

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR

**Third Party Administration (TPA) Services for
Self-Insured Auto and General Liability Claims**

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Contracts Administration Department**

**On behalf of the
Risk Management Department**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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The Commission reserves the right to make changes or alterations to this schedule as the Commission determines is in its best interest.

| Activity | Date | Time |
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| Request for Proposals Issued | December 13, 2019 | N/A |
| Deadline for Proposers to Submit Questions via email to RFP-Q@paturndpike.com | January 6, 2020 | 2:00 PM |
| Answers to Proposers questions posted to the Commission website at https://www.paturndpike.com/Procurement/Bidlist.aspx?RTYPE=O (<i>Estimate Only</i>) | January 10, 2020 | N/A |
| Due Date for Proposals | January 28, 2020 | 2:00 PM |
| Oral Clarifications/Presentations (<i>If necessary</i>) | TBD | TBD |
| Anticipated Notice to Proceed (<i>Estimate Only</i>) | July 2020 | N/A |

PART I

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PROPOSERS

I-1. Purpose. This request for proposals (RFP) provides interested Proposers with sufficient information to enable them to prepare and submit proposals for consideration by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (Commission) to satisfy a need for the investigation and adjusting of Pennsylvania Automobile Liability and General Liability, Third party Property Damage and Bodily Injury Claims, and occasional investigation of First party property damage claims.

I-2. Issuing Office. This RFP is issued for the Commission by the Contracts Administration Department on behalf of the Risk Management Department.

I-3. Scope. This RFP contains instructions governing the proposals to be submitted and the material to be included therein; a description of the service to be provided; requirements which must be met to be eligible for consideration; general evaluation criteria; and other requirements to be met by each proposal.

I-4. Problem Statement. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is seeking qualified organizations to provide Third Party Administration (TPA) Services for the investigation and adjusting of the Commission's Self-Insured Automobile Liability and General Liability Program.

I-5. Type of Contract. The Commission intends to award one contract as a result of this RFP. It is proposed that if a contract is entered into as a result of this RFP, it will be an annual fixed fee contract. The Commission may in its sole discretion undertake negotiations with Proposers whose proposals as to price and other factors show them to be qualified, responsible, responsive and capable of performing the work. A sample Contractual Agreement is provided in Appendix A.

I-6. Contractor Integrity Provisions. Contractor Integrity Provisions will apply to this contract upon award and the awarded vendor may be required to complete a Background Qualifications Questionnaire prior to entering into an Agreement with the Commission and attend annual ethics training provided by the Commission. Proposers can find the Integrity Provisions and other related documents on the Commission's website at www.paturnpike.com (Doing Business, General Information, Integrity Provisions).

Include full disclosure of any potential conflict with the State Adverse Interest Act, 71 P.S. § 776.3, for a State Advisor or State Consultant by the prime or any subconsultant. If there is no adverse interest, you shall include the following statement: "I have reviewed the State Adverse Interest Act and determined that there is no adverse interest for anyone on this Agreement team." This information should be included in your transmittal letter/cover page or executive summary.

I-7. Rejection of Proposals. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received as a result of this request, or to negotiate separately with competing Proposers.

I-8. Subcontracting. Any use of subcontractors by a Proposer must be identified in the proposal. During the contract period use of any subcontractors by the selected Proposer, which were not previously identified in the proposal, must be approved in advance in writing by the Commission.

If a Joint Venture responds to this RFP, the Commission will not accept separate proposals from joint venture constituents. A firm will not be permitted to submit a proposal on more than one (1) joint venture for the same RFP. Also, a firm that responds to this RFP as a prime may not be included as a designated subconsultant to another firm that responds to the same RFP. Multiple responses under any of the foregoing situations will cause the rejection of all responses of the firm or firms involved. This does not preclude a firm from being set forth as a designated subconsultant to more than one prime consultant responding to the RFP.

I-9. Incurring Costs. The Commission is not liable for any costs the Proposer incurs in preparation and submission of its proposal, in participating in the RFP process or in anticipation of award of contract.

I-10. Procurement Schedule of Events. The current Schedule for Key Procurement Dates for this procurement process leading to an award of the Contract is provided in the Calendar of Events, page 1 of this RFP. The Commission reserves the right to make changes or alterations to this schedule as the Commission determines is in its best interest. All changes to these dates and/ or times up to and including the due date for Proposals will be issued as an addendum to this RFP and will become part of this RFP and will be posted to the Commission's website at <https://www.paturmpike.com/procurement/Bidlist.aspx?rtype=o>.

Unless otherwise notified in writing by the Commission, the dates indicated below for submission of items or for other required actions on the part of a Proposer shall constitute absolute deadlines for those activities and failure to fully comply by the time and date stated shall cause a Proposer to be disqualified. All times stated are in Harrisburg, PA local time and are subject to change.

I.11. Questions and Answers. There will be no pre-proposal conference for this RFP. No negotiations, decisions or actions shall be initiated or executed by a Proposer as a result of any oral discussions with any Commission member, employee, consultant/contractor. Written questions may be submitted to clarify any points in the RFP which may not have been clearly understood. Written questions shall be submitted by email to RFP-Q@paturmpike.com with **RFP 19-10260-8788** in the Subject Line to be received no later than the date and time provided on the Calendar of Events. All questions and written answers will be issued as an addendum to and become part of this RFP and will be posted to the Commission's website at (<http://www.paturmpike.com/procurement/Bidlist.aspx?rtype=o>), approximately on or before the date provided on the Calendar of Events and only if necessary. Proposers shall use the form provided in **Appendix B** to submit the questions.

I-12. Addenda to the RFP. If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP before the proposal response date, addenda will be posted to the Commission's website under the original RFP document (<http://www.paturmpike.com/procurement/Bidlist.aspx?rtype=o>). It is the responsibility of the Proposer to periodically check the website for any new information or addenda to the RFP.

The Commission may revise a published advertisement. If the Commission revises published advertisement less than ten days before the RFP due date, the due date will be extended to maintain the minimum ten-day advertisement duration if the revision alters the project scope or selection criteria. Firms are responsible to monitor advertisements/addenda to ensure the submitted proposal complies with any changes in the published advertisement.

I-13. Response. To be considered, proposals must be delivered to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's Contracts Administration Department, Attention: Wendy Callahan, on or before the date and time provided on the Calendar of Events. The Commission will **not** accept proposals via email or facsimile transmission.

Overnight Delivery Address:
Contracts Administration Department
Attn: Wendy Callahan
PA Turnpike Commission
700 South Eisenhower Blvd.
Middletown, PA 17057
Phone: (717) 831-7227

US Mail Delivery Address:
Contracts Administration Department
Attn: Wendy Callahan
PA Turnpike Commission
P.O. Box 67676
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Please note that use of U.S. Mail, FedEx, UPS, or other delivery method, does not guarantee delivery to the Contracts Administration Department by the above listed time for submission. Proposers mailing proposals should allow sufficient delivery time to ensure timely receipt of their proposals. If the Commission office location to which proposals are to be delivered is closed on the proposal response date, due to inclement weather, natural disaster, or any other cause, the deadline for submission shall be automatically extended until the next Commission business day on which the office is open. Unless the Proposers are otherwise notified by the Commission, the time for submission of proposals shall remain the same.

I-14. Proposals. To be considered, Proposers should submit a complete response to this RFP, using the format provided in PART II. Each proposal should be submitted in five (5) hard copies of the Technical Submittal, five (5) hard copies of the Diverse Business (DB) participation submittal, and five (5) hard copies of the Cost Submittal. In addition to the hard copies of the proposal, two **complete and exact copies** of the Technical, Cost and DB submittals, along with all requested documents on CD-ROM or Flash Drive in Microsoft Office or Microsoft Office-compatible format. The electronic copy must be a mirror image of the hard copy. Proposer should ensure that there is no costing information in the technical submittal. The CD or Flash drive should clearly identify the Proposer and include the name and version number of the virus scanning software that was used to scan the CD or Flash drive before it was submitted. The Proposer shall present the proposal to the Contracts Administration Department only. No other distribution of proposals will be made by the Proposer. Each proposal page should be numbered for ease of reference.

An official authorized to bind the Proposer to its Proposal must sign the proposal. If the official signs the Proposal Cover Sheet (Appendix C to this RFP) and the Proposal Cover Sheet is attached to the proposal, the requirement will be met. For this RFP, the proposal must remain valid for at least 120 calendar days. Moreover, the contents of the proposal of the selected Proposer will become contractual obligations if a contract is entered into.

Each and every Proposer submitting a proposal specifically waives any right to withdraw or modify it, except as hereinafter provided. Proposals may be withdrawn by written or fax notice (fax number (717) 986-8714) received at the Commission's address for proposal delivery prior to the exact hour and date specified for proposal receipt.

However, if the Proposer chooses to attempt to provide such written notice by fax transmission, the Commission shall not be responsible or liable for errors in fax transmission. A proposal may also be

withdrawn in person by a Proposer or its authorized representative, provided his/her identity is made known and he/she signs a receipt for the proposal, but only if the withdrawal is made prior to the exact hour and date set for proposal receipt. A proposal may only be modified by the submission of a new sealed proposal or submission of a sealed modification which complies with the requirements of this solicitation.

I-15. Economy of Preparation. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Proposer's ability to meet the requirements of the RFP.

I-16. Discussions for Clarification. Proposers who submit proposals may be required to make an oral or written clarification of their proposals to the Issuing Office through the Contract Administration Department to ensure thorough mutual understanding and Proposer responsiveness to the solicitation requirements. The Issuing Office through the Contract Administration Department will initiate requests for clarification.

I-17. Best and Final Offers. The Issuing Office reserves the right to conduct discussions with Proposers for the purpose of obtaining "best and final offers." To obtain best and final offers from Proposers, the Issuing Office may do one or more of the following: a) enter into pre-selection negotiations; b) schedule oral presentations; and c) request revised proposals. The Issuing Office will limit any discussions to responsible Proposers whose proposals the Issuing Office has determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

I-18. Prime Proposer Responsibilities. The selected Proposer will be required to assume responsibility for all services offered in its proposal whether or not it produces them. Further, the Commission will consider the selected Proposer to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters.

