Invitation to Bid #20PSX0005

IT ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES

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Guide to Electronic Bid Submissions

1. Introduction To BizNet

It is now a requirement of Department of Administrative Services (DAS)/Procurement Division that all companies create a Business Network (BizNet) Account and add their company profiles to the State of Connecticut BizNet system. Companies are responsible for maintaining and updating company information in their BizNet Accounts as updates occur. Companies that have been certified through the Supplier Diversity or the Pre-Qualification Program, have already created a BizNet account.

The BizNet login is: <u>https://www.biznet.ct.gov/AccountMaint/Login.aspx</u>

<u>New Companies</u>: Create an account by clicking the BizNet login link above and then the button on the right labeled "Create New Account". Login and select Doing Business with the State and Company Information. Please be sure to complete information in all tabs (Company Information, Accounts, Address, etc.).

Existing Companies Needing to Update Their Information: Login to BizNet and select Doing Business with the State and Company Information.

Anyone having difficulty connecting to their account or downloading or uploading forms should call DAS/Procurement Division at 860-713-5095.

2. Business Friendly Legislation

As a result of Public Act 11-229, DAS/Procurement Division's goal is to make doing business with the State of Connecticut more business friendly. To eliminate redundancy, forms that were repetitively filled out with each invitation to bid are being automated in BizNet.

DAS/Procurement Division began the transition to on-line bidding by automating the submission of Affidavits and Non-Discrimination forms on October 1, 2011. Companies must submit forms electronically to their BizNet account if they haven't already done so. These forms must be updated on an annual basis, no later than 30 days after the effective date of any material change. Rather than completing them with each bid submittal, companies that have already filed these forms have the ability to view, verify and update their information prior to submitting a bid response.

Instructions for Uploading Affidavits and Non-Discrimination Forms: Click on the following link for instructions on how to upload Affidavits and Non-Discrimination forms: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DAS/DAS-Procurement-Services/Contracting/Admin-Instructions.pdf?la=en

(a) AFFIDAVITS

THE FOLLOWING FORMS MUST BE SIGNED, DATED, NOTARIZED, UPLOADED OR UPDATED ON BIZNET. TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THESE FORMS, YOU MUST LOGIN INTO BIZNET AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS LISTED ABOVE.

- (1) OPM Ethics Form 1 Gift & Campaign Contribution Certification
- (2) OPM Ethics Form 5 Consulting Agreement Affidavit
- (3) OPM Ethics Form 6 Affirmation of Receipt of State Ethics Laws Summary
- (4) OPM Form 7 Iran Certification

For information regarding these forms, please access the Office of Policy & Management's website by clicking on the following link: <u>http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=386038</u>

(b) NON-DISCRIMINATION

CHOOSE ONE (1) FORM THAT APPLIES TO YOUR BUSINESS. COMPLETE AND UPLOAD OR UPDATE ON BIZNET ANNUALLY. TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THESE FORMS, YOU MUST LOGIN INTO BIZNET AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS LISTED ABOVE.

- (1) Form A Representation by Individual
- (2) Form B Representation by Entity
- (3) Form C Affidavit by Entity (RECOMMENDED) (Valued at \$50,000 or more)
- (4) Form D New Resolution by Entity
- (5) Form E Prior Resolution by Entity

(Regardless of Value) (Valued at \$50,000 or less) (Valued at \$50,000 or more)

For information regarding these forms and on which form your company should complete, please access the Office of Policy & Management's website by clicking following link: <u>http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=390928&opmNav_GID=1806</u>

3. Online Bid Responses

Any Invitations to Bid (ITB) posted by DAS/Procurement Division must be submitted electronically. The common forms listed below have also been automated in the BizNet system. In addition, specific forms are now web based and fillable, as noted below. To complete forms; download them from your BizNet account, complete your submittal response, and then upload these completed documents (as well as any other required submittal documents) through BizNet prior to the date and time upon which the Bid is due pursuant to this ITB. Late submissions will not be accepted. All bid responses submitted must be e-signed. Bid responses that are not e-signed are not received by DAS/Procurement and cannot be viewed or considered. If any required documents have not been uploaded, the system will not allow you to e-sign. After successful e-signature, Bidders will get a confirmation that their bid has been successfully submitted. If you do not receive this electronic confirmation, please contact DAS/Procurement at 860-713-5095. Bid pricing will be available for public viewing for 24 hours after bid closing.

- Contractor Information/Electronic Signature Page Web Based fillable Form
- Employment Information Form (DAS-45) Web Based fillable Form
- Statement of Qualifications (DAS-14) PDF Fillable Form
- Connecticut Economic Impact Form (DAS-46) Web Based fillable Form
- Contract Exhibit B Price Schedule
- Bid Addendum (SP-18) if applicable

Additional forms such as those listed below must be reviewed carefully and accepted by the bidder prior to bid submittal:

- Standard Terms and Conditions (SP-19)
- Invitation to Bid Document (SP-22)
- Invitation to IT Bid Contract (SP-50IT)
- Exhibit A Deliverables Document
- Exhibit C Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitations Limitations

4. Insurance Accord Certificates

Contractors are responsible for maintaining their BizNet account with new and/or updated insurance information.

The following documentation will need to be uploaded to each company's BizNet account and evidencing that the State of Connecticut is an additional insured:

- (a) Certificate of Insurance (Accord Form)
- (b) The insurance policy declaration page
- (c) The additional insured endorsement to the policy

Training documentation relating to the completion of the above-reference forms is available through the DAS Website under "DAS Business Friendly Initiatives" at the following website: <u>https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DAS/DAS-Procurement-Services/Contracting/Upload-Instructions.pdf?la=en</u>

Bidders are cautioned that there may be additional documents, attachments or requirements depending on the complexity of the bid. Please read <u>ALL</u> bid documents carefully and provide all required information. Failure to do so may result in rejection of your bid.

Overview

The State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") is issuing this Invitation to Bid ("ITB") to solicit bids for INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING SUPPORT for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"). The resulting Contract term shall be for three years, with the option to extend one or more times for a combined total period not to exceed six years.

Scope

DMHAS is looking for a well-established IT network and systems engineering Services Company. Bidders are required to have been in business for a minimum of 15 years and hold a Certified Microsoft Gold Partner status. Bidders must be able to provide a wide range of IT network/engineering services work in accordance with Exhibit A – Deliverables Document including training and support. Bidders will be required to provide consistent high-level technical expertise to provide technical training and mentoring on multiple IT technologies

and HIPAA risk remediation solutions. The Company must be an <u>expert in all Microsoft, VMware and VERITAS products listed below</u> and at least four <u>other</u> technologies listed in Exhibit A – Deliverables Document.

Instructions to Bidders

1. Bid Schedule

RELEASE OF ITB:	Date:	March 6, 2020
RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS:	Date:	March 12, 2020, by noon Eastern Time
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSTED AS ADDENDUM:	Date:	March 17, 2020
BID DUE DATE:	Date:	March 24, 2020 at 2:00 PM Eastern Time

2. Pre-Bid Meeting Requirements:

This bid contains no pre-bid meeting requirements.

3. Questions:

Questions for the purpose of clarifying this bid must be received no later than the date and time specified in Section I, "Bid Schedule" and must be directed to the Contract Specialist, Aimee Cunningham via email: aimee.cunningham@ct.gov.

4. Communications

During the period from your organization's receipt of this ITB, and until a contract is awarded, your organization shall not contact any employee of the State of Connecticut concerning this procurement except in writing directed to the Contract Specialist, Aimee Cunningham via email: aimee.cunningham@ct.gov.

5. Public Bid Opening

Public bid openings are conducted online. Bid pricing submitted will be available for public view through your BizNet Account and available for 24 hours after the bid due date and time.

How to View Bid Results:

-Go to the DAS/Procurement website: <u>http://www.biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/Default.aspx?AccLast=2</u> -Click on the heading "Current Solicitations" -Click radio button "Under Evaluation" -Search for the bid -Click on "Public Opening" under the bid due date and time

Bid Requirements

1. Lowest Responsible Qualified Bidder; Micro Business Preference

The contract resulting from this ITB will be awarded to the lowest responsible qualified bidder. The qualities of articles to be supplied, their conformity with the needed specifications, their suitability to the requirements of the State government and the delivery terms will be taken into consideration, and the life-cycle costs and trade-in or resale value of the articles may be considered where it appears to be in the best interest of the State. In determining the lowest responsible qualified bidder, a price preference of up to ten per cent (10%) may be given for the purchase of the goods or services from micro businesses, or up to fifteen per cent (15%) in the case of "veteran-owned" (as described below) micro businesses. Micro business means a business with gross revenues not exceeding three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in the most recently completed fiscal year.

To be considered for the ten percent (10%) price preference, bidders must submit prior to the bid due date a copy of their Internal Revenue Service tax return form for the most recently completed fiscal year, confirming the amount of their gross revenues for that fiscal year. Failure to provide such tax return prior to the bid due date will deny bidder consideration for the ten per cent (10%) price preference. For bidders who have not yet filed their tax return for the most recently completed fiscal year, in lieu of a tax return, a letter from a Certified Public Accountant attesting to the bidder's gross estimated revenues for the most recently completed fiscal year will be accepted.

