Pricing Page	
Section C: Terms and Conditions Acknowledgement	
Section D: Forms	
Section E: Equipment List	
Section F: Cancellation Fees	
Section G: Forest Stewardship Council Certification, if applicable	
Section H: Confidential Information	
Section I: Exceptions	

CGA TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Definitions. Unless otherwise indicated, the following terms shall have the following corresponding definitions:
 - (a) Bid: A Bid submitted in response to a Solicitation.
 - (b) Claims: All actions, suits, claims, demands, investigations and proceedings of any kind, open, pending or threatened, whether mature, unmaturing, contingent, known or unknown, at law or in equity, in any forum.
 - (c) Confidential Information: This shall mean any name, number or other information that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a specific individual including, but not limited to, such individual's name, date of birth, mother's maiden name, motor vehicle operator's license number, Social Security number, employee identification number, employer or taxpayer identification number, alien registration number, government passport number, health insurance identification number, demand deposit account number, savings account number, credit card number, debit card number or unique biometric data such as fingerprint, voice print, retina or iris image, or other unique physical representation. Without limiting the foregoing, Confidential Information shall also include any information that the CGA classifies as "confidential" or "restricted." Confidential Information shall not include information that may be lawfully obtained from publicly available sources or from federal, state, or local government records which are lawfully made available to the general public.
 - (d) Confidential Information Breach: This shall mean, generally, an instance where an unauthorized person or entity accesses Confidential Information in any manner, including but not limited to the following occurrences: (1) any Confidential Information that is not encrypted or protected is misplaced, lost, stolen or in any way compromised; (2) one or more third parties have had access to or taken control or possession of any Confidential Information that is not encrypted or protected without prior written authorization from the CGA; (3) the unauthorized acquisition of encrypted or protected Confidential Information together with the confidential process or key that is capable of compromising the integrity of the Confidential Information; or (4) if there is a substantial risk of identity theft or fraud to the CGA, the Contractor, or the State.
 - (e) Contract: The agreement, as of its Effective Date, between the Contractor and the CGA for any or all Goods or Services at the Solicitation price.
 - (f) Contractor: A person or entity who submits a Solicitation response and who executes a Contract.
 - (g) Contractor Parties: A Contractor's members, directors, officers, shareholders, partners, managers, principal officers, representatives, agents, servants, consultants, employees or any one of them or any other person or entity with whom the Contractor is in privity of oral or written contract and the Contractor intends for such other person or entity to Perform under the Contract in any capacity.
 - (h) Day: All calendar days other than Saturdays, Sundays and days designated as national or State of Connecticut holidays upon which banks in Connecticut are closed.
 - (i) Force Majeure: Events that materially affect the cost of the Goods or Services or the time schedule within which to Perform and are outside the control of the party asserting that such an event has occurred, including, but not limited to, labor troubles unrelated to the Contractor, failure of or inadequate permanent power, unavoidable casualties, fire not caused by the Contractor, extraordinary weather

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- conditions, disasters, riots, acts of God, insurrection or war.
- (j) Goods: For purposes of the Contract, all things which are movable at the time that the Contract is effective and which include, without limiting this definition, supplies, materials and equipment, as specified in the Solicitation.
 - (k) Goods or Services: Goods, Services or both, as specified in the Solicitation.
 - (l) Records: All working papers and such other information and materials as may have been accumulated by the Contractor in performing the Contract, including but not limited to, documents, data, plans, books, computations, drawings, specifications, notes, reports, records, estimates, summaries and correspondence, kept or stored in any form.
 - (m) Services: The performance of labor or work, as specified in the Solicitation.
 - (n) Solicitation: A State request, in whatever form issued, inviting bids, proposals or quotes for Goods or Services, typified by, but not limited to, an invitation to bid, request for proposals, request for information or request for quotes. The Solicitation and this Contract shall be governed by the statutes, regulations and procedures of the State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services, even if the CGA has statutes, regulations and procedures which overlap DAS's. However, to the extent that the CGA has statutes, regulations or procedures which the CGA determines in its sole discretion to be inconsistent with DAS's, the CGA's shall control over those of DAS's. The Solicitation is incorporated into and made a part of the Contract as if it had been fully set forth in it if, but only if, the Solicitation is in the form of an invitation to bid, request for information or request for quotes. A Solicitation in the form of a request for proposals is not incorporated into the Contract in its entirety, but, rather, it is incorporated into the Contract only to the extent specifically stated in in the Contract.
 - (o) State: The State of Connecticut, including the CGA and any office, department, board, council, commission, institution or other CGA of the State.
 - (p) Termination: An end to the Contract prior to the end of its term whether effected pursuant to a right which the Contract creates or for a breach.
 - (q) Title: all ownership, title, licenses, rights and interest, including, but not limited to, perpetual use, of and to the Goods or Services.
2. Contracting Vehicle. The Solicitation may involve an invitation to bid, request for proposals, request for information or request for quotes, each of which may be governed by different statutory, regulatory and administrative procedures. ALTHOUGH THIS CONTRACT USES THE TERMS "SOLICITATION" AND "BID" IT'S USE OF THOSE TERMS IS INTENDED ONLY FOR PURPOSES OF CONVENIENCE AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE A CONTROLLING STATEMENT AS TO THE TYPE OF SOLICITATION USED OR THE RESPECTIVE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES. THE IDENTIFICATION IN THE SOLICITATION OF THE PARTICULAR PROCUREMENT VEHICLE THE STATE IS USING TO SOLICIT GOODS OR SERVICES SHALL CONTROL. Therefore, if the Solicitation identifies the procurement vehicle as something other than an Invitation to Bid, the terms "Solicitation" and "Bid," as used in this Contract shall be read to mean "Request for Proposals," "Proposal" and "Proposer" or to mean such other terms as are consistent with the Solicitation in order to preserve the integrity of the statutory, regulatory and procedural distinctions among the various procurement vehicles and their corresponding principles.
 3. Description of Goods or Services and Additional Terms and Conditions. The Contractor shall perform as set forth in the Contract. For purposes of this Contract, to perform and the performance in Attachment A of the Contract is referred to as "Perform" and the "Performance."

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4. Price Schedule, Payment Terms and Billing.

Parties, that:

(a) Payment Term: Payment terms under this Contract are set forth in Exhibit B of the Contract. Payment shall be made only after the CGA receives and accepts the Goods and/or Services and after it receives a properly completed invoice. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, payment for all accepted Goods and/or Services shall be due within forty-five (45) days after acceptance of the Goods and/or Services, or thirty (30) days if the Contractor is a certified small contractor or minority business enterprise as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-60g. The Contractor shall submit an invoice to the CGA for the Performance. The invoice shall include detailed information for Goods and/or Services, delivered and Performed, as applicable, and accepted. Any late payment charges shall be calculated in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) Price Adjustments:

No price increases are allowed under this Contract.

