

**State of Connecticut Executive Branch Agencies use of Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Contract 13PSX0280-MNNVP-134**

Requisitions must be submitted in the CORE-10 system and go through the established approval process, referencing the NASPO contract number 13PSX0280-MNNVP-134

Please request Premium Savings Package pricing if applicable and be sure to reference the WSCA/NASPO contract number 13PSX0280-MNNVP-134 when obtaining quotations.

**This contract is to be used for Servers, Related Peripherals, and Services only.**

Please note that Desktop PCs, Workstations, Laptops, Wi-Fi Tablets, Monitors, and Related Peripherals, and Services are not available on this contract but are available on HP Inc contract 13PSX0280-MNNVP-133

Purchases can be made directly to the SBE and MBE vendors listed on the State Contracting Portal for set aside purchasing credits:

Contract #	Cert	Vendor	Contact
13PSX0280-134-AB	SBE	<b><u>Advanced Computer Technologies, Inc.</u></b> 108 Main Street Norwalk, CT 06851 Core Vendor ID: 0000052000	<b>Lawrence J. McNally</b> Office: (203) 663-1050 Mobile: (203) 982-2865 Email: <a href="mailto:lmcnally@actweb.com">lmcnally@actweb.com</a>  Caylie A. Sheridan Office (203)-633-1052 Email: <a href="mailto:csheridan@actweb.com">csheridan@actweb.com</a>
Contract #	Cert	Vendor	Contact
13PSX0280-134-AC	MBE	<b><u>Advanced Corporate Networking Inc.</u></b> DBA: Digital BackOffice 192 Naugatuck Ave. Milford, CT 06460 Core Vendor ID: 0000012528	<b>Rick Persico</b> Phone: (203) 874-5545 FAX: (203) 876-1788 Email: <a href="mailto:rickp@digitalbackoffice.com">rickp@digitalbackoffice.com</a>

Contract #	Cert	Vendor	Contact
13PSX0280-134-AD	SBE	<b><u>Consolidated Computing, Inc.</u></b> 380 Morehouse Road Easton, CT 06612  Core Vendor ID: 0000157292	<b>David Loewenbaum</b> Phone: (203) 268-3455 <u>Email:</u> <a href="mailto:davel@consolidatedcomputing.com">davel@consolidatedcomputing.com</a>
Contract #	Cert	Vendor	Contact
13PSX0280-134-AE	no	Rolta Advizex Technologies 164 Middlesex Turnpike Burlington, MA 01803  Core Vendor ID: 000083619	<b>Dorris Woolery</b> Phone: (617) 519-5682 <u>Email:</u> <a href="mailto:dwoolery@advizex.com">dwoolery@advizex.com</a>

All other purchases may be placed directly with HP

(No set-aside credits will be applied)

Contract #	Cert	Vendor	Contact
13PSX0280-134-AA	No	<b>Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Company</b> <b>3000 Hanover Street Palo Alto, CA 94304</b>  <b>Core Vendor ID: 0000169220</b>	<b>Debra Lee</b> Phone: (847) 537-0344 FAX: (847) 572-1336 <u>Email:</u> <a href="mailto:debra.lee@hp.com">debra.lee@hp.com</a>

**Quotations may be obtained from these HP designated resellers however; the purchase order goes directly to HP referencing the reseller ID number:**

The Ergonomic Group, Inc,  
65 Kreiger Lane  
Glastonbury CT 06033  
Reseller Agent Number: 10022394  
Reseller Agent DBA ID: 10066582

Ali Richardson  
860-760-3814  
[alicia.richardson@ergogroup.com](mailto:alicia.richardson@ergogroup.com)

Cameron W. Evans  
Director of Sales - Connecticut  
O: 860-760-3816  
M: 203-565-4414  
[Cameron.evans@ergogroup.com](mailto:Cameron.evans@ergogroup.com)



PCMALL GOV HP  
Reseller Agent Number: 10025720  
Reseller Agent DBA ID: 10101040

Dan Racaniello - Senior Account Manager  
2 Trap Falls Road Suite 503  
Shelton CT 06484  
Direct 203-659-2437  
Phone 800-625-5468 ext. 82437  
Desktop Fax 310-630-3168  
[danr@pcmallgov.com](mailto:danr@pcmallgov.com)  
[www.pcmallgov.com](http://www.pcmallgov.com)

**AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO CONTRACT MNNVP-134**

**THIS AMENDMENT** is by and between the State of Minnesota, acting through its commissioner of Administration ("State"), and Hewlett Packard Enterprise, 6280 America Center Drive, San Jose, CA 95002 ("Contract Vendor").

**WHEREAS**, the State has a Contract with the Contract Vendor identified as Contract No. MNNVP-134, April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2020 ("Contract"), to provide Computer Equipment: Servers and Storage, including Related Peripherals and Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Minn. Stat. § 16C.03, subd. 5, affords the commissioner of Administration, or delegate pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16C.03, subd. 16, the authority to amend contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the Contract allow the State to amend the Contract as specified herein, upon the mutual agreement of the Office of State Procurement and the Contract Vendor in a fully executed amendment to the Contract.




**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is agreed by the parties to amend the Contract as follows:

1. That Contract No. MNNVP-134 is extended through July 31, 2021, at the same terms, conditions, and prices.

This Amendment is effective beginning April 1, 2020, or upon the date that the final required signatures are obtained, whichever occurs later, and shall remain in effect through contract expiration, or until the Contract is canceled, whichever occurs first.

Except as herein amended, the provisions of the Contract between the parties hereto are expressly reaffirmed and remain in full force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have caused this Amendment to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

<p><b>1. HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE</b> The Contractor certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed this Amendment on behalf of the Contractor as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.</p> <p>By: <u></u> Signature: _____ Mary A. Reuss Printed Name: _____</p> <p>Title: <u>Contract Negotiator</u></p> <p>Date: <u>November 12, 2019</u></p> <p>By: _____ Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p><b>2. OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT</b> In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.03, subd. 3.</p> <p>By: <u></u> Title: <u>Acquisition Management Specialist</u></p> <p>Date: <u>11/14/2019</u></p> <p><b>3. COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION</b> Or delegated representative.</p> <p>By: <u></u> Date: <u>11/14/2019</u></p>
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**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. MNNVP-134**

**THIS AMENDMENT** is by and between the State of Minnesota, acting through its commissioner of Administration ("State"), and Hewlett Packard Enterprise, 3000 Hanover St, Palo Alto, CA 94304 ("Contract Vendor").

**WHEREAS**, the State has a Contract with the Contract Vendor identified as Contract No. MNNVP-134, April 1, 2015, through March 31, 2017 ("Contract"), to provide Computer Equipment: (Servers and Storage, including Related Peripherals and Services); and

**WHEREAS**, Minn. Stat. § 16C.03, subd. 5, affords the commissioner of Administration, or delegate pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16C.03, subd. 16, the authority to amend contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the Contract allow the State to amend the Contract as specified herein, upon the mutual agreement of the Materials Management Division and the Contract Vendor in a fully executed amendment to the Contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is agreed by the parties to amend the Contract as follows:

1. That Contract No. MNNVP-134 is extended through March 31, 2018, at the same prices, terms, and conditions.

This Amendment is effective beginning April 1, 2017, or upon the date that the final required signatures are obtained, whichever occurs later, and shall remain in effect through contract expiration, or until the Contract is canceled, whichever occurs first.

Except as herein amended, the provisions of the Contract between the parties hereto are expressly reaffirmed and remain in full force and effect.


**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have caused this Amendment to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

<p><b>1. HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE</b> The Contractor certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed this Amendment on behalf of the Contractor as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.</p> <p>By: _____ Signature <b>Joshua Soreth-Harman</b> Printed Name</p> <p>Title: <u>Attorney-Specialist</u></p> <p>Date: <u>2/13/2017</u></p> <p>By: _____ Signature</p> <p>Printed Name</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p><b>2. OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT</b> In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.03, subd. 3.</p> <p>By: _____ Signature</p> <p>Title: <u>Acquisition Management Specialist</u></p> <p>Date: <u>2/15/17</u></p> <p><b>3. COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION</b> Or delegated representative.</p> <p>By: _____ Signature</p> <p>Date: <u>2/16/2017</u></p>
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**SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION FOR BIDS, QUOTES,  
CONTRACTS, BID BONDS, AND PERFORMANCE BONDS**

I certify that **Josh Soreth-Harman** is authorized to sign bids, quotes, contracts, bid bonds and performance bonds with government agencies, and other customers on behalf of Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company, in an amount up to **\$10,000,000** and affirm that his/her signature shall be binding on Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company. This authorization shall expire on April 30, 2017.

Dated: 5/10/2016

  
Stuart McLean  
**Stuart McLean, Manager – Americas Contract Operations.**

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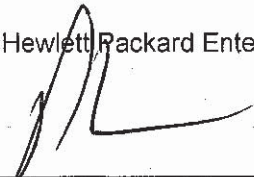
**“RESOLVED**, the Board hereby approves each of the individuals listed below to be authorized signatories of the Corporation (the "Authorized Signatories"), to individually sign bids, quotations, leases and contracts with customers and government agencies, up to an amount of \$50,000,000.00, including such bids and performance bonds as may be required in connection with such bids and contracts, and is further empowered to authorize employees of the Company to sign such bids, quotations, leases, contracts and bid and performance bonds, effective as of August 1, 2015:

- Stuart McLean
- Dan Ionnone
- Sonia Hairabedian
- Elizabeth Leach
- Brittany Dunaway
- Jessi Wallace
- June Eskridge
- Miriam Montejano
- Hector Mendoza
- Maria Jose Gascon

I, Rishi Varma, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed SVP, Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company, a Delaware corporation; that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said corporation on July 28, 2015; and that the resolution has not been annulled, rescinded, or reyoled and remains in full force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have signed my name and affixed the seal of Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company.

Dated: 5/12/16

  
Rishi Varma

(SEAL)

**PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM**  
**NASPO ValuePoint COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**  
**Computer Equipment**  
**Administered by the State of Minnesota (hereinafter "Lead State")**

MASTER AGREEMENT

Master Agreement No: MNNVP-134 and MNVP-115

Hewlett Packard Enterprise  
(hereinafter "Contractor")

And

The State of Connecticut, All Using State of Connecticut Agencies, Municipalities,  
Political Subdivisions, Non-Profits, and Education  
(hereinafter "Participating State/Entity")

Participating State/Entity Contract Number  
13PSX0280- MNNVP-134

1. **Scope:** This addendum between the State of Connecticut and Hewlett Packard Enterprise allows for purchase of the following Computer Equipment/Services: servers, related peripherals, and services led by the State of Minnesota. The Master Price Agreement MPA and any amendments thereto are expressly incorporated by reference herein. The Participating State hereby represents that those Authorized Purchasers who are executive agencies of Connecticut have been authorized by the State Chief Procurement Official of the state within which they are located to use this agreement.

2. **Participation:** All public entities located within the Participating State, including all State of Connecticut agencies, municipalities, political subdivisions, and educational institutions (each such entity, an "Authorized Purchaser"), may also order Products and Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this PA. By placing an order under this Addendum, each Authorized Purchaser agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Addendum, including the MPA. For the purposes of such order, "you" and "your" as used in this PA shall be deemed to refer to such Authorized Purchaser, unless indicated otherwise herein. Each Authorized Purchaser shall be responsible for its compliance with and breach(es) of such terms and conditions.

3. **Term:** The term of this Addendum begins as of the first business day of the month following the full execution of this Participating Addendum below and ends on the date of expiration or termination of the MPA.

4. **Participating State/Entity Modifications or Additions to Master Agreement:** The parties agree that the following provisions (Participating Addendum) shall apply to any action, purchase or purchase order issued by the State of Connecticut or any of its participating entities.

Definitions: The following definitions apply to this Participating Addendum

- a) **Claims:** All actions, suits, claims, demands, investigations and proceedings of any kind, open, pending or threatened, whether mature, unmatured, contingent, known or unknown, at law or in equity, in any forum.
  
- b) **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 the Department 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.

- c) Confidential Information Breach: This shall mean, generally, an instance where an unauthorized person or entity accesses Confidential Information in any manner, including but not limited to the following occurrences: (1) any Confidential Information that is not encrypted or protected is misplaced, lost, stolen or in any way compromised; (2) one or more third parties have had access to or taken control or possession of any Confidential Information that is not encrypted or protected without prior written authorization from the 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.
- d) Contract: 13PSX0280-MNNVP-134 and this participating addendum
- e) Contractor: A person or entity who executes the Contract.
- f) Contractor Parties: A Contractor's members, directors, officers, shareholders, partners, managers, principal officers, representatives, agents, servants, consultants, employees or any one of them or any other person or entity with whom the Contractor is in privity of oral or written contract and the Contractor intends for such other person or entity to Perform under the Contract in any capacity.

**Whistleblowing.** 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 and in the case of a continuing violation, each calendar day's continuance of the violation shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense. The 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.



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

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

**Summary of State Ethics Laws.** Pursuant to the requirements of section 1-101qq of the Connecticut General Statutes, the summary of State ethics laws developed by the State Ethics Commission pursuant to section 1-81b of the Connecticut General Statutes is incorporated by reference into and made a part of the Contract as if the summary had been fully set forth in the Contract.

**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 to this Participating Addendum.

**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. 19 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated June 19, 2008 concerning use of System Development, in accordance with their respective terms and conditions, and to 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. If Executive Orders 14, 19, and 49 are applicable, they are deemed to be incorporated into and are made a part of the Contract as if they had been fully set forth in it. At the Contractor's request, the State shall provide a copy of these orders to the Contractor.

**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 or 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, (2) a quasi-public agency, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-120, (3) any other state, including but not limited to any federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-267, (4) the federal government, (5) a foreign government, or (6) an agency of a subdivision, agency, state or government described in the immediately preceding enumerated items (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5).

(b) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, 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 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, 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 Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (3) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; and (4) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56.

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

**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 indirectly, in connection with the Contract, including 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 uncopyrighted compositions, secret processes, patented or unpatented inventions, articles or appliances furnished or used in the performance.

(b) The Contractor shall not be responsible for indemnifying or holding the State harmless from any liability arising due to the negligence of the State or any other person or entity 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 general liability insurance to satisfy its obligations under this Contract. The Contractor shall name the State as an additional insured on the policy and shall provide a copy of the policy to the Agency prior to the effective date of the Contract. The Contractor shall not begin performance until the delivery of the policy to the Agency. The Agency shall be entitled to recover under the insurance policy even if a body of competent jurisdiction determines that the Agency or the State is contributorily negligent. 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.

(f) The rights provided in this section for the benefit of the State shall encompass the recovery of attorneys' and other professionals' fees expended in pursuing a Claim against a third party.