To be considered for the fifteen per cent (15%) price preference, bidders must submit prior to the bid due date a copy of their current certification from the Connecticut State Department of Veteran Affairs as to both "veteranowned" and "micro business" status. "Veteran-owned" micro business means a micro business of which at least fifty-one per cent (51%) of the ownership is held by one or more "veterans" of the "armed forces." In accordance with Section 27-103(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, "veterans" means any person honorably discharged, or released under honorable conditions, from active service in the armed forces and "armed forces" means the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force and any reserve component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard. Interested bidders may obtain the Certification Application by visiting: <u>www.ct.gov/ctva</u> and selecting "Veteran Owned Micro Business" option. Failure to provide such certification prior to the bid due date will deny bidder consideration for this price preference.

2. Stability of Bid Prices

Any price offerings from bidders must be valid for a period of 30 days from the due date of the bid.

3. Amendment or Cancellation of the ITB

DAS reserves the right to cancel, amend, modify or otherwise change this ITB at any time if it deems it to be in the best interest of the State to do so.

4. Bid Modifications

No additions or changes to any bid will be allowed after the bid due date, unless such modification is specifically requested by DAS. DAS, at its option, may seek bidder retraction and/or clarification of any discrepancy or contradiction found during its review of bids.

5. Bidder Presentation of Supporting Evidence

Bidders must be prepared to provide any evidence of experience, performance, ability, and/or financial surety that DAS deems to be necessary or appropriate to fully establish the performance capabilities represented in their bids.

6. Bidder Demonstration of Services and/or Products

At the discretion of DAS, bidders must be able to confirm their ability to provide all services bid. Any required confirmation must be provided at a site approved by DAS.

7. Erroneous Awards

DAS reserves the right to correct inaccurate awards.

8. Bid Expenses

Bidders are responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in the preparation of bids and for any subsequent work on the bid that is required by DAS.

9. Ownership of Bids

All bids shall become the sole property of the State and will not be returned.

10. Ownership of Subsequent Products

Any product, whether acceptable or unacceptable, developed under a contract awarded as a result of this ITB shall be the sole property of the State unless otherwise stated in the contract.

11. Oral Agreement or Arrangements

Any alleged oral agreements or arrangements made by bidders with any State agency or employee will be disregarded in any State bid evaluation or associated award.

Award Criteria

Pursuant to CGS 4a-59 and DAS Procurement Regulations 4a-52-8 and 4a-52-18, the award shall be made to the lowest, responsible qualified bidder. The following factors, in descending order of relative importance, will be considered in the evaluation to determine the lowest, responsible qualified bidder:

- (a) Pricing
- (b) The conformity of the supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services to the specifications
- (c) Bidder's past performance
- (d) Bidder's financial responsibility
- (e) Delivery Terms

DAS may award by individual item, group of items, or the entirety of all items. DAS may also reject any and all bids in whole or in part, and waive minor irregularities and omissions if, in the judgment of DAS, the best interest of the state will be served.

CONTRACT #20PSX0005

Between

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Acting by its

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

And

CONTRACTOR

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING SUPPORT

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EXHIBIT C – NOTICE TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH STATE CONTRACTORS AND PROSPECTIVE STATE CONTRACTORS OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND SOLICITATION LIMITATIONS

This Contract (the "Contract") is made as of the Effective Date shown on the contract award form, number SP-38 corresponding to the subject procurement and is by and between, the contractor identified on such Form SP-38 (the "Contractor,") which is attached and shall be considered a part of this Contract, with a principal place of business as indicated on the signature page form, number SP-26, acting by the duly authorized representative as indicated on the SP-26, and the State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services ("DAS"), with a principal place of business at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103, acting by Aimee Cunningham, its Contract Specialist, in accordance with Sections 4a-2 and 4a-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Now therefore, in consideration of these presents, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties acknowledge, the Contractor and the State agree as follows:

1. TERM OF CONTRACT

This Contract shall become effective upon its approval as to form by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Connecticut ("Effective Date"), as evidenced by its signature below, and shall continue uninterrupted for Length of Term from the Effective Date. DAS, in its sole discretion, may extend this Contract one or more times for a combined total period not to exceed the complete length of the original term.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

- a) Acceptance: Determination made by the Department upon successful User Acceptance Test that the Deliverable, or if applicable, System, performs to the Specifications and fulfills the business and technical requirements of the Contract.
- b) Acceptance Date: The date the Department accepts a Deliverable or System in accordance with Section 7 below shall be deemed the Acceptance Date for each Deliverable or System.
- c) **Alteration:** The modification, changing, refashioning, remodeling, remaking, revising or reworking of any part of the System or Deliverable.
- d) **Claims**: All actions, suits, claims, demands, investigations, and proceedings of any kind, open, pending, or threatened, whether mature, un-matured, contingent, known or unknown, at law or in equity in any form.
- e) **Confidential Information:** 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 DAS 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.

- f) **Confidential Information Breach:** 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 State; (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 client, the Contractor, the Department or State.
- g) **Contractor Parties:** A Contractor's members, directors, officers, shareholders, partners, managers, principal officers, representatives, agents, 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 this Contract in any capacity.
- h) **Corrective Action Plan:** A detailed written plan produced by the Contractor at the request of the Department to correct or resolve Contractor deficiency(ies) identified by the Department in accordance with Section 13.
- i) **Deliverable:** Any product, service, or warranty that is required to be delivered to the Department under this Contract or available under Exhibit B, or both, whether produced by the Contractor or by a third party as a supplier or subcontractor to the Contractor.
- j) **Deliverables Document**: Exhibit A to this Contract Document which sets forth and describes the Services and Deliverables that are to be provided or made available under to this Contract and the specific requirements and terms applicable to those Services and Deliverables.
- k) Department: Any and all departments, commissions, boards, bureaus, agencies, institutions, public authorities, offices, councils, associations, instrumentalities, entities or political subdivisions of the State that issue duly authorized Purchase Orders against this Contract.
- I) Goods: For the purposes of this Contract, all things which are movable at the time that this Contract is effective and which include, without limiting this definition, supplies, materials and equipment, as specified in the Solicitation and set forth in Exhibit A or Exhibit B, or both.
- m) **Improvement:** Contractor changes made to Deliverables from time to time either to provide additional functions for Department use or to correct errors and other Performance deficiencies noted by the Department and reported to the Contractor.
- n) **Key Contractor Personnel**: The individual employees of Contractor who will be assigned to the Project.

- o) Licensed Software: Computer program(s) provided by Contractor in connection with the Deliverables, subject to Section 14 of this Contract.
- p) Perform: For the purposes of this Contract, the verb "to perform" and the Contractor's performance set forth in this Contract and its exhibits are referred to as "Perform," "Performance" and other capitalized variations of the term.
- q) Price Schedule: Exhibit B to this Contract Document which lists the Deliverables and Services available under this Contract and establishes the component or unit pricing and price schedules for each Deliverable and Service available pursuant to this Contract.
- r) **Purchase Order:** Document issued by a Department for one or more Goods, Deliverables or Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.
- s) **Records:** All working papers and such other information and materials as may have been accumulated by the Contractor in Performing this Contract, including but not limited to, documents, data, plans, books, computations, drawings, specifications, notes, reports, records, estimates, summaries, memoranda and correspondence, kept or stored in any form.
- t) **Services:** The Performance of labor or work set forth in Exhibit A or in the Statement of Work, whichever is applicable.
- u) **Site**: Location(s) specified by Department where Deliverables are to be installed or Services rendered.
- v) **Solicitation**: Request for Proposal entitled Information Technology Engineering Support dated 5 February 2020.
- w) **Source Code:** The Licensed Software, including all corresponding programmer's comments, data files and structures, headers, files, macros, annotations, and documentation.
- x) Specifications: The written technical and non-technical detailed documentation of the Deliverables' and the System's capabilities, as approved and accepted in writing by the Department prior to acceptance of the System.
- y) **State:** The State of Connecticut, including the Department and any office, department, board, council, commission, institution or other agency or entity of the State.
- z) Statement of Work (SOW): Statement issued in connection with a Purchase Order for a Deliverable or Service available under this Contract which sets forth all work and payment requirements for Contractor's Performance in connection with said Purchase Order.
- aa) **System:** Contractor furnished or otherwise supplied Deliverables that collectively and in an integrated fashion fulfills the business and technical requirements of this Contract and its exhibits.

- bb) Term: The original term of the Contract plus any extensions exercised under Section 1 of the Contract.
- cc) **Termination**: An end to this Contract prior to the end of its Term.
- dd) **Upgrade**: A change to the primary version number of the Licensed Software, generally providing additional features or functionality
- ee) **Update**: A change to the Licensed Software to correct bugs or defects, patches or changes to enable the Licensed Software to operate on new or upgraded operating platforms.
- ff) **User Acceptance Testing (UAT)**: Phase in which the State tests the functionality of a Deliverable with real world scenarios to determine if the Deliverable performs in accordance with the agreed upon design as contained in the Specifications.
- gg) Warranty Period: The 12 month period commencing upon the Acceptance Date for the System.