5. Rejected Items; Abandonment.

(a) The Contractor may deliver, cause to be delivered, or, in any other way, bring or cause to be brought, to any CGA premises or other destination, Goods, as samples or otherwise, and other supplies, materials, equipment or other tangible personal property. The CGA may, by written notice and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract, direct the Contractor to remove any or all such Goods ("the "Rejected Goods") and any or all other supplies, materials, equipment or other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Contractor Property") from and out of the CGA premises and any other location which the CGA or State manages, leases or controls. The Contractor shall remove the Rejected Goods and the Contractor Property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the written notice. Failure to remove the Rejected Goods or the Contractor Property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the written notice shall mean, for itself and all Contractor

- (1) they have voluntarily, intentionally, unconditionally, unequivocally and absolutely abandoned and left unclaimed the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property and relinquished all ownership, title, licenses, rights, possession and interest of, in and to (collectively, "Title") the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property with the specific and express intent of (A) terminating all of their Title to the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property, (B) vesting Title to the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property in the State of Connecticut and (C) not ever reclaiming Title or any future rights of any type in and to the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property;
- (2) there is no ignorance, inadvertence or unawareness to mitigate against the intent to abandon the Rejected Goods or Contractor Property;
- (3) they vest authority, without any further act required on their part or the CGA's part, in the CGA and the State to use or dispose of the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property, in the CGA's sole discretion, as if the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property were the CGA's or State's own property and in accordance with law, without incurring any liability or obligation to the Contractor or any other party;
- (4) if the CGA or State incur any costs or expenses in connection with disposing of the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property, including, but not limited to, advertising, moving or storing the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property, auction and other activities, the CGA shall invoice the Contractor for

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- all such cost and expenses and the Contractor shall reimburse the CGA no later than thirty (30) days after the date of invoice; and
- (5) they do remise, release and forever discharge the CGA and all State employees, departments, commissions, boards, bureaus, agencies, instrumentalities or political subdivisions and their respective successors, heirs, executors and assigns (collectively, the "State and Its Agents") of and from all Claims which they and their respective successors or assigns, jointly or severally, ever had, now have or will have against the CGA and the State and Its Agents arising from the use or disposition of the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property.
- (b) The Contractor shall secure from each Contractor Party, as appropriate, such document or instrument as necessary or appropriate as will vest in the Contractor plenary authority to bind the Contractor Parties to the full extent necessary or appropriate to give full effect to all of the terms and conditions of this section. The Contractor shall provide, no later than fifteen (15) days after receiving a request from the CGA, such information as the CGA may require to evidence, in the CGA's sole determination, compliance with this section.
6. Order and Delivery. The Contract shall bind the Contractor to furnish and deliver the Goods or Services in accordance with Exhibit A of the Contract and at the prices set forth in Exhibit B of the Contract. Subject to the sections in this Contract concerning Force Majeure, Termination and Open Market Purchases, the Contract shall bind the CGA to order the Goods or Services from the Contractor, and to pay for the accepted Goods or Services in accordance with Exhibit B of the Contract.
7. Contract Amendments. No amendment to or modification or other alteration of the Contract shall be valid or binding upon the CGA unless made in writing, and signed by both parties.
8. Assignment. The Contractor shall not assign any of its rights or obligations under the Contract, voluntarily or otherwise, in any manner without the prior written consent of the CGA. The CGA may void any purported assignment in violation of this section and declare the Contractor in breach of Contract. Any Termination by the CGA for a breach is without prejudice to the CGA's or the State's rights or possible Claims.
9. Termination.
- (a) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Contract, the CGA, through a duly authorized employee, may Terminate the Contract whenever the CGA makes a written determination that such Termination is in the best interests of the CGA. The CGA shall notify the Contractor in writing of Termination pursuant to this section, which notice shall specify the effective date of Termination and the extent to which the Contractor must complete its Performance under the Contract prior to such date.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Contract, the CGA, through a duly authorized employee, may, after making a written determination that the Contractor has breached the Contract, Terminate the Contract in accordance with the provisions in the Breach section of this Contract.
- (c) The CGA shall send the notice of Termination via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Contractor at the most current address which the Contractor has furnished to the CGA for purposes of correspondence, or by hand delivery. Upon receiving the notice from the CGA, the Contractor shall immediately discontinue all services affected in accordance with the notice, undertake all commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate any losses or

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- damages, and deliver to the CGA all Records. The Records are deemed to be the property of the CGA and the Contractor shall deliver them to the CGA no later than thirty (30) days after the Termination of the Contract or fifteen (15) days after the Contractor receives a written request from the CGA for the Records. The Contractor shall deliver those Records that exist in electronic, magnetic or other intangible form in a non-proprietary format, such as, but not limited to, ASCII or .TXT.
- (d) Upon receipt of a written notice of Termination from the CGA, the Contractor shall cease operations as the CGA directs in the notice, and take all actions that are necessary or appropriate, or that the CGA may reasonably direct, for the protection, and preservation of the Goods and any other property. Except for any work which the CGA directs the Contractor to Perform in the notice prior to the effective date of Termination, and except as otherwise provided in the notice, the Contractor shall terminate or conclude all existing subcontracts and purchase orders and shall not enter into any further subcontracts, purchase orders or commitments.
- (e) The CGA shall, within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of Termination, reimburse the Contractor for its Performance rendered and accepted by the CGA in accordance with Exhibit A of the Contract, in addition to all actual and reasonable costs incurred after Termination in completing those portions of the Performance which the notice required the Contractor to complete. However, the Contractor is not entitled to receive and the CGA is not obligated to tender to the Contractor any payments for anticipated or lost profits. Upon request by the CGA, the Contractor shall assign to the CGA, or any replacement contractor which the CGA designates, all subcontracts, purchase orders and other commitments, deliver to the CGA all Records and other information pertaining to its Performance, and remove from CGA premises, whether leased or owned, all of Contractor's property, equipment, waste material and rubbish related to its Performance, all as the CGA may request.
- (f) For breach or violation of any of the provisions in the section concerning Representations and Warranties, the CGA may Terminate the Contract in accordance with its terms and revoke any consents to assignments given as if the assignments had never been requested or consented to, without liability to the Contractor or Contractor Parties or any third party.
- (g) Upon Termination of the Contract, all rights and obligations shall be null and void, so that no party shall have any further rights or obligations to any other party, except with respect to the sections which survive Termination. All representations, warranties, agreements and rights of the parties under the Contract shall survive such Termination to the extent not otherwise limited in the Contract and without each one of them having to be specifically mentioned in the Contract.
- (h) Termination of the Contract pursuant to this section shall not be deemed to be a breach of contract by the CGA.
10. Cost Modifications. The parties may agree to a reduction in the cost of the Contract at any time during which the Contract is in effect. Without intending to impose a limitation on the nature of the reduction, the reduction may be to hourly, staffing or unit costs, the total cost of the Contract or the reduction may take such other form as the CGA deems to be necessary or appropriate.
11. Breach. If either party breaches the Contract in any respect, the non-breaching party shall provide written notice of such breach to the breaching party and afford the breaching party an opportunity to cure the breach within ten (10) days from the date that the breaching party receives such notice. Any other time provided for in the notice shall trump such ten (10) days. Such right to cure period shall be extended if the non-breaching party is satisfied that the breaching party is making a good faith effort to cure but the nature of the breach is such that it cannot be cured within the right to cure period. The notice may include an effective Contract Termination date if the breach is not cured by the stated date and, unless otherwise modified by the