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

**Tangible Personal Property.**

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

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

- (4) The Contractor and its Affiliates are not liable for use tax billed by them but not paid to them by a customer; and
- (5) Any Contractor or Affiliate who fails to remit use taxes collected on behalf of its customers by the due date specified in the Contract shall be subject to the interest and penalties provided for persons required to collect sales tax under chapter 219 of the general statutes.
- (b) For purposes of this section of the Contract, the word "Affiliate" means any person, as defined in section 12-1 of the general statutes, that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person. A person controls another person if the person owns, directly or indirectly, more than ten per cent of the voting securities of the other person. The word "voting security" means a security that confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the board of directors or similar governing body of the business, or that is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive, upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. "Voting security" includes a general partnership interest.
- (c) The Contractor represents and warrants that each of its Affiliates has vested in the Contractor plenary authority to so bind the Affiliates in any agreement with the State of Connecticut. The Contractor on its own behalf and on behalf of its Affiliates shall also provide, no later than 30 days after receiving a request by the State's contracting authority, such information as the State may require to ensure, in the State's sole determination, compliance with the provisions of Chapter 219 of the Connecticut General Statutes, including, but not limited to, §12-411b.

**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) All audits and inspections shall be at the State's expense.
- (e) The Contractor shall keep and preserve or cause to be kept and preserved all of its and Contractor Parties' Records until three (3) years after the latter of (i) final payment under this Agreement, or (ii) the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, 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.

**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 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 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 the provisions of this Contract concerning the obligations of the Contractor as a Business Associate of the Department.

**Financial Audit for State Grants.**

For purposes of this paragraph, the word "contractor" shall be deemed to mean "nonstate entity," as that term is defined in Section 4-230 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The contractor shall provide for an annual financial audit acceptable to the Department for any expenditure of state-awarded funds made by the contractor. Such audit shall include management letters and audit recommendations. The State Auditors of Public Accounts shall have access to all records and accounts for the fiscal year(s) in which the award was made. The contractor will comply with federal and state single audit standards as applicable.

**Lead State Terms that shall not apply to Connecticut.**

The parties hereby agree that any provision in the Standard Terms and Conditions of the State of Minnesota shall not apply to Connecticut or any of the participating entities from Connecticut if the provision violates sovereign immunity or conflicts with this Participating Addendum.

**5. Primary Contacts:**

The primary contact individuals for this Participating Addendum are as follows (or their named successors):

Contractor

Name	Stacey Kearns
Address	355 LedgeLawn Drive, Conway, AR 72204
Telephone	512-319-3018
Fax	501-339-2377
E-mail	Stacey.lyn.kearns@hpe.com

Participating Entity

Name	Jean Del Greco
Address	165 Capitol Ave. Hartford, CT 06106
Telephone	860-713-5623
Fax	860-622-2881
E-mail	Jean.delgreco@ct.gov

**6. Partner Utilization:**

The State reserves the right to add or remove HP approved Partners and Resellers based on their status as Connecticut Certified Small Business entities, including SBE, MBE, and WBE.

**Reseller Agent Program:** Quotations can be obtained from the State approved HP designated resellers however; the purchase order goes directly to HP referencing the reseller ID number.

**7. Terms:**

The Participating State/Entity is agreeing to the terms of the Master Agreement only to the extent the terms are not in conflict with applicable law.

**8. Orders:**

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




**9. Separation:**

This Participating Addendum is based on Master Agreement No. MNWNC-115 until November 1, 2015. In accordance with the Assignment Agreement, as of November 1, 2015, this Participating Addendum is assigned to Master Agreement No. MNNVP-134.

**10. Participating Addendum:**

To the extent applicable, this Addendum is effective and will replace and supersede the existing Participating Addendum between Contractor and Participating State/Entity under the WSCA Master Price Agreement Number B27164, as of the first business day of the month following the full execution of this Participating Addendum below or July 1, 2015, whichever is later.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Addendum as of the date of execution by both parties below.

Participating State: State of Connecticut	Contractor: Hewlett Packard Enterprise
By: 	By: 
Name: Mark Raymond 	Name: Matthew C. Keck
Title: Chief Information Officer	Title: Senior Counsel
Date: 9/17/15	Date: 9/16/15



## ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

This Assignment Agreement is by and among the State of Minnesota, acting through its commissioner of Administration (State), Hewlett Packard Company, ("Original Contract Vendor") 3000 Hanover Street, Palo Alto, CA 94304, HP Inc., ("Assigned Contract Vendor") 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, CA 94304 and Hewlett Packard Enterprise, ("Assigned Contract Vendor") 3000 Hanover Street, Palo Alto, CA 94304.

**WHEREAS**, the State has an agreement with the Original Contract Vendor, Master Agreement No. MNWNC-115, ("Master Agreement") effective April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2017 to provide Computer Equipment (Desktops, Laptops, Tablets, Servers and Storage including related peripherals & services); and

**WHEREAS**, the Original Contract Vendor wishes to separate Hewlett Packard Company into two independent companies and assign all its interests and obligations in the Master Agreement to the Assigned Contract Vendors;

**WHEREAS**, the assignment provision of the Master Agreement provides assignment of the agreement only upon written consent of the State.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties agree to the following:

1. Effective November 1, Master Agreement No. MNWNC-115 is assigned to two independent companies, the Assigned Contract Vendors The products have been divided as noted below:

Master Agreement No. MNNVP-133

HP Inc.

Master Agreement Administrator: Debra Lee; [debra.lee@hp.com](mailto:debra.lee@hp.com), 847-537-0344 or 847-922-2977

HP Inc. will provide Desktops, Laptops and Tablets including related peripherals and services (Bands 1, 2, & 3).

Master Agreement No. MNNVP-134

Hewlett Packard Enterprise

Master Agreement Administrator: Stacy Kearns; [Stacey.lyn.kearns@hp.com](mailto:Stacey.lyn.kearns@hp.com), 512-319-3018

Hewlett Packard Enterprise will provide Servers and Storage including related peripherals and services. (Bands 4 & 5).

This Agreement will become effective upon its approval and execution by the parties and approval of the appropriate State officials, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §16C.05, subd. 2.

2. The State hereby approves the request of the Original Contract Vendor to assign to the Assigned Contract Vendors all its interests, rights, responsibilities, duties, and other provisions set forth in the Master Agreement, which is attached and incorporated as Exhibit C, provided the Original Contract Vendor and the Assigned Contract Vendors agree to all provisions set forth in this Assignment Agreement. Furthermore the Assigned Contract Vendors agree to the Pricing Schedules attached and incorporated as Exhibit A and B. These Pricing Schedules provide clarity to the established products and discounts assigned to each vendor and fully replace the Original Contract Vendor Master Agreement Pricing Schedule.
3. The Original Contract Vendor and the Assigned Contract Vendors jointly and severally represent and warrant to the State that:
  - a. the Original Contract Vendor is not in default of any of its obligations under the Contract; and
  - b. the Original Contract Vendor has assigned to the Assigned Contract Vendors, under separate agreement, sufficient information, rights to technology, and key personnel sufficient to enable the Assigned Contract Vendors to properly perform the duties, responsibilities, obligations, and all other provisions assigned to the Assigned Contract Vendors; in addition, Original Contract Vendor assigns all prepaid funds paid by the Participating Entity under the Master Agreement for services, storage or subscriptions to the applicable Assigned Contract Vendor who has received transfer of such services, storage and subscriptions and
  - c. the Assigned Contract Vendors are ready, willing, and able to perform all of the duties, obligations, and responsibilities of the Master Agreement.
4. The Assigned Contract Vendors accept assignment of all the provisions of the Master Agreement.
5. Ordering and invoicing for Hewlett Packard Company acting through Hewlett Packard Enterprise may begin on or after 8/1/2015.

Ordering and invoicing for HP Inc. may begin on or after 11/1/2015.

Any and all amounts due to Hewlett Packard Company by the Participating Entity for goods and/or services provided by the Hewlett Packard Company Vendor prior to November 1, 2015, under the Master Agreement will be paid to Hewlett Packard Company by the Participating Entity. Any and all amounts due under the Master Agreement on or after November 1, 2015, will be paid to the Assigned Contract Vendors by the Participating Entity.

- 6. When applicable, payment for remaining work and travel expenses from the Master Agreement will be paid at the rates set in the Master Agreement. The amount to be paid to the Assigned Contract Vendors will not exceed the Contract's total costs, minus the total payments made to the Original Contract Vendor.
- 7. The Assigned Contract Vendors will provide proof of insurance with the coverage and in the amounts called for in the original solicitation document, attached herein. It is understood currently Hewlett Packard Enterprise is a subsidiary of Hewlett Packard Company and therefore insured as required. Once the separation occurs November 1, 2015, insurance certificates will be provided for each new company.
- 8. The Assigned Contract Vendors will supply Affirmative Action Certification if so required by MN.Stat. § 36A.36, or if applicable certify Assigned Vendor is in federal affirmative action compliance pursuant to MN.Stat. § 363A.36.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Assignment Agreement to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

**1. ORIGINAL CONTRACT VENDOR  
HEWLETT PACKARD COMPANY**

The Original Contract Vendor certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed this document on behalf of the Contract Vendor as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Senior Counsel

Date: June 30, 2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DIVISION and  
NASPO ValuePoint (formerly WSCA-NASPO)  
Master Agreement Administrator]**

In accordance with Minn. Stat. §16C.03, Subd. 3.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Acquisition Management Specialist

Date: 7/7/15

**3. COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION**

Or delegated representative

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7/7/2015

**4. ASSIGNED CONTRACT VENDOR  
HP Inc.**

The Assigned Contract Vendor certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the Contract on behalf of the Contract Vendor as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Senior Counsel

Date: June 30, 2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. ASSIGNED CONTRACT VENDOR  
HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE**

The Assigned Contract Vendor certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the Contract on behalf of the Contract Vendor as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Senior Counsel

Date: June 30, 2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## EXHIBIT A

The Assigned Contract Vendors accept assignment of all the provisions of the Master Agreement MNWNC-115. The following pricing schedule reflects the products (Desktops-Band 1, Laptops Band 2, & Laptops Band 3) assigned to Hewlett Packard Inc. and replaces Exhibit B of Master Agreement MNWNC-115 held by Hewlett Packard Company.

HP INC.

MNNVP-133

EXHIBIT B - PRICING SCHEDULE

### COMPUTER EQUIPMENT: DESKTOPS, LAPTOPS, TABLETS

<b>1. BASELINE PRICING HP INC. LIST PRICE</b>		
<b>2. BAND DISCOUNTS</b>	<b>CATEGORY CODE</b>	<b>MINIMUM DISCOUNT</b>
BAND 1 DESKTOP	1M	16%
BAND 2 LAPTOP	2M	12%
BAND 3 TABLET	3M	20%
Category Exception: Promotions/Smart Buys	PROMO	1%
<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> The minimum discount is provided, refer to Contract Vendor's Website for any additional discounts and request a quote for bulk/volume discounts. All prices shall be FOB Destination, prepaid and allowed (with freight included in the price). If there is a special case where inside delivery fee must be charged, the Contract Vendor will notify the customer in advance.</p>		
<b>3. THIRD PARTY PRODUCTS</b>	TPH	10%
Category Exception: Third Party Software	TPS	5%
<p><b>See HP NASPOValuePoint Website for Approved Third Party Software &amp; Hardware Manufacturers.</b></p>		
<b>4. SERVICES - Offered at 7-22% - Contact HP for Time and Materials Rates and Custom Services</b>		
<p>Services are at the option of the Participating State. The Participating Addendum by each State may address service agreement terms. The majority of HP Branded products include up to a 3 year warranty and HP provides options to upgrade to 2, 3, 4 and 5 year warranty through HP Care Packs for some products as available. For product specifications &amp; standard warranty included with system see: <a href="http://h71069.www7.hp.com/quickspecs/overview.html#intro">http://h71069.www7.hp.com/quickspecs/overview.html#intro</a></p>		
<b>5. LEASING</b>		
<p>Participating Addendum may identify if and how leasing agreement terms will be conducted.</p>		
<b>6. ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS – Request a quote for discounts on bulk/volume purchases.</b>		
<p>a. <b>Big Deal Pricing:</b> Contact HP sales for additional savings provided through “special fixed pricing” (Big Deal). HP offers Multiple Transaction Volume based on the quantity, specific product or products purchased in a given time period.</p>		
<p>b. <b>Cumulative and Special Discounts:</b> Based on annual volume, HP will evaluate yearly sales on the Master Agreement and may elect to provide potential increased discount per band or provide specials for select products for the product category or series life cycle.</p>		
<p>c. <b>Additional Bulk/Volume Discount Options:</b> HP may provide procuring entities with different flexible savings options based on what meets their specific needs and requirements. HP may provide opportunities in the form of additional equipment if allowed by the Participating Entity.</p>		
<p>d. <b>Contact HP for detailed list of additional discounts provided.</b></p>		



## EXHIBIT B

The Assigned Contract Vendors accept assignment of all the provisions of Master Agreement MNWNC-115. The following pricing schedule reflects the products (Servers Band 4, Storage Band 5) assigned to Hewlett Packard Enterprise and replaces Exhibit B of Master Agreement MNWNC-115 held by Hewlett Packard Company.

**MNNVP-134** **HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE** **EXHIBIT B - PRICING SCHEDULE**

### COMPUTER EQUIPMENT: SERVERS & STORAGE

<b>1. BASELINE PRICING HP ENTERPRISE LIST PRICE</b>		
<b>2. BAND DISCOUNTS</b>		
	<b>CATEGORY CODE</b>	<b>MINIMUM DISCOUNT</b>
BAND 4 SERVER	4M	14%
BAND 5 STORAGE	5M	20%
Category Exception: Promotions/Smart Buys	PROMO	1%
<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> The minimum discount is provided, refer to Contract Vendor's Website for any additional discounts and request a quote for bulk/volume discounts. All prices shall be FOB Destination, prepaid and allowed (with freight included in the price). If there is a special case where inside delivery fee must be charged, the Contract Vendor will notify the customer in advance.</p>		
<b>3. THIRD PARTY PRODUCTS</b>		
	TPH	10%
Category Exception: Third Party Software	TPS	5%
Category Exception: Microsoft O/S when purchased with Band 4 items	4M16	0%
See HP WSCA-NASPO Website for Approved Third Party Software & Hardware Manufacturers.		
<b>4. SERVICES - Offered at 7-22% - Contact HP for Time and Materials Rates and Custom Services</b>		
<p>Services are at the option of the Participating State. The Participating Addendum by each State may address service agreement terms. The majority of HP Branded products include up to a 3 year warranty and HP provides options to upgrade to 2, 3, 4 and 5 year warranty through HP Care Packs for some products as available. For product specifications &amp; standard warranty included with system see: <a href="http://h71069.www7.hp.com/quickspecs/overview.html#intro">http://h71069.www7.hp.com/quickspecs/overview.html#intro</a></p>		
<b>5. LEASING</b>		
Participating Addendum may identify if and how leasing agreement terms will be conducted.		
<b>6. ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS – Request a quote for discounts on bulk/volume purchases.</b>		
<p>a. <b>Big Deal Pricing:</b> Contact HP sales for additional savings provided through "special fixed pricing" (Big Deal). HP offers Multiple Transaction Volume based on the quantity, specific product or products purchased in a given time period.</p>		
<p>b. <b>Cumulative and Special Discounts:</b> Based on annual volume, HP will evaluate yearly sales on the Master Agreement and may elect to provide potential increased discount per band or provide specials for select products for the product category or series life cycle.</p>		
<p>c. <b>Additional Bulk/Volume Discount Options:</b> HP may provide procuring entities with different flexible savings options based on what meets their specific needs and requirements. HP may provide opportunities in the form of additional equipment if allowed by the Participating Entity.</p>		
<p>d. <b>Contact HP for detailed list of additional discounts provided.</b></p>		

**EXHIBIT C**

**MASTER AGREEMENT MNWNC-115**





STATE OF MINNESOTA  
 Materials Management Division  
 112 Administration Building  
 50 Sherburne Avenue  
 St. Paul, MN 55155  
 Voice: 651.296.2600  
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**MINNESOTA WSCA-NASPO MASTER AGREEMENT AWARD  
 WITH  
 Hewlett Packard Company  
 FOR**

**COMPUTER EQUIPMENT: (Desktops, Laptops, Tablets, Servers, and Storage including Related Peripherals & Services)**

To: Hewlett-Packard Company  
 3000 Hanover Street  
 Palo Alto, CA 94304

CONTRACT NO: MNWNC-115

Contract Vendor Administrator:  
 Debra Lee  
 Email: [debra.lee@hp.com](mailto:debra.lee@hp.com)  
 Phone: 847.537.0344

CONTRACT PERIOD: April 1, 2015, or upon final executed signatures, whichever is later

Through March 31, 2017

EXTENSION OPTION: UP TO 36 MONTHS

You are hereby notified that your response to our solicitation, which opened January 31, 2014, is accepted. The following documents, in order of precedence, are incorporated herein by reference and constitute the entire Contract between you and the State: 1. A Participating Entity's Participating Addendum ("PA") A Participating Entity's Participating Addendum shall not diminish, change, or impact the rights of the Lead State with regard to the Lead State's contractual relationship with the Contract Vendor under the Terms of Minnesota WSCA-NASPO Master Agreement; 2. Minnesota WSCA-NASPO Master Agreement (includes negotiated Terms and Conditions); 3. The Solicitation; and 4. the Contract Vendor's response to the Solicitation. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

**1. HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY**

The Contractor certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed this Agreement on behalf of the Contractor as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: [Signature]  
 Printed Name: Matthew L. Keck  
 Title: Senior Counsel  
 Date: 2/12/15

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MINNESOTA MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 18C.03, subd. 3.