3. ACQUIRING DELIVERABLES AND SERVICES

a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract, Contractor shall sell, transfer, convey and/or license to the State any duly ordered Deliverable and/or Perform the Services in accordance with Exhibit A, or in accordance with a Statement of Work, if applicable. Such Deliverables or Services, as appropriate, shall be itemized in and available under the Price Schedule and may be acquired through properly issued Purchase Orders.

b) Any Purchase Order is subject to the terms of this Contract and shall remain in effect until Department acceptance of full Performance of all Deliverables and Services contained in the applicable Purchase Order, unless terminated sooner under the terms of this Contract. Neither party shall be bound by any additional terms different from those in this Contract that may appear on a Purchase Order or other form document issued by either party.

c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, no material change may be made to the Deliverables set forth in Exhibit A that alters the nature or scope of the Deliverables or their intended use. Any change in the Deliverables set forth in Exhibit B shall be conditioned upon the new product(s) being of a similar nature and having a similar use as the defined Deliverables. An update of the Deliverables or the addition of products that are related to or serve similar functions as the Deliverables is permissible only with the prior written approval of the DAS.

d) The Department is authorized to use any Licensed Software solely for the State's business purposes in connection with the Deliverables. The right to use any such Licensed Software, unless expressly stated otherwise elsewhere in this Contract, shall be perpetual and nonexclusive.

e) No additions to or reductions in the Deliverables and prices for work completed in the Performance of any Purchase Order shall be permitted unless the Department issues a change order in accordance the provisions of Section 5.

f) The Department shall issue a Purchase Order when acquiring any Deliverable or Service available under this Contract and, if appropriate, a Statement of Work mutually acceptable to the purchasing Department and the Contractor.

4. **PROJECT PERSONNEL**

a) The Department shall designate a project administrator (the "Project Administrator"), who may be replaced at the discretion of the Department. The Project Administrator shall have the authority to act for the Department under this Contract for any Deliverable(s) initially acquired/installed from the Contractor and such authority shall continue to be in effect throughout the term of this Contract.

b) Department shall, in its discretion, have the right to require and approve Key Contractor Personnel. If Department is dissatisfied with the performance of any prior approved Key Contractor Personnel, Department shall notify Contractor of Department's desire to change any Key Contractor Personnel. Contractor shall make such requested change within thirty (30) calendar days of the request for such change.

5. CHANGE ORDERS

a) The Department may, at any time, with written notice to Contractor, request changes within the scope of Exhibit A or Statement of Work, if applicable. Such changes shall not be unreasonably denied or delayed by Contractor. Such changes may include, but are not be limited to, modifications or other changes required by new or amended State and/or Federal laws and regulations relating to functional requirements and processing procedures, or involving the correction of System deficiencies. Prior to expiration of any Warranty Period, any changes required because the System does not fully perform in accordance with this Contract, shall be made by Contractor without charge to the Department. Any investigation necessary to determine the source of the problem requiring the change shall be done by Contractor at its sole cost and expense.

b) A change order request may be issued only by the Department and must be in writing. As soon as possible after Contractor receives a written change order request, but in no event later than fifteen (15) calendar days thereafter, the Contractor shall provide the Department with a written statement confirming the change has no price impact on the Contract or, if there is a price impact, Contractor shall provide the Department a written statement explaining the price increase or decrease involved in implementing the requested change.

c) If the Department issues a change order requesting a change to the System to comply with changes to Federal or State law, or changes to regulations affecting the Department, the Contractor shall perform the changes at no additional cost to the Department.

d) No change order with a price impact will be effective until Contractor receives written confirmation from the Department.

6. RESERVED

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8. PAYMENTS AND CREDITS

a) The Department shall pay for Deliverables only upon acceptance of the Deliverable(s) pursuant to Section 7 and receipt of a properly documented invoice from the Contractor.

- 1. The Department shall pay Contractor within 30 days after the Deliverable Acceptance Date and receipt of Contractor's properly documented invoice, whichever is the later date.
- 2. All payments made prior to acceptance of the System may be subject to a holdback, which will be retained by the Department.
- 3. The Department shall pay Contractor the total amount of all holdbacks within 30 days after the System Acceptance Date.

b) The State shall make all payments to the Contractor through electronic funds transfer via the Automated Clearing House ("ach"). Contractor shall enroll in ACH through the Office of the State Comptroller prior to sending any invoice to the State. The Contractor may obtain detailed information regarding ACH at: <u>http://www.osc.ct.gov/vendor/directdeposit.html</u>.

c) Contractor may assign any payments, in whole or in part, upon prior written notice to the Department and compliance with the requirements of the State's Comptroller's Office concerning such assignments. No assignment of receivables by Contractor shall relieve Contractor of any obligations under this Contract without prior written Department consent in each such instance. Notwithstanding any such assignment, Contractor represents and warrants that the Deliverable shall be and remain free of any repossession or any Claims by Contractor or its successors and assigns, subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract.

d) Contractor shall furnish separate invoices for each Purchase Order and shall list each license charge, maintenance and support charge or other charge included in each invoice as separate line items.

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15. CONFIDENTIALITY; NONDISCLOSURE

a) The State shall exercise at least the same degree of care to safeguard any trade secrets or confidential information of Contractor Licensed Software as the State does its own property of a similar nature and shall take reasonable steps to assure that neither the Licensed Software nor any part thereof received by the State under this Contract shall be disclosed for reasons other than its own business operations. Such prohibition on disclosures shall not apply to disclosures by the State to its employees or its representatives, provided such disclosures are reasonably necessary to the State's use of the Deliverable, and provided further that the State shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Deliverable is not disclosed by such parties in contravention of this Contract. The State's performance of the requirements of this section shall be subject to the State of Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, as amended.

b) All Records, including any data owned by the State in any form, in the possession of the Contractor or Contractor Parties must remain within the United States and may not be stored, hosted or otherwise maintained outside of the United States.

16. 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 Department or State concerning the confidentiality of Confidential Information. Such data-security program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1. A security policy for employees related to the storage, access and transportation of data containing Confidential Information;
- 2. Reasonable restrictions on access to records containing Confidential Information, including access to any locked storage where such records are kept;
- 3. A process for reviewing policies and security measures at least annually;
- 4. Creating secure access controls to Confidential Information, including but not limited to passwords; and
- 5. Encrypting of Confidential Information that is stored on laptops, portable devices or being transmitted electronically.

c) The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall notify DAS, the Department 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 Department 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 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 State 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 DAS, the Department, 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 any provisions of this Contract concerning the obligations of the Contractor as a Business Associate of Covered Entity.

17. RESERVED

18. RISK OF LOSS & INSURANCE

a) The State shall not be liable to Contractor for any risk of Deliverable loss or damage while Deliverable is in transit, or while in the Department's possession, except when such loss or damage is due directly to the Department's negligence or intentional misconduct. Nothing in this section is intended nor shall it be construed, in any manner, as waiving or compromising the sovereign immunity of the State.

b) Throughout the Term, Contractor shall maintain, at Contractor's sole cost and expense, a policy or policies of commercial general liability insurance, including contractual liability coverage, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, all persons and injuries to or destruction of property, in any one accident or occurrence, and, subject to that limit per accident, a total (or aggregate) limit of \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, all persons and injuries to, or death of, all persons and injuries to or destruction of property per policy period. Such insurance policy or policies shall name the State as additional insured. Contractor shall provide the State a certificate of insurance evidencing the above coverage on an annual basis and shall not begin performance of the Services until such a certificate has been provided to DAS, and, if requested, the Department.

c) During the Term, and for a period of three (3) years thereafter, the Contractor shall carry Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per Claim and Annual Aggregate. Contractor shall provide the State a certificate of insurance evidencing such Professional Liability Insurance coverage upon written request on an annual basis and shall not begin Performance of the Services until such a certificate has been provided to the Department.

d) Throughout the Term, Contractor shall carry, at Contractor's sole cost and expense, an Information Security Privacy insurance policy with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$1,000,000 aggregate. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by Contractor in this Contract and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, release of Confidential Information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to these obligations.

e) All insurance with the exception of the professional liability insurance required under (c) above must be written on an occurrence basis as opposed to "claims made" basis.

19. DELIVERABLE ALTERATIONS

a) This section applies only to Deliverables that do not include or incorporate Licensed Software as an operational component and applies only to Alterations made during the Warranty Period.

b) During the Warranty Period, Alterations of a Deliverable may be made by the Department only with the prior written consent of Contractor and/or manufacturer. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed and shall be provided without cost to the Department.

20. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be responsible for delays or failures in its obligations herein due to any cause beyond its reasonable control. Such causes shall include, but not be limited to, strikes, lockouts, riot, sabotage, rebellion, insurrection, acts of war or the public enemy, acts of terrorism, unavailable raw materials, telecommunication or power failure, fire, flood, earthquake, epidemics, natural disasters, and acts of God.

21. ANTITRUST

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.