I-19. Proposal Contents. Proposals will be held in confidence and will not be revealed or discussed with competitors, unless disclosure is required to be made (i) under the provisions of any Commonwealth or United States statute or regulation; or (ii) by rule or order of any court of competent jurisdiction. All material submitted with the proposal becomes the property of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and may be returned only at the Commission's option. Proposals submitted to the Commission may be reviewed and evaluated by any person other than competing Proposers at the discretion of the Commission. The Commission has the right to use any or all ideas presented in any proposal. Selection or rejection of the proposal does not affect this right.

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law (RTKL), 65 P.S. § 67.707 (Production of Certain Records), Proposers shall identify any and all portions of their Proposal that contains confidential proprietary information or is protected by a trade secret. Proposals shall include a written statement signed by a representative of the company/firm identifying the specific portion(s) of the Proposal that contains the trade secret or confidential proprietary information.

Proposers should note that "trade secrets" and "confidential proprietary information" are exempt from access under Section 708(b)(11) of the RTKL. Section 102 defines both "trade secrets" and "confidential proprietary information" as follows:

Confidential proprietary information: Commercial or financial information received by an agency: (1) which is privileged or confidential; **and** (2) the disclosure of which would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the person that submitted the information.

Trade secret: Information, including a formula, drawing, pattern, compilation, including a customer list, program, device, method, technique or process that: (1) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; **and** (2) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy. The term includes data processing software by an agency under a licensing agreement prohibiting disclosure.

65 P.S. §67.102 (emphasis added).

The Office of Open Records has determined that a third party must establish a trade secret based upon factors established by the appellate courts, which include the following:

- the extent to which the information is known outside of his business;
- the extent to which the information is known by employees and others in the business;
- the extent of measures taken to guard the secrecy of the information;
- the value of the information to his business and to competitors;
- the amount of effort or money expended in developing the information; and
- the ease of difficulty with which the information could be properly acquired or duplicated by others.

See Crum v. Bridgestone/Firestone North Amer. Tire., 907 A.2d 578, 585 (Pa. Super. 2006).

The Office of Open Records also notes that with regard to “confidential proprietary information the standard is equally high and may only be established when the party asserting protection shows that the information at issue is either ‘commercial’ or ‘financial’ and is privileged or confidential, and the disclosure *would* cause substantial competitive harm.” (emphasis in original).

For more information regarding the RTKL, visit the Office of Open Records’ website at www.openrecords.state.pa.us.

I-20. Debriefing Conferences. Proposers whose proposals are not selected will be notified of the name of the selected Proposer and given the opportunity to be debriefed, at the Proposer’s request. The Issuing Office will schedule the time and location of the debriefing. The Proposer will not be compared with other Proposers.

I-21. News Releases. Proposers shall not issue news releases, internet postings, advertisements or any other public communications pertaining to this RFP without prior written approval of the Issuing Office, and then only in coordination with the Issuing Office.

I-22. Commission Participation. Unless specifically noted in this section, Proposers must provide all services to complete the identified work.

I-23. Cost Submittal. The cost submittal shall be placed in a separately sealed envelope within the sealed proposal and kept separate from the technical submittal.

I-24. Term of Contract. The term of the contract will commence on the Effective Date (as defined below) and will end three (3) years from the effective date. The Commission reserves the option to renew services for up to two (2) one-year periods. The anticipated start date of this contract is July 2020. The

Commission shall fix the Effective Date after the contract has been fully executed by the Contractor and by the Commission and all approvals required by Commission contracting procedures have been obtained.

The selected Proposer shall not start the performance of any work prior to the Effective Date of the contract and the Commission shall not be liable to pay the selected Proposer for any service or work performed or expenses incurred before the Effective Date of the contract.

I-25. Proposer's Representations and Authorizations. Each Proposer by submitting its proposal understands, represents, and acknowledges that:

- a. All information provided by, and representations made by, the Proposer in the proposal are material and important and will be relied upon by the Issuing Office in awarding the contract(s). Any misstatement, omission or misrepresentation shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the Issuing Office of the true facts relating to the submission of this proposal. A misrepresentation shall be punishable under 18 Pa. C.S. 4904.
- b. The price(s) and amount of this proposal have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication or agreement with any other Proposer or potential Proposer.
- c. Neither the price(s) nor the amount of the proposal, and neither the approximate price(s) nor the approximate amount of this proposal, have been disclosed to any other firm or person who is a Proposer or potential Proposer, and they will not be disclosed on or before the proposal submission deadline specified in the response section of this RFP.
- d. No attempt has been made or will be made to induce any firm or person to refrain from submitting a proposal on this contract, or to submit a proposal higher than this proposal, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive proposal or other form of complementary proposal.
- e. The proposal is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive proposal.
- f. To the best knowledge of the person signing the proposal for the Proposer, the Proposer, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last four (4) years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding or proposing on any public contract, except as disclosed by the Proposer in its proposal.
- g. To the best of the knowledge of the person signing the proposal for the Proposer and except as otherwise disclosed by the Proposer in its proposal, the Proposer has no outstanding, delinquent obligations to the Commonwealth including, but not limited to, any state tax liability not being contested on appeal or other obligation of the Proposer that is owed to the Commonwealth.

- h. The Proposer is not currently under suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth, or any other state, or the federal government, and if the Proposer cannot certify, then it shall submit along with the proposal a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made.
- i. The Proposer has not, under separate contract with the Issuing Office, made any recommendations to the Issuing Office concerning the need for the services described in the proposal or the specifications for the services described in the proposal.
- j. Each Proposer, by submitting its proposal, authorizes all Commonwealth agencies to release to the Commission information related to liabilities to the Commonwealth including, but not limited to, taxes, unemployment compensation, and workers' compensation liabilities.

I-26. Indemnification. The Proposer shall be responsible for, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Commission and its Commissioners, officers, employees, and agents (the "Indemnified Parties") from all claims, liabilities, damages, and costs including reasonable attorneys' fees, for bodily injury (including death) and damage to real or tangible personal property arising from or related to the negligence or other tortious acts, errors, and omissions of Proposer, its employees, or its subcontractors while engaged in performing the work of this Agreement or while present on the Commission's premises, and for breach of this Agreement regarding the use or disclosure of proprietary and confidential information where it is determined that Proposer is responsible for any use of such information not permitted by this Agreement. This indemnification obligation shall not be reduced in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by Proposer or its subcontractors under any employee benefit act including but not limited to Workers' Compensation Acts, Disability Benefits Acts, or other Employee Benefit Act.

I-27. Data/Information Security Breach Notification. "Breach" shall mean any successful unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of Commission data that compromises the security or privacy of such data.

"Commission Data" means Commission provided information and Commission related information acquired as a result of the services provided to Commission under this Agreement.

Proposer shall report to the Commission any Breach affecting Commission Data. The notice to be provided to the Commission by Proposer shall be provided without unreasonable delay and no later than within 72 hours of Proposer's discovery of any Breach. A Breach shall be deemed to be discovered on the first day on which the Proposer knows or reasonably should have known of the Breach. The notice to be provided to the Commission by Proposer shall be made in writing to the Commission's Information Security Officer and shall include the following content: (1) the nature of the Breach; (2) the specific Commission Data affected by the Breach; (3) the steps the Proposer is taking to remediate the Breach; and (4) steps the Proposer is taking to mitigate future Breaches. Following notification of the Breach, Proposer shall cooperate with the Commission's investigation of the Breach and provide any other information regarding the Breach or the Commission Data affected which the Commission may reasonably request. Should notice to individuals whose information was part of Commission Data be required under any applicable data privacy law, including, but not limited to, individual state data breach notice laws or federal laws such as HIPAA and Gramm Leach Bliley Act, Proposer shall provide the Commission with copies of any template notification letters and draft regulatory correspondence for Commission's prior

approval. Proposer shall provide any notifications required under the applicable data privacy laws on behalf of the Commission at the request of Commission. The Commission reserves the right to handle any notifications required and shall notify Proposer if the Commission will be handling the required notifications. Upon request, Proposer shall provide the Commission with its cyber-security policies and procedures. Proposer agrees to reimburse the Commission for any and all reasonable costs associated with the Commission's response to Proposer's Breach, including any fees associated with the Commission's investigation of Proposer's Breach, notification costs, and any reasonable offer of credit or identity monitoring product.

I-28. Security Requirements. Proposer will comply with the Security Requirements are described in Appendix D – Security Requirements.

I-29. Insurance. Proposer will comply with the Insurance requirements as described in Appendix E - Insurance Specification.

I-30. Diverse Business (DB) Requirements. Proposer will comply with the DB Requirements as described in Appendix F – Diverse Business (DB) Requirements.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM PROPOSERS

Proposals must be submitted in the format, including heading descriptions, outlined below. To be considered, the proposal must respond to all requirements in this part of the RFP. Any other information thought to be relevant, but not applicable to the enumerated categories, should be provided as an appendix to the proposal. All cost data relating to this proposal and all Diverse Business cost data should be kept separate from and not included in the Technical Submittal. Each proposal shall consist of three separately sealed submittals:

1. Technical Submittal, which shall be a response to RFP **Part II, Sections II-1 A through G**;
2. Diverse Business Participation Submittal, in response to RFP **Part II, Section II-2**; and
3. Cost Submittal, in response to RFP **Part II, Section II-3**.

The Commission reserves the right to request additional information which, in the Commission's opinion, is necessary to assure that the Proposer's competence, number of qualified employees, business organization, and financial resources are adequate to perform according to the RFP.

The Commission may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Proposer to perform the work, and the Proposer shall furnish to the Issuing Office all such information and data for this purpose as requested by the Commission. The Commission reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Proposer fails to satisfy the Commission that such Proposer is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the agreement and to complete the work specified.

II-1 Technical Submittal.

