

## **PART I – REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. PURPOSE.**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) is issuing this Invitation for Bids (IFB) to meet the needs of Computer-Aided Design and Drafting (CADD) Systems.

### **2. TYPE OF CONTRACT.**

If the Issuing Office enters into a contract as a result of this IFB, it will be a Established Price Contract containing the Contract Terms and Conditions as shown in Part V of this IFB.

### **3. NO PRE-BID CONFERENCE.**

There will be no pre-bid conference for this IFB. If there are any questions, please forward them to the Issuing Office prior to the bid opening date and time.

### **4. QUESTIONS.**

All questions regarding the IFB must be submitted in writing to the email address of the Issuing Officer provided in the solicitation. While there is no set timeline for the submittal of questions, questions received within 48 hours prior to the bid due date and time will be answered at the discretion of the Commonwealth. All questions received will be answered, in writing, and such responses shall be posted to eMarketplace as an addendum to the IFB. The Issuing Officer shall not be bound by any verbal information nor shall it be bound by any written information that is not either contained within the IFB or formally issued as an addendum by the Issuing Office. The Issuing Office does not consider questions to be a protest of the specifications or of the solicitation.

### **5. ADDENDA TO THE IFB.**

If the Issuing Office deems it necessary to revise any part of this IFB before the bid response date, the Issuing Office will post an addendum to its website at [WWW.PA.GOV/DGS](http://WWW.PA.GOV/DGS) it is the Bidder's responsibility to periodically check the website for any new information or addenda to the IFB.

### **6. REJECTION OF BIDS.**

The Issuing Office reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive technical defects or any informality in Bids, and to accept or reject any part of any Bid if the best interests of the Commonwealth are thereby served.

### **7. SUBMISSION OF BIDS.**

- a. Bids are requested for the item(s) described in the Invitation For Bids and all the documents referenced in the form (collectively called the IFB). Bidders must submit their bids through the Commonwealth's electronic system (SRM).
- b. It is the responsibility of each bidder to ensure that its Bid is received through the electronic system prior to the date and time set for the opening of bids ("Bid Opening Time"). No Bid shall be considered if it arrives after the Bid Opening Time, regardless of reason for the late arrival.

Bids that are timely received prior to the Bid Opening Time shall be opened publicly in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place designated in this IFB for the Bid opening.

- c. Bids must be firm. If a Bid is submitted with conditions or exceptions or not in conformance with the terms and conditions referenced in the IFB Form, it shall be rejected. The Bid shall also be rejected if the items offered by the Bidder are not in conformance with the specifications as determined by the Commonwealth.
- d. The Bidder, intending to be legally bound hereby, offers and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to provide the awarded items at the price(s) set forth in this Bid at the time(s) and place(s) specified.

## **8. BID PROTEST PROCEDURE.**

The Bid Protest Procedure is on the DGS website at <http://www.dgs.pa.gov/Documents/Procurement%20Forms/Handbook/Pt1/Pt%20I%20Ch%2058%20Bid%20Protests.pdf>

## **9. ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS IFB.**

This IFB is being made available by electronic means. If a Bidder electronically accepts the IFB, the Bidder acknowledges and accepts full responsibility to insure that no changes are made to the IFB. In the event of a conflict between a version of the IFB in the Bidder's possession and the Issuing Office's version of the IFB, the Issuing Office's version shall govern.

## **10. COSTARS PROGRAM.**

**COSTARS Purchasers.** Section 1902 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, 62 Pa.C.S. § 1902 ("Section 1902"), authorizes local public procurement units and state-affiliated entities (together, "COSTARS Members") to participate in Commonwealth procurement contracts that the Department of General Services ("DGS") may choose to make available to COSTARS Members. DGS has identified this Contract as one which will be made available for COSTARS Members' participation.

- a. Only those entities registered with DGS are authorized to participate as COSTARS Members in this Contract. A COSTARS Member may be either a local public procurement unit or a state-affiliated entity.

i. A “local public procurement unit” is:

- Any political subdivision (local government unit), such as a municipality, school district, or commission.
- Any public authority (including authorities formed under the Municipality Authorities Act of 1955 or other authorizing legislation, such as the Public Transportation Law or the Aviation Code).
- Any tax-exempt, nonprofit educational institution or organization.
- Any tax-exempt, nonprofit public health institution or organization.
- Any nonprofit fire, rescue, or ambulance company; and
- Any other entity that spends public funds for the procurement of supplies, services, and construction (such as a council of governments, an area government, or an organization that receives public grant funds).

The Department reserves the right to review and determine eligible applicants as Local Public Procurement Units on a case-by-case basis.

ii. A state-affiliated entity is a Commonwealth authority or other Commonwealth entity that is not a Commonwealth agency. The term includes:

- The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.
- The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.
- The Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.
- The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.
- The State Public School Building Authority.
- The Pennsylvania Higher Education Facilities Authority, and
- The State System of Higher Education.

The COSTARS Program is not available for use by Executive Agencies and Independent Agencies as defined by the Commonwealth Procurement Code, or any agency or entity using funds appropriated to the Department of General Services through Capital Budget Project Itemization legislation for the procurement of furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

iii. A complete list of local public procurement units and state-affiliated entities that have registered with DGS and that are authorized to procure items from the Contract can be found at <http://www.costars.state.pa.us/SearchCOMember.aspx>.

b. COSTARS Members have the option to purchase from this Contract, from any DGS contract established exclusively for COSTARS Members in accordance with the requirements of Section 1902, from any other cooperative procurement contracts,

or from their own procurement contracts established in accordance with the applicable laws governing such procurements. The Contractor understands and acknowledges that there is no guarantee that a COSTARS Member will place an order under this Contract, and that the decision to procure from this Contract is within the sole discretion of each COSTARS Member.