22. GENERAL PROVISIONS

a) Section headings and document titles used in this Contract are included for convenience only and shall not be used in any substantive interpretation of this Contract.

b) If any term or condition of this Contract is decided by a proper authority to be invalid, the remaining provisions of the Contract shall be unimpaired and the invalid provision shall be replaced by a provision which comes closest to the intention underlying the invalid provision. Contractor shall comply with the statutes, regulations, Executive Orders and policies incorporated into this Contract to the extent that such statutes, regulations, Executive Orders and/or policies are applicable to Contractor in connection with its Performance under this Contract.

c) The failure at any time by either party to this Contract to require performance by the other party of any provision hereof shall not affect in any way the full right to require such performance at any time thereafter. The failure of either party to enforce or pursue a right or remedy shall not constitute a waiver of the right or remedy itself, unless such a waiver is expressed in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the waiving party.

d) In any case where the consent or approval of either party is required to be obtained under this Contract, such consent or approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. No such consent or approval shall be valid unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of that party. Such consent or approval shall apply only to the given instance, and shall not be deemed to be a consent to, or approval of, any subsequent like act or inaction by either party.

e) The Department shall not remove or destroy any proprietary markings or proprietary legends placed upon or contained within any Deliverable.

f) Except as may be otherwise provided for in this Contract, the Department shall not assign, mortgage, alter, relocate or give up possession of any Deliverable to which Contractor retains title without the prior written consent of Contractor.

g) Contractor represents and warrants that it shall not, without prior written consent from the State, make any reference to the Department or the State in any of Contractor's advertising or news releases. The Contractor may use the State's and/or the Department's name as a specific citation within proposals it submits.

h) Contractor shall execute any and all documents or to take any actions which may be reasonably necessary to perfect the rights granted to the State in Section14.

i) Neither Department nor Contractor's personnel who had substantive contact with personnel of the other in the course of the Performance of the Services hereunder shall directly or indirectly employ, solicit, engage or retain the services of such an employee of the other party to this Contract during its Term and for a period of one year from the Termination of this Contract or such longer period as may be required by State statute. This provision shall not restrict the right of either party to solicit or recruit generally in the media.

j) The Department shall cooperate with Contractor in the Performance by Contractor of the services hereunder, including, (i) providing Contractor with adequate working space, equipment and facilities and timely access to data, information, and personnel of the State; (ii) providing experienced and qualified personnel to perform their assigned tasks and duties in a competent and timely fashion; (iii) providing a stable, fully functional system infrastructure environment which will support the Deliverables and allow Contractor and the Department to work productively; and (iv) promptly notifying Contractor of any issues, concerns or disputes with respect to the services provided by Contractor hereunder. The Contractor shall not be responsible for, among other things, the performance of the Department's personnel and agents, and the accuracy and completeness of all data and information provided to Contractor by the Department for purposes of the performance of the services hereunder.

k) Each of the State and Contractor is an independent contractor and neither of them is, nor shall be considered to be, nor shall purport to act as, the other's agent, partner, fiduciary, joint venturer, or representative.

Contractor may (i) provide any Services to any person or entity, and (ii) develop for itself, or for others, materials or processes including those that may be similar to those produced as a result of the services hereunder, provided that, Contractor complies with its obligations of confidentiality set forth in Sections 14, 15 and 16.

m) 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.

23. COMMUNICATIONS

a) Unless notified otherwise by the other party in writing, correspondence, notices, and coordination between the parties to this Contract as to general business matters or the terms and conditions herein shall be directed to:

State:State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services
Procurement Division
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 1202
Hartford, CT 06103
Attention: Aimee Cunningham

Contractor: As shown on Contract Award form SP-38

b) Details regarding Contractor invoices and all technical or day-to-day administrative matters pertaining to any Deliverable shall be directed to:

Department: The individual specified in the applicable Purchase Order

Contractor: The individual designated by Contractor in their Bid or as the Contractor may otherwise designate in writing to the Department.

24. INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

25. WHISTLEBLOWER PROVISION

This 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 agency 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. The State 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.

26. DISCLOSURE OF PUBLIC RECORDS PROVISION

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 agency and a person for the performance of a governmental function shall (a) provide that the public agency 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 agency pursuant to FOIA. No request to inspect or copy such records or files shall be valid unless the request is made to the public agency in accordance with FOIA. Any complaint by a person who is denied the right to inspect or copy such records of Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1-205 and 1-206 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

27. 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.

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.

28. BREACH

a) If either party breaches the Contract in any respect, the non-breaching party shall provide written notice of the breach to the breaching party by overnight or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the most current address the breaching party has furnished for the purposes of correspondence and afford the breaching party an opportunity to cure within thirty (30) days from the date that the breaching party receives the notice. In the case of a Contractor breach, DAS may set forth any period greater or less than thirty (30) days, so long as such time period is otherwise consistent with the provisions of this Contract (for the purposes of this paragraph, the time period set forth by the non-breaching party shall be referred to as the "right to cure period"). The 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.

b) In the event of a breach, DAS may require the Contractor to prepare and submit to DAS or the Department a Corrective Action Plan in connection with an identified breach. The Corrective Action Plan shall provide a detailed explanation of the reasons for the cited deficiency(ies), the Contractor's assessment or diagnosis of the cause, and a specific proposal to cure or resolve the deficiency(ies). The Contractor shall submit the Corrective Action Plan within ten (10) business days following the request for the plan by the State and is subject to approval by the Department or DAS, which approval shall not unreasonably be withheld. Notwithstanding the submission and acceptance of a Corrective Action Plan, Contractor remains responsible for achieving all Performance criteria. The acceptance of a Corrective Action Plan shall not excuse prior substandard Performance, relieve Contractor of its duty to comply with Performance standards, or prohibit the State from pursuing additional remedies or other approaches to correct substandard Performance.

c) The written notice of the breach may include an effective Termination date. If the identified breach is not cured by the stated Termination date, unless otherwise modified by the non-breaching party in writing prior to such 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 Termination date, the non-breaching party shall be required to provide the breaching party no less than twenty four (24) hours written notice prior to terminating the Contract, such notice to be provided in accordance with Section 29(c).

d) If the Department reasonably and in good faith determines the Contractor has not Performed in accordance with the Contract, the State may withhold payment in whole or in part in an amount reasonably related to the non-performance pending resolution of the Performance issue, provided that the State notifies the Contractor in writing prior to the date that the payment would have been due.

e) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Contract, DAS may terminate this Contract with no right to cure period for Contractor's breach or violation of any of the provisions in the section concerning Representations and Warranties and revoke any consent 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.

f) Termination under this Breach section is subject to the provisions of the Termination section in this Contract.

29. TERMINATION

a) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Contract, the DAS, through a duly authorized employee, may Terminate the Contract whenever DAS makes a written determination that such Termination is in the best interests of the State. DAS 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, DAS, 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) DAS 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 DAS for purposes of correspondence, or by hand delivery. Upon receiving the notice from the DAS, the Contractor shall immediately discontinue all services affected in accordance with the notice, undertake commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate any losses or damages and deliver to the Department all Records. The Records are deemed to be the property of the Department and the Contractor shall deliver them to the Department 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 Department 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 DAS, the Contractor shall cease operations as DAS directs in the notice, and take all actions that are necessary or appropriate, or that DAS may reasonably direct, for the protection, and preservation of the Goods and any other property. Except for any work which DAS 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 Department shall, within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of Termination, reimburse the Contractor for its Performance rendered and accepted by the Department, in addition to all 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 Department is not obligated to tender to the Contractor any payments for anticipated or lost profits. Upon request by DAS, the Contractor shall assign to DAS or the Department, or any replacement contractor which DAS or the Department designates, all subcontracts, purchase orders, and other information pertaining to its Performance, and remove from State premises, whether leased or owned, all of Contractor's property, equipment, waste material and rubbish related to its Performance, all as DAS may request.

f) For breach or violation of any of the provisions in the section concerning Representations and Warranties, the DAS 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 the Contract by the State.

30. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Contractor represents and warrants to the State for itself and the 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 State 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 State; or (3) any indenture, agreement, document or 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 or property, 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 for breach or default;

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 State 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 twenty (20) calendar days after becoming aware of any such Claims. For purposes of the Contractor's obligation to disclose any Claims to the State, the ten (10) calendar 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;

I) the bid submitted by Contractor in response to the Solicitation was not made in connection or concert with any other person, entity or proposer, including any affiliate (as defined in the Tangible Personal Property section of this Contract) of the proposer, submitting a bid for the same Solicitation, 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 was not a proposer;

n) the Contractor shall obtain in a written contract all of the representations and warranties in this section from any Contractor Parties and require that provision be included in any contracts and purchase orders with such Contractor Parties;

o) they have paid all applicable workers' compensation second injury fund assessments concerning all previous work done in Connecticut; they have a record of compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Administration regulations without any unabated, willful or serious violations;

p) they are not delinquent in the payment of unemployment compensation contributions;

q) 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;

r) 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;

s) 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 DAS or the Department, such information as DAS or the Department may require to evidence, in their sole determination, compliance with this section;

t) they either own or have the authority to use all the Goods;

u) to the best of Contractor's knowledge, the Goods do not infringe or misappropriate any patent, copyright, trade secret or other intellectual property right of a third party;

v) the Department's use of any Goods in a manner consistent with this Contract shall not infringe or misappropriate any patent, trade secret or other intellectual property right of a third party;

w) if they procure any Goods, they shall sub-license such Goods and that the Department shall be afforded the full benefits of any manufacturer or subcontractor licenses for the use of the Goods; and

x) they shall assign or otherwise transfer to the Department, or afford the Department the full benefits of any manufacturer's warranty for the Goods, to the extent that such warranties are assignable or otherwise transferable to the Department.

