DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE ADDENDUM TO STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. <u>APPLICABILITY</u>

This Addendum is intended to supplement the Standard Terms and Conditions. To the extent any of the terms contained herein conflict with terms contained in the Standard Contract Terms and Conditions, the terms in the Standard Contract Terms and Conditions shall take precedence. Further, it is recognized that certain terms contained herein may not be applicable to all the services which may be provided through Department contracts.

B. <u>CONFIDENTIALITY</u>

The parties shall not use or disclose any information about a recipient of the services to be provided under this contract for any purpose not connected with the parties' contract responsibilities except with written consent of such recipient, recipient's attorney, or recipient's parent or legal guardian.

C. **INFORMATION**

During the period of this contract, all information obtained by the Contractor through work on the project will be made available to the Department immediately upon demand. If requested, the Contractor shall deliver to the Department background material prepared or obtained by the Contractor incident to the performance of this agreement. Background material is defined as original work, papers, notes and drafts prepared by the Contractor to support the data and conclusions in final reports, and includes completed questionnaires, materials in electronic data processing form, computer programs, other printed materials, pamphlets, maps, drawings and all data directly related to the services being rendered.

D. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING

Contractor agrees to obtain all licenses, certifications and permits from Federal, State and Local authorities permitting it to carry on its activities under this contract.

E. **PROGRAM SERVICES**

Definitions of service, eligibility of recipients of service and other limitations in this contract are subject to modification by amendments to Federal, State and Local laws, regulations and program requirements without further notice to the Contractor hereunder.

F. CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE LAWS

In the event that the contract calls for services to minors, the contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Child Protective Services Law (Act of November 26, 1975, P.L. 438, No. 124; 23 P.S. SS 6301-6384, as amended by Act of July 1, 1985, P.L. 124, No. 33) and all regulations promulgated thereunder (55Pa. Code, chapter 3490).

G. PRO-CHILDREN ACT OF 1994

The Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of the Pro-Children Act of 1994; Public Law 103-277, Part C-Environment Tobacco Smoke (also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994) requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health care services, day care and education to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs whether directly or through State and Local governments. Federal programs include grants, cooperative agreements, loans or loan guarantees and contracts. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for impatient drug and alcohol treatment.

H. MEDICARE/MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT

1. To the extent that services are furnished by contractors, subcontractors, or organizations related to the contractor/subcontractor and such services may in whole or in part be claimed by the

Commonwealth for Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements, contractor/subcontractor agrees to comply with 42 C.F.R.,Part 420, including:

- a. Preservation of books, documents and records until the expiration of four (4) years after the services are furnished under the contract.
- b. Full and free access to (i) the Commonwealth, (ii) the U.S. Comptroller General, (iii) the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and their authorized representatives.
- Your signature on the proposal certifies under penalty of law that you have not been suspended/terminated from the Medicare/Medicaid Program and will notify the contracting DPW Facility or DPW Program Office immediately should a suspension/termination occur during the contract period.

I. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES

Contractor shall not be allowed or paid travel or per diem expenses except as provided for in Contractor's Budget and included in the contract amount. Any reimbursement to the Contractor for travel, lodging or meals under this contract shall be at or below state rates as provided in Management Directive 230.10, Commonwealth Travel Policy, as may be amended, unless the Contractor has higher rates which have been established by its offices/officials, and published prior to entering into this contract. Higher rates must be supported by a copy of the minutes or other official documents, and submitted to the Department. Documentation in support of travel and per diem expenses will be the same as required of state employees.

J. <u>INSURANCE</u>

- 1. The contractor shall accept full responsibility for the payment of premiums for Workers' Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, Social Security, and all income tax deductions required by law for its employees who are performing services under this contract. As required by law, an independent contractor is responsible for Malpractice Insurance for health care personnel. Contractor shall provide insurance Policy Number and Provider' Name, or a copy of the policy with all renewals for the entire contract period.
- 2. The contractor shall, at its expense, procure and maintain during the term of the contract, the following types of insurance, issued by companies acceptable to the Department and authorized to conduct such business under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:
 - a. Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of the Contractor's employees and those of any subcontractor, engaged in work at the site of the project as required by law.
 - b. Public liability and property damage insurance to protect the Commonwealth, the Contractor, and any and all subcontractors from claim for damages for personal injury (including bodily injury), sickness or disease, accidental death and damage to property, including loss of use resulting from any property damage, which may arise from the activities performed under this contract or the failure to perform under this contract whether such performance or nonperformance be by the contractor, by any subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either. The limits of such insurance shall be in an amount not less than \$500,000 each person and \$2,000,000 each occurrence, personal injury and property damage combined. Such policies shall be occurrence rather than claims-made policies and shall name the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an additional insured. The insurance shall not contain any endorsements or any other form designated to limit or restrict any action by the Commonwealth, as an additional insured, against the insurance coverage in regard to work performed for the Commonwealth.

Prior to commencement of the work under the contract and during the term of the contract, the Contractor shall provide the Department with current certificates of insurance. These certificates shall contain a provision that the coverages afforded under the policies will not be cancelled or changed until at least thirty (30) days' written notice has been given to the Department.

K. PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

- 1. Contractor agrees to obtain all supplies and equipment for use in the performance of this contract at the lowest practicable cost and to purchase by means of competitive bidding whenever required by law.
- 2. Title to all property furnished in-kind by the Department shall remain with the Department.
- 3. Contractor has title to all personal property acquired by the contractor, including purchase by lease/purchase agreement, for which the contractor is to be reimbursed under this contract. Upon cancellation or termination of this contract, disposition of such purchased personal property which has a remaining useful life shall be made in accordance with the following provisions.
 - a. The contractor and the Department may agree to transfer any item of such purchased property to another contractor designated by the Department. Cost of transportation shall be born by the contractor receiving the property and will be reimbursed by the Department. Title to all transferred property shall vest in the designated contractor. The Department will reimburse the Contractor for its share, if any, of the value of the remaining life of the property in the same manner as provided under subclause b of this paragraph.
 - b. If the contractor wishes to retain any items of such purchased property, depreciation tables shall be used to ascertain the value of the remaining useful life of the property. The contractor shall reimburse the Department in the amount determined from the tables.
 - c. When authorized by the Department in writing, the contractor may sell the property and reimburse the Department for its share. The Department reserves the right to fix the minimum sale price it will accept.
- 4. All property furnished by the Department or personal property acquired by the contractor, including purchase by lease-purchase contract, for which the contractor is to be reimbursed under this contract shall be deemed "Department Property" for the purposes of subsection 5, 6 and 7 of this section.
- 5. Contractor shall maintain and administer in accordance with sound business practice a program for the maintenance, repair, protection, preservation and insurance of Department Property so as to assure its full availability and usefulness.
- 6. Department property shall, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Department, be used only for the performance of this contract.
- 7. In the event that the contractor is indemnified, reimbursed or otherwise compensated for any loss, destruction or damage to Department Property, it shall use the proceeds to replace, repair or renovate the property involved, or shall credit such proceeds against the cost of the work covered by the contract, or shall reimburse the Department, at the Department's direction.