- c. DGS is acting as a facilitator for COSTARS Members who may wish to purchase under this Contract. COSTARS Members that participate in this Contract and issue Purchase Orders (“POs”) to Contractors are third party beneficiaries who have the right to sue and be sued for breach of this Contract without joining the Commonwealth or DGS as a party. The Commonwealth will not intervene in any action between a Contractor and a COSTARS Member unless substantial interests of the Commonwealth are involved.
- d. COSTARS Members electing to participate in this Contract will order items directly from the Contractor and be responsible for payment directly to the Contractor.
- e. Those Contractors electing to permit COSTARS Members to procure from this Contract shall pay the Required Administrative Fee applicable to the Contractor’s classification:

<b>Contractor Classification</b>	<b>Required Administrative Fee</b>
DGS-verified Small Diverse Business Bidder	\$166
DGS Self-Certified Small Business Bidder	\$500
All Other Bidders	\$1,500

- i. Each bidder electing to permit COSTARS Members to participate in the Contract must submit the COSTARS Program Election to Participate form with its bid submittal and pay the applicable Administrative Fee upon Contract award in order to sell the awarded items/services to COSTARS Members. If the bidder is a Department of General Services Self-Certified Small Business or Department of General Services-verified Small Diverse Business, a copy of its active Small Business Contracting Program certificate must be included with the bid submittal.
- ii. At the beginning of each Contract year and upon any Contract renewal, the Contractor shall submit a check for the required amount, payable to “Commonwealth of PA”. The Contractor must pay the Administrative Fee at each contract renewal date to continue to sell the awarded items/services to COSTARS Members.

- f. DGS has registered the COSTARS name and logo (together, the “COSTARS Brand”) as a trademark with the Pennsylvania Department of State. Therefore, the Contractor may use the COSTARS Brand only as permitted under in this Subsection.
- i. The Contractor shall pay the Administrative Fee covering its participation in the program, including without limitation any use of the COSTARS Brand, for each year of the Contract period. The fee is payable upon Contract award and prior to the renewal date for each succeeding Contract period.
  - ii. DGS grants the Contractor a nonexclusive license to use the COSTARS Brand, subject to the following conditions:
    - (1) The Contractor agrees not to transfer to any third party, including without limitation any of its subcontractors or suppliers, any privileges it may have to use the COSTARS Brand under this Contract.
    - (2) The Contractor agrees not to use the COSTARS Brand to represent or imply any Commonwealth endorsement or approval of its products or services.
    - (3) The Contractor is permitted to use the COSTARS Brand in broadcast, or Internet media solely in connection with this Contract and any other Contract with the Commonwealth under which it has agreed to make sales to COSTARS Purchasers. The Contractor may use the COSTARS Brand on business cards, brochures, and other print publications so long as the purpose is to identify the Contractor as a COSTARS vendor, and only so long as the required Contract fee is kept current.
    - (4) Should this Contract terminate for any reason, the Contractor agrees promptly to remove the COSTARS Brand from any and all print and electronic media and to refrain from using the COSTARS Brand for any purpose whatsoever from the date of Contract termination forward.
    - (5) The Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and DGS from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, obligations, costs, and expenses of any nature whatsoever arising out of or based upon the Contractor’s use of the COSTARS Brand.
    - (6) The Contractor agrees it has no property rights in the use of the COSTARS Brand by virtue of this nonexclusive license. The Contractor expressly waives any claims, including without limitation due process claims that may otherwise be available under the law in the event of any dispute involving these terms of use.

- g. The Contractor shall furnish to the DGS COSTARS Program Office a quarterly electronic Contract sales report detailing the previous quarter's Contract purchasing activity, using the form and in the format prescribed by DGS. The Contractor shall submit its completed quarterly report no later than the fifteenth calendar day of the succeeding Contract quarter.
- i. The Contractor shall submit the reports through the web-based COSTARS Suppliers' Gateway of the PA Supplier Portal at <https://pasupplierportal.state.pa.us/irj/portal/anonymous>, Enterprise Applications. If a Contractor does not have access to the Internet, the Contractor shall send the reports, using the form and in the format prescribed by DGS, on compact disc via US Postal Service to the DGS COSTARS Program Office, Bureau of Procurement, 1800 Herr St. Arsenal Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17103.
  - ii. For each PO received, the Contractor shall include on the report the name and address of each COSTARS Registered Purchaser that has used the Contract along with the sales date, and dollar volume of sales to the specific Purchaser for the reporting period.
  - iii. DGS may suspend the Contractor's participation in the COSTARS Program for failure to provide the Quarterly Sales Report within the specified time.
- h. Additional information regarding the COSTARS Program is available on the DGS COSTARS Website at [www.costars.state.pa.us](http://www.costars.state.pa.us).
- i. If the Contractor is aware of any qualified entity not currently registered and wishing to participate in the COSTARS Program, please refer the potential purchaser to the DGS COSTARS Website at [www.costars.state.pa.us](http://www.costars.state.pa.us) where it may register by completing the online registration form and receiving DGS confirmation of its registration. To view a list of currently registered COSTARS member entities, please visit the COSTARS website.
  - ii. Direct all questions concerning the COSTARS Program to:

Department of General Services  
COSTARS Program  
1800 Herr St  
Arsenal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17103  
Telephone: 1-866-768-7827  
E-mail [GS-PACostars@pa.gov](mailto:GS-PACostars@pa.gov)

## 11. PRICES.

The bid submitted by the successful Bidder will be incorporated into any resulting Contract and the Bidder will be required to provide the awarded item(s) at the prices quoted in its Bid.