31. 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 twenty (20) calendar days after becoming aware of any such Claims. Disclosure shall be in writing.

32. STATE COMPTROLLER'S SPECIFICATIONS

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-31, this Contract is deemed to have incorporated within it, and the Contractor shall deliver the Goods and Services in compliance with, all specifications established by the State Comptroller to ensure that all policies, procedures, processes and control systems, including hardware, software and protocols, which are established or provided by the Contractor or Contractor Parties, are compatible with and support the State's core financial systems, including but not limited to, accounting, payroll, time and attendance, and retirement systems.

33. CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER SUBCONTRACT APPROVAL

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-32, the Contractor shall not award a subcontract for work under this Contract without having first obtained the written approval of the Chief Information Officer of the Department

of Administrative Services or their designee of the selection of the subcontractor and of the provisions of the subcontract. The Contractor shall deliver a copy of each executed subcontract or amendment to the subcontract to the Chief Information Officer, who shall maintain the subcontract or amendment as a public record, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200.

34. RIGHTS TO AND INTEGRITY OF PUBLIC RECORDS

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-34, (a) neither the Contractor nor Contractor Parties shall have any Title in or to (1) any public records which the Contractor or Contractor Parties possess, modify or create pursuant to a contract, subcontract or amendment to a contract or subcontract, or (2) any modifications by such contractor, subcontractor, employee or agent to such public records; (b) neither the Contractor nor Contractor Parties shall impair the integrity of any public records which they possess or create; and (c) public records which the Contractor or Contractor Parties possess, modify or create pursuant to this Contract or other contract, subcontract or amendment to a contract or subcontract shall at all times and for all purposes remain the property of the State. For purposes of this section, "public records" shall have the meaning set forth in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-33, as it may be modified from time to time.

35. PUBLIC RECORDS AND FOIA

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-35, any public record which a state agency provides to the Contractor or Contractor Parties shall remain a public record for the purposes of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210(a). With regard to any public records, the State, the Contractor and Contractor Parties shall have a joint and several obligation to comply with the obligations of the state agency under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-200, provided that the determination of whether or not to disclose a particular record or type of record shall be made by such state agency.

36. DISCLOSURE OF PUBLIC RECORDS

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-36, neither the Contractor nor Contractor Parties shall disclose to the public any public records (a) which they possess, modify or create pursuant to this Contract or any contract, subcontract or amendment to a contract or subcontract and (b) which a state agency (1) is prohibited from disclosing pursuant to state or federal law in all cases, (2) may disclose pursuant to state or federal law only to certain entities or individuals or under certain conditions or (3) may withhold from disclosure pursuant to state or federal law. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the Contractor from disclosing such public records to any Contractor Parties to carry out the purposes of its subcontract. For purposes of this section, "public records" shall have the meaning set forth in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200, as it may be modified from time to time.

37. PROFITING FROM PUBLIC RECORDS

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-37, neither the Contractor nor Contractor Parties shall sell, market or otherwise profit from the disclosure or use of any public records which are in their possession pursuant to this Contract or any contract, subcontract or amendment to a contract or subcontract, except as authorized in this

Contract. For purposes of this section, "public records" shall have the meaning set forth in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200, as it may be modified from time to time.

38. CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY DAS CONCERNING PUBLIC RECORDS

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-38, if the Contractor or Contractor Parties learn of any violation of the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 4d-36 or 4d-37 they shall, no later than seven calendar days after learning of such violation, notify the Chief Information Officer of such violation.

39. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACCESS TO RECORDS

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-40, the Joint Committee on Legislative Management and each nonpartisan office of the General Assembly shall continue to have access to DAS records that is not less than the access that said committee and such offices have on July 1, 1997.

40. CONTINUITY OF SYSTEMS

a) This section is intended to comply with Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-44, as it may be amended.

b) The Contractor acknowledges that the Systems and associated services are important to the function of State government and that they must continue without interruption. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-44, as it may be amended, if the work under the Contract, any subcontract, or amendment to either, is transferred back to the State or to another contractor at any time for any reason, then the Contractor shall cooperate fully with the State, and do and Perform all acts and things that DAS deems to be necessary or appropriate, to ensure continuity of state agency information system and telecommunication system facilities, equipment and services so that there is no disruption or interruption in Performance as required or permitted in the Contract. The Contractor shall not enter into any subcontract for any part of the Performance under the Contract without approval of such subcontract by DAS, as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-32, as it may be amended, and without such subcontract including a provision that obligates the subcontractor to comply fully with Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-44, as it may be amended, as if the subcontractor were in fact the Contractor. The Contractor shall make a full and complete disclosure of and delivery to DAS or its representatives of all Records and "Public Records," as that term is defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-33, as it may be amended, in whatever form they exist or are stored and maintained and wherever located, directly or indirectly concerning the Contract.

c) The parties shall follow the below applicable and respective procedures in order to ensure the orderly transfer to the State the following:

 facilities and equipment: Unless a shorter period is necessary or appropriate to ensure compliance with subsection (a) above, in which case that shorter period shall apply, the Contractor shall deliver to DAS, F.O.B. Hartford, Connecticut or other State location which DAS identifies, all facilities and equipment related to or arising out of the Contract, subcontract or amendment, no later than 10 days from the date that the work under the Contract is transferred back to the State or to another contractor for any reason. The Contractor shall deliver the facilities and equipment to DAS, during DAS's business hours, in good working order and in appropriately protective packaging to ensure delivery without damage. Concurrent with this delivery, the Contractor shall also deliver all related operation manuals and other documentation in whatever form they exist and a list of all related passwords and security codes;

- 2. software Deliverables created or modified pursuant to the Contract, subcontract or amendment: Unless a shorter period is necessary or appropriate to ensure compliance with subsection (a) above, in which case that shorter period shall apply, the Contractor shall deliver to DAS, F.O.B. Hartford, Connecticut or other location which DAS identifies, all Deliverables, no later than 10 days from the date that the work under the SOW or Contract is transferred back to the State or to another contractor for any reason. The Contractor shall deliver such Deliverables to DAS, during DAS's business hours, in good working order, and if equipment shall be delivered, in appropriately protective packaging to ensure delivery without damage. Concurrent with this delivery, the Contractor shall also deliver all Deliverable-related operation manuals and other documentation in whatever form they exist, if delivery of such manuals and documentation is required by this Contract or the SOW for such Deliverable, and a list of all Deliverable passwords and security codes; and
- 3. Public Records, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-33, as it may be amended, which the Contractor or Contractor Parties possess or create pursuant to the Contract, subcontract or amendment: Unless a shorter period is necessary or appropriate to ensure compliance with subsection (a) above, in which case that shorter period shall apply, the Contractor shall deliver to DAS, F.O.B. Hartford, Connecticut or other State location which DAS identifies, all Public Records created or modified pursuant to the Contract, Statement of Work, subcontract or amendment and requested in writing by DAS (provided that Contractor may redact confidential information of Contractor, its personnel or third parties to the extent permitted by applicable law) no later than the latter of (1) the time specified in the section in this Contract concerning Termination for the return of Public Records and (2) 10 days from the date that the work under the Contract or Statement of Work is transferred back to the State or to another contractor for any reason. The Contractor shall deliver to DAS those Public Records in electronic, magnetic or other intangible form in a non-proprietary format, such as, but not limited to, ASCII or TXT. The Contractor shall deliver to DAS, during DAS's business hours, those Public Records and a list of all applicable passwords and security codes, all in appropriately protective packaging to ensure delivery without damage.

d) If the Contractor employs former State employees, the Contractor shall facilitate the exercising of any reemployment rights that such State employees may have with the State, including, but not limited to, affording them all reasonable opportunities during the workday to interview for State jobs. The Contractor shall include language similar to this section in all of its contracts with its subcontractors and applicable Contractor Parties so that they are similarly obligated.

41. RESERVED

42. INDEMNIFICATION

a) The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State and its officers, representatives, agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all (1) Claims arising, directly or Page 23 of 38

indirectly, in connection with the Contract for the acts of commission 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 State 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 non-copyrighted 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 State harmless from any liability arising due to the negligence of the State or any third party acting under the direct control or supervision of the State.

c) The Contractor shall reimburse the State for any and all damages to the real or personal property of the State caused by the Acts of the Contractor or any Contractor Parties. The State 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 State 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 commercial general liability insurance to satisfy its obligations under this Contract. The Contractor shall cause the State 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 DAS all in an electronic format acceptable to DAS prior to the Effective Date of the Contract evidencing that the State is an additional insured. The Contractor shall not begin Performance until the delivery of these 3 documents to DAS. Contractor shall provide an annual electronic update of the 3 documents to DAS on or before each anniversary of the Effective Date during the Contract Term. The State shall be entitled to recover under the insurance policy even if a body of competent jurisdiction determines that the State is contributorily negligent.

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

43. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

The parties acknowledge and agree that nothing in the Contract shall be construed as a modification, compromise or waiver by 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.

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.