By: [Signature]  
 Title: Master Agreement Administrator  
 Date: 2/17/15

**3. MINNESOTA COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION**  
 Or delegated representative.

By: Original signed  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FEB 26 2015

By Lucas J. Jannett



**COMPUTER EQUIPMENT  
2014-2019**



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## MINNESOTA WSCA-NASPO MASTER AGREEMENT AWARD SUMMARY

- BACKGROUND.** The State of Minnesota, Department of Administration, Materials Management Division publicly posted a Request for Proposal on behalf of the State of Minnesota and WSCA-NASPO Cooperative Procurement Program ("WSCA-NASPO") resulting in a Master Agreement Award. After evaluation by a multi-state sourcing team the solicitation resulted in this Minnesota WSCA-NASPO Master Agreements with qualified manufacturers for **Computer Equipment (Desktops, Laptops, Tablets, Servers, and Storage including related Peripherals & Services).**

The original solicitation contains the requirements and definitions establishing the following Product Bands allowed on the Master Agreement. The configuration limits and restrictions for this Master Agreement are provided below. Participating Entities may revise these in their Participating Addendum. **Bands awarded are identified below:**

Band 1: Desktop	Band 3: Tablet	Band 5: Storage
Band 2: Laptop	Band 4: Server	

The original solicitation included Band 6: Ruggedized. This band has been removed and ruggedized equipment will be allowed in Bands 1-5. The original solicitation and responses may be found on the WSCA-NASPO Website.

- EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Master Agreement contract term will begin on April 1, 2015, or upon final executed signatures, whichever is later, through March 31, 2017, with the option to extend up to 36 months, upon agreement by both parties. Contract Sales may not begin until the Website, Product and Service Schedule and third party products have been approved by the Master Agreement Administrator.
- PARTICIPATION.** All authorized governmental entities in any State are welcome to use the resulting Master Agreements through WSCA-NASPO with the approval of the State Chief Procurement Official. Contract Vendors are able to sign Participating Addendums (PA) at the option of Participating States. Participating States reserve the right to add State specific terms and conditions and modify the scope of the contract in their Participating Addendum as allowed by the Master Agreement.
- CONFIGURATION DOLLAR LIMITS.** The following configuration limits apply to the Master Agreement. Participating States may define their configuration limits in their participating addendum. The Participating State's Chief Procurement Official may increase or decrease the configuration limits, as defined in their Participating Addendum. The Participating State will determine with the Contract Vendor how to approve these modifications to the State's Product and Service Schedule.

The dollar limits identified below are based on a **SINGLE** computer configuration. This is **NOT** a restriction on the purchase of multiple configurations (e.g. an entity could purchase 10 laptops @ \$10,000 for a total purchase price of \$100,000).

ITEM	CONFIGURATION*
Server	\$500,000
Storage	\$500,000
Desktops	\$ 10,000
Laptops	\$ 10,000
Tablets	\$ 5,000
Peripherals	\$ 5,000
Services	Addressed by each State in participating addendum

\* Configuration is defined as the combination of hardware and software components that make up the total functioning system. Software purchases are considered a part of the configuration limit of the equipment.

5. **RESTRICTIONS.** The following restrictions apply to the Master Agreement. A Participating State may set further restrictions of products in their Participating Addendum. The Participating State will determine with the Contract Vendor how to approve these modifications to the State's Product and Service Schedule.

**a. Software**

1. Software is restricted to operating systems and commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) software and is subject to equipment configuration limits.
2. Software is an option which must be related to the procurement of equipment.
3. Software must be pre-loaded or provided as an electronic link with the initial purchase of equipment.
4. Software such as middleware which is not always installed on the equipment, but is related to storage and server equipment (Band 4&5) purchased, is allowed and may be procured after the initial purchase of equipment.

**b. Services**

1. Services must be related to the procurement of equipment.
2. Service limits will be addressed by each State.
3. Wireless phone and internet service is not allowed.
4. Cloud Services including acquisitions structured as managed on-site services are not allowed.
5. Managed Print Services are not allowed.

**c. Third Party Products.**

1. Contract Vendors can only offer Third Party Products in the bands they have been awarded.
2. Contract Vendor cannot offer products manufactured by another Contract Vendor holding a Minnesota WSCA-NASPO Master Agreement unless approved by the Lead State.

**d. Additional Product/Services**

1. Hardware and software required to solely support wide area network (WAN) operation and management are not allowed.
2. Lease/Rentals of equipment may be allowed and will be addressed by each State.
3. Cellular Phone Equipment is not allowed.
4. EPEAT Bronze requirement may be waived, on a State case by case basis, if approved by the State's Chief Procurement Officer.

6. **PARTNER UTILIZATION:** Each state represented by WSCA-NASPO that chooses to participate in this Master Agreement independently has the option of utilizing partners. Only partners approved by the Participating State may be deployed. The participating State will define the process to add and remove partners in their participating addendum.





## COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 2014-2019



# MINNESOTA WSCA-NASPO MASTER AGREEMENT AWARD

## EXHIBIT A - TERMS & CONDITIONS

### MASTER AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### A. GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** The contents of the RFP and the response of the successful responder will become Master Agreement contractual obligations, along with the final Master Agreement, if acquisition action ensues. A statement of acceptance of the proposed Contract Terms and Conditions, unless taken exception to, as specified in the RFP must be included in the response. Any suggestions for alternate language shall be presented. The Lead State is under no obligation to accept wording changes submitted by the responder. The Lead State is solely responsible for rendering decisions in matters of interpretation on all terms and conditions. Any response which fails to comply with this requirement may be disqualified as nonresponsive.

All general proposal terms, specifications and WSCA-NASPO Terms & Conditions form a part of this RFP and will apply to any Master Agreements entered into as a result thereof.

- 2. CONFLICT OF TERMS/ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:**

- a. A Participating Entity's Participating Addendum ("PA");
- b. Minnesota WSCA-NASPO Master Agreement (includes negotiated Terms & Conditions)
- c. The Solicitation including all Addendums; and
- d. Contract Vendor's response to the Solicitation

These documents shall be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. Contract Vendor terms and conditions that apply to this Master Agreement are only those that are expressly accepted by the Lead State and must be in writing and attached to the Master Agreement as an Exhibit or Attachment. No other terms and conditions shall apply, including terms and conditions listed in the Contract Vendor's response to the Solicitation, or terms listed or referenced on the Contract Vendor's website, in the Contract Vendor quotation/sales order or in similar documents subsequently provided by the Contract Vendor. The solicitation language prevails unless a mutually agreed exception has been negotiated.

- 3. ADDENDA TO THE RFP.** Any addendum issued will become a part of the RFP. The Lead State may modify or clarify the RFP by issuing one or more addenda to all parties who have received the RFP. Each responder must follow the directions on the addendum. Addenda will be numbered consecutively in the order they are issued.
- 4. AWARD.** The award of this solicitation will be based upon the total accumulated points as established in the RFP, for separate items, by grouping items, or by total lot, and where at its sole discretion the Lead State believes it will receive the best value. The Lead State reserves the right to award this solicitation to a single responder, or to multiple responders, whichever is in the best interest of the Lead State. It is the State's intent to award to multiple responders. The Lead State reserves the right to accept all or part of an offer, to reject all offers, to cancel the solicitation, or to re-issue the solicitation, whichever is in the best interest of the Lead State.

The Sourcing Team will make a recommendation on the award of this RFP. The commissioner of Administration or designee may accept or reject the recommendation of the Sourcing Team. The final award decision will be made by the Commissioner of Administration and the WSCA-NASPO Management Board.

- 5. CLARIFICATION.** If a responder discovers any significant ambiguity, error, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other deficiency in the RFP, the responder shall immediately notify the Acquisition Management Specialist in writing, as



specified in the introduction, of such error and request modification or clarification of the document. This notification is due no later than seven calendar days prior to the proposal due date and time.

Responders are cautioned that any activity or communication with a State employee or officer, or a member of the Evaluation Team, regarding this Solicitation's contents or process, is strictly prohibited and may, as a result, have its response rejected. Any communication regarding this Solicitation, its content or process, must be directed to the Acquisition Management Specialist listed in the Solicitation documents.

6. **COMPLETION OF RESPONSES.** A response may be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete. Responses that contain conflicting, false, or misleading statements or that provide references that contradict or do not support an attribute or condition stated by the responder, may be rejected.
7. **MASTER AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATOR.** The Master Agreement Administrator designated by WSCA-NASPO and the State of Minnesota, Department of Administration is: Susan Kahle. Direct all correspondence and inquiries, legal questions, general issues, or technical issues regarding this RFP to:

Susan Kahle  
Acquisition Management Specialist  
Department of Administration  
Materials Management Division  
50 Sherburne Avenue  
112 Administration Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Fax: 651.297.3996  
E-mail: [susan.kahle@state.mn.us](mailto:susan.kahle@state.mn.us)

8. **DISPOSITION OF DATA SUBMITTED BY CONTRACT VENDOR .** All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become property of the Lead State and will become public record after the evaluation process is completed. The evaluation process is complete when negotiations with the selected vendors are final.

By executing this Contract, the Contract Vendor certifies and agrees that all information provided in the Contract and in response to the solicitation will be made public in accordance with the solicitation and that no information has been designated Trade Secret pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

If the Contract Vendor submits information after execution of this Contract that it believes to be trade secret materials, as defined by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. § 13.37, the Contract Vendor must:

- a. clearly mark all trade secret materials at the time the information is submitted;
- b. include a statement with regard to the information justifying the trade secret designation for each item; and,
- c. defend any action seeking release of the materials it believes to be trade secret, and indemnify and hold harmless the Lead State, its agents and employees, from any judgments awarded against the Lead State in favor of the party requesting the materials, and any and all costs connected with that defense. This indemnification survives the Lead State's award of a Master Agreement. In submitting a response to the RFP, the responder agrees that this indemnification survives as long as the trade secret materials are in possession of the Lead State. The Lead State will not consider the prices submitted by the responder to be trade secret materials.

9. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES.** Any issue a responder has with the RFP document, which includes, but is not limited to, the terms, conditions, and specifications, must be submitted in writing to and received by the Master Agreement Administrator prior to the opening due date and time. Any issue a responder has with the Master Agreement award must be submitted in writing to the Master Agreement Administrator within five working days from the time the notice of the intent to award is issued. This notice may be made by any of the following methods: notification by letter, fax or email, or posted on the Materials Management website, [www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us](http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us). The Lead State will respond to any protest received that follows the above procedure. For those protests that meet the above submission requirements, the appeal process is, in sequence: The responsible Master Agreement Administrator, the Materials Management Division (MMD) Assistant Director, and the MMD Director.

10. **ELECTRONIC FILES TO DOWNLOAD, COMPLETE, AND RETURN.** Responders must download a Word/Excel document.

11. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** A written Master Agreement (including the contents of this RFP and selected portions of Contract Vendor's response incorporated therein by reference) and any written addenda thereto constitute the entire agreement of the parties to the Master Agreement.



**12. IRREVOCABLE OFFER.** In accordance with this Request for Proposal, and subject to all conditions thereof, the undersigned agrees that its response to this RFP, or any part thereof, is an irrevocable offer for 180 days following the submission deadline date unless stated otherwise in the RFP. It is understood and agreed that the response, or any part thereof, when accepted by the appropriate department and State officials in writing, may become part of a legal and binding Master Agreement between the undersigned vendor and the State of Minnesota.

**13. MATERIAL DEVIATION.** A responder shall be presumed to be in agreement with these terms and conditions unless it takes specific exception to one or more of the conditions. Submission by the responder of its proposed language shall not be viewed as an exception unless the responder specifically states in the response that its proposed changes are intended to supersede the terms and conditions.

RESPONDERS ARE CAUTIONED THAT BY TAKING ANY EXCEPTION THEY MAY BE MATERIALLY DEVIATING FROM THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. IF A RESPONDER MATERIALLY DEVIATES FROM THE GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS OR THE WSCA-NASPO TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND/OR SPECIFICATIONS, ITS RESPONSE MAY BE REJECTED.

A material deviation is an exception to the Request for Proposal general or WSCA-NASPO terms and conditions and/or specifications that:

- a. gives the responder taking the exception a competitive advantage over other vendors; or,
- b. gives the Lead State something significantly different from that which the Lead State requested.

**14. NONRESPONSIVE RESPONSES.** Responses that do not comply with the provisions in the RFP may be considered nonresponsive and may be rejected.

**15. NOTICES.** If one party is required to give notice to the other under the Master Agreement, such notice shall be in writing and shall be effective upon receipt. Delivery may be by certified United States mail or by hand, in which case a signed receipt shall be obtained. A facsimile transmission shall constitute sufficient notice, provided the receipt of the transmission is confirmed by the receiving party. Either party must notify the other of a change in address for notification purposes. All notices to the Lead State shall be addressed as follows:

**STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

MN WSCA-NASPO COMPUTER EQUIPMENT CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

112 Administration Bldg.

50 Sherburne Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55155

651-296-2600



# MASTER AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## B. WSCA-NASPO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE FEES.** The Contract Vendor shall pay a WSCA-NASPO Administrative Fee of one-tenth of one percent (0.1% or 0.001) in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Master Agreement no later than 60 days following the end of each calendar quarter. The WSCA-NASPO Administrative Fee shall be submitted quarterly and is based on sales of products and services (less any charges for taxes or shipping). The WSCA-NASPO Administrative Fee is not negotiable. This fee is to be included as part of the pricing submitted with proposal.