L. DISASTERS

If, during the terms of this contract, the Commonwealth's premises are so damaged by flood, fire or other Acts of God as to render them unfit for use; then the Agency shall be under no liability or obligation to the contractor hereunder during the period of time there is no need for the services provided by the contractor except to render compensation which the contractor was entitled to under this agreement prior to such damage.

M. SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT

In the event of suspension or debarment, 4 Pa Code Chapter 60.1 through 60.7, as it may be amended, shall apply.

N. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee (excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business). For breach or violation of this warranty, the Department shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from

the consideration otherwise due under the contract, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, and brokerage or contingent fee.

O. <u>CONTRACTOR'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>

The contractor hereby assures that it presently has not interest and will not acquired any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. The contractor further assures that in the performance of this contract, it will not knowingly employ any person having such interest. Contractor hereby certifies that no member of the Board of the contractor or any of its officers or directors has such an adverse interest.

P. INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND OTHERS

No officer, member or employee of the Commonwealth and no member of its General Assembly, who exercises any functions or responsibilities under this contract, shall participate in any decision relating to this contract which affects his personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership or association in which he is, directly or indirectly, interested; nor shall any such officer, member or employee of the Commonwealth or member of its General Assembly have interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof.

Q. <u>CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY TO EMPLOY WELFARE CLIENTS</u> (Applicable to contracts \$25,000 or more)

- 1. The contractor, within 10 days of receiving the notice to proceed, must contact the Department of Public Welfare's Contractor Partnership Program (CPP) to present, for review and approval, the contractor's plan for recruiting and hiring recipients currently receiving cash assistance. If the contract was not procured via Request for Proposal (RFP); such plan must be submitted on Form PA-778. The plan must identify a specified <u>number</u> (not percentage) of hires to be made under this contract. If no employment opportunities arise as a result of this contract, the contractor must identify other employment opportunities available within the organization that are not a result of this contract. The entire completed plan (Form PA-778) must be submitted to the Bureau of Employment and Training Programs (BETP): Attention CPP Division. (Note: Do <u>not</u> keep the pink copy of Form PA-778). The approved plan will become a part of the contract.
- 2. The contractor's CPP approved recruiting and hiring plan shall be maintained throughout the term of the contract and through any renewal or extension of the contract. Any proposed change must be submitted to the CPP Division which will make a recommendation to the Contracting Officer regarding course of action. If a contract is assigned to another contractor, the new contractor must maintain the CPP recruiting and hiring plan of the original contract.
- 3. The contractor, within 10 days of receiving the notice to proceed, must register in the Commonwealth Workforce Development System (CWDS). In order to register the selected contractor must provide business, location and contact details by creating an Employer Business Folder for review and approval, within CWDS at <u>HTTPS://WWW.CWDS.State.PA.US</u>. Upon CPP review and approval of Form PA-778 and the Employer Business Folder in CWDS, the Contractor <u>will</u> receive written notice (via the pink Contractor's copy of Form PA-778) that the plan has been approved.
- 4. Hiring under the approved plan will be monitored and verified by Quarterly Employment Reports (Form PA-1540); submitted by the contractor to the Central Office of Employment and Training CPP Division. A copy of the submitted Form PA-1540 must also be submitted (by the contractor) to the DPW Contract Monitor (i.e. Contract Officer). The reports must be submitted on the DPW Form PA-1540. The form may not be revised, altered, or re-created.
- 5. If the contractor is non-compliant, CPP Division will contact the Contract Monitor to request corrective action. The Department may cancel this contract upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event of the contractor's failure to implement or abide by the approved plan.

R. <u>TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL</u>

As recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, effective August 9, 1996, in all State Mental Health and Mental Retardation Facilities, all full-time and part-time employees (temporary and permanent), including contract service providers, having direct patient contact or providing service in patient care areas, are to be tested serially with PPD by Mantoux skin tests. PPD testing will be provided free of charge from the state MH/MR facility. If the contract service provider has written proof of a PPD by Mantoux method within the last six months, the MH/MR facility will accept this documentation in lieu of administration of a repeat test. In addition, documented results of a PPD by Mantoux method will be accepted by the MH/MR facility. In the event that a contractor is unwilling to submit to the test due to previous positive reading, allergy to PPD material or refusal, the risk assessment questionnaire must be completed. If a contractor refuses to be tested in accordance with this new policy, the facility will not be able to contract with this provider and will need to procure the services from another source.

S. ACT 13 APPLICATION TO CONTRACTOR

Contractor shall be required to submit with their bid information obtained within the preceding one-year period for any personnel who will have or may have direct contact with residents from the facility or unsupervised access to their personal living quarters in accordance with the following:

- 1. Pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91(relating to criminal history record information) a report of criminal history information from the Pennsylvania State Police or a statement from the State Police that their central repository contains no such information relating to that person. The criminal history record information shall be limited to that which is disseminated pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. 9121(b)(2) (relating to general regulations).
- 2. Where the applicant is not, and for the two years immediately preceding the date of application has not been a resident of this Commonwealth, the Department shall require the applicant to submit with the application a report of Federal criminal history record information pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's under Department of State, Justice, and Commerce, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1973 (Public Law 92-544, 86 Stat. 1109). For the purpose of this paragraph, the applicant shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the State Police, which shall forward them to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check. The information obtained from the criminal record check shall be used by the Department to determine the applicant's eligibility. The Department shall insure confidentially of the information.
- 3. The Pennsylvania State Police may charge the applicant a fee of not more than \$10 to conduct the criminal record check required under subsection 1. The State Police may charge a fee of not more than the established charge by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the criminal history record check required under subsection 2.