45. 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 its and the Contractor Parties' Records available at all reasonable hours for audit and inspection by the State and its agents.

c) The 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 State suspects fraud or other abuse, or in the event of an emergency, the State is not obligated to provide any prior notice.

d) The Contractor will pay for all costs and expenses of any audit or inspection which reveals information that, in the sole determination of the State, is sufficient to constitute a breach by the Contractor under this Contract. The Contractor will remit full payment to the State for such audit or inspection no later than 30 days after receiving an invoice from the State. If the State does not receive payment within such time, the State may setoff the amount from any moneys which the State would otherwise be obligated to pay the Contractor in accordance with this Contract's Setoff provision.

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 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 State and its agents in connection with an audit or inspection. Following any audit or inspection, the 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.

46. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION RESTRICTION

For all State contracts, defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-612(g)(1) as 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.

47. EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This Contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of the Contract as if they had been fully set forth in it. The Contract may also be subject to Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated April 17, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services, Executive Order No. 61 of Governor Dannel P. Malloy promulgated December 13, 2017 concerning the Policy for the Management of State Information Technology Projects, as issued by the Office of Policy and Management, Policy ID IT-SDLC-17-04, and Executive Order No. 49 of Governor Dannel P. Malloy, promulgated May 22, 2015, mandating disclosure of certain gifts to public employees and contributions to certain candidates for office in accordance with their respective terms and conditions. If Executive Orders 14, 61 or 49 are applicable, it is deemed to be incorporated into and are made a part of the Contract as if it had been fully set forth in it. At the Contractor's request, the State shall provide a copy of these orders to the Contractor.

48. NONDISCRIMINATION

a) For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined as follows:

- i. "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;
- ii. "Contract" and "contract" include any extension or modification of the Contract;
- iii. "Contractor" and "contractor" include any successors or assigns of the Contractor or contractor;
- iv. "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;
- v. "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations;
- vi. "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;
- vii. "marital status" means being single, married as recognized by the state of Connecticut, widowed, separated or divorced;

- viii. "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;
- ix. "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
- x. "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, unless the contract is a municipal public works contract or quasi-public agency project contract, (2) any other state, including but not limited to any federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as defined in C.G.S. § 1-267, (3) the federal government, (4) a foreign government, or (5) an agency of a subdivision, state or government described in the immediately preceding enumerated items (1), (2), (3),or (4).

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, status of a veteran, intellectual disability, 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] ensure 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, status of a veteran, intellectual disability, 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 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 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 Contract 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, 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.

49. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

- (a) The Contractor is a Business Associate under the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and the Contractor shall comply with all terms and conditions of this Section of the Contract.
- (b) The Contractor is required to safeguard the use, publication and disclosure of information on all applicants for, and all clients who receive, services under the Contract in accordance with all applicable federal and state law regarding confidentiality, which includes but is not limited to HIPAA, more specifically with the Privacy and Security Rules at 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and Part 164, subparts A, C, and E; and
- (c) The Department is a "covered entity" as that term is defined in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103; and
- (d) The Contractor is a "business associate" of the Department, as that term is defined in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103; and
- (e) The Contractor and the Department agree to the following in order to secure compliance with HIPAA, the requirements of Subtitle D of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH Act"), (Pub. L. 111-5, §§ 13400 to 13423), and more specifically with the Privacy and Security Rules at 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and Part 164, subparts A, C, D and E (collectively referred to herein as the "HIPAA Standards").
- (f) Definitions:
 - (1) "Breach" shall have the same meaning as the term is defined in section 45 C.F.R. 164.402 and shall also include any use or disclosure of PHI that violates the HIPAA Standards.
 - (2) "Business Associate" shall mean the Contractor.
 - (3) "Covered Entity" shall mean the Department.
 - (4) "Designated Record Set" shall have the same meaning as the term "designated record set" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
 - (5) "Electronic Health Record" shall have the same meaning as the term is defined in section 13400 of the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. §17921(5).

- (6) "Individual" shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative as defined in 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(g).
- (7) "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. part 160 and part 164, subparts A and E.
- (8) "Protected Health Information" or "PHI" shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, and includes electronic PHI, as defined in 45 C.F.R. 160.103, limited to information created, maintained, transmitted or received by the Business Associate from or on behalf of the Covered Entity or from another Business Associate of the Covered Entity.
- (9) "Required by Law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.
- (10) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.
- (11) "More stringent" shall have the same meaning as the term "more stringent" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.202.
- (12) "This Section of the Contract" refers to the HIPAA provisions stated herein, in their entirety.
- (13) "Security Incident" shall have the same meaning as the term "security incident" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.304.
- (14) "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 C.F.R. part 160 and part 164, subpart A and C.
- (15) "Unsecured protected health information" shall have the same meaning as the term as defined in 45 C.F.R. 164.402.
- (g) Obligations and Activities of Business Associates.
 - (1) Business Associate agrees not to use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Section of the Contract or as Required by Law.
 - (2) Business Associate agrees to use and maintain appropriate safeguards and comply with applicable HIPAA Standards with respect to all PHI and to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for in this Section of the Contract and in accordance with HIPAA Standards.
 - (3) Business Associate agrees to use administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of electronic Protected Health Information that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the Covered Entity.
 - (4) Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to the Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of this Section of the Contract.

- (5) Business Associate agrees to report to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for by this Section of the Contract or any Security Incident of which it becomes aware.
- (6) Business Associate agrees, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 502(e)(1)(ii) and 164.308(d)(2), if applicable, to ensure that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain or transmit PHI on behalf of the Business Associate, agree to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the business associate with respect to such information.
- (7) Business Associate agrees to provide access (including inspection, obtaining a copy or both), at the request of the Covered Entity, and in the time and manner designated by the Covered Entity, to PHI in a Designated Record Set, to Covered Entity or, as directed by Covered Entity, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.524. Business Associate shall not charge any fees greater than the lesser of the amount charged by the Covered Entity to an Individual for such records; the amount permitted by state law; or the Business Associate's actual cost of postage, labor and supplies for complying with the request.
- (8) Business Associate agrees to make any amendments to PHI in a Designated Record Set that the Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 164.526 at the request of the Covered Entity, and in the time and manner designated by the Covered Entity.
- (9) Business Associate agrees to make internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures and PHI, relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created, maintained, transmitted or received by, Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, available to Covered Entity or to the Secretary in a time and manner agreed to by the parties or designated by the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary investigating or determining Covered Entity's compliance with the HIPAA Standards.
- (10) Business Associate agrees to document such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528 and section 13405 of the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. § 17935) and any regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (11) Business Associate agrees to provide to Covered Entity, in a time and manner designated by the Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with subsection (g)(10) of this Section of the Contract, to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528 and section 13405 of the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. § 17935) and any regulations promulgated thereunder. Business Associate agrees at the Covered Entity's direction to provide an accounting of disclosures of PHI directly to an individual in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528 and section 13405 of the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. § 17935) and any regulations promulgated thereunder. Business Associate agrees at the Covered Entity's direction to provide an accounting of disclosures of PHI directly to an individual in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528 and section 13405 of the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. § 17935) and any regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (12) Business Associate agrees to comply with any State or federal law that is more stringent than the Privacy Rule.

- (13) Business Associate agrees to comply with the requirements of the HITECH Act relating to privacy and security that are applicable to the Covered Entity and with the requirements of 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.504(e), 164.308, 164.310, 164.312, and 164.316.
- (14) In the event that an Individual requests that the Business Associate
 - (A) restrict disclosures of PHI;
 - (B) provide an accounting of disclosures of the Individual's PHI;
 - (C) provide a copy of the Individual's PHI in an Electronic Health Record; or
 - (D) amend PHI in the Individual's Designated Record Set the Business Associate agrees to notify the Covered Entity, in writing, within five Days of the request.
- (15) Business Associate agrees that it shall not, and shall ensure that its subcontractors do not, directly or indirectly, receive any remuneration in exchange for PHI of an Individual without
 - (A) the written approval of the Covered Entity, unless receipt of remuneration in exchange for PHI is expressly authorized by this Contract and
 - (B) the valid authorization of the Individual, except for the purposes provided under section 13405(d)(2) of the HITECH Act, (42 U.S.C. § 17935(d)(2)) and in any accompanying regulations.

(16) Obligations in the Event of a Breach.

- (A) The Business Associate agrees that, following the discovery by the Business Associate or by a subcontractor of the Business Associate of any use or disclosure not provided for by this section of the Contract, any breach of Unsecured protected health information, or any Security Incident, it shall notify the Covered Entity of such Breach in accordance with Subpart D of Part 164 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations and this Section of the Contract.
- (B) Such notification shall be provided by the Business Associate to the Covered Entity without unreasonable delay, and in no case later than 30 days after the Breach is discovered by the Business Associate, or a subcontractor of the Business Associate, except as otherwise instructed in writing by a law enforcement official pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 164.412. A Breach is considered discovered as of the first day on which it is, or reasonably should have been, known to the Business Associate or its subcontractor. The notification shall include the identification and last known address, phone number and email address of each Individual (or the next of kin of the individual if the Individual is deceased) whose Unsecured protected health information has been, or is reasonably believed by the Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, or disclosed during such Breach.