A. Proposal Cover Sheet (See Appendix C)

Show the name of your firm, Federal I.D. number, address, name of contact person, contact person's email and telephone number date and the subject: Third Party Administration (TPA) Services for the Commission's Self-Insured Auto and General Liability Claims, RFP 19-10260-8788. Appendix C must be signed by an individual who is authorized to negotiate terms, render binding decisions and commit your firm's resources. In addition, it is required that all information requested in Appendix C be provided including information pertaining to location of office performing the work, contact information, listing of all Pennsylvania offices and total number of Pennsylvania employees, and location of company headquarters.

B. Table of Contents

Include a clear identification of the material by section and by page number.

C. Executive Summary

Summarize your understanding of the work to be done and make a positive commitment to perform the work necessary. This section should summarize the key points of your submittal. (Limit to two pages.) Include in this section or in a transmittal letter/cover page a statement regarding full disclosure of any potential conflict with the State Adverse Interest of State Advisor or Consultant Statute as instructed in Proposal Section 1.6 Contractor Integrity Provisions.

D. Firm Overview

Provide a brief history and description of your firm's business organization and its Auto and General Liability Third Party Administration (TPA) service expertise and experience as it relates to the requirements discussed in Part IV of this RFP. Include the location of offices and the number and types of adjusters, consultants or other relevant professional staff in each office. Discuss your firm's presence in and commitment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Include a discussion of the specific expertise and services that distinguish your firm.

If you propose to subcontract any portion of the work described in your response, the subcontracted firm or firms must be identified in this section. The role of the firm or firms should be explained along with a description of the specific expertise and services that the firm or firms contribute to the overall value of your proposal.

E. Personnel

Provide the names, proposed roles, background and experience, current professional licenses, office location and availability of the personnel that would perform the Adjusting services as described in Part IV of this RFP. Specifically identify the primary person(s) who will be responsible for managing the relationship with the Commission during this contract as well as the designated adjuster(s) who will handle Commission claims. Proposer must submit a current resume for all proposed staff listing relevant experience and applicable professional affiliations.

F. Relevant Experience and Expertise

Provide a narrative statement regarding your Auto and General Liability Third Party Administration (TPA) services expertise and experience as it relates to Part IV of this RFP. Additionally, include a statement regarding your understanding of the requirements as outlined in this RFP and your ability to provide Auto and General Liability Third Party Administration (TPA) services in accordance with the same.

Describe your firm's experience in providing similar Auto and General Liability Third Party Administration (TPA) services to other clients, especially other governmental entities and/or similar public/private sector transportation organizations. Describe the business practices that enable you to complete these tasks in an efficient, timely and, at times, expeditious manner.

Provide a list of three references of clients for which your firm has performed similar work, as described in this RFP, within the past three years. Projects referred to should be identified and the name of the customer shown, including the name, address, and telephone number of the responsible official of the customer, company, or agency who may be contacted.

Include a statement regarding any other specialized Auto and General Liability Third Party Administration (TPA) services your firm may offer.

G. Approach

Provide a description of the proposed approach/methodology that you will follow, along with a project plan and realistic timeline that identifies the phases and tasks required to complete the services defined in Part IV. Include in this section the deliverables and reports that will be provided, the project controls that will be used, and the tasks that will be performed.

Provide a description of all of the deliverables that you will provide as an output of the project plan.

Provide relevant samples of deliverables and project plans from similar services that your firm was primarily responsible for producing.

II-2 Diverse Business (DB) Requirements (Appendix F).

The Commission's Diverse Business (DB) Requirements for this procurement and a resulting contract are identified in Appendix F. There is no minimum participation level (MPL) for DBs established for this contract. However, the utilization of DBs are encouraged and will be considered as a criterion in the evaluation of proposals and may be considered as a factor in the Commission's selection of a firm for this contract.

The proposer must include in its DB participation submittal that it meets the requirements set forth in the Commission's DB Requirements - Appendix F. In particular, the proposer shall address the section of the DB Requirements labeled, "Actions Required by Proposer during the procurement/consultant selection phase". In addition, the DB participation submittal shall indicate the amount of DB participation incurred in the proposal in terms of dollars committed or percentage of total contract amount.

II-3 Cost Submittal.

The information requested in this section shall constitute your cost submittal. **THE COST SUBMITTAL SHALL BE PLACED IN A SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPE WITHIN THE SEALED PROPOSAL AND ON A CD-ROM, SEPARATE FROM THE TECHNICAL SUBMITTAL.**

Proposers should **not** include any assumptions in their cost submittals. If the proposer includes assumptions in its cost submittal, the Issuing Office may reject the proposal. Proposers should direct in writing to the Issuing Office pursuant to Part I-10, Questions and Answers of this RFP any questions about whether a cost or other component is included or applies. All Proposers will then have the benefit of the Issuing Office's written answer so that all proposals are submitted on the same basis.

The costs you are proposing should be an annual fixed fee and include the costs of field claims handling for up to 250 claims per year, exclusive of Property and Auto Appraisal Fees, and Police Report Fees whose costs would be considered a claim expense and reimbursed through the loss fund. The costs shall also include any charges for the transfer of all data from the current TPA's RIMS to the selected proposer's RIMS. The proposer will also be responsible for any carry over claims. Carry over should be minimal. In the Commission's last transition, less than 12 claims were carried over.

In addition to the annual fixed fee costs for up to 250 claims per year, please provide a per claim fee for any claims in excess of the stipulated 250.

The Annual Fixed fee shall also include access to the proposer's RIMS for up to 3 Commission employees.

The Commission will reimburse the selected Proposer for work satisfactorily performed after execution of a written contract and the start of the contract term, in accordance with contract requirements, and only after the Commission has issued a notice to proceed.

PART III

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

III-1. Mandatory Responsiveness Requirements. To be eligible for selection, a proposal shall be (a) timely received from a Proposer; and (b) properly signed by the Proposer.

III-2. Technical Nonconforming Proposals. The two (2) Mandatory Responsiveness Requirements set forth in Section III-1 above (a & b) are the only RFP requirements that the Commission will consider to be non-waivable. The Issuing Office reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to (1) waive any other technical or immaterial nonconformities in the proposal, (2) allow the Proposer to cure the nonconformity, or (3) consider the nonconformity in the evaluation of the proposal.

III-3. Proposal Evaluation. Proposals will be reviewed, evaluated, and rated by a Technical Evaluation Team (TET) of qualified personnel based on the evaluation criteria listed below. The TET will present the evaluations to the Professional Services Procurement Committee (PSPC). The PSPC will review the TET's evaluation and provide the Commission with the firm(s) determined to be highly recommended for this assignment.

The Commission will select the most highly qualified firm for the assignment or the firm whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous to the Commission by considering the TET's evaluation and the PSPC's determination as to each firm's rating. In making the PSPC's determination and the Commission's decision, additional selection factors may be considered taking into account the estimated value, scope, complexity and professional nature of the services to be rendered and any other relevant circumstances. Additional selection factors may include, when applicable, the following: geographic location and proximity of the firm, firm's Pennsylvania presence or utilization of Pennsylvania employees for the assignment; equitable distribution of work; diversity inclusion; and any other relevant factors as determined as appropriate by the Commission.

Award will only be made to a Proposer determined to be responsive and responsible in accordance with Commonwealth Management Directive 215.9, Contractor Responsibility Program.

III-4. Evaluation Criteria. The following criteria will be used, in order of relative importance from the highest to the lowest, in evaluating each proposal:

1. Proposer and Personnel Qualifications and Experience

- a. Proposer's relevant experience and expertise in conducting Third Party Administration (TPA) Services for the investigation and adjusting of Pennsylvania Automobile Liability and General Liability Claims as it relates to the requirements discussed in Part IV of this RFP.
- b. Qualifications, experience and competency of professional personnel who will be assigned to the contract by the Proposer including tenure with firm, length of time in the industry and type of experience with Pennsylvania claims.
- c. Response of references if the Commission elects to solicit them.

2. Approach

- a. Understanding of the Commission's needs and scope of work.
- b. Soundness of proposed approach, methodology, and deliverables for conducting Third Party Administration (TPA) Services for the investigation and adjusting of the Commission's Automobile Liability and General Liability Claims as it relates to the requirements discussed in Part IV of this RFP.
- c. Responsiveness to the Commission's desire for expeditious timeline for completion.
- d. Quality, completeness and applicability of sample deliverables provided.
- e. Responsiveness, organization, and clarity of Proposal.

3. Cost.

While this area may be weighted heavily, it will not normally be the deciding factor in the selection process. The Commission reserves the right to select a proposal based upon all the factors listed above and will not necessarily choose the firm offering the best price. The Commission will select the firm with the proposal that best meets its needs, at the sole discretion of the Commission.

- 4. Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion.** This refers to the inclusion of DB firms, as described in Part II-2. Participation may be measured in terms of total dollars committed or percentage of total contract amount to certified DB firms.

PART IV

WORK STATEMENT

IV-1. Objectives.

a. General. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is seeking a company to perform the functions of a Third Party Administrator (TPA) for the Commission's Self-Insured Automobile Liability and General Liability Program that will expire on July 26, 2020. The Commission encompasses approximately 500 miles of roadway with maintenance sheds and toll facilities throughout, 1600 vehicles and approximately 2000 employees. The five-year average number of claims per year is 22 Auto Liability, including 1 Bodily Injury claim and 105 General Liability claims, including 8 Bodily Injury claims per year. Five-year average life of claim is 116 days for Auto Liability and 87 days for General Liability.

b. Specific. The Third Party Administrator (TPA) will manage each claim to insure reduction of loss exposure, tight cost control, adequate claim reserves, accurate loss payments and strict administrative expense supervision

IV-2. Nature and Scope of the Project. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is seeking qualified organizations to provide nationwide Third Party Administration (TPA) services for the investigation and adjusting of the Commission's Self-Insured Automobile Liability and General Liability claims. If a claim reaches litigation, the Commission will resume the handling of the claim.