## **12. APPROVED EQUAL.**

Whenever an item is defined in this IFB by trade name and catalogue number of a manufacturer or vendor, the term 'or approved equal,' if not inserted therewith shall be implied. Any reference to a particular manufacturer's product either by trade name or by limited description is solely for the purpose of more clearly indicating the minimum standard of quality desired, except where a 'no substitute' is requested. When a 'no substitute' is requested, the Issuing Office will consider Bids for the referenced product only. The term 'or approved equal' is defined as meaning any other make which, in the sole opinion of the Issuing Office, is of such character, quality, and performance equivalence as to meet the standard of quality of products specified for which it is to be used equally as well as that specified. A Bidder quoting on a product other than the referenced product shall: a) furnish complete identification in its Bid of the product it is offering by trade name, brand and/or model number; b) furnish descriptive literature and data with respect to the substitute product it proposes to furnish; and c) indicate any known specification deviations from the referenced product.

## **13. ALTERNATES.**

A Bidder who wants to offer an alternate must notify the Issuing Office in writing, at least five days prior to the scheduled Bid opening, that the Bidder intends to offer an alternate in its Bid. An "alternate" is a product that deviates from the requirements of the specifications in its composition, qualities, performance, size dimension, etc. The written notification from the Bidder must include a complete description of the alternate and must identify the product's deviations from the specifications. Upon receipt of the notification, the Issuing Office will determine whether the alternate is acceptable. If the Issuing Office, in its discretion, determines that the alternate is acceptable, the Issuing Office will issue a change notice to the invitation for bids that revises the specifications. If no change notice is issued revising the specification, a Bid offering the alternate will not be considered for award. If an item or items in the IFB are designated "no substitute," this provision does not apply and no alternate may be proposed by a bidder nor will any alternate be considered by the Issuing Office.

## **14. NEW EQUIPMENT.**

Unless otherwise specified in this invitation for bids, all products offered by Bidders must be new or remanufactured. A 'new' product is one that will be used first by the Commonwealth after it is manufactured or produced. A 'remanufactured' product is one which: 1) has been rebuilt, using new or used

parts, to a condition which meets the original manufacturer's most recent specifications for the item; 2) does not, in the opinion of the Issuing Office, differ in appearance from a new item; and 3) has the same warranty as a new item. Unless otherwise specified in this invitation for bids, used or reconditioned products are not acceptable. This clause shall not be construed to prohibit Bidders from offering products with recycled content, provided the product is new or remanufactured.

## **15. MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS.**

- a. Bid Modification Prior to Bid Opening. Bids may be modified only by written notice or in person prior to the exact hour and date specified for Bid opening.
  - 1) If a Bidder intends to modify its Bid by written notice, the notice must specifically identify the Bid to be modified and must be signed by the Bidder. The Bidder must include evidence of authorization for the individual who signed the modification to modify the Bid on behalf of the Bidder. The Bid modification must be received in a sealed envelope. The sealed envelope must identify the assigned Collective Number and the Bid Opening Time, and should state that enclosed in the envelope is a Bid modification
  - 2) If a Bidder intends to modify its Bid in person, the individual who will modify the Bid must arrive in the Bid Opening Room prior to the Bid Opening Time, show a picture identification and provide evidence of his/her authorization to modify the Bid on behalf of the Bidder. If a Bidder intends to modify its Bid in person, the Bidder may do so only in the presence of an agency employee. (The agency employee will observe the actions taken by the individual to modify the Bid, but will not read the Bid or the modification).
- b. Bid Withdrawal Prior to Bid Opening. Bids may be withdrawn only by written notice or in person prior to the exact hour and date specified for Bid opening.
  - 1) If a Bidder intends to withdraw its Bid by written notice, the notice shall specifically identify the Bid to be withdrawn and shall be signed by the Bidder. The Bidder must include evidence of authorization for the individual who signed the bid withdrawal to withdraw the bid on behalf of the Bidder. Except as provided in Subparagraph c, below, bid withdrawals received after the exact hour and date specified for the receipt of Bids shall not be accepted.
  - 2) If a Bidder intends to withdraw its Bid in person, the individual who will withdraw the Bid must arrive in the Bid Opening Room prior to the Bid Opening Time, show a picture identification and provide evidence of his/her authorization to withdraw the Bid on behalf of the Bidder.
- c. Bid Withdrawal After Bid Opening. Bidders are permitted to withdraw erroneous Bids after Bid opening only if the following conditions are met:
  - 1) The Bidder submits a written request for withdrawal.

- 2) The Bidder presents credible evidence with the request that the reason for the lower Bid price was a clerical mistake as opposed to a judgment mistake and was actually due to an unintentional arithmetical error or an unintentional omission of a substantial quantity of work, labor, material, or services made directly in the compilation of the Bid.
  - 3) The request for relief and supporting evidence must be received by the Issuing Office within three (3) business days after Bid opening, but before award of the contract.
  - 4) The Issuing Office shall not permit a Bid withdrawal if the Bid withdrawal would result in the award of the contract on another Bid of the same Bidder, its partner, or a corporation or business venture owned by or in which the bidder has a substantial interest.
  - 5) If a Bidder is permitted to withdraw its Bid, the Bidder cannot supply any material or labor or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the awarded contractor, without the written approval of the Issuing Office.
- d. Firm Bid. Except as provided above, a Bid may not be modified, withdrawn, or cancelled by any Bidder for a period of sixty (60) days following the time and date designated for Bid opening, unless otherwise specified by the Bidder in its Bid. If the lowest responsible Bidder, as determined by the Issuing Office, withdraws its Bid prior to the expiration of the award period or fails to comply with the requirements set forth in the IFB including but not limited to any requirement to submit performance or payment bonds or insurance certificates within the required time period, the Bidder shall be liable to the Commonwealth for all costs and damages associated with the re-award or re-bid including the difference between the Bidder's price and the actual cost that the Commonwealth pays for the awarded items.
- e. Clarification and Additional Information. After the receipt of Bids, the Issuing Office shall have the right to contact Bidders for the purpose of seeking:
- 1) Clarification of the Bid which confirms the Issuing Office's understanding of statements or information in the Bid or;
  - 2) Additional information on the items offered; provided the IFB does not require the rejection of the Bid for failure to include such information.