Additionally, some states may require an additional fee be paid directly to the state on purchases made by Purchasing Entities within that state. For all such requests, the fee level, payment method and schedule for such reports and payments will be incorporated into the Participating Addendum that is made a part of the Master Agreement. The Contract Vendor may adjust the Master Agreement pricing accordingly for purchases made by Purchasing Entities within the jurisdiction of the state. All such agreements may not affect the WSCA-NASPO Administrative Fee or the prices paid by the Purchasing Entities outside the jurisdiction of the state requesting the additional fee.

2. **AGREEMENT ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.** The Master Agreement shall consist of the following documents:
  - a. A Participating Entity's Participating Addendum ("PA");
  - b. Minnesota WSCA-NASPO Master Agreement (includes negotiated Terms and Conditions)
  - c. The Solicitation including all addendums; and
  - d. Contract Vendor's response to the Solicitation

These documents shall be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. Contract Vendor terms and conditions that apply to this Master Agreement are only those that are expressly accepted by the Lead State and must be in writing and attached to this Master Agreement as an Exhibit or Attachment. No other terms and conditions shall apply, including terms and conditions listed in the Contract Vendor's response to the Solicitation, or terms listed or referenced on the Contract Vendor's website, in the Contract Vendor quotation/sales order or in similar documents subsequently provided by the Contract Vendor. The solicitation language prevails unless a mutually agreed exception has been negotiated.

3. **AMENDMENTS.** The terms of this Master Agreement shall not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented or amended in any manner whatsoever without prior written approval of the WSCA-NASPO Master Agreement Administrator.
4. **ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST RIGHTS. NEGOTIATED.** Contract Vendor irrevocably assigns to a Participating Entity any claim for relief or cause of action which the Contract Vendor now has or which may accrue to the Contract Vendor in the future by reason of any violation of state or federal antitrust laws (15 U.S.C. § 1-15 or a Participating Entity's state antitrust provisions), as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time, in connection with any goods or services provided to the Contract Vendor for the purpose of carrying out the Contract Vendor's obligations under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum, including, at a Participating Entity's option, the right to control any such litigation on such claim for relief or cause of action to the extent the assignment is necessary for the Participating Entity to overcome Federal or State's bar on indirect purchases.
5. **ASSIGNMENT/SUBCONTRACT. NEGOTIATED** Contract Vendor shall not assign, sell, transfer, subcontract or sublet rights, or delegate responsibilities under this Master Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of the WSCA-NASPO Master Agreement Administrator.

Lead State, or Participating Entity, shall not assign, delegate or otherwise transfer all or any part of this Agreement without prior written consent from Contractor, except for assignment or delegation to a Participating Entity State agency or eligible Purchasing Entity.

6. **CANCELLATION.** Unless otherwise stated in the terms and conditions, any Master Agreement may be canceled by either party upon 60 days' notice, in writing, prior to the effective date of the cancellation. Further, any Participating Entity may cancel its participation upon 30 days written notice, unless otherwise limited or stated in the special terms and conditions of this solicitation or in the applicable Participating Addendum. Cancellation may be in whole or in part. Any cancellation under this provision shall not affect the rights and obligations attending orders outstanding at the time of cancellation, including any right of a Participating Entity to indemnification by the Contract Vendor, rights of payment for goods/services delivered and accepted, and rights attending any warranty or default in performance in association with any order. Cancellation of the Master Agreement due to Contract Vendor default may be immediate if defaults cannot be reasonably cured as allowed per Default and Remedies term.



## **7. CONFIDENTIALITY, NON-DISCLOSURE AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, NEGOTIATED**

**7.1 Confidentiality.** Contract Vendor acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, in the course of providing the Product under this Master Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to Participating Entity or Participating Entity's clients. Any and all information of any form that is marked as confidential or would by its nature be deemed confidential obtained by Contract Vendor or its employees or agents in the performance of this Master Agreement, including, but not necessarily limited to (a) any Participating Entity records, (b) personnel records, and (c) information concerning individuals, is confidential information of Participating Entity ("Confidential Information"). Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the Confidential Information by Contract Vendor shall be treated in the same manner as the Confidential Information. Confidential Information does not include information that (a) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by Contract Vendor) publicly known; (b) is furnished by Participating Entity to others without restrictions similar to those imposed by this Master Agreement; (c) is rightfully in Contract Vendor's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Master Agreement; (d) is obtained from a source other than Participating Entity without the obligation of confidentiality, (e) is disclosed with the written consent of Participating Entity or; (f) is independently developed by employees, agents or subcontractor of Contract Vendor who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information

**7.2 Non-Disclosure.** Contract Vendor shall hold Confidential Information in confidence, using at least the industry standard of confidentiality, and not to copy, reproduce, sell, assign, license, market, transfer or otherwise dispose of, give, or disclose Confidential Information to third parties or use Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than the performance of this Master Agreement to Participating Entity hereunder, and to advise each of its employees and agents of their obligations to keep Confidential Information confidential. Contract Vendor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist Participating Entity in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Contract Vendor shall advise Participating Entity immediately if Contract Vendor learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Master Agreement and Contract Vendor shall at its expense cooperate with Participating Entity in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of Participating Entity or Contract Vendor against any such person. Except as directed by Participating Entity, Contract Vendor will not at any time during or after the term of this Master Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, except in accordance with this Master Agreement, and that upon termination of this Master Agreement or at Participating Entity's request, Contract Vendor shall turn over to Participating Entity all documents, papers, and other matter in Contract Vendor's possession that embody Confidential Information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contract Vendor may keep one copy of such Confidential Information necessary for quality assurance, audits and evidence of the performance of this Master Agreement.

**7.3 Injunctive Relief.** Contract Vendor acknowledges that breach of this Section, including disclosure of any Confidential Information, will cause irreparable injury to Participating Entity that is inadequately compensable in damages. Accordingly, Participating Entity may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available. Contract Vendor acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interests of Participating Entity and are reasonable in scope and content.

**7.4 Contractor Information.** Contractor information exchanged under this Agreement will be treated as confidential if identified and labeled as such at disclosure and if the circumstances of disclosure would reasonably indicate such treatment to the extent it is protected from disclosure under governing law. Confidential information may only be used for the purpose of fulfilling obligations or exercising rights under this Agreement, and shared with employees, agents (including WSCA-NASPO Cooperative Purchasing Organization LLC) or contractors with a need to know such information to support that purpose. Confidential information will be protected using a reasonable degree of care to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure for three (3) years from the date of receipt or (if longer) for such period as the information remains confidential. These obligations do not cover information that: i) was known or becomes known to the receiving party without obligation of confidentiality; ii) is independently developed by the receiving party; or iii) where disclosure is required by law or a governmental agency. Contractor acknowledges that pricing, reported usage, and other provisions of this Agreement that describe the products and services available under the master agreement may be made publicly available by WSCA-NASPO to promote use of the Agreement and shall not be considered Confidential Information.

**7.5. Personal Information.** Each party shall comply with their respective obligations under applicable data protection legislation. Contractor does not intend to have access to personally identifiable information ("PII") of Participating Entity in providing services. To the extent Contractor has access to Participating Entity PII stored on a system or device of Participating Entity, such access will likely be incidental and Participating Entity will remain the data controller of Participating Entity PII at all times. Contractor will use any PII to which it has access strictly for purposes of delivering the services ordered.



**7.6 Participating Entity** is agreeing to the above language to the extent is not in conflict with Participating Entities public disclosure laws.

8. **DEBARMENT.** The Contract Vendor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction (Master Agreement) by any governmental department or agency. If the Contract Vendor cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by WSCA-NASPO.

In any order against this Master Agreement for a requirement established by a Purchasing Entity that discloses the use of federal funding, to the extent another form of certification is not required by a Participating Addendum or the order of the Purchasing Entity, the Contractor's quote represents a recertification consistent with the terms of paragraph 8, Section 2D, Minnesota Terms and Conditions

9. **DEFAULTS & REMEDIES. NEGOTIATED.**

- a. The occurrence of any of the following events shall be an event of default under this Master Agreement:
- i. Nonperformance of contractual requirements; or
  - ii. A material breach of any term or condition of this Master Agreement; or
  - iii. Any representation or warranty by Contract Vendor in response to the solicitation or in this Master Agreement proves to be untrue or materially misleading; or
  - iv. Institution of proceedings under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar law, by or against Contract Vendor, or the appointment of a receiver or similar officer for Contract Vendor or any of its property, which is not vacated or fully stayed within thirty (30) calendar days after the institution or occurrence thereof; or
  - v. Any default specified in another section of this Master Agreement.
- b. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, Lead State shall issue a written notice of default, identifying the nature of the default, and providing a period of 30 calendar days in which Contract Vendor shall have an opportunity to cure the default. The Lead State shall not be required to provide advance written notice or a cure period and may immediately terminate this Master Agreement in whole or in part if the Lead State, in its sole discretion, determines that it is reasonably necessary to preserve public safety or prevent immediate public crisis. Time allowed for cure shall not diminish or eliminate Contract Vendor's liability for damages, including liquidated damages to the extent provided for under this Master Agreement.
- c. If Contract Vendor is afforded an opportunity to cure and fails to cure the default within the period specified in the written notice of default, Contract Vendor shall be in breach of its obligations under this Master Agreement and Lead State shall have the right to exercise any or all of the following remedies:
- i. Exercise any remedy provided by law; and
  - ii. Terminate this Master Agreement and any related Master Agreements or portions thereof; and
  - iii. Impose liquidated damages as provided in this Master Agreement; and
  - iv. Suspend Contract Vendor from receiving future bid solicitations; and
  - v. Suspend Contract Vendor's performance; and
  - vi. Withhold payment until the default is remedied.
- d. In the event of a default under a Participating Addendum, a Participating Entity shall provide a written notice of default as described in this section and have all of the rights and remedies under this paragraph regarding its participation in the Master Agreement, in addition to those set forth in its Participating Addendum. Unless otherwise specified in a Purchase Order, a Purchasing Entity shall provide written notice of default as described in this section and have all of the rights and remedies under this paragraph and any applicable Participating Addendum with respect to an Order placed by the Purchasing Entity. Nothing in these Master Agreement Terms and Conditions shall be construed to limit the rights and remedies available to a Purchasing Entity under the applicable commercial code.
- e. Contractor may discontinue performance with any Purchasing Entity if Purchasing Entity fails to pay any undisputed sum due, or with any Participating Entity if after thirty (30) days written notice Participating Entity has not cured any other material failure to perform under this Agreement.

10. **DELIVERY.** Unless otherwise indicated in the Master Agreement, the prices are the delivered price to any Purchasing Entity. All deliveries shall be F.O.B. destination with all transportation and handling charges paid by the Contract Vendor. Additional delivery charges will not be allowed for back orders.

11. **FORCE MAJEURE.** Neither party to this Master Agreement shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, acts of God and/or war which is beyond that party's reasonable control. The WSCA-NASPO Master Agreement Administrator may terminate this Master Agreement after determining such delay or default will reasonably prevent successful performance of the Master Agreement.



12. **GOVERNING LAW.** This procurement and the resulting agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Lead State sponsoring and administering the procurement. The construction and effect of any Participating Addendum or order against the Master Agreements shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Participating Entity's State. Venue for any claim, dispute or action concerning an order placed against the Master Agreements or the effect of a Participating Addendum shall be in the Purchasing Entity's State.

13. **INDEMNIFICATION.** DELETED SEE SECTION 2C17

14. **INDEMNIFICATION – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.** DELETED SEE SECTION 2C17

15. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACT VENDOR.** The Contract Vendor shall be an independent Contract Vendor, and as such shall have no authorization, express or implied to bind WSCA-NASPO or the respective states to any agreements, settlements, liability or understanding whatsoever, and agrees not to perform any acts as agent for WSCA-NASPO or the states, except as expressly set forth herein.

16. **INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMER.** Except to the extent modified by a Participating Addendum, each Participating Entity shall follow the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum and will have the same rights and responsibilities for their purchases as the Lead State has in the Master Agreement, including but not limited to, any indemnity or to recover any costs allowed in the Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum for their purchases. Each Purchasing Entity will be responsible for its own charges, fees, and liabilities. The Contract Vendor will apply the charges and invoice each Purchasing Entity individually.

17. **INSURANCE.** NEGOTIATED. Except to the extent modified by a Participating Addendum, Contract Vendor shall, during the term of this Master Agreement, maintain in full force and effect, the insurance described in this section. Contract Vendor shall acquire such insurance from an insurance carrier or carriers licensed to conduct business in the Participating Entity's state and having a rating of A-, Class VII or better, in the most recently published edition of Best's Reports. Failure to buy and maintain the required insurance may result in this Master Agreement's termination or at a Participating Entity's option, result in termination of its Participating Addendum.

Coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis. The minimum acceptable limits shall be as indicated below, for each of the following categories:

- a. Commercial General Liability covering the risks of bodily injury (including death), property damage and personal injury, including coverage for contractual liability, with a limit of not less than \$1 million per occurrence/\$2 million general aggregate;
- b. Contract Vendor must comply with any applicable State Workers Compensation or Employers Liability Insurance requirements.

The Contract Vendor is responsible for payment of Contract related premiums on all insurance policies, and deductibles.

Prior to commencement of the work, Contract Vendor shall provide to the Participating Entity a written endorsement to the Contract Vendor's general liability insurance policy that (i) includes the Participating Entity as an additional insured, which endorsement may be met through the use of what is referred to as a "blanket" additional insured endorsement, and (ii) provides that the Contract Vendor's liability insurance policy shall be primary, with any liability insurance of the Participating Entity as secondary and noncontributory.

Contract Vendor shall furnish to Participating Entity copies of certificates of all required insurance within thirty (30) calendar days of the Participating Addendum's effective date and prior to performing any work. Copies of renewal certificates of all required insurance shall be furnished, upon request. These certificates of insurance must expressly indicate compliance with each and every insurance requirement specified in this section. Failure to provide evidence of coverage may, at the Lead State Master Agreement Administrator's sole option, result in this Master Agreement's termination.

Coverage and limits shall not limit Contract Vendor's liability and obligations under this Master Agreement.

18. **LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** NEGOTIATED. Any and all supplies, services and equipment offered and furnished shall comply fully with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.



If software is licensed to Participating Entity for use in the performance of a US Government prime contract or subcontract, Participating Entity agrees that consistent with FAR 12.211 and 12.212, commercial computer software, documentation and technical data for commercial items are licensed under publisher's standard commercial license.

Products and services provided under these terms are for Participating Entity's internal use and not for further commercialization. Participating Entity is responsible for complying with applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to, obtaining any required export or import authorizations if Purchasing Entity exports, imports or otherwise transfers products and/or deliverables provided under this Agreement.

**19. LICENSE OF PRE-EXISTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. DELETED – SEE SECTION 2B30 FOR REVISED TERM ADDRESSING TITLE OF PRODUCT.**

**20. NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.** The Lead State, Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity to the extent it applies does not waive its sovereign immunity by entering into this Contract and fully retains all immunities and defenses provided by law with regard to any action based on this Contract.

If a claim must be brought in a federal forum, then it must be brought and adjudicated solely and exclusively within the United States District Court of the Participating Entity's State.