- (C) The Business Associate agrees to include in the notification to the Covered Entity at least the following information:
 - 1. A description of what happened, including the date of the Breach; the date of the discovery of the Breach; the unauthorized person, if known, who used the PHI or to whom it was disclosed; and whether the PHI was actually acquired or viewed.
 - 2. A description of the types of Unsecured protected health information that were involved in the Breach (such as full name, Social Security number, date of birth, home address, account number, or disability code).
 - 3. The steps the Business Associate recommends that Individual(s) take to protect themselves from potential harm resulting from the Breach.
 - 4. A detailed description of what the Business Associate is doing or has done to investigate the Breach, to mitigate losses, and to protect against any further Breaches.
 - 5. Whether a law enforcement official has advised the Business Associate, either verbally or in writing, that he or she has determined that notification or notice to Individuals or the posting required under 45 C.F.R. 164.412 would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security and; if so, contact information for said official.
- (D) If directed by the Covered Entity, the Business Associate agrees to conduct a risk assessment using at least the information in subparagraphs 1 to 4, inclusive of (g) (16) (C) of this Section and determine whether, in its opinion, there is a low probability that the PHI has been compromised. Such recommendation shall be transmitted to the Covered Entity within 20 business days of the Business Associate's notification to the Covered Entity.
- (E) If the Covered Entity determines that there has been a Breach, as defined in 45 C.F.R. 164.402, by the Business Associate or a subcontractor of the Business Associate, the Business Associate, if directed by the Covered Entity, shall provide all notifications required by 45 C.F.R. 164.404 and 45 C.F.R. 164.406.
- (F) Business Associate agrees to provide appropriate staffing and have established procedures to ensure that Individuals informed of a Breach have the opportunity to ask questions and contact the Business Associate for additional information regarding the breach. Such procedures shall include a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, a posting on its website and a postal address. Business Associate agrees to include in the notification of a Breach by the Business Associate to the Covered Entity, a written description of the procedures that have been established to meet these requirements. Costs of such contact procedures will be borne by the Business Associate.

- (G) Business Associate agrees that, in the event of a Breach, it has the burden to demonstrate that it has complied with all notifications requirements set forth above, including evidence demonstrating the necessity of a delay in notification to the Covered Entity.
- (H) Permitted Uses and Disclosure by Business Associate.
 - (1) General Use and Disclosure Provisions Except as otherwise limited in this Section of the Contract, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, Covered Entity as specified in this Contract, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the HIPAA Standards if done by Covered Entity or the minimum necessary policies and procedures of the Covered Entity.
 - (2) Specific Use and Disclosure Provisions
 - (A) Except as otherwise limited in this Section of the Contract, Business Associate may use PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate.
 - (B) Except as otherwise limited in this Section of the Contract, Business Associate may disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate, provided that disclosures are Required by Law, or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will remain confidential and used or further disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
 - (C) Except as otherwise limited in this Section of the Contract, Business Associate may use PHI to provide data aggregation services to Covered Entity as permitted by 45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).
- (I) Obligations of Covered Entity.
 - (1) Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any limitations in its notice of privacy practices of Covered Entity, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.520, or to the extent that such limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
 - (2) Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual(s) to use or disclose PHI, to the extent that such changes may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
 - (3) Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any restriction to the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

- (J) Permissible Requests by Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall not request Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the HIPAA Standards if done by the Covered Entity, except that Business Associate may use and disclose PHI for data aggregation, and management and administrative activities of Business Associate, as permitted under this Section of the Contract.
- (K) Term and Termination.
 - (1) Term. The term of this Section of the Contract shall be effective as of the date the Contract is effective and shall terminate when the information collected in accordance with provision (g)(10) of this Section of the Contract is provided to the Covered Entity and all of the PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy PHI, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the termination provisions in this Section.
 - (2) Termination for Cause Upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material Breach by Business Associate, Covered Entity shall either:
 - (A) Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the Breach or end the violation and terminate the Contract if Business Associate does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the Covered Entity in accordance with Section 11 of the Contract; or
 - (B) Immediately terminate the Contract if Business Associate has breached a material term of this Section of the Contract and cure is not possible; or
 - (C) If neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary.
 - (3) Effect of Termination.
 - (A) Except as provided in (k)(2) of this Section of the Contract, upon termination of this Contract, for any reason, Business Associate shall return or destroy all PHI received from Covered Entity, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. Business Associate shall also provide the information collected in accordance with section (g)(10) of this Section of the Contract to the Covered Entity within ten Days of the notice of termination. This section shall apply to PHI that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the PHI.
 - (B) In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the PHI is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the

conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon documentation by Business Associate that return or destruction of PHI is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Section of the Contract to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of PHI to those purposes that make return or destruction infeasible, for as long as Business Associate maintains such PHI. Infeasibility of the return or destruction of PHI includes, but is not limited to, requirements under State or federal law that the Business Associate maintains or preserves the PHI or copies thereof.

- (L) Miscellaneous Sections.
 - (1) Regulatory References. A reference in this Section of the Contract to a section in the HIPAA Standards means the section as in effect or as amended.
 - (2) Amendment. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Section of the Contract from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act and the HIPAA Standards (all as amended).
 - (3) Survival. The respective rights and obligations of Business Associate shall survive the termination of this Contract.
 - (4) Effect on Contract. Except as specifically required to implement the purposes of this Section of the Contract, all other terms of the Contract shall remain in force and effect.
 - (5) Construction. This Section of the Contract shall be construed as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act and the HIPAA Standards (all as amended). Any ambiguity in this Section of the Contract shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies, and is consistent with, HIPAA, the HITECH Act and the HIPAA Standards. (all as amended).
 - (6) Disclaimer. Covered Entity makes no warranty or representation that compliance with this Section of the Contract will be adequate or satisfactory for Business Associate's own purposes. Covered Entity shall not be liable to Business Associate for any claim, civil or criminal penalty, loss or damage related to or arising from the unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate or any of its officers, directors, employees, contractors or agents, or any third party to whom Business Associate has disclosed PHI contrary to the sections of this Contract or applicable law. Business Associate is solely responsible for all decisions made, and actions taken, by Business Associate regarding the safeguarding, use and disclosure of PHI within its possession, custody or control.
 - (7) Indemnification. The Business Associate shall indemnify and hold the Covered Entity harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, judgments, fines, assessments, penalties, awards and any statutory damages that may be imposed or assessed pursuant to HIPAA, the HIPAA Standards, or the HITECH Act (all as amended), including, without limitation, attorney's fees, expert witness fees, costs of investigation, litigation or dispute resolution, and

costs awarded thereunder, relating to or arising out of any violation by the Business Associate and its agents, including subcontractors, of any obligation of Business Associate and its agents, including subcontractors, under this Section of the Contract, under HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA Standards.

50. OWNERSHIP OF DATA

a) All ownership, title, licenses, proprietary rights and interest (including, but not limited to, perpetual use) (for purposes of this Ownership of Data Section, collectively, "Title") of and to any and all data existing in electronic, magnetic or any other tangible or intangible form (for purposes of this Ownership of Data Section, "Data") that is uploaded, collected, stored, held, hosted, located or utilized by the Department or Contractor and Contractor Parties directly or indirectly in connection with this Contract at all times is and will always remain vested in the State. At no time will Contractor have Title to such Data, wherever located.

b) At no cost to the State the Contractor and Contractor Parties shall, no later than fifteen (15) days after
 (i) receiving a written request from the Department or (ii) Termination for any reason, deliver and transfer
 possession to the Department all of the Data, in a format acceptable to the State.

c) At no cost to the State, the Contractor and Contractor Parties shall, no later than fifteen (15) days after (i) receiving a written request from the Department, (ii) receiving final payment from the Department, or (iii) Termination for any reason, over-write and securely delete all of the Data, such that the Data will be expunged in a manner to make retrieval of the Data impossible.

d) The Contractor's failure to deliver and transfer possession of the Data to a duly authorized agent of the Department shall constitute, without more, a de facto breach of this Contract. Consequently, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Department and the State, as appropriate, for any and all damages, costs and expenses associated directly or indirectly with such failure. The damages, costs and expenses shall include, but not be limited to, those resulting from any corresponding contracting for credit or identity protection services, or both, and from any subsequent non-State use of any Data. If Contractor Parties will Perform for any purpose under this paragraph, the Contractor represents and warrants that it shall cause each of the Contractor Parties to so Perform and that each has vested in the Contractor plenary authority to cause the Contractor Parties to Perform. For purposes of this Ownership of Data Section, "Perform" shall include, but not be limited to, the obligations relating to the sale, transfer of Title, removal and transfer of possession of the Data and indemnifying and holding harmless the Department and the State. The Contractor on its own behalf and on behalf of the Contractor Parties shall also provide, no later than 30 days after receiving a request by the Department, such information as the Department may identify to ensure, in the Department's sole discretion, compliance with the provisions of this Ownership of Data Section. This Ownership of Data Section survives Termination.

51. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Any and all Purchase Orders, Statement of Works or other documents authorized in connection with this Contract shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract. Any terms or conditions contained in

any such Purchase Order, Statement of Work or other document shall have no force or effect and shall in no way affect, change or modify any of the terms and conditions of this Contract.

52. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The Contractor shall maintain Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance in compliance with the laws of the state of Connecticut, which coverage shall include Employer's Liability coverage with minimum limits of \$100,000 for each accident, \$500,000 for disease, and \$100,000 for each employee, per policy period.