IV-3. Requirements. The Third Party Administrator (TPA) will be responsible for the adjusting of approximately 250 claims per year. All claims submitted from one incident are considered 1 claim. The Third Party Administrator (TPA) will obtain records from the claimants, police, attorneys, insurance carriers, and various Commission departments, located in, but not limited to, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as needed for the determination of negligence and to insure the auto and general liability claims are resolved timely, efficiently and fairly. A primary contact for all claims shall be provided to the Commission as well as access to the proposer's RIMS.

IV-4. Tasks.

The Third Party Administrator (TPA) will be required to:

- Import all data from outgoing TPA's RIMS
- Provide an electronic method for the Commission to report claims
- Provide access to proposer's RIMS for up to 3 Commission employees
- Provide designated adjustor(s) to handle Commission claims
- Provide an acknowledgement of receipt of claim
- Initiate an investigation within 1 business day of receipt of the claim
- Contact the claimant within 1 business day of receipt of the claim
- Review and evaluate all relevant accident and loss reports
- Establish and monitor loss reserves
- Supervise and direct all field claim handling
- Respond to the requests and directions of the Commission's claims staff

- Gather supporting documentation
- Obtain written and/or recorded statements from pertinent parties when necessary and transcribe recorded statements when requested
- Evaluate losses for determination of negligence and validity of damage amounts
- Develop claim strategies and solutions
- Resolve all claims efficiently, fairly and timely
- Consult with the Commission's claims staff with respect to payment of any claim
- Make recommendations for payment of injury/property damage claims legally owed, obtain release and deny those not legally owed
- Establish a bank account, at a mutually agreeable bank, through which all claims will be paid
- Provide copies of monthly bank statements for that account
- Issue drafts in payment of Third Party settlements and expenses
- Notify the Commission of any claim requiring litigation
- Provide the Commission with a monthly payment log listing all drafts issued and remaining account balance
- Provide the Commission with required reports on a monthly basis as detailed in Part IV-5 of the RFP.
- Maintain claim files for each reported claim throughout the life of the claim and retain all closed files for a period of six (6) years from the date of loss
- Provide an initial report within 30 days of assignment, interim report(s) (if needed) every 30 days and closing report
- Designate an Account Executive charged with coordination of services and as a liaison with the Commission
- Monitor losses and make recommendations to the Commission to reduce loss exposure
- Provide loss analysis reports which should provide an analysis of claims to date, broken down by Auto Liability, General Liability, Property Damage and Bodily Injury. The reports would include claim data including but not limited to reserves, payments and status. This report should be provided quarterly
- Provide additional analysis as may be required
- Attend semi-annual claims review meetings
- Occasional assistance may be requested with First Party claim investigations

IV-5. Reports and Project Control. The Third Party Administrator (TPA) will provide an acknowledgement of claim, an Initial Preliminary Report, an Interim Report (where necessary), and a Final report for each claim indicating reserves, description of incident, damaged property, investigative results, liability analysis and recommendations.

It will be the responsibility of the Third Party Administrator to provide updates during the course of the investigation to the Commission's claims staff and to act as liaison between the Commission and the Claimant.

- a. Acknowledgement of claim.** The TPA will provide an acknowledgement of claim within 1 business day of receipt of the claim listing the TPA's claim number, Commission's claim number, claimant, type of claim and adjuster information.

- b. Initial Preliminary Report.** The TPA will furnish an Initial Preliminary Report within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the claim. This report will provide a summary of the claim investigation and include recommended reserves, a description of the accident/incident including the specific location and time, claimant information, description of investigation performed to date, liability discussion and assessment and recommendations on future handling of the claim.
- c. Interim Report.** For any claim remaining open after thirty (30) days, the TPA will furnish an Interim report for each subsequent thirty (30) day period. The Interim Report will follow the same format as the Initial Preliminary Report and will serve to update the Commission on the investigation/settlement.
- d. Final Report.** The TPA will provide a final report upon the settlement and closing of each claim. The closing report will at minimum include a summary of the claim investigation conducted including, findings, conclusions, and recommendations developed in each phase of the claim. The report will describe all data collected and any other techniques used during the investigation. Copies of all supporting documentation are to be included in this report.
- e. Final Termination Report.** At termination of the contract, the TPA should provide a final report addressing at a minimum the following key areas:
 - (1) **Summary:** A status of the open and closed claims.
 - (2) The final report should provide detailed information as to the transfer of claims information to any subsequent TPA.

AGREEMENT

This **AGREEMENT** is made this _____ day of _____, 2020, between the **Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission** (“**COMMISSION**”), an instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with principal offices at 700 South Eisenhower, Blvd., Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057 (mailing address: P. O. Box 67676, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7676);

AND

(name of contractor) (“**CONTRACTOR**”), a **(state)** corporation, with its principal office at **(address)**.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **COMMISSION** desires to satisfy a need for the **(name of solicitation)**;

WHEREAS, by Act No. 211 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved May 21, 1937, and its amendments, the **COMMISSION** is authorized and empowered to enter into an Agreement with the **CONTRACTOR**;

WHEREAS, the **COMMISSION** desires to retain the services of **CONTRACTOR** upon the following terms; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these mutual covenants, and intending to be legally bound, the parties agree as follows:

Contractor’s Scope of Work

The **CONTRACTOR** will perform the work described in **(solicitation identification, i.e. RFP number)** dated **(date of solicitation)**, titled **(Title of solicitation)** and the **CONTRACTOR’S** proposal dated **(date of contractor’s proposal)**. These documents are made a part of this Agreement by reference.

Commission’s Responsibilities

(As defined in Section I of the RFP, “Commission Participation”)

The **COMMISSION** shall furnish the **CONTRACTOR** access to key personnel, relevant documents, and adequate workspace for completing the work.

Compensation

For the work, services, and material as defined in this Agreement, the **CONTRACTOR** shall be paid **(insert Commission approved Compensation)**.

The **CONTRACTOR** agrees that the **COMMISSION** may set off the amount of any state tax liability or other obligation of the **CONTRACTOR** or its subsidiaries to the Commonwealth against any payments due the **CONTRACTOR** under any contract with the **COMMISSION**.

Duration of Agreement [and Renewal]

The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of **(agreement term)** and shall commence on the Effective Date as defined below.

The Effective Date shall be fixed by the **COMMISSION** after the Agreement has been fully executed by the **CONTRACTOR** and by the **COMMISSION**, and after all approvals required by the **COMMISSION** contracting procedures have been obtained.

The term may be extended for **[number]** additional years by a writing signed by both parties.

This Agreement will not terminate until the **COMMISSION** accepts all work as complete and tender's final payment to the **CONTRACTOR**.

OR

The time of completion may be extended if the extension is approved by the **COMMISSION** in the form of a letter signed by the **Chief Engineer or appropriate person the Agreement is for**. This letter will become part of this Agreement. This Agreement will not terminate until the **COMMISSION** accepts all work as complete and tender's final payment to the **CONTRACTOR**.

Termination

The **COMMISSION** may terminate this Agreement at any time upon thirty- (30) calendar days written notice. If this notice is given, the **CONTRACTOR** shall be paid only for the services already rendered upon the date of the notice and for the services rendered to the date of termination, subject to all provisions of this Agreement. The notice will be effective on the date of receipt. The right to cancel may be exercised as to the entire project, or as to any particular phase or phases, part or parts, and upon one or upon several occasions, but any termination may not be revoked except upon written consent of the parties through a supplemental Agreement to this Agreement.

Insurance

The **CONTRACTOR**, prior to execution of this Agreement, shall furnish to the **COMMISSION** the certificates of insurances as required in attached **Exhibit "X"** and made a part of this Agreement.

Diverse Business (DB) Requirements

The **CONTRACTOR** agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in the **COMMISSION'S** DB Requirements - **Exhibit X**, attached and made part of this Agreement. In particular, the

CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with section (d) Consultant Requirements During Performance of Services.

Assignment and Delegation

The **CONTRACTOR** may not transfer, assign, or delegate any terms of this Agreement, in whole or in part, without prior written permission from the **COMMISSION**.

The **CONTRACTOR** shall not engage the services of any person or persons currently employed by the **COMMISSION**, except with the **COMMISSION's** approval.

The **CONTRACTOR** shall neither assign this contract, in part or in whole, nor the right to any monies due it under this Agreement. Any part of the work to be done or material furnished under the contract shall not be sublet except to those firms indicated as part of the team in the initial Proposal, without the **COMMISSION's** prior consent in the form of a letter signed by the *Department Head (update accordingly)*.

Governing Law

This Agreement will be interpreted according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Observance of Laws

The **CONTRACTOR** agrees to observe all relevant federal, state, and local laws and to obtain in its name all necessary permits and licenses.

Work for Hire

Except for hardware, third party licensed software, and software previously developed by **CONTRACTOR**, all Deliverables, including but not limited to source code, software, specifications, plans, designs and engineering, drawings, data, information or other written, recorded, photographic, or visual materials, trademarks, service marks, copyrights or other Deliverables produced by **CONTRACTOR** or any supplier in the performance of this Agreement shall be deemed "Work Product". All Work Product shall be considered services for hire. Accordingly, except as set forth earlier in this paragraph, all Work Product shall be the exclusive property of the **COMMISSION**. The **CONTRACTOR** agrees to notify the **COMMISSION** in writing before using any of **CONTRACTOR's** previously developed software for services provided under this Agreement. The **CONTRACTOR** and the **COMMISSION** will honor all applicable preexisting licenses, copyrights, trademarks, service marks, and patents. If as part of an expense item under this Agreement, the **CONTRACTOR** purchases the right to any license, the agreements for the use or ownership of such license will be placed in the name of the **COMMISSION** along with all other rights and obligations. In addition, the **CONTRACTOR** will mark all **COMMISSION** content or previously unprotected work product designated by the **COMMISSION** with a notice as follows: "Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, (Year)".