**21. ORDER NUMBERS. NEGOTIATED** Contract order and purchase order numbers shall be clearly shown on all acknowledgments, shipping labels (if possible), packing slips, invoices, and on all correspondence.

"Order" means the accepted order including any supporting materials which the parties identify as incorporated either by attachment or reference ("Supporting Materials"). Supporting Materials may include (as examples) product lists, hardware or software specifications, standard or negotiated service descriptions, data sheets and their supplements, and statements of work (SOWs), published warranties and service level agreements, and may be available to Participating Entity in hard copy or by accessing a designated Contractor website.

**22. PARTICIPANTS.** WSCA-NASPO Cooperative Purchasing Organization LLC is not a party to the Master Agreement. It is a nonprofit cooperative purchasing organization assisting states in administering the WSCA/NASPO cooperative purchasing program for state government departments, institutions, agencies and political subdivisions (e.g., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, etc.) for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Obligations under this Master Agreement are limited to those Participating States who have signed a Participating Addendum where contemplated by the solicitation. Financial obligations of Participating States are limited to the orders placed by the departments or other state agencies and institutions having available funds. Participating States incur no financial obligations on behalf of political subdivisions. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, the resulting award will be permissive.

**23. PARTICIPATION OF ENTITIES.** Use of specific WSCA-NASPO cooperative Master Agreements by state agencies, political subdivisions and other entities (including cooperatives) authorized by individual state's statutes to use state contracts are subject to the approval of the respective State Chief Procurement Official. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the respective State Chief Procurement Official.

**24. PAYMENT. NEGOTIATED.** Payment for completion of an order under this Master Agreement is normally made within 30 days following the date the entire order is delivered or the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is later. After 45 days the Contract Vendor may assess overdue account charges up to a maximum rate of one percent per month on the outstanding balance. Payments will be remitted by mail. Payments may be made via a State or political subdivision "Purchasing Card" with no additional charge.

Prices are exclusive of taxes, duties, and fees, unless otherwise quoted. If a withholding tax is required by law, the tax will be added and identified on the applicable invoice. Prices include the fee as specified in section 1.

**25. PUBLIC INFORMATION.** The Master Agreement and all related documents are subject to disclosure pursuant to the Participating Entity's public information laws.

**26. RECORDS ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT. NEGOTIATED.** The disclosure of records in Participating States relating to Participating addenda and orders placed against the Master Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Participating State and entity who placed the order.

The Contractor shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to this Master Agreement and orders placed by Purchasing Entities under it to the extent and in such detail as shall adequately reflect performance and administration of payments and fees. Contractor shall permit the Lead State, a Participating Entity,



a Purchasing Entity, the federal government (including its grant awarding entities and the U.S. Comptroller General), and any other duly authorized agent of a governmental agency, to audit, inspect, examine, copy and/or transcribe Contractor's books, documents, papers and records directly pertinent to this Master Agreement or orders placed by a Purchasing Entity under it for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. This right shall survive for a period of five (5) years following termination of this Agreement or final payment for any order placed by a Purchasing Entity against this Agreement, whichever is later, to assure compliance with the terms hereof or to evaluate performance hereunder.

Without limiting any other remedy available to any governmental entity, the Contractor shall reimburse the applicable Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity for an overpayments inconsistent with the terms of the Master Agreement or orders or underpayment of fees found as a result of the examination of the Contractor's records.

The rights and obligations herein right exist in addition to any quality assurance obligation in the Master Agreement requiring the Contractor to self-audit contract obligations and that permits the Lead State Master Agreement Administrator to review compliance with those obligations.

Records will be retained longer if required by Participating Entity's law.

Contractor will be advised with reasonable prior written notice of each audit. The parties will work together in good faith to establish an audit process that does not interfere with Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement or any other agreement, or compromise any reasonable security processes or procedures. Contractor will provide the auditor with information reasonably required to effect the audit, provided however that Contractor reserves the right to impose limitation or require additional assurances from Customer and its auditor as may be necessary to protect the Confidential Information of Contractor to the extent such limitations and assurances are not in conflict with Participating Entity's governing laws. In no event will Contractor be required to provide Customer or its auditor with access to Contractor's internal costs and resource utilization data, or data related to employees or other customers of Contractor to the extent it's not in conflict with Participating Entity's governing law.

**27. REPORTS - SUMMARY AND DETAILED USAGE.** In addition to other reports that may be required by this solicitation, the Contract Vendor shall provide the following WSCA-NASPO reports.

- a. Summary Sales Data. The Contractor shall submit quarterly sales reports directly to WSCA-NASPO using the WSCA-NASPO Quarterly Sales/Administrative Fee Reporting Tool found at <http://www.naspo.org/WNCPO/Calculator.aspx>. Any/all sales made under the contract shall be reported as cumulative totals by state. Even if Contractor experiences zero sales during a calendar quarter, a report is still required. Reports shall be due no later than the last day of the month following the end of the calendar quarter (as specified in the reporting tool).
- b. Detailed Sales Data. Contract Vendor shall also report detailed sales data by: state; entity/customer type, e.g., local government, higher education, K12, non-profit; Purchasing Entity name; Purchasing Entity bill-to and ship-to locations; Purchasing Entity and Contract Vendor Purchase Order identifier/number(s); Purchase Order Type (e.g., sales order, credit, return, upgrade, determined by industry practices); Purchase Order date; Ship Date; and line item description, including product number if used. The report shall be submitted in any form required by the solicitation. Reports are due on a quarterly basis and must be received by the Lead State no later than the last day of the month following the end of the reporting period. Reports shall be delivered to the Lead State and to the WSCA-NASPO Cooperative Development Team electronically through email; CD-Rom, jump drive or other electronic matter as determined by the Lead State.

Detailed sales data reports shall include sales information for all sales under Participating Addenda executed under this Master Agreement. The format for the detailed sales data report is in Section 6, Attachment H.

- c. Reportable sales for the summary sales data report and detailed sales data report includes sales to employees for personal use where authorized by the Participating Addendum. Specific data in relation to sales to employees for personal use to be defined in the final contract award to ensure only public information is reported.
- d. Timely submission of these reports is a material requirement of the Master Agreement. The recipient of the reports shall have exclusive ownership of the media containing the reports. The Lead State and WSCA-NASPO shall have a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty free, transferable right to display, modify, copy, and otherwise use reports, data and information provided under this section.

**28. ACCEPTANCE AND ACCEPTANCE TESTING, NEGOTIATED.**

- a. **Acceptance.** Purchasing Entity (the entity authorized under the terms of any Participating Addendum to place orders under this Master Agreement) shall determine whether all Products and Services delivered meet the



Contractor's published specifications (a.k.a. "Specifications"). No payment shall be made for any Products or Services until the Purchasing Entity has accepted the Products or Services. The Purchasing Entity will make every effort to notify the Contractor within thirty (30) calendar days following delivery of non-acceptance of a Product or completion of Service. In the event that the Contractor has not been notified within 30 calendar days from delivery of Product or completion of Service, the Product and Services will be deemed accepted on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after delivery of Product or completion of Services. This clause shall not be applicable, if acceptance testing and corresponding terms have been mutually agreed to by both parties in writing.

- b. **Acceptance Testing.** The Purchasing Entity (the entity authorized under the terms of any Participating Addendum to place orders under this Master Agreement) and the Contract Vendor shall determine if Acceptance Testing is applicable and/or required for the purchase. The terms in regards to acceptance testing will be negotiated, in writing, as mutually agreed. If Acceptance Testing is NOT applicable, the terms regarding Acceptance in the Contract shall prevail.
- c. **Installation.** If Contractor is providing installation with the product purchase, Contractor's site guidelines (available upon request) will describe the facilities Participating Entity is required to provide. Contractor will conduct its standard installation and test procedures to confirm completion.

**29. SYSTEM FAILURE OR DAMAGE.** In the event of system failure or damage caused by the Contract Vendor or its Product, the Contract Vendor agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to restore or assist in restoring the system to operational capacity. The Contract Vendor shall be responsible under this provision to the extent a 'system' is defined at the time of the Order; otherwise the rights of the Purchasing Entity shall be governed by the Warranty.

**30. TITLE OF PRODUCT. NEGOTIATED**

**OWNERSHIP**

- a. **Intellectual Property Rights.** No transfer of ownership of any intellectual property will occur under this Agreement. Purchasing Entity grants Contractor a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free right and license to any intellectual property that is necessary for Contractor and its designees to perform the ordered services. If deliverables are created by Contractor specifically for Purchasing Entity and identified as such in Supporting Material, Contractor hereby grants Purchasing Entity a worldwide, non-exclusive, fully paid, royalty-free license to reproduce and use copies of the deliverables internally.
- b. **Title.** Title for hardware products will pass upon delivery to Customer or its designee. Where permitted by law, HP retains a security interest in products sold until full payment is received.

**31. WAIVER OF BREACH.** Failure of Lead State Master Agreement Administrator, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity to declare a default or enforce any rights and remedies shall not operate as a waiver under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum. Any waiver by the Lead State or Participating Entity must be in writing. Waiver by the Lead State Master Agreement Administrator, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity of any default, right or remedy under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum, or breach of any terms or requirements shall not be construed or operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach of such term or requirement, or of any other term or requirement under this Master Agreement, a Participating Addendum, or order.

**32. WARRANTY. NEGOTIATED.** The warranty provided must be the manufacturers written warranty tied to the product at the time of purchase and must include the following: (a) the Product performs according to the Specifications (b) the Product is suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such Product is used, and, (c) the Product is designed and manufactured in a commercially reasonable manner. Products and services are provided with the standard manufacturer's published warranty, support, and software licensing terms ("Specifications"). Services are performed using generally recognized commercial practices and standards. Customer agrees to provide prompt notice of any service concerns.

For third party products sold by the Contract Vendor that are not Contractor-branded, the Contract Vendor sells the third party products with the manufacturer or publisher's standard warranty, license, and maintenance "AS IS". The Contract Vendor will provide warranty and maintenance call numbers and assist the customer in engaging the manufacturer on warranty and maintenance issues.

Upon breach of the warranty, the Contract Vendor will repair or replace (at no charge to the Purchasing Entity) the Product whose nonconformance is discovered and made known to the Contract Vendor. If the repaired and/or replaced Product proves to be inadequate, or fails of its essential purpose, the Contract Vendor will refund the full amount of any payments that have been made. The rights and remedies of the parties under this warranty are in addition to any other rights and remedies of the parties provided by law or so ordered by the court.

This Agreement states all remedies for warranty claims. To the extent permitted by law, Contractor disclaims all other warranties.



# MASTER AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## C. MINNESOTA TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL CONTENT.** The contents of this RFP and selected portions of response of the successful Proposer will become contractual obligations, along with the final Master Agreement, if acquisition action ensues. The Lead State is solely responsible for rendering the decision in matters of interpretation of all terms and conditions.

2. **ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS.** The State of Minnesota has developed IT Accessibility Standards effective September 1, 2010, which entails, in part, the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 (Level AA) and Section 508 Subparts A-D which can be viewed at [http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/pdf/accessibility\\_standard.pdf](http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/pdf/accessibility_standard.pdf)

Responders must complete the WCAG-VPAT form included in the FORMS section of the RFP. The completed VPAT form will be scored based on its compliance with the Accessibility Standards. The requested WCAG VPAT applies to the responder's website to be offered under the Contract. For products offered, VPATS are only to be provided upon request by the participating entity.

Upon request by the participating entity, the responder must make best efforts to provide Voluntary Product Accessibility Templates (VPATS) for all products offered in its response. Click here for link to VPATS for both Section 508 VPAT and WCAG 2.0 VPAT <http://mn.gov/oet/policies-and-standards/accessibility/#>.

3. **ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL CHANGES.** The Contract Vendor must notify the Contract Administrator of changes in the Contract Vendor's key administrative personnel, in advance and in writing. Any employee of the Contract Vendor who, in the opinion of the State of Minnesota, is unacceptable, shall be removed from the project upon written notice to the Contract Vendor. In the event that an employee is removed pursuant to a written request from the Acquisition Management Specialist, the Contract Vendor shall have 10 working days in which to fill the vacancy with an acceptable employee.

4. **AMENDMENT(S).** Master Agreement amendments shall be negotiated by the Lead State with the Contract Vendor whenever necessary to address changes in the terms and conditions, costs, timetable, or increased or decreased scope of work. An approved Master Agreement amendment means one approved by the authorized signatories of the Contract Vendor and the Lead State as required by law.

5. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA).** DELETED.

6. **AWARD OF RELATED CONTRACTS.** In the event the Lead State undertakes or awards supplemental Contracts for work related to the Master Agreement or any portion thereof, the Contract Vendor shall cooperate fully with all other Contract Vendors and the State in all such cases. All Master Agreements between subcontractors and the Contract Vendor shall include a provision requiring compliance with this section.

7. **AWARD OF SUCCESSOR CONTRACTS.** In the event the State undertakes or awards a successor for work related to the Contract or any portion thereof, the current Contract Vendor shall cooperate fully during the transition with all other Contract Vendors and the State in all such cases. All Master Agreements between subcontractors and the Contract Vendor shall include a provision requiring compliance with this section.

8. **CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION.**

a. Certification regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions.

Instructions for certification:

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant [responder] is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.



3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal [response] is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
  4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverages section of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
  5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this response that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction [subcontract equal to or exceeding \$25,000] with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
  6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
  7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the list of parties excluded from federal procurement and nonprocurement programs.
  8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
  9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- b. **Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions.**
1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
  2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.
9. **CHANGE REQUESTS. NEGOTIATED.** The Lead State reserves the right to request, during the term of the Master Agreement, changes to the products offered. Products introduced during the term of the Master Agreement shall go through a formal review process. A formal process of changing the Master Agreement shall be developed during the negotiation of the Master Agreement. The Contract Vendor shall evaluate and recommend products for which agencies have an expressed need. The Lead State shall require the Contract Vendor to provide a summary of its research of those products being recommended for inclusion in the Master Agreement as well as defining how adding the product will enhance the Master Agreement. The Lead State may request that products, other than those recommended, are added to the Master Agreement.

In the event that the Lead State desires to add new products and services that are not included in the original Master Agreement, the Lead State requires that independent manufacturers and resellers cooperate with the already



established Contract Vendor in order to meet the Lead State's requirements. Evidence of the need to add products or services should be demonstrated to the Lead State. The Master Agreement shall be modified via supplement or amendment. The Lead State will negotiate the inclusion of the products and services with the Contract Vendor. No products or services will be added to the Master Agreement without the Lead State's prior approval.

Requests to change the scope of services or deliverables, on a per-Order basis, will require a change order signed by the Purchasing Entity and Contractor.