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non-breaching party in writing prior to the Termination date, no further action shall be required of any party to effect the Termination as of the stated date. If the notice does not set forth an effective Contract Termination date, then the non-breaching party may Terminate the Contract by giving the breaching party no less than twenty four (24) hours' prior written notice. If the CGA believes that the Contractor has not performed according to the Contract, the CGA may withhold payment in whole or in part pending resolution of the Performance issue, provided that the CGA notifies the Contractor in writing prior to the date that the payment would have been due in accordance with Exhibit B of the Contract.

12. Waiver.

- (a) No waiver of any breach of the Contract shall be interpreted or deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. All remedies afforded in the Contract shall be taken and construed as cumulative, that is, in addition to every other remedy provided in the Contract or at law or in equity.
- (b) A party's failure to insist on strict performance of any provision of the Contract shall only be deemed to be a waiver of rights and remedies concerning that specific instance of Performance and shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent rights, remedies or breach.

13. Open Market Purchases. Failure of the Contractor to Perform within the time specified in the Contract, or failure to replace rejected or substandard Goods or fulfill unperformed Services when so requested and as the Contract provides or allows, constitutes a breach of the Contract and as a remedy for such breach, such failure shall constitute authority for the CGA, if it deems it to be necessary or appropriate in its sole discretion, to Terminate the Contract and/or to purchase on the open market, Goods or Services to replace those which have been rejected, not delivered, or not Performed. The CGA

shall invoice the Contractor for all such purchases to the extent that they exceed the costs and expenses in Exhibit B of the Contract and the Contractor shall pay the CGA's invoice immediately after receiving the invoice. If the CGA does not Terminate the Contract, the CGA will deduct such open market purchases from the Contract quantities. However, if the CGA deems it to be in the best interest of the CGA, the CGA may accept and use the Goods and/or Services delivered which are substandard in quality, subject to an adjustment in price to be determined by the CGA.

14. Purchase Orders.

- (a) The Contract itself is not an authorization for the Contractor to ship Goods or begin Performance in any way. The Contractor may begin Performance only after it has received a duly issued purchase order against the Contract for Performance.
- (b) The CGA shall issue a purchase order against the Contract directly to the Contractor and to no other party.
- (c) All purchase orders shall be in written or electronic form, bear the Contract number (if any), be signed and comply with all other State and CGA requirements, particularly the CGA's requirements concerning procurement. Purchase orders issued in compliance with these requirements shall be deemed to be duly issued.
- (d) A Contractor making delivery without a duly issued purchase order in accordance with this section does so at the Contractor's own risk.
- (e) The CGA may, in its sole discretion, deliver to the Contractor any or all duly issued purchase orders via electronic means only, such that the CGA shall not have any additional obligation to deliver to the Contractor a "hard copy" of the purchase order.

15. Indemnification.

- (a) The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the CGA and its officers, representatives, agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all (1) Claims arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with the Contract, including the acts of commission

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or omission (collectively, the "Acts") of the Contractor or Contractor Parties; and (2) liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, attorneys' and other professionals' fees, arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with Claims, Acts or the Contract. The Contractor shall use counsel reasonably acceptable to the CGA in carrying out its obligations under this section. The Contractor's obligations under this section to indemnify, defend and hold harmless against Claims includes Claims concerning confidentiality of any part of or all of the Contractor's bid, proposal or any Records, any intellectual property rights, other proprietary rights of any person or entity, copyrighted or uncopyrighted compositions, secret processes, patented or unpatented inventions, articles or appliances furnished or used in the Performance.

- (b) The Contractor shall not be responsible for indemnifying or holding the CGA harmless from any liability arising due to the negligence of the CGA or any other person or entity acting under the direct control or supervision of the CGA.
- (c) The Contractor shall reimburse the CGA for any and all damages to the real or personal property of the CGA caused by the Acts of the Contractor or any Contractor Parties. The CGA shall give the Contractor reasonable notice of any such Claims.
- (d) The Contractor's duties under this section shall remain fully in effect and binding in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract, without being lessened or compromised in any way, even where the Contractor is alleged or is found to have merely contributed in part to the Acts giving rise to the Claims and/or where the CGA is alleged or is found to have contributed to the Acts giving rise to the Claims.
- (e) The Contractor shall carry and maintain at all times during the term of the Contract, and during the time that any provisions survive the term of the Contract, sufficient general liability insurance to satisfy its obligations under this Contract. The

Contractor shall cause the CGA to be named as an additional insured on the policy and shall provide (1) a certificate of insurance, (2) the declaration page and (3) the additional insured endorsement to the policy to the CGA prior to the Effective Date of the Contract evidencing that the CGA is an additional insured. The Contractor shall not begin Performance until the delivery of these three documents to the CGA. The CGA shall be entitled to recover under the insurance policy even if a body of competent jurisdiction determines that the CGA or the CGA is contributorily negligent.

- (f) This section shall survive the Termination of the Contract and shall not be limited by reason of any insurance coverage.

16. Forum and Choice of Law.

The parties deem the Contract to have been made in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Both parties agree that it is fair and reasonable for the validity and construction of the Contract to be, and it shall be, governed by the laws and court decisions of the State of Connecticut, without giving effect to its principles of conflicts of laws. To the extent that any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut do not bar an action against the State, and to the extent that these courts are courts of competent jurisdiction, for the purpose of venue, the complaint shall be made returnable to the Judicial District of Hartford only or shall be brought in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut only, and shall not be transferred to any other court, provided, however, that nothing here constitutes a waiver or compromise of the sovereign immunity of the State of Connecticut. The Contractor waives any objection which it may now have or will have to the laying of venue of any Claims in any forum and further irrevocably submits to such jurisdiction in any suit, action or proceeding.