Audit/Retention of Records

CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors shall maintain books and records related to performance of this Agreement or subcontract and necessary to support amounts charged to the **COMMISSION** in accordance with applicable law, terms and conditions of this Agreement, and generally accepted accounting practice. **CONTRACTOR** shall maintain these books and records for a minimum of three (3) years after the completion of the Agreement, final payment, or completion of any contract, audit or litigation, whichever is later. All books and records shall be available for review or audit by the **COMMISSION**, its representatives, and other governmental entities with monitoring authority upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours. **CONTRACTOR** agrees to cooperate fully with any such review or audit. If any audit indicates overpayment to **CONTRACTOR**, or subcontractor, the **COMMISSION** shall adjust future or final payments otherwise due. If no payments are due and owing to **CONTRACTOR**, or if the overpayment exceeds the amount otherwise due, **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately refund all amounts which may be due to the **COMMISSION**. Failure to maintain the books and records required by this Section shall establish a presumption in favor of the **COMMISSION** for the recovery of any funds paid by the **COMMISSION** under this Agreement for which adequate books and records are not available to support the purported disbursement.

Dispute Resolution

All questions or disputes regarding any matter involving this Agreement or its breach shall be referred to the Board of Claims of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to 62 Pa.C.S.A. § 1701 *et seq.* If the Board of Claims either refuses or lacks jurisdiction, these questions or disputes shall proceed as provided in 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 7301 *et seq.* (Statutory Arbitration).

The panel of arbitrators will consist of a representative of each of the parties and a third party chosen by the representatives, or if the representatives are unable to choose, by the American Arbitration Association.

Indemnification

The **CONTRACTOR** shall be responsible for, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the **COMMISSION** and its Commissioners, officers, employees, and agents (the "Indemnified Parties") from all claims, liabilities, damages, and costs including reasonable attorneys' fees, for bodily injury (including death) and damage to real or tangible personal property arising from or related to the negligence or other tortious acts, errors, and omissions of **CONTRACTOR**, its employees, or its subcontractors while engaged in performing the work of this Agreement or while present on the **COMMISSION's** premises, and for breach of this Agreement regarding the use or disclosure of proprietary and confidential information where it is determined that **CONTRACTOR** is responsible for any use of such information not permitted by this Agreement. This indemnification obligation shall not be reduced in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by **CONTRACTOR** or its subcontractors under any employee benefit act including but not limited to Workers' Compensation Acts, Disability Benefits Acts, or other

Employee Benefit Act.

Data/Information Security Breach Notification

“Breach” shall mean any successful unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of **COMMISSION** data that compromises the security or privacy of such data.

“Commission Data” means **COMMISSION** provided information and **COMMISSION** related information acquired as a result of the services provided to **COMMISSION** under this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR shall report to the **COMMISSION** any Breach affecting **COMMISSION** Data. The notice to be provided to the **COMMISSION** by **CONTRACTOR** shall be provided without unreasonable delay and no later than within 72 hours of **CONTRACTOR**'s discovery of any Breach. A Breach shall be deemed to be discovered on the first day on which the **CONTRACTOR** knows or reasonably should have known of the Breach. The notice to be provided to the **COMMISSION** by **CONTRACTOR** shall be made in writing to the **COMMISSION**'s Information Security Officer and shall include the following content: (1) the nature of the Breach; (2) the specific Commission Data affected by the Breach; (3) the steps the **CONTRACTOR** is taking to remediate the Breach; and (4) steps the **CONTRACTOR** is taking to mitigate future Breaches. Following notification of the Breach, **CONTRACTOR** shall cooperate with the **COMMISSION**'s investigation of the Breach and provide any other information regarding the Breach or the Commission Data affected which the **COMMISSION** may reasonably request. Should notice to individuals whose information was part of Commission Data be required under any applicable data privacy law, including, but not limited to, individual state data breach notice laws or federal laws such as HIPAA and Gramm Leach Bliley Act, **CONTRACTOR** shall provide the **COMMISSION** with copies of any template notification letters and draft regulatory correspondence for **COMMISSION**'s prior approval. **CONTRACTOR** shall provide any notifications required under the applicable data privacy laws on behalf of the **COMMISSION** at the request of **COMMISSION**. The **COMMISSION** reserves the right to handle any notifications required and shall notify **CONTRACTOR** if the **COMMISSION** will be handling the required notifications. Upon request, **CONTRACTOR** shall provide the **COMMISSION** with its cyber-security policies and procedures. **CONTRACTOR** agrees to reimburse the **COMMISSION** for any and all reasonable costs associated with the **COMMISSION**'s response to **CONTRACTOR**'s Breach, including any fees associated with the **COMMISSION**'s investigation of **CONTRACTOR**'s Breach, notification costs, and any reasonable offer of credit or identity monitoring product.

Security Requirements

The Security Requirements are attached as **[Exhibit X]** and made a part of this Agreement.

Contractor Integrity Provisions

The Contractor Integrity Provisions are attached as **Exhibit X** and made a part of this Agreement.

Confidentiality Provisions

1. As a consequence of the performance of its duties with the **COMMISSION**, **CONTRACTOR** may learn, be given, or become aware of certain information, including, but not limited to, matters pertaining to internal communications, information, proprietary information, individually identifiable health information, trade practices, business operations, or other sensitive information collectively known as Confidential Information. Regardless of how transmitted or received by **CONTRACTOR**, whether by receipt, sending, or merely becoming available to **CONTRACTOR** through its relationship to the **COMMISSION**, **CONTRACTOR** agrees to maintain and treat as proprietary and confidential to the **COMMISSION** all such Commission Confidential Information, and shall not discuss, reveal, or use for any purpose outside the performance of its contract with the **COMMISSION** such Commission Confidential Information. Confidential Information shall not include any information that (i) is or becomes available to the public other than as a consequence of a breach by any individual, a partnership, a corporation, an association, a limited liability company, a joint stock company, a trust, a joint venture, an unincorporated organization (each a "Person") of any fiduciary duty or obligation of confidentiality, including, without limitation, catalogues, publications, product descriptions and sales literature that the **COMMISSION** has distributed to the public generally; or (ii) information which at the time of disclosure to the **CONTRACTOR** is in the public domain; or (iii) is disclosed as required by a final, unappealable court order and no suitable protective order, or equivalent remedy, is available, or (iv) the **CONTRACTOR** was aware of prior to its disclosure to the **CONTRACTOR** by the **COMMISSION** from a source not bound by a confidential obligation and the **CONTRACTOR** provides the **COMMISSION** written notice of such fact prior to the execution of this Agreement or promptly upon the **CONTRACTOR**'s learning that the information was Confidential Information; or (v) information which the **CONTRACTOR** can demonstrate with competent written evidence was independently developed by or for the **CONTRACTOR** without use of or reliance on the Confidential Information.

2. With respect to its employees, **CONTRACTOR** agrees to:

a) require all of its employees to maintain such confidentiality;

b) take appropriate action against its employees, officers, and subcontractors for any and all violations of this Agreement.

3. With respect to any subcontractors that **CONTRACTOR** wishes to employ to perform any of its obligations under any agreement with the **COMMISSION**, **CONTRACTOR** agrees to require any such approved subcontractor to execute written confidentiality agreements that require each such subcontractor and its employees to comply with all the requirements set forth above.

4. **CONTRACTOR** agrees that any breach of these Confidentiality Provisions may result in civil and/or criminal penalties, for **CONTRACTOR**, its officers and employees, and subcontractors.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, **CONTRACTOR** agrees that these provisions shall survive the termination of this and any and all agreements between the **CONTRACTOR** and the **COMMISSION**.

6. **CONTRACTOR** agrees to treat the information in the same way **CONTRACTOR** treats its own most confidential information and to inform each such person of these provisions.

7. **CONTRACTOR** agrees to immediately notify the **COMMISSION** of any information which comes to its attention which does or might indicate that there has been any loss of confidentiality or information.

8. **CONTRACTOR** shall return to the **COMMISSION** upon demand any and all Confidential Information entrusted to it by the **COMMISSION** pursuant to this Agreement (including any and all copies, abstracts, compilations or analyses thereof and memoranda related thereto or incorporating the Confidential Information) or the **CONTRACTOR** may request permission from the **COMMISSION**, which permission may be granted or denied in the **COMMISSION**'s sole discretion, to destroy all such Confidential Information and provide a certificate of destruction to the **COMMISSION** signed by the **CONTRACTOR**. The **CONTRACTOR** further agrees that neither itself nor its employees or representatives will copy, in whole or in part, any such Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the **COMMISSION**.

9. **CONTRACTOR** agrees that if they have had or will have an SSAE16 audit that they will comply with and abide by the findings of such audit to protect **COMMISSION** information.

Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems: (remove if not applicable to this Agreement)

The **CONTRACTOR** shall not use or operate Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) without the express written approval of the **COMMISSION**. Such approval shall be determined upon review and authorization of a written request from the **CONTRACTOR** by the **COMMISSION**'s Legal Department and UAS program managers. If approved, the **CONTRACTOR** shall execute a separate Authorization to Operate UAS or other applicable third-party agreement prepared by the **COMMISSION**'s Legal Department setting forth the necessary indemnification, release and insurance requirements. The Authorization shall define the requirements the **CONTRACTOR** must follow in order to operate UAS within **COMMISSION** right-of-way and property. All approved UAS operations shall be conducted using Small Unmanned Aircraft Rule (Part 107) (14 CFR Part 107) of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Regulations.

Execution in Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, including counterparts transmitted electronically or by facsimile, each of which shall constitute an original of this Agreement.

Entire Agreement

This Agreement, together with any writings either attached as exhibits or incorporated by reference, constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and there are no other oral or extrinsic understandings of any kind between the parties.

Modification

This Agreement may be modified only by a writing signed by both parties.

[SIGNATURES ARE SET FORTH ON THE NEXT PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and **(Contractor Name)** have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized officers on the date written above.