10. **CONFLICT MINERALS.** Contract Vendor must provide information to the public on its website regarding the use of conflict minerals, as required by Section 13(p) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules promulgated thereunder. See: <http://www.sec.gov/rules/final/2012/34-67716.pdf>.
11. **COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL WAIVER.** The Lead State reserves the right to use, reproduce and publish proposals in any manner necessary for State agencies and local units of government to access the responses and/or to respond to request for information pursuant to Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, including but not limited to emailing, photocopying, State Intranet/Internet postings, broadcast faxing, and direct mailing. In the event that the response contains copyrighted or trademarked materials, it is the responder's responsibility to obtain permission for the Lead State to reproduce and publish the information, regardless of whether the responder is the manufacturer or reseller of the products listed in the materials. By signing its response, the responder certifies that it has obtained all necessary approvals for the reproduction and/or distribution of the contents of its response and agrees to indemnify, protect, save and hold the Lead State, its representatives and employees harmless from any and all claims arising from the violation of this section and agrees to pay all legal fees incurred by the Lead State in the defense of any such action.
12. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Pursuant to Minnesota law, the Master Agreement arising from this RFP shall be effective upon the date of final execution by the Lead State, unless a later date is specified in the Master Agreement.
13. **FOREIGN OUTSOURCING OF WORK.** Upon request, the Contract Vendor is required to provide information regarding the location of where services, data storage and/or location of data processing under the Master Agreement will be performed.
14. **GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES.** The Contract Vendor and the Lead State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, (and where applicable, if the Lead State contracting party is part of the judicial branch, with the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court as the same may be amended from time to time) as it applies to all data provided by the Lead State to the Contract Vendor and all data provided to the Lead State by the Contract Vendor. In addition, the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Contract Vendor in accordance with the Master Agreement that is private, nonpublic, protected nonpublic, or confidential as defined by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Ch. 13 (and where applicable, that is not accessible to the public under the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch).  
  
In the event the Contract Vendor receives a request to release the data referred to in this article, the Contract Vendor must immediately notify the Lead State. The Lead State will give the Contract Vendor instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08, apply to the release of the data by either the Contract Vendor or the Lead State.  
  
The Contract Vendor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the State of Minnesota, its agent and employees, harmless from all claims arising out of, resulting from, or in any manner attributable to any violation of any provision of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (and where applicable, the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch), including legal fees and disbursements paid or incurred to enforce this provision of the Master Agreement. In the event that the Contract Vendor subcontracts any or all of the work to be performed under the Master Agreement, the Contract Vendor shall retain responsibility under the terms of this article for such work.
15. **HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.** To the extent that the goods to be supplied by the Contract Vendor contain or may create hazardous substances, harmful physical agents or infectious agents as set forth in applicable State and federal laws and regulations, the Contract Vendor must provide Material Safety Data Sheets regarding those substances. A copy must be included with each delivery.
16. **HUMAN RIGHTS/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.** The Lead State requires affirmative action compliance by its Contract Vendors in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 363A.36 and Minn. R. 5000.3400 to 5000.3600.



- a. Covered contracts and Contract Vendors. One-time acquisitions, or a contract for a predetermined amount of goods and/or services, where the amount of your response is in excess of \$100,000 requires completion of the Affirmative Action Certification page. If the solicitation is for a contract for an indeterminate amount of goods and/or services, and the State estimated total value of the contract exceeds \$100,000 whether it will be a multiple award contract or not, you must complete the Affirmative Action Certification page. If the contract dollar amount or the State estimated total contract amount exceeds \$100,000 and the Contract Vendor employed more than 40 full-time employees on a single working day during the previous 12 months in Minnesota or in the state where it has its principal place of business, the Contract Vendor must comply with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 363A.36, subd. 1 and Minn. R. 5000.3400 to 5000.3600. A Contract Vendor covered by Minn. Stat. § 363A.36, subd. 1 and Minn. R. 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 that had more than 40 full-time employees within Minnesota on a single working day during the previous 12 months must have a certificate of compliance issued by the commissioner of the Department of Human Rights (certificate of compliance). A Contract Vendor covered by Minn. Stat. § 363A.36, subd. 1 that did not have more than 40 full-time employees on a single working day during the previous 12 months within Minnesota but that did have more than 40 full-time employees in the state where it has its principal place of business and that does not have a certificate of compliance must certify that it is in compliance with federal affirmative action requirements.
- b. Minn. Stat. § 363A.36, subd. 1 requires the Contract Vendor to have an affirmative action plan for the employment of minority persons, women, and qualified disabled individuals approved by the commissioner of the Department of Human Rights (commissioner) as indicated by a certificate of compliance. Minn. Stat. § 363A.36 addresses suspension or revocation of a certificate of compliance and contract consequences in that event. A contract awarded without a certificate of compliance may be voided.
- c. Minn. R. 5000.3400-5000.3600 implement Minn. Stat. § 363A.36. These rules include, but are not limited to, criteria for contents, approval, and implementation of affirmative action plans; procedures for issuing certificates of compliance and criteria for determining a Contract Vendor's compliance status; procedures for addressing deficiencies, sanctions, and notice and hearing; annual compliance reports; procedures for compliance review; and contract consequences for noncompliance. The specific criteria for approval or rejection of an affirmative action plan are contained in various provisions of Minn. R. 5000.3400-5000.3600 including, but not limited to, parts 5000.3420-5000.3500 and parts 5000.3552-5000.3559.
- d. Disabled Workers. Minn. R. 5000.3550 provides the Contract Vendor must comply with the following affirmative action requirements for disabled workers.

#### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR DISABLED WORKERS

- (a) The Contract Vendor must not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The Contract Vendor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment, and otherwise treat qualified disabled persons without discrimination based upon their physical or mental disability in all employment practices such as the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- (b) The Contract Vendor agrees to comply with the rules and relevant orders of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights issued pursuant to the Minnesota Human Rights Act.
- (c) In the event of the Contract Vendor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 363A.36 and the rules and relevant orders of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights issued pursuant to the Minnesota Human Rights Act.
- (d) The Contract Vendor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. Such notices must state the Contract Vendor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled employees and applicants for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.
- (e) The Contract Vendor must notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the Contract Vendor is bound by the terms of Minn. Stat. § 363A.36 of the Minnesota Human Rights Act and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment physically and mentally disabled persons.



- e. Consequences. The consequences of a Contract Vendor's failure to implement its affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort to do so include, but are not limited to, suspension or revocation of a certificate of compliance by the commissioner, refusal by the commissioner to approve subsequent plans, and termination of all or part of the Contract by the commissioner or the State.
- f. Certification. The Contract Vendor hereby certifies that it is in compliance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 363A.36, subd. 1 and Minn. R. 5000.3400-5000.3600 and is aware of the consequences for noncompliance. It is agreed between the parties that Minn. Stat. 363.36 and Minn. R. 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based upon this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minn. Stat. § 363A.36 and Minn. R. 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are available upon request from the contracting agency.

**17. INDEMNIFICATION. NEGOTIATED.** The Contract Vendor shall indemnify, protect, save and hold harmless the Lead State and the Participating Entity, its representatives and employees, from any and all third party claims or causes of action, including all legal fees incurred by the Lead State and the Participating Entity arising from the negligence or willful misconduct in performance of the Master Agreement by the Contract Vendor or its agents, employees, or subcontractors. This clause shall not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Contract Vendor may have with the Lead State's and Participating Entity's failure to fulfill its obligations pursuant to the Master Agreement.

If the Participating Entity's laws require approval of a third party to defend Participating Entity, Participating Entity will seek such approval and if approval is not received, Contract Vendor is not required to defend that Participating Entity.

**18. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contract Vendor warrants that any Contractor-branded materials or products provided or produced by the Contract Vendor or utilized by the Contract Vendor in the performance of this Master Agreement will not infringe upon or violate any patent, copyright, trade secret, or any other proprietary right of any third party. In the event of any such claim by any third party against the Participating Entity, the Participating Entity shall promptly notify the Contract Vendor. The Contract Vendor, at its own expense, shall indemnify, defend or settle, and hold harmless the Participating Entity against any loss, cost, expense, or liability (including legal fees) arising out of such a claim, whether or not such claim is successful against the Participating Entity.

If such a claim has occurred, or in the Contract Vendor's opinion is likely to occur, the Contract Vendor shall either procure for the Participating Entity the right to continue using the materials or products or replacement or modified materials or products. If an option satisfactory to the Participating Entity is not reasonably available, the Participating Entity shall return the materials or products to the Contract Vendor, upon written request of the Contract Vendor and at the Contract Vendor's expense.

The Contractor has no obligation for any claim of infringement arising from:

- a. The Contractor's compliance with the Purchasing Entity's or by a third party on the Purchasing Entity's behalf designs, specifications, or instructions;
- b. The Contractor's use of technical information or technology provided by the Purchasing Entity;
- c. Product modifications by the Purchasing Entity or a third party;
- d. Product use prohibited by Specifications or related application notes; or
- e. Product use with Products that are not the Contractor-branded.

**19. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** Contractor will be responsible for damages that Purchasing Entity may incur as a result of purchasing products and services from HP, up to \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars).

Except for unauthorized use of Purchasing Entity's or Contractor's intellectual property, neither Purchasing Entity nor Contractor will be liable for lost revenues or profits, downtime costs, loss or damage to data or indirect, special or consequential costs or damages. Contractor does not limit its liability for death or bodily injury caused by its negligence, acts of fraud, willful repudiation of the agreement, nor any liability which may not be excluded or limited by applicable law.

**20. JURISDICTION AND VENUE.** This RFP and any ensuing Master Agreement, its amendments and supplements thereto, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota, USA. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of the Master Agreement, or breach thereof, shall be in the State or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota. By submitting a response to this Request for Proposal, a Responder voluntarily agrees to be subject to the jurisdiction of Minnesota for all proceedings arising out of this RFP, any ensuing Master Agreement, or any breach thereof.



- 21. LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** Any and all services, articles or equipment offered and furnished must comply fully with all local, State and federal laws and regulations, including Minn. Stat. § 181.59 prohibiting discrimination and business registration requirements of the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State.
- 22. NONVISUAL ACCESS STANDARDS.** Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16C.145, the Contract Vendor shall comply with the following nonvisual technology access standards :
- That the effective interactive control and use of the technology, including the operating system applications programs, prompts, and format of the data presented, are readily achievable by nonvisual means;
  - That the nonvisual access technology must be compatible with information technology used by other individuals with whom the blind or visually impaired individual must interact;
  - That nonvisual access technology must be integrated into networks used to share communications among employees, program participants, and the public; and
  - That the nonvisual access technology must have the capability of providing equivalent access by nonvisual means to telecommunications or other interconnected network services used by persons who are not blind or visually impaired.

These standards do not require the installation of software or peripheral devices used for nonvisual access when the information technology is being used by individuals who are not blind or visually impaired.

- 23. NOTICE TO RESPONDERS.** Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 270C.65, subd. 3, Contract Vendors are required to provide their Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number. This information may be used in the enforcement of federal and State tax laws. Supplying these numbers could result in action to require a Contract Vendor to file tax returns and pay delinquent tax liabilities. These numbers will be available to federal and State tax authorities and State personnel involved in the payment of State obligations.
- 24. ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.** The responder warrants that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to organizational conflicts of interest. An organizational conflict of interest exists when, because of existing or planned activities or because of relationships with other persons:
- a Contract Vendor is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State;
  - the Contract Vendor's objectivity in performing the work is or might be otherwise impaired; or
  - the Contract Vendor has an unfair competitive advantage.

The Contract Vendor agrees that if an organizational conflict of interest is discovered after award, an immediate and full disclosure in writing shall be made to the Assistant Director of the Department of Administration's Materials Management Division that shall include a description of the action the Contract Vendor has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. If an organizational conflict of interest is determined to exist, the State may, at its discretion, cancel the Master Agreement. In the event the Contract Vendor was aware of an organizational conflict of interest prior to the award of the Master Agreement and did not disclose the conflict to the Master Agreement Administrator, the State may terminate the Master Agreement for default. The provisions of this clause shall be included in all subcontracts for work to be performed, and the terms "Contract," "Contract Vendor," "Master Agreement", "Master Agreement Administrator" and "Contract Administrator" modified appropriately to preserve the State's rights.

- 25. PAYMENT CARD INDUSTRY DATA SECURITY STANDARD AND CARDHOLDER INFORMATION SECURITY.**  
NEGOTIATED. NOT APPLICABLE TO CONTRACT VENDOR.

- 26. PERFORMANCE WHILE DISPUTE IS PENDING.** Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the parties shall continue without delay to carry out all of their responsibilities under the Master Agreement that are not affected by the dispute. If a party fails to continue without delay to perform its responsibilities under the Master Agreement, in the accomplishment of all undisputed work, any additional cost incurred by the other parties as a result of such failure to proceed shall be borne by the responsible party.

**27. PREFERENCE.**

**Targeted/Economically Disadvantaged.** In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.16, subds. 6 and 7, eligible certified targeted group (TG) businesses and certified economically disadvantaged (ED) businesses will receive a 6 percent preference on the basis of award for this RFP. The preference is applied only to the first \$500,000 of the response to the RFP. Eligible TG businesses must be currently certified by the Materials Management Division prior to the bid opening date and time.



To verify TG/ED certification, refer to the Materials Management Division's web site at [www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us](http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us) under "Vendor Information, Directory of Certified TG/ED Vendors."

To verify TG eligibility for preference, refer to the Materials Management Division's web site under "Vendor Information, Targeted Groups Eligible for Preference in State Purchasing" or call the Division's HelpLine at 651.296.2600.

**Reciprocal Preference.** In accordance with Minn. Stat. §16C.06, subd 7, the acquisition of goods or services shall be allowed a preference over a non-resident vendor from a state that gives or requires a preference to vendors from that state, the preference shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state of the non-resident vendor. If you wish to be considered a Minnesota Resident vendor you must claim that by filling out the Resident Vendor Form included in this solicitation and include it in your response.

**Veteran.** In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.16, subd. 6a, (a) Except when mandated by the federal government as a condition of receiving federal funds, the commissioner shall award up to a six percent preference in the amount bid on state procurement to **certified small businesses** that are **majority-owned and operated by:**

- (1) recently separated veterans who have served in active military service, at any time on or after September 11, 2001, and who have been discharged under honorable conditions from active service, as indicated by the person's United States Department of Defense form DD-214 or by the commissioner of veterans affairs;
- (2) veterans with service-connected disabilities, as determined at any time by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or
- (3) any other veteran-owned small businesses certified under section 16C.19, paragraph (d).

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.19 (d), a veteran-owned small business, the principal place of business of which is in Minnesota, is certified if it has been verified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as being either a veteran-owned small business or a service disabled veteran-owned small business, in accordance with Public Law 109-461 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 38, part 74.

To receive a preference the veteran-owned small business must meet the statutory requirements above by the solicitation opening date and time. The preference is applied only to the first \$500,000 of the response. If responder is claiming the veteran-owned preference, attach documentation, sign and return form with response to the solicitation. Only eligible veteran-owned small businesses that meet the statutory requirements and provide adequate documentation will be given the preference.

**28. PUBLIC INFORMATION.** Once the information contained in the responses is deemed public information, interested parties may request to obtain the public information. You may call 651.201.2413 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to arrange this.

**29. PUBLICITY.** Any publicity given to the program, publications or services provided resulting from a State contract for goods or services, including but not limited to notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs and similar public notices prepared by or for the Contract Vendor, or its employees individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, shall identify the State as the sponsoring agency and shall not be released, unless such release is a specific part of an approved work plan included in the Master Agreement prior to its approval by the State's Authorized Representative and the State's Assistant Director or designee of Materials Management Division. The Contract Vendor shall make no representations of the State's opinion or position as to the quality or effectiveness of the products and/or services that are the subject of the Master Agreement without the prior written consent of the State's Assistant Director or designee of Materials Management Division. Representations include any publicity, including but not limited to advertisements, notices, press releases, reports, signs, and similar public notices.