17. Contractor Guaranties. Contractor shall:

- (a) Perform fully under the Contract;

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- (b) Guarantee the Goods or Services against defective material or workmanship and to repair any damage or marring occasioned in transit or, at the CGA's option, replace them;
- (c) Furnish adequate protection from damage for all work and to repair damage of any kind, for which its workers are responsible, to the premises, Goods, the Contractor's work or that of Contractor Parties;
- (d) With respect to the provision of Services, pay for all permits, licenses and fees and give all required or appropriate notices;
- (e) Adhere to all Contractual provisions ensuring the confidentiality of Records that the Contractor has access to and are exempt from disclosure under the State's Freedom of Information Act or other applicable law; and
- (f) Neither disclaim, exclude nor modify the implied warranties of fitness for a particular purpose or of merchantability.

18. Implied Warranties. The CGA does not disclaim, exclude or modify the implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose or the warranty of merchantability.

19. Goods, Standards and Appurtenances. Any Goods delivered must be standard new Goods, latest model, except as otherwise specifically stated in the Contract. Remanufactured, refurbished or reconditioned equipment may be accepted but only to the extent allowed under the Contract. Where the Contract does not specifically list or describe any parts or nominal appurtenances of equipment for the Goods, it shall be understood that the Contractor shall deliver such equipment and appurtenances as are usually provided with the manufacturer's stock model.

20. Delivery.

- (a) Delivery shall be made as ordered and in accordance with the Contract. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, delivery shall be to a loading dock or receiving platform. The Contractor or Contractor's shipping designee shall be responsible for removal of Goods from the carrier and placement on the CGA loading dock or receiving platform. The receiving personnel of the CGA are not required to assist in this

process. The decision of the CGA as to reasonable compliance with delivery terms shall be final and binding. The burden of proof of proper receipt of the order shall rest with the Contractor.

- (b) In order for the time of delivery to be extended, the CGA must first approve a request for extension from the time specified in the Contract, such extension applying only to the particular item or shipment.
- (c) Goods shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, according to accepted standard commercial practice, without extra charge for packing cases, baling or sacks. The containers shall remain the property of the CGA unless otherwise stated in the Contract.
- (d) All risk of loss and damage to the Goods transfers to the CGA upon Title vesting in the CGA.

21. Goods Inspection. The CGA shall determine the manner and prescribe the inspection of all Goods and the tests of all samples submitted to determine whether they comply with all of the specifications in the Contract. If any Goods fail in any way to meet the specifications in the Contract, the CGA may, in its sole discretion, either reject it and owe nothing or accept it and pay for it on an adjusted price basis, depending on the degree to which the Goods meet the specifications. Any decision pertaining to any such failure or rejection shall be final and binding.

22. Emergency Standby for Goods and/or Services. If any Federal or State official, having authority to do so, declares an emergency or the occurrence of a natural disaster within the State of Connecticut, the CGA may request the Goods and Services on an expedited and prioritized basis. Upon receipt of such a request the Contractor shall make all necessary and appropriate commercially reasonable efforts to reallocate its staffing and other resources in order to give primary preference to Performing this Contract ahead of or prior to fulfilling, in whole or in part, any other contractual obligations that the Contractor may have. The Contractor is not obligated

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to make those efforts to Perform on an expedited and prioritized basis in accordance with this paragraph if doing so will make the Contractor materially breach any other contractual obligations that the Contractor may have. Contractor shall acknowledge receipt of any request made pursuant to this paragraph within 2 hours from the time that the Contractor receives it via purchase order or through a request to make an expedited or prioritized purchase through the State of Connecticut Purchasing Card (MasterCard) Program (the "P-Card Program"). If the Contractor fails to acknowledge receipt within 2 hours, confirm its obligation to Perform or actually Perform, as set forth in the purchase order or through the P-Card Program, then the CGA may procure the Performance from another source without further notice to Contractor and without creating any right of recourse at law or in equity against the CGA.

23. Setoff. In addition to all other remedies available hereunder, the CGA, in its sole discretion, may setoff (1) any costs or expenses that the CGA incurs resulting from the Contractor's unexcused nonperformance under the Contract and under any other agreement or arrangement that the Contractor has with the CGA and (2) any other amounts that are due or may become due from the CGA to the Contractor, against amounts otherwise due or that may become due to the Contractor under the Contract, or under any other agreement or arrangement that the Contractor has with the CGA. The CGA's right of setoff shall not be deemed to be the CGA's exclusive remedy for the Contractor's or Contractor Parties' breach of the Contract, all of which shall survive any setoffs by the CGA.

24. Force Majeure. The CGA and the Contractor shall not be excused from their obligation to Perform in accordance with the Contract except in the case of Force Majeure events and as otherwise provided for in the Contract. In the case of any such exception, the nonperforming party shall give immediate written notice to the other,

explaining the cause and probable duration of any such nonperformance.

25. Advertising. The Contractor shall not refer to sales to the CGA for advertising or promotional purposes, including, but not limited to, posting any material or data on the Internet, without the CGA's prior written approval.

26. Americans With Disabilities Act. The Contractor shall be and remain in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("Act"), to the extent applicable, during the term of the Contract. The CGA may Terminate the Contract if the Contractor fails to comply with the Act.

27. Representations and Warranties. The Contractor, represents and warrants to CGA for itself and Contractor Parties, that:

- (a) if they are entities, they are duly and validly existing under the laws of their respective states of organization and authorized to conduct business in the State of Connecticut in the manner contemplated by the Contract. Further, as appropriate, they have taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and Performance of the Contract and have the power and authority to execute, deliver and Perform their obligations under the Contract;
- (b) they will comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and municipal ordinances in satisfying their obligations to the CGA under and pursuant to the Contract, including, but not limited to (1) Connecticut General Statutes Title 1, Chapter 10, concerning the State's Codes of Ethics and (2) Title 4a concerning State purchasing, including, but not limited to Section 22a-194a concerning the use of polystyrene foam;
- (c) the execution, delivery and Performance of the Contract will not violate, be in conflict with, result in a breach of or constitute (with or without due notice and/or lapse of time) a default under any of the following, as applicable: (1) any provision of law; (2) any order of any court or the CGA; or (3) any indenture, agreement, document or