## **16. REJECTION OF BIDS.**

The Issuing Office reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive technical defects or any informality in Bids, and to accept or reject any part of any Bid if the best interests of the Commonwealth are thereby served.

## **17. REPRESENTATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS.**

By submitting its bid, each bidder understands, represents, and acknowledges that:

- a. All of the Bidder's information and representations in the bid are material and important, and the Issuing Office may rely upon the contents of the bid in awarding the contract(s). The Commonwealth shall treat any misstatement, omission or misrepresentation as fraudulent concealment of the true facts relating to the submission, punishable pursuant to 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904.
- b. The Bidder has arrived at the price(s) and amounts in its bid independently and without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder or potential bidder.
- c. The Bidder has not disclosed the price(s), the amount of the bid, nor the approximate price(s) or amount(s) of its bid to any other firm or person who is an Bidder or potential bidder for this IFB.
- d. The Bidder has not attempted, nor will it attempt, to induce any firm or person to refrain from submitting a bid on this contract, or to submit a bid higher than this bid, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive bid or other form of complementary bid.
- e. The Bidder makes its proposal 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 bid.
- f. To the best knowledge of the person signing the bid for the Bidder, the Bidder, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last four 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 the Bidder has disclosed in its bid.
- g. To the best of the knowledge of the person signing the bid for the Bidder and except as the Bidder has otherwise disclosed in its bid, the Bidder 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 Bidder that is owed to the Commonwealth.
- h. The Bidder is not currently under suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth, any other state or the federal government, and if the Bidder cannot so certify, then it shall submit along with its proposal a written explanation of why it cannot make such certification.
- i. The Bidder has not made, under separate contract with the Issuing Office, any recommendations to the Issuing Office concerning the need for the services described in its bid or the specifications for the services described in the bid.

- j. Each Bidder, by submitting its proposal, authorizes Commonwealth agencies to release to the Commonwealth information concerning the Bidder's Pennsylvania taxes, unemployment compensation and workers' compensation liabilities.
- k. Until the selected Bidder receives a fully executed and approved written contract from the Issuing Office, there is no legal and valid contract, in law or in equity, and the Bidder shall not begin to perform.
- l. The Bidder is not currently engaged, and will not during the duration of the contract engage, in a boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction which the Commonwealth is not prohibited by Congressional statute from engaging in trade or commerce.

## **PART II – REQUIREMENTS**

### **18. COSTARS PROGRAM ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE.**

If the bidder is willing to sell the awarded items/services at the same prices and/or discounts, and in accordance with the contractual terms and conditions, to COSTARS members, the bidder should complete and return the COSTARS Program Election to Participate form. If the bidder is asserting that it is a Department of General Services Certified Small Business, the bidder must submit its active certification with the bid response.

### **19. LOBBYING CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE.**

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. Bidders must complete and return the Lobbying Certification Form if required by the using agency and the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Form. The completed and signed Lobbying Certification Form and the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Form should be submitted with any quote response if required by the using agency. Commonwealth agencies will not contract with outside firms or individuals to perform lobbying services, regardless of the source of funds.

### **20. POST-SUBMISSION DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE.**

The Commonwealth may, during its evaluation of the bids, require any bidder to submit cuts, illustrations, drawings, prints, test data sheets, specification sheets and brochures which detail construction features, design, components, materials used, applicable dimensions and any other pertinent information which the Issuing Office may require in order to evaluate the product(s) offered. The required information must be submitted within two (2) business days after notification from the Issuing Office. Failure to submit the required information

prior to the expiration of the second business day after notification shall result in the rejection of the bid as non-responsive.

## **21. RECIPROCAL LIMITATIONS ACT.**

This procurement is subject to the Reciprocal Limitations Act. Bidders must complete and submit with the Bid Response the State of Manufacture Chart , which is contained in GSPUR-89 ("Reciprocal Limitations Act Requirements") which is attached to and made part of this IFB. The completed State of Manufacture Chart should be submitted in response to any RFQ.

## **22. IRAN FREE PROCUREMENT CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE.**

Prior to entering a contract worth at least \$1,000,000 or more with a Commonwealth entity, a bidder must: a) certify it is not on the current list of persons engaged in investment activities in Iran created by the Pennsylvania Department of General Services (“DGS”) pursuant to Section 3503 of the Procurement Code and is eligible to contract with the Commonwealth under Sections 3501-3506 of the Procurement Code; or b) demonstrate it has received an exception from the certification requirement for that solicitation or contract pursuant to Section 3503(e).

All bidders must complete and return the Iran Free Procurement Certification form, which is attached hereto and made part of this IFB. The completed and signed Iran Free Procurement Certification form must be submitted with the Bid Response. See the following web page for current Iran Free Procurement list:

<http://www.dgs.pa.gov/businesses/materials%20and%20services%20procurement/procurement-resources/pages/default.aspx#.WDNfJJgo6Ht>

## **PART III – SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **23. MANDATORY RESPONSIVENESS REQUIREMENTS.**

To be eligible for selection, a bid must be:

- a. Timely received from a Bidder; and
- b. Properly signed by the Bidder.

### **24. METHOD OF AWARD – BY MANUFACTURER.**

Award will be made to the responsive and responsible bidders offering the greatest discount from the referenced price list. Discount(s) will be taken from the best price column. Only one award will be made for each particular manufacturer's list of items. Bidders who are not manufacturers must submit a

letter from the manufacturer stating that the bidder is an authorized dealer in Pennsylvania for the manufacturer.

**25. AWARDS.**

Unless all Bids are rejected, and except as otherwise provided by law, award will be made through the issuance of a contract/Purchase Order in accordance with the method of award. Unless otherwise specified by the Issuing Office in the IFB form the Commonwealth reserves the right to award by item or on a total Bid basis, whichever is deemed more advantageous to the Commonwealth. In cases of discrepancies in prices, the unit price will be binding unless the unit price is obviously in error and the extended price is obviously correct, in which case the erroneous unit price will be corrected. As a condition for receipt of award of a contract/Purchase Order, the Bidder must be registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Vendor Master file. In order to register, bidders must visit the Pa Supplier Portal at <https://www.pasupplierportal.state.pa.us/> or call the Customer Support Center at 877-435-7363 or 717-346-2676.