**30. PURCHASE ORDERS.** The State requires that there will be no minimum order requirements or charges to process an individual purchase order. The Master Agreement number and the PO number must appear on all documents (e.g., invoices, packing slips, etc.). The Ordering Entity's purchase order constitutes a binding contract

**31. RIGHTS RESERVED.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the State reserves the right to:

- a. reject any and all responses received;
- b. select, for Master Agreements or for negotiations, a response other than that with the lowest cost;
- c. waive or modify any informalities, irregularities, or inconsistencies in the responses received;
- d. negotiate any aspect of the proposal with any responder and negotiate with more than one responder;
- e. request a BEST and FINAL OFFER, if the State deems it necessary and desirable; and



- f. terminate negotiations and select the next response providing the best value for the State, prepare and release a new RFP, or take such other action as the State deems appropriate if negotiations fail to result in a successful Master Agreement.
- 32. RISK OF LOSS OR DAMAGE.** The State is relieved of all risks of loss or damage to the goods and/or equipment during periods of transportation, and installation by the Contract Vendor and in the possession of the Contract Vendor or their authorized agent.
- 33. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of the Master Agreement, including items incorporated by reference, is found to be illegal, unenforceable, or void, then both the State and the Contract Vendor shall be relieved of all obligations arising under such provisions. If the remainder of the Master Agreement is capable of performance it shall not be affected by such declaration or finding and shall be fully performed.
- 34. STATE AUDITS** (Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 5). The books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Contract Vendor or other party, that are relevant to the Master Agreement or transaction are subject to examination by the contracting agency and either the Legislative Auditor or the State Auditor as appropriate for a minimum of six years after the end of the Master Agreement or transaction. The State reserves the right to authorize delegate(s) to audit this Master Agreement and transactions.
- 35. SURVIVABILITY. NEGOTIATED.** The following rights and duties of the State and responder will survive the expiration or cancellation of the resulting Master Agreements. These rights and duties include, but are not limited to paragraphs: Indemnification, Hold Harmless and Limitation of Liability, State Audits, Government Data Practices, Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue, Publicity, Intellectual Property Indemnification, and Admin Fees. Software licenses, warranty, and service agreement that were entered into under the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 36. TRADE SECRET/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** Any information submitted as Trade Secret must be identified and submitted per the Trade Secret Form and must meet Minnesota Trade Secret as defined in Minn. Stat. § 13.37



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## EXHIBIT B - PRICING

1. **BAND(S) AWARDED:** Band 1: Desktop Band 2: Laptop Band 3: Tablet Band 4: Server Band 5: Storage.
2. **PRICE STRUCTURE.** The contract employs a MINIMUM discount-off baseline price list structure with category exceptions for each band. The category discounts may be higher or lower than the than the band discount. The minimum discount and categorized exceptions will be applied to all "quantity one" procurements. An end user will be able to verify pricing using the named base line price list and the minimum discounts with the categorized exceptions provided in the Master Agreement.
3. **PRICE GUARANTEE.** These discounts must remain firm, or the discount may be increased, during the term of the Master Agreement.
4. **BASELINE PRICE LIST.** The Base Line Price is designated in the Pricing Discount Schedule. The Base Line Price List must be accessible and verifiable by potential end users preferably on the Contract Vendor Website. All historic versions of the Baseline Price List must be made available upon request pursuant to the audit provisions.
5. **PRODUCT AND SERVICE SCHEDULE (PSS).** The Product and Service Schedule (PSS) identifies a complete listing of all products and services included in the awarded Master Agreement. The PSS serves as the Contract Catalog. **The PSS will be submitted to the Lead State following contract award and must be approved by the Lead State prior to the start of any sales.** The PSS must be available on the Contract Vendor website for end users to verify pricing based on the minimum discounts with category exceptions provided off a designated base line price list. The Contract Vendor will work with each State to develop a satisfactory PSS reflecting the individual States restrictions.
6. **CHANGES TO THE PSS.** Contract Vendor will request changes to the PSS utilizing an Action Request Form (ARF) Submittals will be reviewed by the Lead State quarterly. Obsolete and discontinued products will be removed.
7. **BULK/VOLUME PRICING.** Further bulk/quantity savings may be obtained when additional quantities are requested. Additional savings are expected when competing awarded vendors for volume pricing.
8. **PROMOTIONAL OFFERS.** Contract Vendors may provide promotions for deeply discounted products based on their inventory and sales. The Contract Vendors will be responsible to market these offers.
9. **PREMIUM SAVINGS PACKAGE PROGRAM.** Contract Vendors participating in the Premium Savings Package (PSP) Program will commit to the standard configurations. The standards currently are refreshed every six months (May and November). Refresh schedule is subject to change. See current configurations: <http://www.wnpsp.com/index.html>. States and other Participating Entities can choose to purchase these packages without any signing additional documents.
10. **TRADE-IN.** Trade-In Programs are the option of the Participating Entity. The Participating Addendum by each State may address the allowance of Trade-Ins.
11. **SERVICES.** Services are at the option of the Participating Entity. The Participating Addendum by each State may address service agreement terms and related travel.



12. **LEASING.** The Discount schedule will indicate if the Contract Vendor provides leasing. Participating Entities may enter in to lease agreements if they have the legal authority to enter into these types of agreements. The Participating Addendum by each State will identify if and how leasing agreement terms will be conducted.
13. **FREIGHT.** All prices shall be FOB Destination, prepaid and allowed (with freight included in the price), to the address, receiving dock or warehouse as specified on the ordering agency's purchase order. In those situations in which the "deliver-to" address has no receiving dock or agents, the Contract Vendor must be able to deliver to the person specified on the PO without additional cost. If there is a special case where inside delivery fee must be charged, the Contract Vendor will notify the customer in advance in order for the customer to determine if the additional cost will affect the decision to utilize the Contract Vendor.
14. **DELIVERY.** Delivery of ordered product should be completed within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of an order, unless otherwise agreed to by the ordering agency.



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EXHIBIT B - PRICING SCHEDULE**

<b>1. BASELINE PRICING HP LIST PRICE</b>		<b>LINK:</b>	
<b>2. BAND DISCOUNTS</b>			
	<b>CATEGORY CODE</b>	<b>MINIMUM DISCOUNT</b>	
BAND 1 DESKTOP	1M	16%	
BAND 2 LAPTOP	2M	12%	
BAND 3 TABLET	3M	20%	
BAND 4 SERVER	4M	14%	
BAND 5 STORAGE	5M	20%	
Category Exception: Promotions/Smart Buys		<b>PROMO</b>	<b>1%</b>
<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> The minimum discount is provided, refer to Contract Vendor's Website for any additional discounts and request a quote for bulk/volume discounts. All prices shall be FOB Destination, prepaid and allowed (with freight included in the price). If there is a special case where inside delivery fee must be charged, the Contract Vendor will notify the customer in advance.</p>			
<b>3. THIRD PARTY PRODUCTS</b>		<b>TPH</b>	<b>10%</b>
Category Exception: Third Party Software		<b>TPS</b>	<b>5%</b>
Category Exception: Microsoft O/S when purchased with Band 4 items		<b>4M16</b>	<b>0%</b>
See HP WCSA-NASPO Website for Approved Third Party Software & Hardware Manufacturers.			
<b>4. SERVICES - Offered at 7-22% - Contact HP for Time and Materials Rates and Custom Services</b>			
<p>Services are at the option of the Participating State. The Participating Addendum by each State may address service agreement terms. The majority of HP Branded products include up to a 3 year warranty and HP provides options to upgrade to 2, 3, 4 and 5 year warranty through HP Care Packs for some products as available. For product specifications &amp; standard warranty included with system see: <a href="http://h71069.www7.hp.com/quickspecs/overview.html#intro">http://h71069.www7.hp.com/quickspecs/overview.html#intro</a></p>			
<b>5. LEASING</b>			
Participating Addendum may identify if and how leasing agreement terms will be conducted.			
<b>6. ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS – Request a quote for discounts on bulk/volume purchases.</b>			
<p>a. <b>Big Deal Pricing:</b> Contact HP sales for additional savings provided through "special fixed pricing" (Big Deal). HP offers Multiple Transaction Volume based on the quantity, specific product or products purchased in a given time period.</p>			
<p>b. <b>Cumulative and Special Discounts:</b> Based on annual volume, HP will evaluate yearly sales on the Master Agreement and may elect to provide potential increased discount per band or provide specials for select products for the product category or series life cycle.</p>			
<p>c. <b>Additional Bulk/Volume Discount Options:</b> HP may provide procuring entities with different flexible savings options based on what meets their specific needs and requirements. HP may provide opportunities in the form of additional equipment if allowed by the Participating Entity.</p>			
<p>d. <b>Contact HP for detailed list of additional discounts provided.</b></p>			





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EXHIBIT C - PRODUCT AND SERVICE SCHEDULE (PSS)**

1. **MAINTAINING THE PSS.** The Product and Service Schedule (PSS) identifies a complete listing of all products and services included in the awarded Master Agreement. The PSS serves as the WSCA-NASPO Contract Catalog. **The PSS will be submitted to the Lead State following contract award and must be approved by the Lead State prior to the start of any sales.** The PSS must be available on the Contract Vendor website for end users to verify pricing based on the minimum discounts with category exceptions provided off a designated base line price list. The Contract Vendor will work with each State to develop a satisfactory PSS reflecting the individual States restrictions. The Contract Vendor will work to develop a PSS satisfactory to the Lead State prior to the start of sales and containing the following information:
  - a. Band number
  - b. Part # - SKU #
  - c. Manufacturer
  - d. Description
  - e. Minimum Discount
  - f. Category Code (This code will be refined during the approval process)
  - g. Other fields approved by the Lead State
2. **CHANGES TO THE PSS:** Contract Vendor will request changes to the PSS utilizing an Action Request Form (ARF). Submittals will be reviewed by the Lead State quarterly. Obsolete and discontinued products will be removed.
3. **FORMAT:** The format for the final product and service schedule will be approved within 30 days of contract award. Suggested format is provided below:

**MANUFACTURER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BASELINE PRICE LIST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**LINK:** \_\_\_\_\_

BAND	Part # - SKU#	MANUFACTURER	DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM DISCOUNT	CATEGORY CODE
1	XYZ	ABC	DESKTOP	60%	1M
2	550	ZZZZZZZ	LAPTOP CART	10%	2TM
3	123A	ABC	SUPER TABLET	25%	3A

4. **THIRD PARTY PRODUCTS:** A list of third party products is to be submitted to the Lead State. Approval must be received from the Lead State prior to adding third party products to the Product and Service Schedule. Master Agreement restrictions of third party products include:
  - a. Contract Vendors can only offer Third Party Products in the bands they have been awarded.
  - b. Contract Vendor cannot offer products manufactured by another Contract Vendor holding a Minnesota WSCA-NASPO Master Agreement unless approved by the Lead State.
  - c. The Contract Vendor will assign the manufacturer or publisher's warranty and maintenance. The Contract Vendor will provide warranty and maintenance call numbers and assist the customer in engaging the manufacturer on warranty and maintenance issues.
  - d. Any additions to the Third Party Product list must be submitted utilizing the Action Request Form.
  - e. The approved Third Party Product list will be clearly posted on the Vendor provided website and updated as products are approved.





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# MINNESOTA WSCA-NASPO MASTER AGREEMENT AWARD EXHIBIT D - WEBSITE

1. **IMPLEMENTATION.** Within 30 calendar days of Master Agreement award, the Contract Vendor must provide a sample URL of the Master Agreement webpage to the Lead State for review and approval. The Lead State will review and determine acceptability of the website format and data. If the information is determined to be unacceptable or incorrect, the Contract Vendor will have 15 calendar days to provide revisions to the Lead State. Once the website is approved, the Contract Vendor may not make material changes to the website without notifying the Lead State and receiving written approval of the changes utilizing the Action Request Form. The Contract Vendor must continue to monitor and update the website throughout the life of the contract. Periodic audits may be conducted to ensure websites are updated and Contract Vendors will be expected to correct deficiencies.
2. **WEBSITE CONTENT.** The website must be separate from the Contract Vendor's commercially available (i.e., public) on-line catalog and ordering systems. Contract Vendor agrees to pursue design of a website to include the items listed below. The Lead State will review and determine acceptability of the website format and data as stated in Item 1 above.
  - a. Baseline Price List and historic versions
  - b. Approved Product and Service Schedule (PSS)
  - c. Product specifications, pricing, and configuration aids for the major product categories proposed that can be used to obtain an on-line quote
  - d. Third Party Product list will be clearly posted on the Vendor provided website and updated as products are approved
  - e. Link to the WSCA-NASPO EmarketCenter
  - f. Online ordering capability with the ability to remember multiple ship to locations if applicable to product
  - g. Contact information for order placement, service concerns (warranty and maintenance), problem reporting, and billing concerns
  - h. Sales representatives for participating entities
  - i. Purchase order tracking
  - j. Available Twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week availability, except for regularly scheduled maintenance
  - k. Additional Terms may not be posted on the Website without written approval of the Lead State
  - l. Link to the WSCA-NASPO EmarketCenter if a State is participating
  - m. Information on accessibility and accessible products
  - n. If participating in Premium Savings Package Program, lead with these products and display prominently on the website
  - o. Links to environmental certification, including but not limited to take-back/recycling programs,
  - p. Information regarding the use of Conflict minerals, as required by Section 13(p) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules promulgated thereunder. See: <http://www.sec.gov/rules/final/2012/34-67716.pdf>
  - q. Service options, service agreements for negotiations when allowed by a participating addendum
  - r. EPEAT, Energy Star, etc.
  - s. Link to Signed Participating Addendums
  - t. Link to Signed Master Agreement
  - u. Link to solicitation and Response
3. **TERMINATION** Upon termination or expiration of the Master Agreement awarded from this RFP all websites, on-line offering systems and Electronic Catalog functions supported and/or available as part of the Master Agreement will cease and be removed from public viewing access without redirecting to another website.





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EXHIBIT E - ACTION REQUEST UPDATE FORM (ARF)

The Action Request Form (ARF) provided in this document must be utilized by the Contract Vendor to provide quarterly updates of PSS and to make requests. The Action Request Forms may be reviewed quarterly by the Lead State.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTN: WSCA-NASPO Master Agreement Administrator

RE: Master Agreement # \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ (Contract Vendor)

Dear WSCA-NASPO Master Agreement Administrator:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Contract Vendor) is providing the following update and/or requesting the action noted below.

Action Requested: \_\_\_\_\_
Action Log: \_\_\_\_\_ Verify Log is attached

SELECT ACTION BELOW AND PROVIDE REQUIRED INFORMATION:

- Update of Product & Service Schedule ... Provide summary of additions, deletions and pricing changes.
NOTE: THIS WILL BE A NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO THE PSS, APPROVAL WILL NOT BE NEEDED
Quarterly Self Audit ... Check this box to verify the Quarterly Self Audit has been completed
Third Party Product Addition ... Provide warranty Guarantee
Marketing Approval ... Attach Materials for review
Material Website Change ... Describe and provide link for review
Miscellaneous Inquiry ... Provide detail (e.g. key contact change, etc.)