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- other instrument to which it is a party or by which it may be bound;
- (d) they are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any governmental entity;
 - (e) as applicable, they have not, within the three years preceding the Contract, in any of their current or former jobs, been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them or against any person who would Perform under the Contract, for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a transaction or contract with any governmental entity. This includes, but is not limited to, violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (f) they are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses listed above;
 - (g) they have not within the three years preceding the Contract had one or more contracts with any governmental entity Terminated;
 - (h) they have not employed or retained any entity or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for them, to solicit or secure the Contract and that they have not paid or agreed to pay any entity or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for them, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Contract or any assignments made in accordance with the terms of the Contract;
 - (i) to the best of their knowledge, there are no Claims involving the Contractor or Contractor Parties that might reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect their businesses, operations, assets, properties, financial stability, business prospects or ability to Perform fully under the Contract;
 - (j) they shall disclose, to the best of their knowledge, to the CGA in writing any Claims involving them that might reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect their businesses, operations, assets, properties, financial stability, business prospects or ability to Perform fully under the Contract, no later than ten (10) Days after becoming aware or after they should have become aware of any such Claims. For purposes of the Contractor's obligation to disclose any Claims to the CGA, the ten (10) Days in the section of this Contract concerning Disclosure of Contractor Parties Litigation shall run consecutively with the ten (10) Days provided for in this representation and warranty;
 - (k) their participation in the Solicitation process is not a conflict of interest or a breach of ethics under the provisions of Title 1, Chapter 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes concerning the State's Code of Ethics;
 - (l) the Bid was not made in connection or concert with any other person or entity, including any affiliate (as defined in the Tangible Personal Property section of this Contract) of the Contractor, submitting a bid for the same Goods or Services, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud;
 - (m) they are able to Perform under the Contract using their own resources or the resources of a party who is not a Contractor;
 - (n) the Contractor shall obtain in a written contract all of the representations and warranties in this section from any Contractor Parties and to require that provision to be included in any contracts and purchase orders with Contractor Parties;
 - (o) they have paid all applicable workers' compensation second injury fund assessments concerning all previous work done in Connecticut;
 - (p) they have a record of compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Administration regulations without any unabated, willful or serious violations;
 - (q) they owe no unemployment compensation contributions;
 - (R) they are not delinquent in the payment of any taxes owed, or, that they have filed a sales tax security bond, and they have, if and as applicable, filed for motor carrier road tax stickers and have paid all outstanding road taxes;

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- (S) all of their vehicles have current registrations and, unless such vehicles are no longer in service, they shall not allow any such registrations to lapse;
 - (t) each Contractor Party has vested in the Contractor plenary authority to bind the Contractor Parties to the full extent necessary or appropriate to ensure full compliance with and Performance in accordance with all of the terms and conditions of the Contract and that all appropriate parties shall also provide, no later than fifteen (15) days after receiving a request from the CGA, such information as the CGA may require to evidence, in the CGA's sole determination, compliance with this section;
 - (u) except to the extent modified or abrogated in the Contract, all Title shall pass to the CGA upon complete installation, testing and acceptance of the Goods or Services and payment by the CGA;
 - (v) if either party Terminates the Contract, for any reason, they shall relinquish to the CGA all Title to the Goods delivered, accepted and paid for (except to the extent any invoiced amount is disputed) by the CGA;
 - (w) with regard to third party products provided with the Goods, they shall transfer all licenses which they are permitted to transfer in accordance with the applicable third party license;
 - (x) they shall not copyright, register, distribute or claim any rights in or to the Goods after the Effective Date of the Contract without the CGA's prior written consent;
 - (y) they either own or have the authority to use all Title of and to the Goods, and that such Title is not the subject of any encumbrances, liens or claims of ownership by any third party;
 - (z) the Goods do not infringe or misappropriate any patent, trade secret or other intellectual property right of a third party;
 - (aa) the CGA's use of any Goods shall not infringe or misappropriate any patent, trade secret or other intellectual property right of a third party;
 - (bb) if they procure any Goods, they shall sub-license such Goods and that the CGA shall be afforded the full benefits of any manufacturer or subcontractor licenses for the use of the Goods; and
 - (cc) they shall assign or otherwise transfer to the CGA, or afford the CGA the full benefits of any manufacturer's warranty for the Goods, to the extent that such warranties are assignable or otherwise transferable to the CGA.
28. Representations and Warranties Concerning Motor Vehicles. If in the course of Performance or in any other way related to the Contract the Contractor at any time uses or operates "motor vehicles," as that term is defined by Conn. Gen. Stat. §14-1 (including, but not limited to such services as snow plowing, sanding, hauling or delivery of materials, freight or merchandise, or the transportation of passengers), the Contractor, represents and warrants for itself and the Contractor Parties, that:
- (a) It is the owner of record or lessee of record of each such motor vehicle used in the Performance of the Contract, and each such motor vehicle is duly registered with the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles ("ConnDMV") in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 246 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Each such registration shall be in valid status, and shall not be expired, suspended or revoked by ConnDMV, for any reason or cause. If such motor vehicle is not registered with ConnDMV, then it shall be duly registered with another state or commonwealth in accordance with such other state's or commonwealth's applicable statutes. Each such registration shall be in valid status, and shall not be expired, suspended or revoked by such other state or commonwealth for any reason or cause.
 - (b) Each such motor vehicle shall be fully insured in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14-12b, 14-112 and 38a-371 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, in the amounts required by the said sections or in such higher amounts as have been specified by ConnDMV as a condition for the award of the Contract, or in accordance with all substantially similar provisions imposed by the law of the jurisdiction where the motor vehicle is registered.

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- (c) Each Contractor Party who uses or operates a motor vehicle at any time in the Performance of the Contract shall have and maintain a motor vehicle operator's license or commercial driver's license of the appropriate class for the motor vehicle being used or operated. Each such license shall bear the endorsement or endorsements required by the provisions of Section 14-36a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, to operate such motor vehicle, or required by substantially similar provisions imposed by the law of another jurisdiction in which the operator is licensed to operate such motor vehicle. The license shall be in valid status, and shall not be expired, suspended or revoked by ConnDMV or such other jurisdiction for any reason or cause.
- (d) Each motor vehicle shall be in full compliance with all of the terms and conditions of all provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes and regulations, or those of the jurisdiction where the motor vehicle is registered, pertaining to the mechanical condition, equipment, marking and operation of motor vehicles of such type, class and weight, including, but not limited to, requirements for motor vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 18,000 pounds or more or motor vehicles otherwise described by the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-163c(a) and all applicable provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, as set forth in Title 49, Parts 382 to 399, inclusive, of the Code of Federal Regulations.
29. Disclosure of Contractor Parties Litigation. The Contractor shall require that all Contractor Parties, as appropriate, disclose to the Contractor, to the best of their knowledge, any Claims involving the Contractor Parties that might reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect their businesses, operations, assets, properties, financial stability, business prospects or ability to Perform fully under the Contract, no later than ten (10) Days after becoming aware or after they should have become aware of any such Claims. Disclosure shall be in writing.
30. Entirety of Contract. The Contract is the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter, and supersedes all prior agreements, proposals, offers, counteroffers and understandings of the parties, whether written or oral. The Contract has been entered into after full investigation, neither party relying upon any statement or representation by the other unless such statement or representation is specifically embodied in the Contract.
31. Exhibits. All exhibits referred to in and attached to the Contract are incorporated in this Contract by such reference and shall be deemed to be a part of it as if they had been fully set forth in it.
32. Non-discrimination.
- (a) For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined as follows:
- (1) "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;
 - (2) "Contract" and "contract" include any extension or modification of the Contract or contract;
 - (3) "Contractor" and "contractor" include any successors or assigns of the Contractor or contractor;
 - (4) "Gender identity or expression" means a person's gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose.