ATTEST:

PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

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| Ann Louise Edwards | Date | Chair | Date |
| Assistant Secretary-Treasurer | | | |

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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| Albert C. Peters II | Date | Pennsylvania Attorney General | Date |
| General Litigation & Contracts Counsel | | | |

ATTEST: **(Contractor Name)**

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CONTRACTOR INTEGRITY PROVISIONS

It is essential that those who seek to contract with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (“Commission”) observe high standards of honesty and integrity. They must conduct themselves in a manner that fosters public confidence in the integrity of the Commission contracting and procurement process.

I. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of these Contractor Integrity Provisions, the following terms shall have the meanings found in this Section:

- a.** “**Affiliate**” means two or more entities where (a) a parent entity owns more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each of the entities; or (b) a common shareholder or group of shareholders owns more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each of the entities; or (c) the entities have a common proprietor or general partner.
- b.** “**Consent**” means written permission signed by a duly authorized officer or employee of the Commission, provided that where the material facts have been disclosed, in writing, by prequalification, bid, proposal, or contractual terms, the Commission shall be deemed to have consented by virtue of the execution of this contract.
- c.** “**Contractor**” means the individual or entity, that has entered into this contract with the Commission, and “**Contractor Related Parties**” means any affiliates of the Contractor and the Contractor’s executive officers, Pennsylvania officers and directors, or owners of 5% or more interest in the Contractor
- d.** “**Financial Interest**” means either:
 - i.** Ownership of more than a five percent interest in any business; or
 - ii.** Holding a position as an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee, or holding any position of management.
- e.** “**Gratuity**” means tendering, giving, or providing anything of monetary value including, but not limited to, cash, travel, entertainment, gifts, meals, lodging, loans, subscriptions, advances, deposits of money, services, employment, or contracts of any kind. See Commission Policy 3.10, Code of Conduct.
- f.** “**Non-bid Basis**” means a contract awarded or executed by the Commission with Contractor without seeking bids or proposals from any other potential bidder or offeror.

II. In furtherance of this policy, Contractor agrees to the following:

- 1.** Contractor shall maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity during the performance of this contract and shall take no action in violation of state or federal laws or regulations or any other applicable laws or regulations, or other requirements applicable to Contractor or that govern contracting or procurement with the Commission.

2. Contractor shall establish and implement a written business integrity policy, which includes, at a minimum, the requirements of these provisions as they relate to Contractor activity with the Commission and Commission employees and which is made known to all Contractor employees. Posting these Contractor Integrity Provisions conspicuously in easily-accessible and well-lighted places customarily frequented by employees and at or near where the contract services are performed shall satisfy this requirement.
3. Contractor, its affiliates, agents, employees and anyone in privity with Contractor shall not accept, agree to give, offer, confer, or agree to confer or promise to confer, directly or indirectly, any gratuity or pecuniary benefit to any person, or to influence or attempt to influence any person in violation of the Public Official and Employees Ethics Act, 65 Pa.C.S. §§1101 et seq.; the State Adverse Interest Act, 71 P.S. §776.1 et seq.; Commission Policy 3.10, Code of Conduct or in violation of any other federal or state law in connection with performance of work under this contract, except as provided in this contract.
4. Contractor shall not have a financial interest in any other contractor, subcontractor, or supplier providing services, labor, or material under this contract, unless the financial interest is disclosed to the Commission in writing and the Commission consents to Contractor's financial interest prior to Commission execution of the contract. Contractor shall disclose the financial interest to the Commission at the time of bid or proposal submission, or if no bids or proposals are solicited, no later than Contractor's submission of the contract signed by Contractor.
5. Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that within the last five (5) years Contractor or Contractor Related Entities have not:
 - a. been indicted or convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or business honesty or integrity in any jurisdiction;
 - b. been suspended, debarred or otherwise disqualified from entering into any contract with any governmental agency;
 - c. had any business license or professional license suspended or revoked;
 - d. had any sanction or finding of fact imposed as a result of a judicial or administrative proceeding related to fraud, extortion, bribery, bid rigging, embezzlement, misrepresentation or anti-trust; and
 - e. been, and is not currently, the subject of a criminal investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency and/or civil anti-trust investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency.

If Contractor cannot so certify to the above, then it must submit along with its bid, proposal or contract a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made and the Commission will determine whether a contract may be entered into with the Contractor. The Contractor's obligation pursuant to this certification is ongoing from and after the effective date of the contract through the termination date thereof. Accordingly, the Contractor shall have an obligation to immediately notify the Commission in writing if at any time during the term of the contract it becomes aware of any event which would cause the Contractor's certification or explanation to change. Contractor acknowledges that the

Commission may, in its sole discretion, terminate the contract for cause if it learns that any of the certifications made herein are currently false due to intervening factual circumstances or were false or should have been known to be false when entering into the contract.

6. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Lobbying Disclosure Act (65 Pa.C.S. §13A01 et seq.) regardless of the method of award. If this contract was awarded on a Non-bid Basis, Contractor must also comply with the requirements of the Section 1641 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P.S. §3260a).
7. When Contractor has reason to believe that any breach of ethical standards as set forth in law, Commission Policy 3.10, Code of Conduct, or these Contractor Integrity Provisions has occurred or may occur, including but not limited to contact by a Commission officer or employee which, if acted upon, would violate such ethical standards, Contractor shall immediately notify the Commission contracting officer or the Chief Compliance Officer in writing.
8. Contractor, by submission of its bid or proposal and/or execution of this contract and by the submission of any bills, invoices or requests for payment pursuant to the contract, certifies and represents that it has not violated any of these Contractor Integrity Provisions in connection with the submission of the bid or proposal, during any contract negotiations or during the term of the contract, to include any extensions thereof. Contractor shall immediately notify the Commission in writing of any actions for occurrences that would result in a violation of these Contractor Integrity Provisions. Contractor agrees to reimburse the Commission for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Chief Compliance Officer for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the Commission that results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Contractor shall not be responsible for investigative costs for investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.
9. Contractor shall cooperate with the Chief Compliance Officer in investigating any alleged Commission agency or employee breach of ethical standards and any alleged Contractor non-compliance with these Contractor Integrity Provisions. Contractor agrees to make identified Contractor employees available for interviews at reasonable times and places. Contractor, upon the inquiry or request of the Chief Compliance Officer, shall provide, or if appropriate, make promptly available for inspection or copying, any information of any type or form deemed relevant by the Chief Compliance Officer to Contractor's integrity and compliance with these provisions. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, Contractor's business or financial records, documents or files of any type or form that refer to or concern this contract. Contractor shall incorporate this paragraph in any agreement, contract or subcontract it enters into in the course of the performance of this contract/agreement solely for the purpose of obtaining subcontractor compliance with this provision. The incorporation of this provision in a subcontract shall not create privity of contract between the Commission and any such subcontractor, and no third party beneficiaries shall be created thereby.

- 10.** For violation of any of these Contractor Integrity Provisions, the Commission may terminate this and any other contract with Contractor, claim liquidated damages in an amount equal to the value of anything received in breach of these Provisions, claim damages for all additional costs and expenses incurred in obtaining another contractor to complete performance under this contract, and debar and suspend Contractor from doing business with the Commonwealth. These rights and remedies are cumulative, and the use or non-use of any one shall not preclude the use of all or any other. These rights and remedies are in addition to those the Commission may have under law, statute, regulation, or otherwise.

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APPENDIX C – PROPOSAL COVER SHEET
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Third Party Administration (TPA) Services for
Self-Insured Auto and General Liability Claims
RFP# 19-10260-8788

Enclosed in three separately sealed submittals is the proposal for the Proposer identified below for the above referenced RFP:

| Proposer Information: | |
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| Proposer Company Name | |
| Proposer Mailing Address | |
| Proposer Website | |
| Proposer Contact Person/Title | |
| Contact Person's Phone Number | |
| Contact Person's Fax Number | |
| Contact Person's Email Address | |
| Proposer Federal ID Number | |
| Location of Headquarters | |
| Location of Office(s) Performing the Work | |
| Listing of all Pennsylvania Offices and Total Number of Pennsylvania Employees | |

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| Submittals Enclosed and Separately Sealed: |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Submittal <input type="checkbox"/> Diverse Business Participation Submittal <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Submittal |
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| Signature of an official authorized to bind the Proposer to the provisions contained in the Proposer's proposal: _____ |
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An official authorized to bind the Proposer to its provisions must sign the proposal. If the official signs this Proposal Cover Sheet and the Proposal Cover Sheet is attached to the proposal, the requirement will be met.



APPENDIX D – RFP#19-10260-8788
COMMISSION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS
Revised: 06/01/19

General Security Requirements

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| Vendor shall supply all hosting equipment (hardware and software) required for performance of the contract and ensure maintenance and replacement as necessary to maintain compliance with the Service Level Agreement(s). |
| The vendor shall warrant all system/software to be delivered free of malware or other malicious or destructive code. |
| In the event of adverse risk findings through an audit or assessment, the vendor shall cooperate with the Commission in remediating any risks to the system, including complying with requests to temporarily take the system offline or otherwise limit access to the system during remediation if warranted. |
| Vendors must have a plan for compliance with all applicable breach notification laws, including Pennsylvania’s Breach of Personal Information Notification. |
| The Commission must be notified in writing within 72 hours of the earliest indication or report of a potential breach or unintended disclosure of confidential information. |
| Incident response actions that may affect confidential information must be conducted quickly and with ample resources. Vendor must hire a professional third-party incident response team if its inhouse resources do not have sufficient skill or availability. |
| The Commission shall have the right to view all incident response evidence, reports, communications, and related materials, affecting Commission systems, upon request. |
| If requested by the Commission, or if required by law, the vendor, at its own cost and expense, shall notify in writing all persons affected by the incident. |
| The vendor is responsible for hardening all devices to run only the services required to support the application. All unnecessary services must be disabled (for example, UPnP, SLP, etc.). |
| If Commission user service disruptions are expected, the change must be approved by the Change Review Board (CRB) before implementation. |
| No generic user accounts for shared resources will be permitted. |
| Audit logs must be implemented for all systems. All actual or attempted violations of system security must generate an audit log. Audit logs must be secured against unauthorized access or modification. |
| All account credentials (username/password) must be encrypted during transmission. |
| All administrator account passwords and SNMP community strings must be changed from the manufacturer’s default values to a hardened value. |