The Contractor shall apply for clearance using the State Police Background Check (SP4164) at their own expense. The forms are available from any State Police Substation. When the State Police Criminal History Background Report is received, it must be forwarded to the Department. State Police Criminal History Background Reports not received within sixty (60) days may result in cancellation of the contract.

T. LOBBYING CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOUSRE

(applicable to contracts \$100,000 or more)

Commonwealth agencies will not contract with outside firms or individuals to perform lobbying services, regardless of the source of funds. With respect to an award of a federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement exceeding \$100,000 or an award of a federal loan or a commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan exceeding \$150,000 all recipients must certify that they will not use federal funds for lobbying and must disclose the use of non-federal funds for lobbying by filing required documentation. The contractor will be required to complete and return a "Lobbying Certification Form" and a "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form" with their signed contract, which forms will be made attachments to the contract.

U. <u>AUDIT CLAUSE</u> (applicable to contracts \$100,000 or more)

This contract is subject to audit in accordance with the Audit Clause attached hereto and incorporated herein.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Welfare (DPW), distributes federal and state funds to local governments, nonprofit, and for-profit organizations. Federal expenditures are subject to federal audit requirements, and federal and state funding passed through DPW are subject to DPW audit requirements. If any federal statute specifically prescribes policies or specific requirements that differ from the standards provided herein, the provisions of the subsequent statute shall govern. The DPW provides the following audit requirements in accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Governor's Office, Management Directive 325.9, as amended August 20, 2009.

Subrecipient means an entity that expends federal awards received from a pass-through entity to carry out a federal program, but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such a program. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other federal awards directly from a federal awarding agency. For purposes of this audit clause, a subrecipient **is not** a vendor that receives a procurement contract to provide goods or services that are required to provide the administrative support to carry out a federal program.

A. Federal Audit Requirements – Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations

A local government and nonprofit organization must comply with all federal audit requirements, including: the Single Audit Act, as amended; the revised Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Government, and Non-Profit Organizations*; and any other applicable law or regulation, as well as any other applicable law or regulation that may be enacted or promulgated by the federal government.

A local government or nonprofit organization that expends federal awards of \$500,000 or more during its fiscal year, received either directly from the federal government, indirectly from a

pass-through entity, or a combination of both, to carry out a federal program, **is required** to have an audit made in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, as revised.

If a local government or nonprofit organization expends total federal awards of less than \$500,000 during its fiscal year, it is exempt from these federal audit requirements, but is required to maintain auditable records of federal or state funds that supplement such awards. Records must be available for review by appropriate officials. Although an audit may not be necessary under the federal requirements, DPW audit requirements may be applicable.

B. Department of Public Welfare Audit Requirements

A local government or nonprofit provider must meet the DPW audit requirements.

Where a Single Audit or program-specific audit is conducted in accordance with the federal audit requirements detailed above, such an audit will be accepted by the DPW provided that:

- 1. A full copy of the audit report is submitted as detailed below; and
- 2. The subrecipient shall ensure that the audit requirements are met for the terms of this contract; i.e., the prescribed Attestation Report and applicable schedule

requirement(s). The incremental cost for preparation of the Attestation Report and the schedule cannot be charged to the federal funding stream.

The local government or nonprofit organization must comply with all federal and state audit requirements including: the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, as amended; and any other applicable law or regulation and any amendment to such other applicable law or regulation which may be enacted or promulgated by the federal government. In the absence of a federally required audit, the entity is responsible for the following annual audit requirements, which are based upon the program year specified in this agreement.

Institutions that **expends \$500,000 or more in combined state and federal funds** during the program year is required to have an audit of those funds made in accordance with generally accepted *Government Auditing Standards* (The Yellow Book), revised, as published by the Comptroller General of the United States. Where such an audit is not required to meet the federal requirements, the costs related to DPW audit requirements may not be charged to federal funding streams.

If in connection with the agreement, a local government or nonprofit organization **expends \$300,000 or more in combined state and federal funds** during the program year, the subrecipient shall ensure that, for the term of the contract, an independent auditor conducts annual examinations of its compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract, as well as applicable program regulations. These examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE), Section 601, *Compliance Attestation*, and shall be of a scope acceptable to the DPW. The initial Section 601 compliance examination shall be completed for the program year specified in the contract and conducted annually thereafter. The independent auditor shall issue a report on its compliance examination as defined in SSAE, Section 601. The incremental cost for preparation of the SSAE cannot be charged to federal funding streams.

The subrecipient shall submit the SSAE, Section 601, audit report (if applicable) to the DPW within 90 days after the program year has been completed. When SSAE, Section 601, audit reports are other than unqualified, the subrecipient shall submit to the DPW, in addition to the audit reports, a plan describing what actions the subrecipient will implement to correct the situation that caused the auditor to issue a qualified report, a timetable for implementing the planned corrective actions, a process for monitoring compliance with the timetable, and a contact person who is responsible for the resolution of the situation.

If the subrecipient enters into an agreement with a subcontractor(s) for the performance of any primary contractual duties, the audit requirements are applicable to the subcontractor(s) with whom the subrecipient has entered into an agreement. Consequently, the audit requirements should be incorporated into the sub-contractual document as entered by the subrecipient.

A local government or nonprofit entity that **expends less than \$300,000 combined state and federal funds** during the program year is exempt from DPW audit requirements, but is required to maintain auditable records for each contract year. Records must be available for review by appropriate officials of the DPW or a pass-through entity.

GENERAL AUDIT PROVISIONS

A local government or nonprofit organization is responsible for obtaining the necessary audit and securing the services of a certified public accountant or other independent governmental auditor. Federal regulations preclude public accountants licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from performing audits of federal awards.

The Commonwealth reserves the right for federal and state agencies, or their authorized representatives, to perform additional audits of a financial and/or performance nature, if deemed necessary by Commonwealth or federal agencies. Any such additional audit work will rely on the work already performed by the subrecipient's auditor, and the costs for any additional work performed by the federal or state agency will be borne by those agencies at no additional expense to the subrecipient.