**26. TIE BIDS.**

All tie bids will be broken by the Issuing Office.

**27. PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS.**

Prompt payment discounts will not be considered in making an award. If prompt payment discounts are offered by any Bidder, however, the Issuing Office will take advantage of such offer.

**28. OPTION FOR SEPARATE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURE.**

The Commonwealth reserves the right to purchase products or services covered under this Contract through a separate competitive bidding procedure, whenever Commonwealth deems it in the best interest of the Commonwealth. The right will generally be exercised only when a specific need for a large quantity of the product or service exists or when the price offered is significantly lower than the Contract price.

**29. REBATES.**

Any rebate applicable at the time of bid should be taken into consideration by the bidder in calculating its bid price. Bidders must specifically state in their bid proposal, when applicable, that rebates have been considered in arriving at the bid price. Following award, the Commonwealth will assign to the awarded bidder, any rebates which the bidder stated that he took into consideration. If the bidder fails to include such a statement, the Commonwealth will receive the full benefit of the manufacturer's rebate.

## **PART IV – WORK STATEMENT**

### **30. SPECIFICATIONS.**

The Commonwealth is seeking bids to procure the item(s) set forth in the attached document entitled "Specifications."

## **PART V – CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **31. CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

The Contract with the awarded bidder (who shall become the "Contractor") shall include the following terms and conditions:

### **32. TERM OF CONTRACT.**

The initial term of the Contract shall be 03 year(s) and 00 month(s).

The term of the Contract shall commence on the Effective Date (as defined below) and shall end on the Expiration Date identified in the Contract, subject to the other provisions of the Contract.

The Effective Date shall be a) the Effective Date printed on the Contract after the Contract has been fully executed by the Commonwealth (signed and approved as required by the Commonwealth contracting procedures) or b) the "Valid from" date printed on the Contract, whichever is later.

### **33. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT.**

The Contract may be renewed for a maximum of 2 additional 1 year term(s), so long as the Commonwealth provides written notice to Contractor of its intention to extend the Contract by letter dated not less than 90 days prior to the expiration of the term of the agreement, or any extension thereof, and the Contractor consents to the renewal not less than 60 days prior to the expiration of the term of the agreement or any extension thereof. The renewal may be exercised as individual or multiple year terms(s). Any renewal will be under the same terms, covenants and conditions. No further document is required to be executed to renew the term of the contract.

### **34. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM.**

The Commonwealth reserves the right, upon notice to the Contractor, to extend any single term of the Contract for up to three (3) months upon the same terms and conditions.

### **35. SIGNATURES.**

The Contract shall not be a legally binding contract until the fully-executed Contract has been sent to the Contractor. No Commonwealth employee has the authority to verbally direct the commencement of any work or delivery of any supply under this Contract prior to the Effective Date. The Contractor hereby waives any claim or cause of action for any service or work performed prior to the Effective Date.

The Contract may be electronically signed by the Commonwealth. The electronically-printed name of the Purchasing Agent represents the signature of that individual who has the authority, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to bind the Commonwealth to the terms of the Contract. If the Contract output form does not have "Fully Executed" at the top of the first page and does not have the name of the Purchasing Agent printed in the appropriate box, the Contract has not been fully executed.

The fully-executed Contract may be sent to the Contractor electronically or through facsimile equipment. The electronic transmission of the Contract shall require acknowledgement of receipt of the transmission by the Contractor. Receipt of the electronic or facsimile transmission of the Contract shall constitute receipt of the fully-executed Contract.

- a. The Commonwealth and the Contractor specifically agree as follows:
  - i. No handwritten signature shall be required in order for the Contract to be legally enforceable.
  - ii. The parties agree that no writing shall be required in order to make the Contract legally binding, notwithstanding contrary requirements in any law. The parties hereby agree not to contest the validity or enforceability of a genuine Contract or acknowledgement issued electronically under the provisions of a statute of frauds or any other applicable law relating to whether certain agreements be in writing and signed by the party bound thereby. Any genuine Contract or acknowledgement issued electronically, if introduced as evidence on paper in any judicial, arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceedings, will be admissible as between the parties to the same extent and under the same conditions as other business records originated and maintained in documentary form. Neither party shall contest the admissibility of copies of a genuine Contract or acknowledgements under either the business records exception to the hearsay rule or the best evidence rule on the basis that the Contract or acknowledgement were not in writing or signed by the parties. A Contract or acknowledgment shall be deemed to be genuine for all purposes if it is transmitted to the location designated for such documents.
  - iii. Each party will immediately take steps to verify any document that appears to be obviously garbled in transmission or improperly formatted to include re-transmission of any such document if necessary.

**36. DEFINITIONS.**

Capitalized terms used in these Commonwealth standard terms and conditions that are not otherwise defined in these provisions have the meanings specified in the contract to which it is attached.

**37. PURCHASE ORDERS.**

Commonwealth agencies may issue Purchase Orders against the Contract. These orders constitute the Contractor's authority to make delivery. All Purchase Orders received by the Contractor up to and including the expiration date of the Contract are acceptable and must be performed in accordance with the Contract. Each Purchase Order will be deemed to incorporate the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract.

Purchase Orders may be electronically signed by the Agency. The electronically-printed name of the purchaser represents the signature of that individual who has the authority, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to authorize the Contractor to proceed.

Purchase Orders may be issued electronically or through facsimile equipment. The electronic transmission of a Purchase Order shall require acknowledgement of receipt of the transmission by the Contractor. Receipt of the electronic or facsimile transmission of the Purchase Order shall constitute receipt of an order. Orders received by the Contractor after 4:00 p.m. will be considered received the following business day.