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(5) "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations;

(6) "good faith efforts" shall include, but not be limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements;

(7) "marital status" means being single, married as recognized by the state of Connecticut, widowed, separated or divorced;

(8) "mental disability" means one or more mental disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", or a record of or regarding a person as having one or more such disorders;

(9) "minority business enterprise" means any small contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons: (1) who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise, (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise, and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Connecticut General Statutes § 32-9n; and

(10) "public works contract" means any agreement between any individual, firm or corporation and the State or any political subdivision of the State other than a municipality for construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a public building, highway or other changes or improvements in real property, or which is financed in whole or in part by the State, including, but not limited to,

matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or guarantees.

For purposes of this Section, the terms "Contract" and "contract" do not include a contract where each contractor is (1) a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, a municipality, (2) a quasi-public CGA, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-120, (3) any other state, including but not limited to any federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-267, (4) the federal government, (5) a foreign government, or (6) an CGA of a subdivision, CGA, state or government described in the immediately preceding enumerated items (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5).

- (b) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut; and the Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (2) the

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Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; (3) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (4) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; and (5) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56. If the contract is a public works contract, the Contractor agrees and warrants that he will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works projects.

- (c) Determination of the Contractor's good faith efforts shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following factors: The Contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; affirmative advertising, recruitment and training; technical

assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.

- (d) The Contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.
- (e) The Contractor shall include the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56; provided if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.
- (f) The Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this Section as they exist on the date of this Contract and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this Contract and any amendments thereto.
- (g) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Connecticut, and that employees are

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treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation; (2) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (3) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; and (4) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56.

- (h) The Contractor shall include the provisions of the foregoing paragraph in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; provided, if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a

subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.

33. Tangible Personal Property.

- (a) The Contractor on its behalf and on behalf of its Affiliates, as defined below, shall comply with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-411b, as follows:

- (1) For the term of the Contract, the Contractor and its Affiliates shall collect and remit to the State of Connecticut, Department of Revenue Services, any Connecticut use tax due under the provisions of Chapter 219 of the Connecticut General Statutes for items of tangible personal property sold by the Contractor or by any of its Affiliates in the same manner as if the Contractor and such Affiliates were engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property for use in Connecticut and had sufficient nexus under the provisions of Chapter 219 to be required to collect Connecticut use tax;
- (2) A customer's payment of a use tax to the Contractor or its Affiliates relieves the customer of liability for the use tax;
- (3) The Contractor and its Affiliates shall remit all use taxes they collect from customers on or before the due date specified in the Contract, which may not be later than the last day of the month next succeeding the end of a calendar quarter or other tax collection period during which the tax was collected;
- (4) The Contractor and its Affiliates are not liable for use tax billed by them but not paid to them by a customer; and
- (5) Any Contractor or Affiliate who fails to remit use taxes collected on behalf of its customers by the due date specified in the Contract shall be subject to the interest and penalties provided for persons required to collect sales tax under chapter 219 of the general statutes.

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- (b) For purposes of this section of the Contract, the word "Affiliate" means any person, as defined in section 12-1 of the general statutes, that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person. A person controls another person if the person owns, directly or indirectly, more than ten per cent of the voting securities of the other person. The word "voting security" means a security that confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the board of directors or similar governing body of the business, or that is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive, upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. "Voting security" includes a general partnership interest.
- (c) The Contractor represents and warrants that each of its Affiliates has vested in the Contractor plenary authority to so bind the Affiliates in any agreement with the State of Connecticut. The Contractor on its own behalf and on behalf of its Affiliates shall also provide, no later than 30 days after receiving a request by the State's contracting authority, such information as the State may require to ensure, in the State's sole determination, compliance with the provisions of Chapter 219 of the Connecticut General Statutes, including, but not limited to, §12-411b.
34. **Whistleblowing.** The Contract may be subject to the provisions of Section 4-61dd of the Connecticut General Statutes. In accordance with this statute, if an officer, employee or appointing authority of the Contractor takes or threatens to take any personnel action against any employee of the Contractor in retaliation for such employee's disclosure of information to any employee of the contracting state or quasi-public CGA or the Auditors of Public Accounts or the Attorney General under the provisions of subsection (a) of such statute, the Contractor shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each offense, up to a maximum of twenty per cent of the value of this Contract. Each violation shall be a separate and distinct offense and in the case of a continuing violation, each calendar day's continuance of the violation shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense. The CGA may request that the Attorney General bring a civil action in the Superior Court for the Judicial District of Hartford to seek imposition and recovery of such civil penalty. In accordance with subsection (f) of such statute, each large state contractor, as defined in the statute, shall post a notice of the provisions of the statute relating to large state contractors in a conspicuous place which is readily available for viewing by the employees of the Contractor.
35. **Notice.** All notices, demands, requests, consents, approvals or other communications required or permitted to be given or which are given with respect to this Contract (for the purpose of this section collectively called "Notices") shall be deemed to have been effected at such time as the notice is placed in the U.S. mail, first class and postage pre-paid, return receipt requested or placed with a recognized, overnight express delivery service that provides for a return receipt or sent via email.
36. **Insurance.** Before commencing Performance, the Contractor shall obtain and maintain at its own cost and expense for the duration of the Contract, the following insurance as described in (a) through (h) below. Contractor shall assume any and all deductibles in the described insurance policies. The Contractor's insurers shall have no right of recovery or subrogation against the State and the described Contractor's insurance shall be primary coverage. Any failure to comply with the claim reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the State.
- (a) **Commercial General Liability:** \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. Coverage shall include, Premises and Operations, Independent Contractors, Products and Completed Operations, Contractual Liability and Broad Form Property Damage coverage. If a general

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aggregate is used, the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the project or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the occurrence limit.

- (b) **Automobile Liability:** \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury. Coverage extends to owned, hired and non-owned automobiles. If the vendor/contractor does not own an automobile, but one is used in the execution of the contract, then only hired and non-owned coverage is required. If a vehicle is not used in the execution of the contract then automobile coverage is not required.
- (c) **Professional Liability:** \$1,000,000 limit of liability.
- (d) **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability:** Statutory coverage in compliance with the Compensation laws of the State of Connecticut. Coverage shall include Employer's Liability with minimum limits of \$100,000 each accident, \$500,000 Disease – Policy limit, \$100,000 each employee.

37. Headings. The headings given to the sections in the Contract are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as part of the Contract or as a limitation of the scope of the particular section to which the heading refers.

38. Number and Gender. Whenever the context so requires, the plural or singular shall include each other and the use of any gender shall include all genders.