The Commonwealth reserves the right for state and federal agencies, or their authorized representatives, to perform financial and/or performance audits if deemed necessary. If it is decided that an audit of this contract will be performed, the subrecipient will be given advance notice. The subrecipient shall maintain books, records, and documents that support the services provided, that the fees earned are in accordance with the contract, and that the subrecipient has complied with the contract terms and conditions. The subrecipient agrees to make available, upon reasonable notice, at the office of the subrecipient, during normal business hours, for the term of this contract and the retention period set forth in this Audit Clause, any of the books, records, and documents for inspection, audit, or reproduction by any state or federal agency or its authorized representative.

The subrecipient shall preserve all books, records, and documents related to this contract for a period of time that is the greater of five years from the contract expiration date, until all questioned costs or activities have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth, or as required by applicable federal laws and regulations, whichever is longer. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be preserved and made available for a period of five years from the date of any resulting final settlement.

Audit documentation and audit reports must be retained by the subrecipient's auditor for a minimum of five years from the date of issuance of the audit report, unless the subrecipient's auditor is notified in writing by the Commonwealth or the cognizant or oversight federal agency to extend the retention period. Audit documentation will be made available upon request to authorized representatives of the Commonwealth, the cognizant or oversight agency, the federal funding agency, or the Government Accountability Office.

Records that relate to litigation of the settlement of claims arising out of performance or expenditures under this contract to which exception has been taken by the auditors shall be retained by the subrecipient or provided to the Commonwealth at the DPW's option until such litigation, claim, or exceptions have reached final disposition.

Except for documentary evidence delivered pursuant to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of the contract, the subrecipient may, in fulfillment of his obligation to retain records as required by this Audit Clause, substitute photographs, microphotographs, or other authentic reproductions of such records after the expiration of two years following the last day of the month of reimbursement to the contractor of the

invoice or voucher to which such records relate, unless a shorter period is authorized by the Commonwealth.

SUBMISSION OF AUDIT REPORTS TO THE COMMONWEALTH

A. Federally Required Audit Reports

Submit an electronic copy of federally required audit reports to the Commonwealth, which shall include:

- 1. Auditor's reports
 - a. Independent auditor's report on the financial statements, which expresses an opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects in conformity with the stated accounting policies.
 - b. Independent auditor's report on the supplementary Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA), which should determine and provide an opinion on whether the SEFA is presented fairly in all material respects in relation to the subrecipient's financial statements taken as a whole. This report can be issued separately or combined with the independent auditor's report on the financial statements.
 - c. Report on internal control over financial reporting, compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
 - d. Report on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program and report on internal control in accordance with the circular.
 - e. Schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- 2. Financial statements and notes to the financial statements
- 3. SEFA and notes to the SEFA
- 4. Summary schedule of prior audit findings
- 5. Corrective action plan (if applicable)
- 6. Data collection form
- 7. Management letter (if applicable)

In instances where a federal program-specific audit guide is available, the audit report package for a program-specific audit may be different and should be prepared in accordance with the audit guide and OMB Circular A-133.

Effective July 1, 2009, the Office of the Budget, Office of Comptroller Operations, Bureau of Audits will begin accepting electronic submission of single audit/programspecific audit reporting packages. Electronic submission is required for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 and subsequent years. Instructions and information regarding submission of the single audit/program-specific audit reporting package are available to the public on Single Audit Submissions page of the Office of the Budget website (http://www.budget.state.pa.us). The

reporting package must be submitted electronically in single Portable Document Format (PDF) file to <u>RA-BOASingleAudit@state.pa.us</u>.

Steps for submission:

- Complete the Single Audit/Program Specific Audit Reporting Package Checklist available on the Single Audit Submissions page of the Office of the Budget website (http://www.budget.state.pa.us). The Single Audit/Program Specific Audit Reporting Package Checklist ensures the subrecipient's reporting package contains all required elements.
- 2. Upload the completed Single Audit/Program-Specific Audit Reporting Package along with the Single Audit/Program Specific Audit Reporting Package Checklist in a single PDF file to an e-mail addressed to RA-BOASingleAudit@state.pa.us. In the subject line of the e-mail the subrecipient must identify the exact name on the Single Audit/Program-Specific Audit Reporting Package and the period end date to which the reporting package applies.

The subrecipient will receive an e-mail to confirm the receipt of the Single Audit/Program-Specific Audit Reporting Package, including the completed Single Audit/Program Specific Audit Reporting Package Checklist.

B. DPW Required Audit Reports and Additional Submission by Subrecipients

Submit three copies of the DPW required audit report package.

- 1. <u>Independent Accountant's Report</u> on the Attestation of an entity's compliance with specific requirements during a period of time in accordance with the contract and the appropriate schedule, as required.
- 2. In addition, if OMB Circular A-133, §__.320 (e), *Submission by Subrecipients*, applies, please submit the audit requirements directly to:
 - U.S. Postal Service: Department of Public Welfare Bureau of Financial Operations Division of Financial Policy and Operations Audit Resolution Section 3rd Floor, Bertolino Building P. O. Box 2675 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102-2675
 - Special Deliveries: 3rd Floor, Bertolino Building 1401 North Seventh Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102 Phone: (717) 787-8890 Fax: (717) 772-2522

PERIOD SUBJECT TO AUDIT

A federally required audit, made in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, encompasses the fiscal period of the provider. **Therefore, the period of the federally required audit may differ from the official reporting period as specified in this agreement.** Where these periods differ, the required supplement schedule(s) and Independent Auditor's Report on the Attestation must be completed for the official annual reporting period of this agreement that ended during the period under audit and shall accompany the federally required audit.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

The provider shall prepare a corrective action plan (CAP) to address all findings of noncompliance, internal control weaknesses, and/or reportable conditions disclosed in the audit report. For each finding noted, the CAP should include: (1) a brief description identifying the findings; (2) whether the provider agrees with the finding; (3) the specific steps to be taken to correct the deficiency or specific reasons why corrective action is not necessary; (4) a timetable for completion of the corrective action steps; and (5) a description of monitoring to be performed to ensure that the steps are taken (6) the responsible party for the CAP.

REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

The provider's failure to provide an acceptable audit, in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Clause Requirements, may result in the DPW's not accepting the report and initiating sanctions against the provider that may include the following:

- Disallowing the cost of the audit.
- Withholding a percentage of the contract funding pending compliance.
- Withholding or disallowing administrative costs.
- Suspending subsequent contract funding pending compliance.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance on the DPW's audit requirements, and the integration of those requirements with the federal Single Audit requirements, will be provided by:

Department of Public Welfare Bureau of Financial Operations Division of Financial Policy and Operations Audit Resolution Section 3rd Floor, Bertolino Building P.O. Box 2675 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675 Phone: (717) 787-8890 FAX: (717) 772-2522

The Department of Public Welfare (DPW) requires an Independent Accountant's Report on the Attestation to be in the format described by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The following is the form of report an Independent Accountant should use when expressing an opinion on an entity's compliance with specified requirements during a period of time. For further guidance, refer to the AICPA guidelines.

Independent Accountant's Report

[Introductory Paragraph]

We have examined [*name of entity*]'s compliance with [*list specific compliance requirement*] during the [*period*] ended [*date*]. Management is responsible for [*name of entity*]'s compliance with those-requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on [*name of entity*]'s compliance based on our examination.

[Scope Paragraph]

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about [name of entity]'s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on [name of entity]'s compliance with specified requirements.

[Opinion Paragraph]

In our opinion, [*name of* entity] complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended December 31, 20XX.

[DATE] [SIGNATURE]

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Subrecipient means an entity that expends federal awards received from a pass-through entity to carry out a federal program, but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such a program. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other federal awards directly from a federal awarding agency. For purposes of this audit clause, a subrecipient **is not** a vendor that receives a procurement contract to provide goods or services that are required to provide the administrative support to carry out a federal program.

A. Federal Audit Requirements – For- Profit Organizations

The for-profit organization must comply with all federal and state audit requirements including: the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, as amended; and any other applicable law or regulation and any amendment to such other applicable law or regulation which may be enacted or promulgated by the federal government.

A for-profit organization **is required** to have an audit if it expends a total of \$500,000 or more in federal funds under one or more Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) federal awards. Title 45, CFR 74.26, incorporates the thresholds and deadlines of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Government,* and

Non-Profit Organizations, but provides for-profit organizations with two options regarding the type of audit that will satisfy the audit requirements:

- 1. An audit made in accordance with generally accepted *Government Auditing Standards* (The Yellow Book), revised; or
- 2. An audit that meets the requirements contained in OMB Circular A-133.

A for-profit organization **is required** to have an audit, in accordance with the above audit requirements, if it expends a total of \$500,000 or more of federal awards directly or indirectly during its fiscal year.

If a for-profit organization expends total federal awards of less than \$500,000 during its fiscal year, it is exempt from these federal audit requirements, but is required to maintain auditable records of federal or state funds that supplement such awards. Records must be available for review by appropriate officials. Although an audit may not be necessary under the federal requirements, DPW audit requirements may be applicable.

B. Department of Public Welfare Audit Requirements

A for-profit provider must meet the DPW audit requirements.

Where a Single Audit or program-specific audit is conducted in accordance with the federal audit requirements detailed above, such an audit will be accepted by the DPW provided that:

- 1. A full copy of the audit report is submitted as detailed below; and
- 2. The subrecipient shall ensure that the audit requirements are met for the terms of this contract; i.e., the prescribed Attestation Report and applicable schedule requirement(s). The incremental cost for preparation of the Attestation Report and the schedule cannot be charged to the federal funding stream.

In the absence of a federally required audit, the entity is responsible for the following annual audit requirements, which are based upon the program year specified in this agreement.

If in connection with the agreement, a for-profit organization **expends \$300,000 or more in combined state and federal funds** during the program year, the subrecipient shall ensure that, for the term of the contract, an independent auditor conducts annual examinations of its compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract. These examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE), Section 601, *Compliance Attestation*, and shall be of a scope acceptable to the DPW. The initial Section 601 compliance examination shall be completed for the program year specified in the contract and conducted annually thereafter. The independent auditor shall issue a report on its compliance examination as defined in SSAE, Section 601. The incremental cost for preparation of the SSAE cannot be charged to federal funding streams.

The subrecipient shall submit the SSAE, Section 601, audit reports (if applicable) to the DPW within 90 days after the program year has been completed. When the SSAE, Section 601, audit reports are other than unqualified, the subrecipient shall submit to the DPW, in addition to the audit reports, a plan describing what actions the subrecipient will implement to correct the situation that caused the auditor to issue a qualified report, a timetable for implementing the planned corrective actions, and a process for monitoring compliance with the timetable and a contact person who is responsible for the resolution of the situation.

If the subrecipient enters into an agreement with a subcontractor(s) for performance of any primary contractual duties, the audit requirements are applicable to the subcontractor(s) with whom the subrecipient has entered into an agreement. Consequently, the audit requirements should be incorporated into the sub-contractual document as entered by the subrecipient.

A for-profit entity that **expends less than \$300,000 combined state and federal funds** during the program year is exempt from DPW audit requirements, but is required to maintain auditable records for each contract year. Records must be available for review by appropriate officials of the DPW or a pass-through entity.

GENERAL AUDIT PROVISIONS

A for-profit organization is responsible for obtaining the necessary audit and securing the services of a certified public accountant or other independent governmental auditor. Federal regulations preclude public accountants licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from performing audits of federal awards.

The Commonwealth reserves the right for state and federal agencies, or their authorized representatives, to perform financial and/or performance audits if deemed necessary by the Commonwealth or federal agencies. Any such additional audit work will rely on the work already performed by the subrecipient's auditor, and the costs for any additional work performed by the federal or state agency will be borne by those agencies at no additional expense to the subrecipient.

The Commonwealth reserves the right for state and federal agencies, or their authorized representatives, to perform financial and/or performance audits if deemed necessary. If it is decided that an audit of this contract will be performed, the subrecipient will be given advance notice. The subrecipient shall maintain books, records, and documents that support the services provided, that the fees earned are in accordance with the contract, and that the subrecipient has complied with the contract terms and conditions. The subrecipient agrees to make available, upon reasonable notice, at the office of the subrecipient, during normal business hours, for the term of this contract and the retention period set forth in this Audit Clause, any of the books, records, and documents for inspection, audit, or reproduction by any state or federal agency or its authorized representative.