- a. No handwritten signature shall be required in order for the Contract or Purchase Order to be legally enforceable.
- b. The parties agree that no writing shall be required in order to make the Purchase Order legally binding. The parties hereby agree not to contest the validity or enforceability of a Purchase Order or acknowledgement issued electronically under the provisions of a statute of frauds or any other applicable law relating to whether certain agreements be in writing and signed by the party bound thereby. Any Purchase Order or acknowledgement issued electronically, if introduced as evidence on paper in any judicial, arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceedings, will be admissible as between the parties to the same extent and under the same conditions as other business records originated and maintained in documentary form. Neither party shall contest the admissibility of copies of Purchase Orders or acknowledgements under either the business records exception to the hearsay rule or the best evidence rule on the basis that the Purchase Order or acknowledgement were not in writing or signed by the parties. A Purchase Order or acknowledgment shall be deemed to be genuine for all purposes if it is transmitted to the location designated for such documents.
- c. Each party will immediately take steps to verify any document that appears to be obviously garbled in transmission or improperly formatted to include re-transmission of any such document if necessary.

Purchase Orders under ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in total amount may also be made in person or by telephone using a Commonwealth Purchasing Card. When an order is placed by telephone, the Commonwealth agency shall provide the agency name, employee name, credit card number, and expiration date of the card. Contractors agree to accept payment through the use of the Commonwealth Purchasing Card.

**38. INDEPENDENT PRIME CONTRACTOR.**

In performing its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will act as an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of the Commonwealth. The Contractor will be responsible for all services in this Contract whether or not Contractor provides them directly. Further, the Contractor is the sole point of contact with regard to all contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the Contract.

**39. ACCESS TO COMMONWEALTH FACILITIES.**

If the Contractor must perform work at a Commonwealth facility outside of the daily operational hours set forth by the Commonwealth, it must make arrangements with the Commonwealth to assure access to the facility and equipment. No additional payment will be made on the basis of lack of access.

**40. ADDITIONAL FEDERAL PROVISIONS.**

Additional contract provisions may be incorporated into this Contract pursuant to federal law, regulation or policy.

**41. NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT.**

The Commonwealth reserves the right to purchase services and supplies within the scope of this Contract through other procurement methods whenever the Commonwealth deems it to be in its best interest.

**42. DELIVERY.**

All item(s) shall be delivered F.O.B. Destination. The Contractor agrees to bear the risk of loss, injury, or destruction of the item(s) ordered prior to receipt of the items by the Commonwealth. Such loss, injury, or destruction shall not release the Contractor from any contractual obligations. Except as otherwise provided in this contract, all item(s) must be delivered within the time period specified. Time is of the essence and, in addition to any other remedies, the Contract is subject to termination for failure to deliver as specified. Unless otherwise stated in this Contract, delivery must be made within 30 days after the Effective Date.

**43. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.**

It shall be understood and agreed that any quantities listed in the Contract are estimated only and may be increased or decreased in accordance with the actual requirements of the Commonwealth and that the Commonwealth in accepting any bid or portion thereof, contracts only and agrees to purchase only the materials and services in such quantities as represent the actual requirements of the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth reserves the right to purchase materials and services covered under the Contract through a separate competitive procurement procedure, whenever Commonwealth deems it to be in its best interest.

**44. MANUFACTURERS PRICE REDUCTION.**

If, prior to the delivery of the awarded item(s) by the Contractor, a price reduction is announced by the original equipment manufacturer, a comparative price reduction will be given to the Commonwealth by the Contractor.

**45. WARRANTY.**

The Contractor warrants that all items furnished and all services performed by the Contractor, its agents and subcontractors shall be free and clear of any defects in workmanship or materials. Unless otherwise stated in the Contract, all items are warranted for a period of one year following delivery by the Contractor and acceptance by the Commonwealth. The Contractor shall repair, replace or otherwise correct any problem with the delivered item. When an item is replaced, it shall be replaced with an item of equivalent or superior quality without any additional cost to the Commonwealth.

**46. PATENT, COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK AND TRADE SECRET PROTECTION.**

The Contractor warrants that it is the sole owner or author of, or has entered into a suitable legal agreement concerning either: a) the design of any product or process provided or used in the performance of the Contract which is covered by a patent, copyright, or trademark registration or other right duly authorized by state or federal law or b) any copyrighted matter in any report, document or other material provided to the Commonwealth under the contract.

The Contractor shall defend any suit or proceeding brought against the Commonwealth on account of any alleged patent, copyright or trademark infringement in the United States of any of the products provided or used in the performance of the Contract.

This is upon condition that the Commonwealth shall provide prompt notification in writing of such suit or proceeding; full right, authorization and opportunity to conduct the defense thereof; and full information and all reasonable cooperation for the defense of same.

As principles of governmental or public law are involved, the Commonwealth may participate in or choose to conduct, in its sole discretion, the defense of any such action.

If information and assistance are furnished by the Commonwealth at the Contractor's written request, it shall be at the Contractor's expense, but the responsibility for such expense shall be only that within the Contractor's written authorization.

The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the Commonwealth harmless from all damages, costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees that the Contractor or the Commonwealth may pay or incur by reason of any infringement or violation of the rights occurring to any holder of copyright, trademark, or patent interests and rights in any products provided or used in the performance of the Contract.

If any of the products provided by the Contractor in such suit or proceeding are held to constitute infringement and the use is enjoined, the Contractor shall, at its own expense and at its option, either procure the right to continue use of such infringement products, replace them with non-infringement equal performance products or modify them so that they are no longer infringing.