39. Parties. To the extent that any Contractor Party is to participate or Perform in any way, directly or indirectly in connection with the Contract, any reference in the Contract to "Contractor" shall also be deemed to include "Contractor Parties," as if such reference had originally specifically included "Contractor Parties" since it is the parties' intent for the terms "Contractor Parties" to be vested with the same

respective rights and obligations as the term "Contractor."

40. Contractor Changes. The Contractor shall notify the CGA in writing no later than ten (10) Days from the effective date of any change in:

- (a) its certificate of incorporation or other organizational document;
- (b) more than a controlling interest in the ownership of the Contractor; or
- (c) the individual(s) in charge of the Performance.

This change shall not relieve the Contractor of any responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the Performance. The CGA, after receiving written notice by the Contractor of any such change, may require such agreements, releases and other instruments evidencing, to the CGA's satisfaction, that any individuals retiring or otherwise separating from the Contractor have been compensated in full or that provision has been made for compensation in full, for all work performed under terms of the Contract. The Contractor shall deliver such documents to the CGA in accordance with the terms of the CGA's written request. The CGA may also require, and the Contractor shall deliver, a financial statement showing that solvency of the Contractor is maintained. The death of any Contractor Party, as applicable, shall not release the Contractor from the obligation to Perform under the Contract; the surviving Contractor Parties, as appropriate, must continue to Perform under the Contract until Performance is fully completed.

41. Further Assurances. The parties shall provide such information, execute and deliver any instruments and documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or reasonably requested by the other party which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Contract and which do not involve the vesting of rights or assumption of obligations other than those provided for

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in the Contract, in order to give full effect to the Contract and to carry out the intent of the Contract.

42. Audit and Inspection of Plants, Places of Business and Records.

- (a) The State and its agents, including, but not limited to, the Connecticut Auditors of Public Accounts, Attorney General and State's Attorney and their respective agents, may, at reasonable hours, inspect and examine all of the parts of the Contractor's and Contractor Parties' plants and places of business which, in any way, are related to, or involved in, the performance of this Contract.
- (b) The Contractor shall maintain, and shall require each of the Contractor Parties to maintain, accurate and complete Records. The Contractor shall make all of it's and the Contractor Parties' Records available at all reasonable hours for audit and inspection by the CGA, State and its agents.
- (c) The CGA or State shall make all requests for any audit or inspection in writing and shall provide the Contractor with at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice prior to the requested audit and inspection date. If the CGA or State suspects fraud or other abuse, or in the event of an emergency, the CGA or State is not obligated to provide any prior notice.
- (d) All audits and inspections shall be at the CGA/State's expense.
- (e) The Contractor shall keep and preserve or cause to be kept and preserved all of its and Contractor Parties' Records until three (3) years after the latter of (i) final payment under this Contract, or (ii) the expiration or earlier termination of this Contract, as the same may be modified for any reason. The CGA or State may request an audit or inspection at any time during this period. If any Claim or audit is started before the expiration of this period, the Contractor shall retain or cause to be retained all Records until all Claims or audit findings have been resolved.

- (f) The Contractor shall cooperate fully with the CGA or State and its agents in connection with an audit or inspection. Following any audit or inspection, the CGA or State may conduct and the Contractor shall cooperate with an exit conference.
- (g) The Contractor shall incorporate this entire Section verbatim into any contract or other agreement that it enters into with any Contractor Party.

43. Background Checks. The CGA may require that the Contractor and Contractor Parties undergo criminal background checks as provided for in the CGA procedures for background checks. The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall cooperate fully as necessary or reasonably requested with the CGA and its agents in connection with such background checks.

44. Continued Performance. The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall continue to Perform their obligations under the Contract while any dispute concerning the Contract is being resolved.

45. Working and Labor Synergies. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining a tranquil working relationship between the Contractor work force, the Contractor Parties and their work force, CGA employees, and any other contractors present at the work site. The Contractor shall quickly resolve all labor disputes which result from the Contractor's or Contractor Parties' presence at the work site, or other action under their control. Labor disputes shall not be deemed to be sufficient cause to allow the Contractor to make any claim for additional compensation for cost, expenses or any other loss or damage, nor shall those disputes be deemed to be sufficient reason to relieve the Contractor from any of its obligations under the Contract.

46. Contractor Responsibility.

- (a) The Contractor shall be responsible for the entire Performance under the Contract regardless of whether the Contractor itself

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performs. The Contractor shall be the sole point of contact concerning the management of the Contract, including Performance and payment issues. The Contractor is solely and completely responsible for adherence by the Contractor Parties to all applicable provisions of the Contract.

- (b) The Contractor shall exercise all reasonable care to avoid damage to the CGA property or to property being made ready for the CGA's use, and to all property adjacent to any work site. The Contractor shall promptly report any damage, regardless of cause, to the CGA.

47. Severability. If any term or provision of the Contract or its application to any person, entity or circumstance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Contract or the application of such term or provision shall not be affected as to persons, entities or circumstances other than those as to whom or to which it is held to be invalid or unenforceable. Each remaining term and provision of the Contract shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent possible by law.

48. Confidential Information. The CGA will afford due regard to the Contractor's request for the protection of proprietary or confidential information which the CGA receives. However, all materials associated with the Solicitation and the Contract are subject to the terms of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") and all corresponding rules, regulations and interpretations. In making such a request, the Contractor may not merely state generally that the materials are proprietary or confidential in nature and not, therefore, subject to release to third parties. Those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages or sections that the Contractor believes are exempt from disclosure under the FOIA must be specifically identified as such. Convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption consistent with the FOIA must accompany the request. The rationale and explanation must be stated in terms of the prospective

harm to the competitive position of the Contractor that would result if the identified material were to be released and the reasons why the materials are legally exempt from release pursuant to the FOIA. To the extent that any other provision or part of the Contract, especially including the Bid, the Records and the specifications, conflicts or is in any way inconsistent with this section, this section controls and shall apply and the conflicting provision or part shall not be given effect. If the Contractor indicates that certain documentation is submitted in confidence, by specifically and clearly marking said documentation as "CONFIDENTIAL," the CGA will endeavor to keep said information confidential to the extent permitted by law. The CGA, however, has no obligation to initiate, prosecute or defend any legal proceeding or to seek a protective order or other similar relief to prevent disclosure of any information that is sought pursuant to a FOIA request. The Contractor shall have the burden of establishing the availability of any FOIA exemption in any proceeding where it is an issue. In no event shall the CGA or the State have any liability for the disclosure of any documents or information in its possession which the CGA believes are required to be disclosed pursuant to the FOIA or other requirements of law.

49. References to Statutes, Public Acts, Regulations, Codes and Executive Orders.

All references in this Contract to any statute, public act, regulation, code or executive order shall mean such statute, public act, regulation, code or executive order, respectively, as it has been amended, replaced or superseded at any time. Notwithstanding any language in this Contract that relates to such statute, public act, regulation, code or executive order, and notwithstanding a lack of a formal amendment to this Contract, this Contract shall always be read and interpreted as if it contained the most current and applicable wording and requirements of such statute, public act, regulation, code or executive order as if their most current language had been used in and requirements incorporated into this Contract at the time of its execution.