The subrecipient shall maintain books, records, and documents related to this contract for a period of five years from the contract expiration date, until all questioned costs or activities have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth, or as required by applicable federal laws and regulations, whichever is longer. Any records that support the services provided, that the fees earned are in accordance with the contract, and that the subrecipient has complied with contract terms and conditions must be maintained The subrecipient agrees to make available, upon reasonable notice, at the office of the subrecipient, during normal business hours, for the term of this contract and the retention period set forth in this Audit Clause, any of the books, records, and documents for inspection, audit, or reproduction by any state or federal agency or its authorized representative.

Audit documentation and audit reports must be retained by the subrecipient's auditor for a minimum of five years from the date of issuance of the audit report, unless the subrecipient's auditor is notified in writing by the Commonwealth or the cognizant or oversight federal agency to extend the retention period. Audit documentation will be made available upon request to authorized representatives of the Commonwealth, the cognizant or oversight agency, the federal funding agency, or the Government Accountability Office.

Records that relate to litigation of the settlement of claims arising out of performance or expenditures under this contract to which exception has been taken by the auditors shall be retained by the subrecipient or provided to the Commonwealth at the DPW's option until such litigation, claim, or exceptions have reached final disposition.

Except for documentary evidence delivered pursuant to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of the contract, the subrecipient may, in fulfillment of his obligation to retain records as required by this Audit Clause, substitute photographs, microphotographs, or other authentic reproductions of such records after the expiration of two years following the last day of the month of reimbursement to the contractor of the invoice or voucher to which such records relate, unless a shorter period is authorized by the Commonwealth.

SUBMISSION OF AUDIT REPORT TO THE COMMONWEALTH

A. <u>Federally Required Audit Reports</u>

Submit an electronic copy of federally required audit reports to the Commonwealth, which shall include:

- 1. Auditor's reports
 - a. Independent auditor's report on the financial statements, which expresses an opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects in conformity with the stated accounting policies.
 - b. Independent auditor's report on the supplementary Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA), which should determine and provide an opinion on whether the SEFA is presented fairly in all material respects in relation to the subrecipient's financial statements taken as a whole. This report can be issued separately or combined with the independent auditor's report on the financial statements.
 - c. Report on internal control over financial reporting, compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
 - d. Report on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program and report on internal control in accordance with the circular.
 - e. Schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- 2. Financial statements and notes to the financial statements
- 3. SEFA and notes to the SEFA
- 4. Summary schedule of prior audit findings
- 5. Corrective action plan (if applicable)
- 6. Data collection form
- 7. Management letter (if applicable)

SUBRECIPIENT AUDIT CLAUSE B For-Profit Organization

In instances where a federal program-specific audit guide is available, the audit report package for a program-specific audit may be different and should be prepared in accordance with the audit guide and OMB Circular A-133.

Effective July 1, 2009, the Office of the Budget, Office of Comptroller Operations, Bureau of Audits will begin accepting electronic submission of single audit/program-specific audit reporting packages. Electronic submission is required for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 and subsequent years. Instructions and information regarding submission of the single audit/program-specific audit reporting package are available to the public on Single Audit Submissions page of the Office of the Budget website (http://www.budget.state.pa.us). The reporting package must be submitted electronically in single Portable Document Format (PDF) file to <u>RA-BOASingleAudit@state.pa.us</u>.

Steps for submission:

- Complete the Single Audit/Program Specific Audit Reporting Package Checklist available on the Single Audit Submissions page of the Office of the Budget website (http://www.budget.state.pa.us). The Single Audit/Program Specific Audit Reporting Package Checklist ensures the subrecipient's reporting package contains all required elements.
- 2. Upload the completed Single Audit/Program-Specific Audit Reporting Package along with the Single Audit/Program Specific Audit Reporting Package Checklist in a single PDF file to an e-mail addressed to RA-BOASingleAudit@state.pa.us. In the subject line of the e-mail the subrecipient must identify the exact name on the Single Audit/Program-Specific Audit Reporting Package and the period end date to which the reporting package applies.

The subrecipient will receive an e-mail to confirm the receipt of the Single Audit/Program-Specific Audit Reporting Package, including the completed Single Audit/Program Specific Audit Reporting Package Checklist.

B. DPW Required Audit Reports and Additional Submission by Subrecipients

Submit three copies of the DPW required audit report package.

- <u>Independent Accountant's Report</u> on the Attestation of an entity's compliance with specific requirements during a period of time in accordance with the contract and the appropriate schedule, as required.
- 2. In addition, if OMB Circular A-133, §__.320 (e), *Submission by Subrecipients*, applies, please submit the audit requirements directly to:
 - U.S. Postal Service: Department of Public Welfare Bureau of Financial Operations Division of Financial Policy and Operations Audit Resolution Section 3rd Floor, Bertolino Building

SUBRECIPIENT AUDIT CLAUSE B For-Profit Organization

Special Deliveries 3rd Floor, Bertolino Building 1401 North Seventh Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102 Phone: (717) 787-8890 Fax: (717) 772-2522

PERIOD SUBJECT TO AUDIT

A federally required audit, made in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, encompasses the fiscal period of the auditee. **Therefore, the period of the federally required audit may differ from the official reporting period as specified in this agreement.** Where these periods differ, the required supplement schedule and an Independent Auditor's Report on the Attestation must be completed for the official annual reporting period of this agreement that ended during the period under audit and shall accompany the federally required audit.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

The provider shall prepare a corrective action plan (CAP) to address all findings of noncompliance, internal control weaknesses, and/or reportable conditions disclosed in the audit report. For each finding noted, the CAP should include: (1) a brief description identifying the findings; (2) whether the auditee agrees with the finding; (3) the specific steps to be taken to correct the deficiency or specific reasons why corrective action is not necessary; (4) a timetable for completion of the corrective action steps; and (5) a description of monitoring to be performed to ensure that the steps are taken. (6) the responsible party for the CAP.

REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

The provider's failure to provide an acceptable audit, in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Clause Requirements, may result in the DPW's not accepting the report and initiating sanctions against the Provider that may include the following:

- Disallowing the cost of the audit.
- Withholding a percentage of the contract funding pending compliance.
- Withholding or disallowing administrative costs.
- Suspending subsequent contract funding pending compliance.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance on the DPW's audit requirements, and the integration of those requirements with the federal Single Audit requirements, will be provided by:

Department of Public Welfare Bureau of Financial Operations Division of Financial Policy and Operations Audit Resolution Section 3rd Floor, Bertolino Building P.O. Box 2675 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

AUDIT CLAUSE B For-Profit Organization ENCLOSURE I

Independent Accountant's Report

The Department of Public Welfare (DPW) requires an Independent Accountant's Report on the Attestation to be in the format described by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The following is the form of report an Independent Accountant should use when expressing an opinion on an entity's compliance with specified requirements during a period of time. For further guidance, refer to the AICPA guidelines.