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Hosted/Cloud-Based Security Requirements

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| The Commission’s data must be located and remain within the continental United States. |
| Vendor shall use commercially reasonable resources and efforts to maintain adequate internet connection bandwidth, service capacity, and ensure its data center and/or other vendors performing subcontracted services have industry standard physical, technical, human, and administrative controls. |
| Vendor shall house all services and equipment in an operational environment that meets industry standards including climate control, fire and safety hazard detection, redundancy, electrical needs, and physical security. |
| If Commission employee access is required, then the latest version of ADFS (Active Directory Federated Services), using the latest version of SAML, must be used for authentication and authorization, and the Identity Source must be either the Commission’s on-premise ADFS installation or the Commission’s Azure AD instance. |
| When SAML authentication is used for cloud-hosted systems, the vendor must use Provider-side Initiated authentication. |
| All cloud-based/hosted systems using HTTPS, or any other protocol using SSL/TLS, must use TLS 1.2 or later with a key size no smaller than 2048 bits. |
| For public-facing systems, the vendor shall utilize a third-party certificate provider who is a recognized and trusted authority in the industry. |
| The vendor is responsible for sending the Commission system/network vulnerability scan results upon request. |
| The vendor will supply firewall and IPS logs for malicious intrusion and access attempts into hosted Commission systems upon request. |
| Vendors must have, and upon request by the Commission, shall provide copies of its information security policies that cover the following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data classification and privacy - Security training and awareness - Systems administration, patching, and configuration - Application development and code review - Incident response - Workstation management, mobile devices, and antivirus - Backups, disaster recovery, and business continuity - Regular audits and testing - Requirements for third-party business partners and contractors - Compliance with information security or privacy laws, regulations, or standards |
| The vendor shall allow the Commission, or an agreed upon third party, to perform security assessments, vulnerability assessments, or audits of systems that contain Commission data. |
| For systems hosted off the Commission’s network, an industry-accepted endpoint protection solution must be operated on all hosting servers. |



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On-Prem/Physically-Connected Security Requirements

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| The Commission’s IT Security Team must be allowed to scan, for security vulnerabilities, any new equipment and/or changes to existing equipment before implementation. |
| The Commission’s IT Security team must be given administrator-level access to all installed equipment for incident response and security assessment. |
| All Microsoft Windows-based systems, connected to the Commission’s network, will be joined to the Commission’s Active Directory domain and will be patched by the Commission’s IT staff on a monthly-basis at a minimum. |
| The vendor is responsible for updating all non-Windows systems, not operated or administered by the Commission, to the vendors’ latest recommended level. |
| If remote access is needed, the vendor must use HorizonView. If using VPN for remote access, a Commission owned, and managed device is required. |
| If local connectivity to the Commission’s network is needed, a Commission-owned and managed device is required. Vendor-owned devices are not permitted to be connected to the network. |
| The vendor’s system/software must co-exist with all industry accepted endpoint software with no exceptions. |
| The vendor must provide the necessary directory and file exclusions to allow the system/software to operate as intended. |

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Before starting any work and until completion and final payment is made for the work, or final acceptance of the work, the Contractor will provide and maintain the following minimum levels of insurance at Contractor's own expense. No work may be performed until the required evidence of Insurance is provided in accordance with the terms of the contract. Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that all Subcontractors hired by the Contractor are properly insured. Contractor shall not permit any such Subcontractors to start work until such evidence has been provided to the Contractor.

- a) All insurance shall be procured from insurers permitted to do business in the State in which the project is taking place and having an A.M. Best Rating of at least "A-, Class VIII".
- b) Contractor shall not have a Self-Insured Retention (SIR) on any policy greater than \$50,000, which is the responsibility of the Contractor. If Contractor's policy(ies) has a Self-Insured Retention exceeding this amount, approval must be received from the Commission prior to starting work. In the event any policy includes an SIR, the Contractor is responsible for payment within the SIR of their policy(ies) and the Additional Insured requirements specified herein shall be offered within the SIR amount(s).
- c) All insurance required herein, except for Professional Liability and Network Security and Privacy Liability Insurance, shall be written on an "occurrence" basis.
- d) The Contractor's insurance carrier(s) shall agree to provide at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Commission in the event coverage is canceled or non-renewed, unless cancellation is for non-payment of premium. In the event of cancellation or non-renewal of coverage(s) for any reason, it is the Contractor's responsibility to replace coverage to comply with the Contract requirements so there is no lapse of coverage for any time period.

If the insurance carriers will not issue or endorse their policy(s) to comply with the above it is the responsibility of the Contractor to report any notice of cancellation or non-renewal to the Commission within the time periods indicated above.

- e) Contractor shall provide the Commission with Certificates of Insurance, showing the insurance coverages listed below, ten days prior to the start of work of this Project and thereafter upon renewal or replacement of each coverage. The Contractor shall not begin any work until the Commission has reviewed and approved the Certificate of Insurance.

Failure of the Commission to demand such certificate or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of the Commission to identify a deficiency from evidence that is provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.

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Upon completion of the contract, an additional certificate(s) of insurance evidencing coverage shall be provided to the Commission with final application for payment.

- f) The Commission, and its Commissioners, officers, employees and agents shall be added as ADDITIONAL INSUREDS on all required liability policies (except Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability) for ongoing operations and completed operations on a primary noncontributory basis.

There shall be no "Insured versus Insured Exclusion" on any policies; all policies will provide for "cross liability coverage".

- g) Waiver of Rights of Subrogation: Contractor shall waive all rights of recovery against the Commission and all the additional insureds for loss or damage covered by any of the required insurance, including Workers' Compensation (except Professional Liability and Network Security and Privacy Liability).
- h) The amount of insurance in the required coverages shall not be construed to be a limitation of the liability on the part of the Contractor.
- i) The carrying of insurance described below shall in no way be interpreted as relieving the Contractor of any responsibility or liability under the contract.
- j) Any type of insurance or any increase in limits of liability which the Contractor requires for its own protection or on account of statute shall be its own responsibility and at its own expense.
- k) Contractor shall promptly notify the Commission and the appropriate insurance company(ies) in writing of any accident(s) as well as any claim, suit or process received by the insured Contractor arising in the course of operations under the contract. The Contractor shall forward such documents received to its insurance company(ies), as soon as practicable, or as required by its insurance policy(ies).

REQUIRED COVERAGES - the following may be provided through a combination of primary and excess policies in order to meet the minimum limits set forth below:

1. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability:

Provided in the State in which the work is to be performed and elsewhere as may be required and shall include:

- a) Workers' Compensation Coverage: Statutory Requirements
- b) Employers Liability Limits not less than:
 - Bodily Injury by Accident: \$500,000 Each Accident
 - Bodily Injury by Disease: \$500,000 Each Employee
 - Bodily Injury by Disease: \$500,000 Policy Limit

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- c) Includes sole proprietorships and officers of corporation who will be performing the work.

2. Commercial General Liability:

Provided on standard ISO forms or an equivalent form including Premises - Operations, Independent Contractors, Products/Completed Operations, Broad Form Property Damage, Contractual Liability, and Personal Injury and Advertising Injury.

- a) Occurrence Form with the following minimum limits:
 - (1) General Aggregate: \$2,000,000
 - (2) Products/Completed Operations Aggregate: \$2,000,000
 - (3) Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000
 - (4) Personal and Advertising Injury: \$1,000,000

3. Automobile Liability:

- a) Coverage to include All Owned, Hired and Non-Owned Vehicles (or "Any Auto"). If Contractor does not have any Owned Vehicles, Contractor is still required to maintain coverage for Hired and Non-Owned Vehicles as either a stand-alone policy or endorsed onto the Commercial General Liability policy above
- b) Minimum per Accident Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000

4. Commercial Umbrella Liability:

- a) Policy(ies) to apply on a Following Form Basis of the following:
 - (1) Commercial General Liability,
 - (2) Automobile Liability, and
 - (3) Employers Liability Coverage.
- b) Minimum Limits of Liability
 - Occurrence Limit: \$4,000,000
 - Aggregate Limit (where applicable): \$4,000,000

5. Professional Liability:

- a) The definition of "Covered Services" shall include the services required in the scope of this contract.
- b) Minimum Limits of Liability:
 - Per Claim: \$5,000,000
 - Aggregate: \$5,000,000
- c) If the policy is issued on a claims-made form, the following requirements will apply:
 - 1. The retroactive date must be on or before the start of work under this contract;
 - 2. In the event of policy termination, cancellation or non-renewal, the Contractor must purchase "tail coverage/an extended reporting period" or maintain coverage for a period of three (3) years after the completion of their work/final payment.

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6. **Network Security and Privacy Liability (may be included in Professional Liability):**
- a) Contractor shall maintain the following coverage including but not limited to:
 - (1) Network Security Liability for third party liability arising out of hacking, network system intrusions, unauthorized access/use to data or systems, distribution of malicious code, denial of service and cyber extortion.
 - (2) Privacy Liability for third party liability arising out of breach of privacy, inclusive of confidential and proprietary business information, HIPAA violations and other breaches of personally identifiable information and /or protected health information that may arise from their work with this contract.

 - b) Minimum Limits of Liability:
 - Per Claim: \$5,000,000
 - Aggregate: \$5,000,000

 - c) Minimum Limits of Liability:
 - Privacy Breach Notification and Credit Monitoring: \$5,000,000 Per Occurrence
7. **Crime Insurance:**
- a) Include the Employee Theft and Theft, Disappearance and Destruction coverage parts. The Employee Theft Coverage part shall include the Clients' Property Endorsement (ISO Form CR 04 01, or its equivalent).