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50. Cross-Default.

- (a) If the Contractor or Contractor Parties breach, default or in any way fail to Perform satisfactorily under the Contract, then the CGA may, in its sole discretion, without more and without any action whatsoever required of the CGA, treat any such event as a breach, default or failure to perform under any or all other agreements or arrangements (“Other Agreements”) that the Contractor or Contractor Parties have with the CGA. Accordingly, the CGA may then exercise at its sole option any and all of its rights or remedies provided for in the Contract or Other Agreements, either selectively or collectively and without such election being deemed to prejudice any rights or remedies of the CGA, as if the Contractor or Contractor Parties had suffered a breach, default or failure to perform under the Other Agreements.
- (b) If the Contractor or Contractor Parties breach, default or in any way fail to Perform satisfactorily under any or all Other Agreements with the CGA or the State, then the CGA may, in its sole discretion, without more and without any action whatsoever required of the CGA, treat any such event as a breach, default or failure to Perform under the Contract. Accordingly, the CGA may then exercise at its sole option any and all of its rights or remedies provided for in the Other Agreements or the Contract, either selectively or collectively and without such election being deemed to prejudice any rights or remedies of the CGA or the State, as if the Contractor or Contractor Parties had suffered a breach, default or failure to Perform under the Contract.

51. Disclosure of Records. This Contract may be subject to the provisions of section 1-218 of the Connecticut General Statutes. In accordance with this statute, each contract in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars between a public CGA and a person for the performance of a governmental function shall (a) provide that the public CGA is entitled to receive a copy of records and files related to the performance of the governmental function, and (b) indicate that such records and files are subject to FOIA and may be disclosed by

the public CGA pursuant to FOIA. No request to inspect or copy such records or files shall be valid unless the request is made to the public CGA in accordance with FOIA. Any complaint by a person who is denied the right to inspect or copy such records or files shall be brought to the Freedom of Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of sections 1-205 and 1-206 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

52. Summary of State Ethics Laws. Pursuant to the requirements of section 1-101qq of the Connecticut General Statutes, the summary of State ethics laws developed by the State Ethics Commission pursuant to section 1-81b of the Connecticut General Statutes is incorporated by reference into and made a part of the Contract as if the summary had been fully set forth in the Contract.
53. Sovereign Immunity. The parties acknowledge and agree that nothing in the Solicitation or the Contract shall be construed as a modification, compromise or waiver by the CGA or the State of any rights or defenses of any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut to the State or any of its officers and employees, which they may have had, now have or will have with respect to all matters arising out of the Contract. To the extent that this section conflicts with any other section, this section shall govern.
54. Time of the Essence. Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Contract that specify a time for performance; provided, however, that this provision shall not be construed to limit or deprive a party of the benefits of any grace or use period allowed in this Contract.
55. Certification as Small Contractor or Minority Business Enterprise. The Contractor shall be in breach of this Contract if the Contractor is certified as a “small contractor” or a “minority business enterprise” under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-60g and that certification lapses during the term of this Contract.

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56. Campaign Contribution Restriction. For all State contracts as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-612(g)(1) having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this Contract expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice, as set forth in "Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations," attached as Exhibit C in the Contract.
57. Protection of Confidential Information.
- (a) Contractor and Contractor Parties, at their own expense, have a duty to and shall protect from a Confidential Information Breach any and all Confidential Information which they come to possess or control, wherever and however stored or maintained, in a commercially reasonable manner in accordance with current industry standards.
 - (b) Each Contractor or Contractor Party shall develop, implement and maintain a comprehensive data - security program for the protection of Confidential Information. The safeguards contained in such program shall be consistent with and comply with the safeguards for protection of Confidential Information, and information of a similar character, as set forth in all applicable federal and state law and written policy of the CGA or State concerning the confidentiality of Confidential Information. Such data-security program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - i. A security policy for employees related to the storage, access and transportation of data containing Confidential Information;
 - ii. Reasonable restrictions on access to records containing Confidential Information, including access to any locked storage where such records are kept;
 - iii. A process for reviewing policies and security measures at least annually;
 - iv. Creating secure access controls to Confidential Information, including but not limited to passwords; and
 - v. Encrypting of Confidential Information that is stored on laptops, portable devices or being transmitted electronically.
 - (c) The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall notify the CGA and the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General as soon as practical, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours, after they become aware of or suspect that any Confidential Information which Contractor or Contractor Parties have come to possess or control has been subject to a Confidential Information Breach. If a Confidential Information Breach has occurred, the Contractor shall, within three (3) business days after the notification, present a credit monitoring and protection plan to the Commissioner of Administrative Services, the CGA and the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General, for review and approval. Such credit monitoring or protection plan shall be made available by the Contractor at its

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own cost and expense to all individuals affected by the Confidential Information Breach. Such credit monitoring or protection plan shall include, but is not limited to reimbursement for the cost of placing and lifting one (1) security freeze per credit file pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 36a-701a. Such credit monitoring or protection plans shall be approved by the CGA in accordance with this Section and shall cover a length of time commensurate with the circumstances of the Confidential Information Breach. The Contractors' costs and expenses for the credit monitoring and protection plan shall not be recoverable from the CGA, any State of Connecticut entity or any affected individuals.

- (d) The Contractor shall incorporate the requirements of this Section in all subcontracts requiring each Contractor Party to safeguard Confidential Information in the same manner as provided for in this Section.
- (e) Nothing in this Section shall supersede in any manner Contractor's or Contractor Party's obligations pursuant to HIPAA or the provisions of this Contract concerning the obligations of the Contractor as a Business Associate of Covered Entity.

58. Audit Requirements for Recipients of State Financial Assistance. For purposes of this paragraph, the word "contractor" shall be deemed to mean "nonstate entity," as that term is defined in Section 4-230 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The contractor shall provide for an annual financial audit acceptable to the CGA for any expenditure of state-awarded funds made by the contractor. Such audit shall include management letters and audit recommendations. The State Auditors of Public Accounts shall have access to all

records and accounts for the fiscal year(s) in which the award was made. The contractor will comply with federal and state single audit standards as applicable.

59. Anti-Trust

Contractor hereby irrevocably assigns to the State of Connecticut all rights, title and interest in and to all Claims associated with this Contract that Contractor now has or may or will have and that arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 USC Section 1, et seq. and the antitrust laws of the State of Connecticut, Connecticut General Statute § 35-24, et seq., including but not limited to any and all Claims for overcharges. This assignment shall become valid and effective immediately upon the accrual of a Claim without any further action or acknowledgment by the parties.