Independent Accountant's Report

[Introductory Paragraph]

We have examined [*name of entity*]'s compliance with [*list specific compliance requirement*] during the [*period*] ended [*date*]. Management is responsible for [*name of entity*]'s compliance with those-requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on [*name of entity*]'s compliance based on our examination.

[Scope Paragraph]

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about [name of entity]'s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on [name of entity]'s compliance with specified requirements.

[Opinion Paragraph]

In our opinion, [*name of* entity] complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended December 31, 20XX.

[DATE] [SIGNATURE]

AUDIT CLAUSE C – VENDOR Service Organizations

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Welfare (DPW), distributes federal and state funds to local governments, nonprofit, and for-profit organizations. Federal expenditures are subject to federal audit requirements, and federal funding and state funding passed through DPW are subject to DPW audit requirements. If any federal statute specifically prescribes policies or specific requirements that differ from the standards provided herein, the provisions of the subsequent statute shall govern.

Vendor means a dealer, distributor, merchant, or other seller providing goods or services to an auditee that are required for the **administrative support** of a program. These goods or services may be for an organization's own use or for the use of beneficiaries of the federal program. The vendor's responsibility is to meet the requirements of the procurement contract.

Department of Public Welfare Audit Requirements

If in connection with the agreement, an entity **expends \$300,000 or more in combined state and federal funds** during the program year, the entity shall ensure that, for the term of the contract, an independent auditor conducts annual examinations of its compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract. These examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE), Section 601, *Compliance Attestation*, and shall be of a scope acceptable to the DPW. The contractor shall also ensure that an independent auditor performs an audit of its policies and procedures applicable to the processing of transactions. These audits shall be performed in accordance with the Statement on Auditing Standards 70 (SAS 70), *Reports on the Processing of Transactions by Service Organizations*. The initial SAS 70 audit shall be completed for the official annual reporting period of this agreement and conducted annually thereafter. The independent auditor shall issue reports on its compliance examination, as defined in the SSAE, Section 601, and on the policies and procedures placed in operation and the tests of operating effectiveness, as defined in SAS 70.

The Commonwealth reserves the right for state and federal agencies, or their authorized representatives, to perform financial and performance audits if deemed necessary. If it is decided that an audit of this contract will be performed, the contractor will be given advance notice. The contractor shall maintain books, records, and documents that support the services provided, that the fees earned are in accordance with the contract, and that the contractor has complied with contract terms and conditions. The contractor agrees to make available, upon reasonable notice, at the office of the contractor, during normal business hours, for the term of this contract and the retention period set forth in this Audit Clause, any of the books, records, and documents for inspection, audit, or reproduction by any state or federal agency or its authorized representative.

The contractor shall preserve all books, records, and documents related to this contract for a period of time that is the greater of five years from the contract expiration date, until all questioned costs or activities have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth, or as required by applicable federal laws and regulations, whichever is longer. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be preserved and made available for a period of five years from the date of any resulting final settlement.

AUDIT CLAUSE C – VENDOR Service Organizations

Records that relate to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of performance or expenditures under this contract to which exception has been taken by the auditors, shall be retained by the contractor or provided to the Commonwealth at the DPW's option until such litigation, claim, or exceptions have reached final disposition.

Except for documentary evidence delivered pursuant to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of this contract, the contractor may, in fulfillment of his obligation to retain records as required by this Audit Clause, substitute photographs, microphotographs, or other authentic reproductions of such records, after the expiration of two years following the last day of the month of reimbursement to the contractor of the invoice or voucher to which such records relate, unless a shorter period is authorized by the Commonwealth.

DPW Required Audit Report Submission

The contractor shall submit the SSAE, Section 601, and SAS 70 audit reports to the DPW within 90 days after the required period of audit has ended. When either the SSAE, Section 601, or SAS 70 audit reports are other than unqualified, the contractor shall submit to the DPW, in addition to the audit reports, a plan describing what actions the contractor will implement to correct the situation that caused the auditor to issue a qualified report, a timetable for implementing the planned corrective actions, and a process for monitoring compliance with the timetable and the contact person who is responsible for resolution.

Submit two copies of the DPW required audit report package.

- 1. <u>Independent Accountant's Report</u> on the Attestation of an entity's compliance with specific requirements during a period of time in accordance with the contract and the appropriate schedule, as required.
- 2. Submit the audit report directly to the program office.

REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

The provider's failure to provide an acceptable audit, in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Clause Requirements, may result in the DPW's not accepting the report and initiating sanctions against the contractor that may include the following:

- Disallowing the cost of the audit.
- Withholding a percentage of the contract funding pending compliance.
- Suspending subsequent contract funding pending compliance.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance on the DPW's audit requirements, will be provided by:

Department of Public Welfare Bureau of Financial Operations Division of Financial Policy and Operations Audit Resolution Section 3rd Floor, Bertolino Building P.O. Box 2675 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675 Phone: (717) 787-8890 FAX: (717) 772-2522

AUDIT CLAUSE C – VENDOR Service Organizations ENCLOSURE I

The Department of Public Welfare (DPW) requires an Independent Accountant's Report on the Attestation to be in the format described by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The following is the form of report an Independent Accountant should use when expressing an opinion on an entity's compliance with specified requirements during a period of time. For further guidance, refer to the AICPA guidelines.

Independent Accountant's Report

[Introductory Paragraph]

We have examined [*name of entity*]'s compliance with [*list specific compliance requirement*] during the [*period*] ended [*date*]. Management is responsible for [*name of entity*]'s compliance with those-requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on [*name of entity*]'s compliance based on our examination.

[Scope Paragraph]

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about [name of entity]'s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on [name of entity]'s compliance with specified requirements.

[Opinion Paragraph]

In our opinion, [*name of* entity] complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended December 31, 20XX.