The Contract Vendor certifies Products and Services provided meet the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement and understands they may be audited for compliance. Additional information may be requested upon submission. The Lead State may remove previously approved items throughout the life of the Master Agreement if in the best interest at its sole discretion.

Contract Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Requester: \_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_ Title of Requester:



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EXHIBIT E - ACTION REQUEST FORM (ARF)

ACTION REQUEST FORM  
LOG

Submit updated Action Log with each update. Log must provide history of previous update.

CONTRACT VENDOR: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name and Email (for questions): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE SUBMITTED	ACTION REQUESTED:	DATE APPROVED





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EXHIBIT F - REPORTING**

- OWNERSHIP:** Recipient of the reports shall have exclusive ownership of the media containing the reports. The Lead State and WSCA-NASPO shall have a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty free, transferable right to display, modify, copy, and otherwise use reports, data and information provided.
- DUE DATE:** Reports shall be due no later than the last day of the month following the end of the calendar quarter.

	FROM	TO	DUE
Q1	January 1	March 31	April 30
Q2	April 1	June 30	July 31
Q3	July 1	September 30	October 31
Q4	October 1	December 31	January 31

**3. REQUIRED REPORTS:**

	Report Name	Submitted to	Purpose & Submittal
1	WSCA-NASPO Administrative Fee	WSCA-NASPO	Identify total sales and administrative fee due to WSCA-NASPO 1) Go to: <a href="http://www.naspo.org/WNCPO/Calculator.aspx">http://www.naspo.org/WNCPO/Calculator.aspx</a> 2) Complete all contract report information fields 3) Enter total sales per State or Select "no sales for quarter" checkbox 4) Click on Submit button
2	WSCA-NASPO Detailed Sales	WSCA-NASPO	Detailed sales data by line item. Currently via an Excel Report template. Future MAY involve a portal. No modifications may be made by the Contract Vendor to the template. This report may also fulfill the reporting requirements of self audits, premium savings sales, and Bring Your Own Device Employee Sales.
3	Participating States	Participating State	Contract Vendor may utilize the detailed sales report to report to individual States unless otherwise directed by the State. States may require additional reporting.
4	Participating Addendum Status	WSCA-NASPO	Provides status of Participating Addendums. Excel Template to be provided by WSCA-NASPO.
5	Premium Saving Package (PSP)	PSP Lead	Additional reporting may be requested.
6	Quarterly Updates of PSS and Self Audit	Lead State	Utilize the Action Request Form (ARF)





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### EXHIBIT G – DEFINITIONS

**Acceptance.** See Master Agreement Terms regarding Acceptance and Acceptance Testing.

**Accessory.** Accessories do not extend the functionality of the computer, but enhances the user experience i.e., mouse pad, monitor stand. For the purposes of this proposal, accessories are considered peripherals.

**Bands:** For the purpose of this solicitation, there are six product bands which may be awarded. Each product band includes related peripherals and services. Responders must only respond to Bands in which they manufacture the defined product. Responder may receive an award in one or more bands for which they manufacture a product based on the evaluation.

**BAND 1: DESKTOP.** A desktop computer is a personal computer intended for regular use at a single location. A desktop computer typically comes in several units connected together during installation: 1) the processor, 2) display monitor and 3) input devices usually a keyboard and a mouse. All operating systems for tablets are allowed. Zero Clients, Thin clients, all in ones and workstations will also be included under desktops. Ruggedized equipment may also be included in the Product and Service schedule for this band.

**BAND 2: LAPTOP.** A laptop computer is a personal computer for mobile use. A laptop includes a display, keyboard, point device such as a touchpad and speakers into a single unit. A laptop can be used away from an outlet using a rechargeable battery. All operating systems for tablets are allowed. Laptops will include notebooks, ultrabook, mobile thin clients, chromebooks and netbooks. Computers with mobile operating systems will also be included under laptops. Tablets that have the option to be utilized with a keyboard can be sold in this band. Ruggedized equipment may also be included in the Product and Service Schedule for this band.

**BAND 3: TABLET.** A tablet is a mobile computer that provides a touchscreen which acts as the primary means of control. All operating systems for tablets are allowed. Ruggedized equipment may also be included as a category in the Product and Service Schedule for this band.

**BAND 4: SERVER.** A server is a physical computer dedicated to run one or more services or applications (as a host) to serve the needs of the users of other computers on a network. This band also includes server appliances. Server appliances have their hardware and software preconfigured by the manufacturer. It also includes embedded networking components such as those found in blade chassis systems. Ruggedized equipment may also be included in the Product and Service Schedule for this band.

**BAND 5: STORAGE.** Storage is hardware with the ability to store large amounts of data. This band includes SAN switching necessary for the proper functioning of the storage environment. Ruggedized equipment may also be included in the Product and Service Schedule for this band.

~~**BAND 6: RUGGEDIZED DEVICES** Ruggedized refers to devices specifically designed to operate reliably in harsh usage environments and conditions, such as strong vibrations, extreme temperatures and wet or dusty conditions. Ruggedized Devices may also be offered under bands 1-5 of the Master Agreement. BAND 6 REMOVED. RUGGEDIZED EQUIPMENT MAY BE SOLD IN BANDS 1-5, PROVIDED IT MEETS BAND REQUIREMENTS.~~

**Cloud Services.** Delivery of computing as a service rather than a product, whereby shared resources, software and information are provided to computers and other devices as a utility over a network, such as the Internet. (Cloud Services including acquisitions structured as managed on-site services are not allowed.)

**Contract Vendor or Contractor.** The manufacturer responsible for delivering products or performing services under the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Agreement. The Contract Vendor must ensure partners utilized in the performance of this contract adhere to all the terms and conditions. For the purposes of this RFP, the term Partner will be utilized in naming the relationship a manufacturer has with another company to market and sell the contract. Participating States will have final determination/approval if a Partner may be approved for that state in the role identified by the Contract Vendor.

**Components.** Parts that make up a computer configuration.

**Configuration.** The combination of hardware and software components that make up the total functioning system.

**Desktop.** This is Band 1 of this solicitation. A desktop computer is a personal computer intended for regular use at a single location. A desktop computer typically comes in several units connected together during installation: 1) the processor,



2) display monitor and 3) input devices usually a keyboard and a mouse. Desktop virtualization endpoints such as zero and thin clients will also be included under the Desktop Band.

**Energy Star®.** A voluntary energy efficiency program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Energy Star program makes identification of energy efficient computers easy by labeling products that deliver the same or better performance as comparable models while using less energy and saving money. Energy Star qualified computers and monitors automatically power down to 15 watts or less when not in use and may actually last longer than conventional products because they spend a large portion of time in a low-power sleep mode. For additional information on the Energy Star program, including product specifications and a list of qualifying products, visit the Energy Star website at <http://www.energystar.gov>.

**EPEAT.** A system for identifying more environmentally preferable computer desktops, laptops, and monitors. It includes an ANSI standard - the IEEE 1680 EPEAT standard -- and website [www.epeat.net](http://www.epeat.net) to identify products manufacturers have declared as meeting the standard. EPEAT provides a clear and consistent set of performance criteria for the design of products. It is not a third-party certification program. Instead, Manufacturers self-certify that their products are in conformance with the environmental performance standard for electronic products.

**FOB Destination.** Shipping charges are included in the price of the item and the shipped item becomes the legal property and responsibility of the receiver when it reaches its destination unless there is acceptance testing required.

**FOB Inside Delivery.** Special Shipping arrangements, such as inside delivery, may include additional fees payable by the Purchasing Entity. Any FOB inside delivery must be annotated on the Purchasing Entity ordering document.

**General Consulting.** Services related to advising agencies on how best to use information technology to meet business objectives. Examples of such services would include management and administration of IT systems. Each State will have varying laws, rules, policies and procedures surrounding general consulting which need adherence. Minnesota Statute section 16C.08 defines general consulting for the State of Minnesota. <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=16C.08>

**Laptop.** This is Band 2 of this solicitation. A laptop computer is a personal computer for mobile use. A laptop includes a display, keyboard, point device such as a touchpad and speakers into a single unit. A laptop can be used away from an outlet using a rechargeable battery. Laptop Band may include notebooks, ultrabooks, and netbooks. Computers with mobile operating systems will also be included under the Laptop Band.

**Lead State.** The State conducting this cooperative solicitation and centrally administering any resulting Master Agreement with the permission of the Signatory States. Minnesota is the Lead State for this procurement and the laws of Minnesota Statute Chapter 16C apply to this procurement.

**Manufacturer.** A company that, as one of its primary business function, designs, assembles owns the trademark/patent and markets branded computer equipment.

**Master Agreement.** The underlying agreement executed by and between the Lead State and the Contract Vendor.

**Middleware.** Middleware is the software "glue" that helps programs and databases (which may be on different computers) work together. Its most basic function is to enable communication between different pieces of software.

**Options.** An item of equipment or a feature that may be chosen as an addition to or replacement for standard equipment and features.

**Order.** A purchase order, sales order, or other document used by a Purchasing Entity to order the Equipment.

**Participating Addendum.** A written statement of agreement signed by the Contract Vendor and a Participating State or other Participating Entity that clarifies the operation of this Master Agreement for the Participating Entity (e.g., ordering procedures specific to a Participating State) and may add other state-specific language or other requirements. A Participating Addendum evidences the Participant's willingness to purchase and the Contract Vendor's willingness to provide equipment under the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement with any and all exceptions noted and agreed upon.

**Participating States.** States that utilize the Master Agreement established by the RFP and enter into a Participating Addendum which further defines their participation.

**Participating Entity.** A Participating State, or other legal entity, properly authorized by a Participating State to enter into the Master Agreement through a Participating Addendum and that authorizes orders from the Master Agreement by Purchasing Entities. Under the WSCA-NASPO program, in some cases, local governments, political subdivisions or other entities in a State may be authorized by the chief procurement official to execute its own Participating Addendum where a Participating Addendum is not executed by the chief procurement official for that state that covers local governments, political subdivisions, or other government entities in the state.

**Partner.** A company, authorized by the Contract Vendor and approved by the Participating State, to provide marketing, support, or other authorized contract services on behalf of the Contract Vendor in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract Vendor's Master Agreement. In the RFP, Partner is the term that is used to call out the many different relationships a manufacturer may have with another company to market their product including, but not limited to agents, subcontractors, partners, fulfillment partners, channel partners, business partners, servicing subcontractor, etc.

**Peripherals.** A peripheral means any hardware product that can be attached to, added within or networked with personal computers, servers and storage. Peripherals extend the functionality of a computer without modifying the core components of the system. For the purposes of this proposal, peripherals are defined as including accessories.

Peripherals may be manufactured by a third party, however, Contract Vendor shall not offer any peripherals manufactured by another Contract Vendor holding a Master Agreement. The Contract Vendors shall provide the warranty service and



maintenance for all peripherals on the Master Agreement. **Examples of peripherals/accessories/options:** Include but are not limited to: printers, monitors, multifunction printers, audiovisual equipment, instructional equipment, cabling, modems, networking to support server, storage and client applications such as routers, switches. Software is an option which must be related to the purchase of equipment and subject to configuration limits. **Third party products are allowed to be offered as peripherals/accessories/options and may be offered in any related band.**

**Per Transaction Multiple Unit Discount.** A contractual volume discount based on dollars in a single purchase order or combination of purchase orders submitted at one time by a Participating Entity or multiple entities conducting a cooperative purchase.

**Premium Savings Packages.** Deeply discounted standard configurations available to Purchasing Entities using the Master Agreement. This specification includes a commitment to maintain and upgrade (keep pace with the advance of technology) the standard configurations for a stated period of time or intervals. WSCA-NASPO reserves the right to expand and modify the PSP throughout the life of the contract. See <http://www.wnpsp.com/index.html>.

**Purchasing Entity** – means a state, city, county, district, other political subdivision of a State, and a nonprofit organization under the laws of some states if authorized by a Participating Addendum, that issues an order against the Master Agreement and becomes financially committed to the purchase.

**Ruggedized.** This was band 6 of this solicitation. Ruggedized refers to equipment specifically designed to operate reliably in harsh usage environments and conditions, such as strong vibrations, extreme temperatures and wet or dusty conditions.

**Services.** Broadly classed as installation/de-installation, maintenance, support, training, migration, and optimization of products offered or supplied under the Master Agreement. These types of services may include, but are not limited to: warranty services, maintenance, installation, de-installation, factory integration (software or equipment components), asset management, recycling/disposal, training and certification, pre-implementation design, disaster recovery planning and support, service desk/helpdesk, and any other directly related technical support service required for the effective operation of a product offered or supplied. Contract Vendors may offer, but participating States and entities do not have to accept, limited professional services related **ONLY** to the equipment and configuration of the equipment purchased through the resulting contracts. **EACH PARTICIPATING STATE DETERMINES RESTRICTIONS AND NEGOTIATES TERMS FOR SERVICES.**

**Server.** This is Band 4 of this solicitation. A server is a physical computer dedicated to run one or more services or applications (as a host) to serve the needs of the users of other computers on a network. This band also includes server appliances. Server appliances have their hardware and software preconfigured by the manufacturer. It also includes embedded networking components such as those found in blade chassis systems. Ruggedized equipment may also be included in the Product and Service Schedule for this band.

**Storage.** This is Band 5 of this solicitation. Storage is hardware with the ability to store large amounts of data. This band includes SAN switching necessary for the proper functioning of the storage environment. Ruggedized equipment may also be included in the Product and Service Schedule for this band.

**Storage Area Network.** A storage area network (SAN) is a high-speed special-purpose network (or subnetwork) that interconnects different kinds of data storage devices with associated data servers on behalf of a larger network of users.

**Storage as a Service (STaaS).** An architecture model by which a provider allows a customer to rent or lease storage space on the provider's hardware infrastructure on a subscription basis. E.g., manage onsite or cloud services.

**Software.** For the purposes of this proposal, software is commercial operating off the shelf machine-readable object code instructions including microcode, firmware and operating system software that are preloaded on equipment. The term "Software" applies to all parts of software and documentation, including new releases, updates, and modifications of software.

**Tablet.** This is Band 3 of this solicitation. A tablet is a mobile computer that provides a touchscreen which acts as the primary means of control. Tablet band may include notebooks, ultrabooks, and netbooks that are touchscreen capable.

**Takeback Program.** The Contract Vendor's process for accepting the return of the equipment or other products at the end of life.

**Third Party Products.** Products sold by the Contract Vendor which are manufactured by another company.

**Upgrade.** Refers to replacement of existing software, hardware or hardware component with a newer version.

**Warranty.** The Manufacturers general warranty tied to the product at the time of purchase.

**Wide Area Network or WAN.** A data network that serves users across a broad geographic area and often uses transmission devices provided by common carriers.

**WSCA-NASPO.** The WSCA-NASPO cooperative purchasing program, facilitated by the WSCA-NASPO Cooperative Purchasing Organization LLC, a 501(c)(3) limited liability company that is a subsidiary organization of the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO). The WSCA-NASPO Cooperative Purchasing Organization facilitates administration of the cooperative group contracting consortium of state chief procurement officials for the benefit of state departments, institutions, agencies, and political subdivisions and other eligible entities (i.e., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, some nonprofit organizations, etc.) for all states and the District of Columbia. The WSCA-NASPO Cooperative Development Team is identified in the Master Agreement as the recipient of reports and may be performing contract administration functions as assigned by the Lead State Contract Administrator.