If the Contractor is unable to do any of the preceding, the Contractor agrees to remove all the equipment or software which are obtained contemporaneously with the infringing product, or, at the option of the Commonwealth, only those items of equipment or software which are held to be infringing, and to pay the Commonwealth: 1) any amounts paid by the Commonwealth towards the purchase of the product, less straight line depreciation; 2) any license fee paid by the Commonwealth for the use of any software, less an amount for the period of usage; and 3) the pro rata portion of any maintenance fee representing the time remaining in any period of maintenance paid for. The obligations of the Contractor under this paragraph continue without time limit. No costs or expenses shall be incurred for the account of the Contractor without its written consent.

**47. OWNERSHIP RIGHTS.**

The Commonwealth shall have unrestricted authority to reproduce, distribute, and use any submitted report, data, or material, and any software or modifications and any associated documentation that is designed or developed and delivered to the Commonwealth as part of the performance of the Contract.

**48. ACCEPTANCE.**

No item(s) received by the Commonwealth shall be deemed accepted until the Commonwealth has had a reasonable opportunity to inspect the item(s). Any item(s) which is discovered to be defective or fails to conform to the specifications may be rejected upon initial inspection or at any later time if the defects contained in the item(s) or the noncompliance with the specifications were not reasonably ascertainable upon the initial inspection. It shall thereupon become the duty of the Contractor to remove rejected item(s) from the premises without expense to the Commonwealth within fifteen (15) days after notification. Rejected item(s) left longer than fifteen (15) days will be regarded as abandoned, and the Commonwealth shall have the right to dispose of them as its own property and shall retain that portion of the proceeds of any sale which represents the

Commonwealth's costs and expenses in regard to the storage and sale of the item(s). Upon notice of rejection, the Contractor shall immediately replace all such rejected item(s) with others conforming to the specifications and which are not defective. If the Contractor fails, neglects or refuses to do so, the Commonwealth shall then have the right to procure a corresponding quantity of such item(s), and deduct from any monies due or that may thereafter become due to the Contractor, the difference between the price stated in the Contract and the cost thereof to the Commonwealth.

**49. PRODUCT CONFORMANCE.**

The Commonwealth reserves the right to require any and all Contractors to:

1. Provide certified data from laboratory testing performed by the Contractor, or performed by an independent laboratory, as specified by the Commonwealth.
2. Supply published manufacturer product documentation.
3. Permit a Commonwealth representative to witness testing at the Contractor's location or at an independent laboratory.
4. Complete a survey/questionnaire relating to the bid requirements and specifications.
5. Provide customer references.
6. Provide a product demonstration at a location near Harrisburg or the using agency location.

**50. REJECTED MATERIAL NOT CONSIDERED ABANDONED.**

The Commonwealth shall have the right to not regard any rejected material as abandoned and to demand that the Contractor remove the rejected material from the premises within 30 days of notification. The Contractor shall be responsible for removal of the rejected material as well as proper clean-up. If the Contractor fails or refuses to remove the rejected material as demanded by the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth may seek payment from, or set-off from any payments due to the Contractor under this or any other Contract with the Commonwealth, the costs of removal and clean-up. This is in addition to all other rights to recover costs incurred by the Commonwealth.

**51. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.**

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations and local ordinances in the performance of the Contract

**52. ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS.**

In the performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall minimize pollution and shall strictly comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations, including, but not limited to: the Clean Streams Law Act of June 22, 1937 (P.L. 1987, No. 394), as amended 35 P.S. Section 691.601 et seq.; the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act, Act of

July 7, 1980 (P.L. 380, No. 97), as amended, 35 P.S. Section 6018.101 et seq. ; and the Dam Safety and Encroachment Act, Act of November 26, 1978 (P.L. 1375, No. 325), as amended , 32 P.S. Section 693.1.

**53. POST-CONSUMER RECYCLED CONTENT.**

Except as specifically waived by the Department of General Services in writing, any products which are provided to the Commonwealth as a part of the performance of the Contract must meet the minimum percentage levels for total recycled content as specified by the Environmental Protection Agency in its Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines, which can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

**54. RECYCLED CONTENT ENFORCEMENT.**

The Contractor may be required, after delivery of the Contract item(s), to provide the Commonwealth with documentary evidence that the item(s) was in fact produced with the required minimum percentage of post-consumer and recovered material content.

**55. COMPENSATION.**

- a. The Contractor shall be required to furnish the awarded item(s) at the price(s) quoted in the Purchase Order. All item(s) shall be delivered within the time period(s) specified in the Purchase Order. The Contractor shall be compensated only for item(s) that are delivered and accepted by the Commonwealth.
- b. The Contractor shall be required to perform the specified services at the price(s) quoted in the Contract. All services shall be performed within the time period(s) specified in the Contract. The Contractor shall be compensated only for work performed to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth.
- c. The Contractor shall not be allowed or paid travel or per diem expenses except as specifically set forth in the Contract.

**56. BILLING REQUIREMENTS.**

- a. Unless the Contractor has been authorized by the Commonwealth for Evaluated Receipt Settlement or Vendor Self-Invoicing, the Contractor shall include in all of its invoices the following minimum information:
  - i. Vendor name and “Remit to” address, including SAP Vendor number;
  - ii. Bank routing information, if ACH;
  - iii. SAP Purchase Order number;

- iv. Delivery Address, including name of Commonwealth agency;
  - v. Description of the supplies/services delivered in accordance with SAP Purchase Order (include Purchase Order line number if possible);
  - vi. Quantity provided;
  - vii. Unit price;
  - viii. Price extension;
  - ix. Total price; and
  - x. Delivery date of supplies or services.
- b. If an invoice does not contain the minimum information set forth in this paragraph, the Commonwealth may return the invoice as improper. If the Commonwealth returns an invoice as improper, the time for processing a payment will be suspended until the Commonwealth receives a correct invoice. The Contractor may not receive payment until the Commonwealth has received a correct invoice.
- c. Contractors are required to establish separate billing accounts with each using agency and invoice them directly. Each invoice shall be itemized with adequate detail and match the line item on the Purchase Order. In no instance shall any payment be made for services to the Contractor that are not in accordance with the prices on the Purchase Order, the Contract, updated price lists or any discounts negotiated by the purchasing agency