[DATE] [SIGNATURE]

AUDIT CLAUSE D – VENDOR

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Welfare (DPW), distributes federal and state funds to local governments, nonprofit, and for-profit organizations. Federal expenditures are subject to federal audit requirements, and federal funding and state funding passed through DPW are subject to DPW audit requirements. If any federal statute specifically prescribes policies or specific requirements that differ from the standards provided herein, the provisions of the subsequent statute shall govern.

Vendor means a dealer, distributor, merchant, or other seller providing goods or services to an auditee that are required for the **administrative support** of a program. These goods or services may be for an organization's own use or for the use of beneficiaries of the federal program. The vendor's responsibility is to meet the requirements of the procurement contract.

Department of Public Welfare Audit Requirement

If in connection with the agreement, an entity **expends \$300,000 or more in combined state and federal funds** during the program year, the entity shall ensure that, for the term of the contract, an independent auditor conducts annual examinations of its compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract. These examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE), examinations, Section 601, *Compliance Attestation*, and shall be of a scope acceptable to the DPW. The initial SSAE, Section 601, compliance examination shall be completed for the official annual reporting period of this agreement and conducted annually thereafter. The independent auditor shall issue a report on its compliance examination, as defined in the SSAE, Section 601.

The Commonwealth reserves the right for state and federal agencies, or their authorized representatives, to perform financial and performance audits if deemed necessary. If it is decided that an audit of this contract will be performed, the contractor will be given advance notice. The contractor shall maintain books, records, and documents that support the services provided, that the fees earned are in accordance with the contract, and that the contractor has complied with contract terms and conditions. The contractor agrees to make available, upon reasonable notice, at the office of the contractor, during normal business hours, for the term of this contract and the retention period set forth in this Audit Clause, any of the books, records, and documents for inspection, audit, or reproduction by any state or federal agency or its authorized representative.

The contractor shall preserve all books, records, and documents related to this contract for a period of time that is the greater of five years from the contract expiration date, until all questioned costs or activities have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth, or as required by applicable federal laws and regulations, whichever is longer. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be preserved and made available for a period of five years from the date of any resulting final settlement.

Records that relate to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of performance or expenditures under this contract to which exception has been taken by the auditors, shall be retained by the contractor or provided to the Commonwealth at the DPW's option until such litigation, claim, or exceptions have reached final disposition.

AUDIT CLAUSE D – VENDOR

Except for documentary evidence delivered pursuant to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of this contract, the contractor may, in fulfillment of his obligation to retain records as required by this Audit Clause, substitute photographs, microphotographs, or other authentic reproductions of such records, after the expiration of two years following the last day of the month of reimbursement to the contractor of the invoice or voucher to which such records relate, unless a shorter period is authorized by the Commonwealth

DPW Required Audit Report Submission

The contractor shall submit the SSAE, Section 601 audit report to the DPW within 90 days after the required period of audit has ended. When the SSAE, Section 601, audit report is other than unqualified, the contractor shall submit to the DPW, in addition to the audit reports, a plan describing what actions the contractor will implement to correct the situation that caused the auditor to issue a qualified report, a timetable for implementing the planned corrective actions, and a process for monitoring compliance with the timetable.

Submit two copies of the DPW required audit report package.

- 1. <u>Independent Accountant's Report</u> on the Attestation of an entity's compliance with specific requirements during a period of time in accordance with the contract and the appropriate schedule, as required.
- 2. Submit the audit report directly to the program office.

REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

The provider's failure to provide an acceptable audit, in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Clause Requirements, may result in the DPW's not accepting the report and initiating sanctions against the contractor that may include the following:

- Disallowing the cost of the audit.
- Withholding a percentage of the contract funding pending compliance.
- Suspending subsequent contract funding pending compliance.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance on the DPW's audit requirements, will be provided by:

Department of Public Welfare Bureau of Financial Operations Division of Financial Policy and Operations Audit Resolution Section 3rd Floor, Bertolino Building P.O. Box 2675 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675 Phone: (717) 787-8890 FAX: (717) 772-2522

AUDIT CLAUSE D – VENDOR ENCLOSURE I

The Department of Public Welfare (DPW) requires an Independent Accountant's Report on the Attestation to be in the format described by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The following is the form of report an Independent Accountant should use when expressing an opinion on an entity's compliance with specified requirements during a period of time. For further guidance, refer to the AICPA guidelines.

Independent Accountant's Report

[Introductory Paragraph]

We have examined [*name of entity*]'s compliance with [*list specific compliance requirement*] during the [*period*] ended [*date*]. Management is responsible for [*name of entity*]'s compliance with those-requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on [*name of entity*]'s compliance based on our examination.

[Scope Paragraph]

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about [name of entity]'s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on [name of entity]'s compliance with specified requirements.

[Opinion Paragraph]

In our opinion, [*name of* entity] complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended December 31, 20XX.

[DATE] [SIGNATURE]

AUDIT CLAUSE E – VENDOR Exceptions

NOTE: This Audit Clause should not be used in most instances – only for instances when no specific audit requirement is warranted.

The Commonwealth reserves the right for state and federal agencies, or their authorized representatives, to perform financial and performance audits if deemed necessary. If it is decided that an audit of this contract will be performed, the contractor will be given advance notice. The contractor shall maintain books, records, and documents that support the services provided, that the fees earned are in accordance with the contract, and that the contractor has complied with contract terms and conditions. The contractor agrees to make available, upon reasonable notice, at the office of the contractor, during normal business hours, for the term of this contract and the retention period set forth in this Audit Clause, any of the books, records, and documents for inspection, audit, or reproduction by any state or federal agency or its authorized representative.

The contractor shall preserve all books, records, and documents related to this contract for a period of time that is the greater of five years from the contract expiration date, until all questioned costs or activities have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth, or as required by applicable federal laws and regulations, whichever is longer. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be preserved and made available for a period of four years from the date of any resulting final settlement.

Records that relate to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of performance or expenditures under this contract to which exception has been taken by the auditors, shall be retained by the contractor or provided to the Commonwealth at the Department of Public Welfare's option until such litigation, claim, or exceptions have reached final disposition.

Except for documentary evidence delivered pursuant to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of this contract, the contractor may, in fulfillment of his obligation to retain records as required by this Audit Clause, substitute photographs, microphotographs, or other acceptable reproductions of such records, after the expiration of two years following the last day of the month of reimbursement to the contractor of the invoice or voucher to which such records relate, unless a shorter period is authorized by the Commonwealth.