 - b) Minimum Limits of Liability: Per Occurrence: \$1,000,000

APPENDIX F – RFP #19-10260-8788
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DIVERSE BUSINESS (DB) REQUIREMENTS

Diverse Business Participation. The Commission is committed to Diverse Business (DB) participation on competitive contracting opportunities. Firms or entities that have not previously performed work or provided services to the Commission are encouraged to respond to the solicitations. RFPs may include DB participation as part of the criteria for the evaluation of proposals, and the Commission may consider DB participation as a selection factor.

Minimum Participation Level (MPL). The minimum participation level (MPL) for the inclusion of DBs will be established in the RFP/advertisement as a percentage.

(a) General Requirements. Section 303 of Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, 74 Pa.C.S. § 303, requires proposer on contracts funded pursuant to the provisions of Title 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicle Code) administered and issued by the Commission to make Good Faith Efforts to solicit subconsultants that are Diverse Businesses (DBs) as defined in Section 303. The DB requirements of Section 303 apply to this contract.

Section 303 requires proposers to make Good Faith Efforts, as described below, to solicit subconsultants that are DBs during the proposal process to maximize participation of DBs in competitive contracting opportunities.

The Commission is committed to participation by DBs and will enforce the requirements of Section 303 and this section. Failure to make Good Faith Efforts and demonstrate such Good Faith Efforts in the solicitation of subconsultants may result in the proposer being declared ineligible for the contract.

Proposers shall document and submit to the Commission all Good Faith Efforts, as described in this section, to solicit subconsultants that are DBs during the solicitation process.

Proposers are encouraged to utilize and give consideration to consultants offering to utilize DBs in the selection and award of contracts.

Proposers shall not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, creed or color in the award and performance of contracts in accordance with 62 Pa.C.S. §3701.

Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 303 or this specification may result in the imposition of sanctions as appropriate under section 531 of the Procurement Code, 62 Pa.C.S. § 531 relating to debarment and suspension.

The Commission's Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, or designee, is designated the Responsible Official who shall supervise the DB program and ensure that the Commission complies with the DB program.

(b) Definitions. The following definitions apply to terms used in this specification:

1. Disadvantaged Business – A business that is owned or controlled by a majority of persons, not limited to members of minority groups, who are subject to racial, social, ethnic prejudice or cultural bias.

2. Diverse Business – A disadvantaged business, minority-owned or women-owned business or service-disabled veteran-owned or veteran-owned small business that has been certified by a third-party certifying organization.

3. Minority-owned Business – A business owned and controlled by a majority of individuals who are African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Alaskans or Pacific Islanders.

4. Professional Services – An industry of infrequent, technical or unique functions performed by independent contractors or consultants whose occupation is the rendering of the services, including: (1) design professional services as defined in 62 Pa.C.S. § 901 (relating to definitions); (2) legal services; (3) advertising or public relations services; (4) accounting, auditing or actuarial services; (5) security consultant services; (6) computer and information technology services; and (7) insurance underwriting services.

5. Pro Forma Effort-The act of completing a form or document identifying efforts to solicit DBs for a project in order to satisfy criteria with little or no expectation that the DBs contacted or identified will perform any of the work.

6. Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business – A business in the United States which is independently owned and controlled by a service-disabled veteran(s), not dominant in its field of operation, and employs 100 or fewer employees.

7. Subconsultant- Any individual, partnership, firm, or corporation entering into a contract with the prime consultant for work under the contract, including those providing professional and other services.

8. Third-party Certifying Organization – An organization that certifies a small business, minority-owned business, women-owned business or veteran-owned small business as a diverse business. The term includes: (1) the National Minority Supplier Development Council; (2) the Women’s Business Development Enterprise National Council; (3) the Small Business Administration; (4) The Department of Veteran Affairs; (5) the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program.

9. Veteran-owned Small Business –A small business owned and controlled by a veteran or veterans.

10. Women-Owned Business – A business owned and controlled by a majority of individuals who are women.

(c) Actions Required by Proposer during the procurement/consultant selection phase

1. Submission Requirements – Consultant Responsiveness.

- a. **Minimum Participation Level (MPL) Documentation** - If the documentation submitted with the proposal demonstrates that the proposer has identified DBs sufficient to meet the MPL established for this contract, the proposer will be deemed to have satisfied the DB requirement during this phase. The proposer is required to provide the business name and business address of each DB and supporting documentation that includes proof of certification.

If the consultant’s proposal demonstrates the consultant’s inability to meet the MPL established for this contract, the proposer shall demonstrate Good Faith Efforts with its proposal. Failure to submit the required documentation demonstrating Good Faith Efforts as further described below with the proposal may result in a rejection of the proposal.

- b. If no MPL has been established for this contract, the proposer is required to either provide a statement of intent that it will self-perform 100% of the work for the agreement, or demonstrate Good Faith Efforts to solicit subconsultants that are DBs. In either case documentation shall be provided with the proposal.

Failure to submit the required information identified above with the proposal may result in a rejection of the proposal.

2. Good Faith Effort Requirements: The documentation of Good Faith Efforts must include the business name and business address of each DB considered. Supporting documentation must also include proof of certification and any explanation of Good Faith Efforts the proposer would like the Commission to consider. Any services to be performed by a DB are required to be readily identifiable to the agreement. Good Faith efforts are demonstrated by seeking out DB participation in the project given all relevant circumstances. The Commission requires the proposer to demonstrate more than Pro Forma Efforts. Evidence of Good Faith Efforts includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Consultant solicits through all reasonable and available means the interest of all certified DBs with the capacity to perform the scope of work set forth in the agreement.
- b. The proposer must provide written notification at least 5 business days before proposals are due to allow the DBs to respond to the solicitation.
- c. The proposer must determine with certainty if DBs are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up initial solicitations.
- d. The proposer must make efforts to select portions of the work to be performed by DBs to include, where appropriate, breaking out contract work into economically feasible units to facilitate DB participation;
- e. It is the proposer's responsibility to make a portion of the work available to DBs and, to select those portions of the work, so as to facilitate DB participation.
- f. The proposer shall provide evidence of such negotiations that include the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBs considered; A description of the information provided regarding the required work and services for the work selected for subconsultants; and evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for DBs to perform the work.
- g. Proposers cannot reject or withhold solicitation of DBs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities.
- h. The DB's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations or associations and political or social affiliations (for example union v. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of proposals in the proposer's efforts to meet the Good Faith Efforts requirement.
- i. Efforts to assist interested DBs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit or insurance.

3. Actions Taken by the Commission. As part of the proposal review process, the Commission will review the submissions to determine whether the proposer has complied with Section 303 and this requirement in the selection of DB subconsultants. The Commission will determine whether the proposer has either met the MPL or provided acceptable documentation as noted above. The Commission reserves the right to contact proposers for clarification during the review and negotiation process.

If the Commission determines that the proposer has failed to either meet the MPL or provide acceptable documentation as noted above, the proposal may be rejected.

(d) Consultant Requirements During Performance of Services.

1. Replacement of a DB Subconsultant. Consultant must continue good faith efforts through completion of the contract. The obligation to make Good Faith Efforts to solicit subconsultants for any type of service extends to additional work required for any service which is identified to be performed by a DB. If at any time during the performance of the work, it becomes necessary to replace or add a subconsultant that is a DB, the consultant, as appropriate, shall immediately notify the Commission and seek approval in

writing in accordance with the Agreement of the need to replace the DB, which notice shall include the reasons for the replacement. If a prime consultant who originally indicated that it would self-perform all work subsequently decides to use a subconsultant for any work under the contract, the consultant must submit documentation of all Good Faith Efforts as to the work for which a subconsultant is obtained.

2. Records. Maintain project records as are necessary to evaluate DB compliance and as necessary to perform the reporting function addressed below. Maintain all records for a period of 3 years following acceptance of final payment. Make these records available for inspection by the Commission, its designees or agents. These records should indicate:

2.a. The number of DB and non-DB subconsultants and the type of services performed on or incorporated in this project.

2.b. The progress and efforts made in seeking out DB subconsultant organizations and individual DB consultants for work on this project to increase the amount of DB participation and/or to maintain the commitments made at the time of the proposal to DBs.

2.c. Documentation of all correspondence, contacts, telephone calls, and other contacts made to obtain the service of DBs on this project.

3. Reports. Maintain monthly reports and submit reports as required by the Commission concerning those contracts and other business executed with DBs with respect to the records referred to in subsection (e)2. above in such form and manner as prescribed by the Commission. At a minimum, the Reports shall contain the following:

3.a The number of Contracts with DBs noting the type of services provided, including the execution date of each contract.

3.b The amounts paid to each DB during the month, the dates of payment, and the overall amounts paid to date. If no payments are made to a DB during the month, enter a zero (\$0) payment.

3.c Upon request and upon completion of individual DB firm's work, submit paid invoices or a certification attesting to the actual amount paid. In the event the actual amount paid is less than the award amount, a complete explanation of difference is required.

4. Subconsultant Contracts

4.a. Subcontracts with DB firms will not contain provisions waiving legal rights or remedies provided by laws or regulations of the Federal Government or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the Commission through contract provisions or regulations.

4.b. Prime consultant will not impose provisions on DB subconsultants that are more onerous or restrictive than the terms of the prime's contract with non-DBs.

4.c. Executed copies of subcontracts/purchase orders are to be received by the Commission before the commencement of work by the DB.

5. Payments to DB Subconsultants. Payments to DBs are to be made in accordance with the prompt payment requirements of Chapter 39, Subchapter D of the Procurement Code, 62 Pa.C.S. §3931 et seq. Performance of services by a DB subconsultant in accordance with the terms of the contract entitles the subconsultant to payment.

(e) Actions to be Taken by Commission After Performance of Services. Following completion of the Consultant's services, the Director of the Commission's Office of Diversity and Inclusion or his/her designee will review the overall DB participation to assess the Consultant's compliance with Section 303 and this contract. Appropriate sanctions may be imposed under 62 Pa.C.S. § 531 (relating to debarment or suspension) for a Consultant's failure to comply with Section 303 and the requirements of the contract.