53. BACKGROUND CHECKS

The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall submit to and incur the cost of fingerprint supported federal and state criminal history background checks as may be required by the State, the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or as provided for in any State document that governs procedures for background checks. The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall cooperate fully as necessary or reasonably requested with the State and its agents in connection with such background checks.

54. ENTIRETY OF CONTRACT

This Contract includes the SIGNATURE PAGE OF CONTRACT. To the extent the provisions of any exhibits or attachment referenced in the Contract do not contradict the provisions of Sections 1-53 of this Contract, said documents, exhibits and/or attachments are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein. This Contract, as thus constituted, contains the complete and exclusive statement of the terms and conditions agreed to by the parties hereto and shall not be altered, amended, or modified except in writing executed by an authorized representative of each party.

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EXHIBIT A DELIVERABLES DOCUMENT

IT Engineering Services

Contractor shall assign the same technical resource on-site five days a week, 40 hours per week. Contractor shall be available for on call and off hours. Contractor shall work with the DMHAS IT staff onsite in a wide array of duties with competing priorities including but not limited to the following:

- Design, implement, install, maintain, support and train on complex technologies with the goal of transitioning the support to the DMHAS staff.
- Design and run projects, interface with executive leadership and work independently as well as with the IT staff and the business.
- Architect new systems, convert physical servers to virtual systems, design disaster recovery system, implement encryption on all servers using native encryption technologies, implement encryption on mobile devices and workstations using Bit locker, MBAM and System Center Endpoint Configuration Manager and End Point protection with Intune.
- Work with VERITAS Enterprise Vault and EV Discovery Accelerator for Legal, Labor issues and Freedom of Information requests.
- Create and run SQL queries and SSRS report creation for auditing purposes and for other requests.
- Implement certificate servers for PKI and similar tasks using new technologies and technologies already in place, as listed below and work with IT staff to implement and train on its use and testing.
- Design, implement, install, maintain and train on the solutions needed to meet the DMHAS HIPAA remediation plan.
- Work in a government and HIPAA covered entities environment.

Contractor shall be responsible for all aspects of the design, from server capacity planning, VMware virtualization technologies, licensing, SAN allocation, networking and training. Contractor shall work on the products listed below such as Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager, including implementing new components and performing upgrades while training local IT staff on the processes involved.

Contractor shall design, implement, maintain, support and train on the following products and technologies:

- Microsoft Active Directory
- Microsoft Azure Active Directory
- Microsoft Server Systems (Server 2012 R2 through Server 2019)
- Microsoft Exchange
- Microsoft SharePoint

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- Microsoft Office products
- Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager
- Microsoft Operations Manager
- Microsoft Bitlocker and MBAM with Endpoint Manger Integration
- Microsoft Intune
- Microsoft Rights Management Services
- Microsoft SQL and SQL Server replication
- Microsoft SQL Reporting Services
- Microsoft PowerShell
- Microsoft Certificate Services
- Microsoft FSLogix
- Microsoft M365
- VERITAS Enterprise Vault
- VERITAS Discovery Accelerator
- 802.1X Port based network authentication
- VMware ESXi
- VMware PowerCli
- VMware Horizon
- Trend Micro Deep Security
- VEEAM One
- VEEAM Backup and Replication services
- HPE 3PAR SAN Array
- HPE Nimble Storage
- HPE Servers/Server design and architecture
- NIST Guidelines and Cyber Security Framework proficiency



Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations

This notice is provided under the authority of Connecticut General Statutes §9-612 (f) (2) and is for the purpose of informing state contractors and prospective state contractors of the following law (italicized words are defined on the reverse side of this page).

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND SOLICITATION LIMITATIONS

No state contractor, prospective state contractor, principal of a state contractor or principal of a prospective state contractor, with regard to a state contract or state contract solicitation with or from a state agency in the executive branch or a quasi-public agency or a holder, or principal of a holder, of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee (which includes town committees).

In addition, no holder or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State senator or State representative, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee.

On and after January 1, 2011, no state contractor, prospective state contractor, principal of a state contractor or principal of a prospective state contractor, with regard to a state contract or state contract solicitation with or from a state agency in the executive branch or a quasipublic agency or a holder, or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall **knowingly** *solicit* contributions from the state contractor's or prospective state contractor's employees or from a *subcontractor* or *principals of the subcontractor* on behalf of (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee.

DUTY TO INFORM

State contractors and prospective state contractors are required to inform their principals of the above prohibitions, as applicable, and the possible penalties and other consequences of any violation thereof.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Contributions or solicitations of contributions made in violation of the above prohibitions may result in the following civil and criminal penalties:

<u>**Civil penalties**</u>—Up to \$2,000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contribution, whichever is greater, against a principal or a contractor. Any state contractor or prospective state contractor which fails to make reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions requiring notice to its principals of these prohibitions and the possible consequences of their violations may also be subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contributions made by their principals.

<u>Criminal penalties</u>—Any knowing and willful violation of the prohibition is a Class D felony, which may subject the violator to imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or not more than \$5,000 in fines, or both.

CONTRACT CONSEQUENCES

In the case of a state contractor, contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions may result in the contract being voided.

In the case of a prospective state contractor, contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions shall result in the contract described in the state contract solicitation not being awarded to the prospective state contractor, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

The State shall not award any other state contract to anyone found in violation of the above prohibitions for a period of one year after the election for which such contribution is made or solicited, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

Additional information may be found on the website of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, <u>www.ct.gov/seec</u>. Click on the link to "Lobbyist/Contractor Limitations."



DEFINITIONS

"State contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that enters into a state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a state contractor until December thirty-first of the year in which such contract terminates. "State contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Prospective state contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that (i) submits a response to a state contract solicitation by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, or a proposal in response to a request for proposals by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, until the contract has been entered into, or (ii) holds a valid prequalification certificate issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services under section 4a-100. "Prospective state contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" means (i) any individual who is a member of the board of directors of, or has an ownership interest of five per cent or more in, a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, except for an individual who is a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit organization, (ii) an individual who is employed by a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is not a business entity, or if a state contractor or prospective state contractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any state contractor or prospective state contractor who has *managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract*, (v) the spouse or a *dependent child* who is eighteen years of age or older of an individual described in this subparagraph, or (vi) a political committee established or controlled by an individual described in this subparagraph or the business entity or nonprofit organization that is the state contractor or prospective state contractor.

"State contract" means an agreement or contract with the state or any state agency or any quasi-public agency, let through a procurement process or otherwise, having a value of fifty thousand dollars or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of one hundred thousand dollars or more in a calendar year, for (i) the rendition of services, (ii) the furnishing of any goods, material, supplies, equipment or any items of any kind, (iii) the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work, (iv) the acquisition, sale or lease of any land or building, (v) a licensing arrangement, or (vi) a grant, loan or loan guarantee. "State contract" does not include any agreement or contract with the state, any state agency or any quasi-public agency that is exclusively federally funded, an education loan, a loan to an individual for other than commercial purposes or any agreement or contract between the state or any state agency and the United States Department of the Navy or the United States Department of Defense.

"State contract solicitation" means a request by a state agency or quasi-public agency, in whatever form issued, including, but not limited to, an invitation to bid, request for proposals, request for information or request for quotes, inviting bids, quotes or other types of submittals, through a competitive procurement process or another process authorized by law waiving competitive procurement.

"Managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract" means having direct, extensive and substantive responsibilities with respect to the negotiation of the state contract and not peripheral, clerical or ministerial responsibilities.

"Dependent child" means a child residing in an individual's household who may legally be claimed as a dependent on the federal income tax of such individual.

"Solicit" means (A) requesting that a contribution be made, (B) participating in any fundraising activities for a candidate committee, exploratory committee, political committee or party committee, including, but not limited to, forwarding tickets to potential contributors, receiving contributions for transmission to any such committee, serving on the committee that is hosting a fundraising event, introducing the candidate or making other public remarks at a fundraising event, being honored or otherwise recognized at a fundraising event, or bundling contributions, (C) serving as chairperson, treasurer or deputy treasurer of any such committee, or (D) establishing a political committee for the sole purpose of soliciting or receiving contributions for any committee. Solicit does not include: (i) making a contribution that is otherwise permitted by Chapter 155 of the Connecticut General Statutes; (ii) informing any person of a position taken by a candidate for public officie, or (iv) serving as a member in any party committee or as an officer of such committee that is not otherwise prohibited in this section.

"Subcontractor" means any person, business entity or nonprofit organization that contracts to perform part or all of the obligations of a state contractor's state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a subcontractor until December thirty first of the year in which the subcontract terminates. "Subcontractor" does not include (i) a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or (ii) an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Principal of a subcontractor" means (i) any individual who is a member of the board of directors of, or has an ownership interest of five per cent or more in, a subcontractor, which is a business entity, except for an individual who is a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit organization, (ii) an individual who is employed by a subcontractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a subcontractor, which is not a business entity, or if a subcontractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any subcontractor who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a subcontract with a state contractor, (v) the spouse or a dependent child who is eighteen years of age or older of an individual described in this subparagraph, or (vi) a political committee established or controlled by an individual described in this subparagraph or the business entity or nonprofit organization that is the subcontractor.