## **57. PAYMENT.**

- a. The Commonwealth shall put forth reasonable efforts to make payment by the required payment date. The required payment date is: (a) the date on which payment is due under the terms of the Contract; (b) thirty (30) days after a proper invoice actually is received at the "Bill To" address if a date on which payment is due is not specified in the Contract (a "proper" invoice is not received until the Commonwealth accepts the service as satisfactorily performed); or (c) the payment date specified on the invoice if later than the dates established by (a) and (b) above. Payment may be delayed if the payment amount on an invoice is not based upon the price(s) as stated in the Contract. If any payment is not made within fifteen (15) days after the required payment date, the Commonwealth may pay interest as determined by the Secretary of Budget in accordance with Act No. 266 of 1982 and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Payment should not be construed by the Contractor as acceptance of the service performed by the Contractor. The Commonwealth reserves the right to conduct further testing and inspection after payment, but within a reasonable time after performance, and to reject the service if such post payment testing or inspection discloses a defect or a failure to meet

specifications. The Contractor agrees that the Commonwealth 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 Commonwealth.

- b. The Commonwealth shall have the option of using the Commonwealth purchasing card to make purchases under the Contract or Purchase Order. The Commonwealth's purchasing card is similar to a credit card in that there will be a small fee which the Contractor will be required to pay and the Contractor will receive payment directly from the card issuer rather than the Commonwealth. Any and all fees related to this type of payment are the responsibility of the Contractor. In no case will the Commonwealth allow increases in prices to offset credit card fees paid by the Contractor or any other charges incurred by the Contractor, unless specifically stated in the terms of the Contract or Purchase Order.

#### **58. AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH) PAYMENTS.**

- a. **Payment Method.** The Commonwealth shall make contract payments through the Automated Clearing House (ACH). Within 10 days of award of the contract or Purchase Order, the Contractor must submit or must have submitted its ACH information within its user profile in the Commonwealth's procurement system (SRM).
- b. **Unique Identifier.** The Contractor must submit a unique invoice number with each invoice submitted. The Commonwealth shall list the Contractor's unique invoice number on its ACH remittance advice to enable the Contractor to properly apply the state agency's payment to the invoice submitted.
- c. **ACH Information in SRM.** The Contractor shall ensure that the ACH information contained in SRM is accurate and complete. The Contractor's failure to maintain accurate and complete information may result in delays in payments.

#### **59. TAXES.**

The Commonwealth is exempt from all excise taxes imposed by the Internal Revenue Service and has accordingly registered with the Internal Revenue Service to make tax free purchases under Registration No. 23-23740001-K. With the exception of purchases of the following items, no exemption certificates are required and none will be issued: undyed diesel fuel, tires, trucks, gas guzzler emergency vehicles, and sports fishing equipment. The Commonwealth is also exempt from Pennsylvania state sales tax, local sales tax, public transportation assistance taxes and fees and vehicle rental tax. The Department of Revenue regulations provide that exemption certificates are not required for sales made to governmental entities and none will be issued. Nothing in this paragraph is meant to exempt a construction contractor from the payment of any of these taxes or fees which are required to be paid with respect to the purchase, use, rental, or lease of tangible personal property

or taxable services used or transferred in connection with the performance of a construction contract.

**60. ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST CLAIMS.**

The Contractor and the Commonwealth recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges by the Contractor's suppliers resulting from violations of state or federal antitrust laws are in fact borne by the Commonwealth. As part of the consideration for the award of the Contract, and intending to be legally bound, the Contractor assigns to the Commonwealth all right, title and interest in and to any claims the Contractor now has, or may acquire, under state or federal antitrust laws relating to the products and services which are the subject of this Contract.

**61. INDEMNIFICATION.**

- a. **Contractor Obligations.** The Contractor shall indemnify the Commonwealth against all third-party claims, suits, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses, including without limitation, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees, and liabilities, arising out of or in connection with any activities performed by the Contractor or its employees and agents that are related to this contract, as determined by the Commonwealth in its sole discretion.
- b. **Commonwealth Attorneys Act.** The Commonwealth shall provide the Contractor with prompt notice of any claim or suit of which it learns. Pursuant to the Commonwealth Attorneys Act (71 P.S. Section 732-101, et seq.), the Office of Attorney General (OAG) has the sole authority to represent the Commonwealth in actions brought against the Commonwealth. The OAG may, however, in its sole discretion and under any terms as it deems appropriate, delegate its right of defense. If OAG delegates the defense to the Contractor, the Commonwealth will cooperate with all reasonable requests of Contractor made in the defense of such suits.
- c. **Settlement.** Notwithstanding the above, neither party may enter into a settlement of any claim or suit without the other party's written consent, which will not be unreasonably withheld. The Commonwealth may, in its sole discretion, allow the Contractor to control the defense and any related settlement negotiations.

**62. AUDIT PROVISIONS.**

The Commonwealth shall have the right, at reasonable times and at a site designated by the Commonwealth, to audit the books, documents and records of the Contractor to the extent that the books, documents and records relate to costs or pricing data for the Contract. The Contractor agrees to maintain records which will support the prices charged and costs incurred for the Contract. The Contractor shall preserve books, documents, and records that relate to costs or pricing data for the Contract for a period of three (3) years from date of final payment. The Contractor shall give full and free access to all records to the Commonwealth and/or their authorized representatives.

**63. DEFAULT.**

- a. The Commonwealth may, subject to the provisions set forth in the Notice of Delays and Force Majeure clauses, and in addition to its other rights under the Contract, declare the Contractor in default by written notice thereof to the Contractor, and terminate (as provided in the Termination clause) the whole or any part of this Contract for any of the following reasons:
- i. Failure to begin work within the time specified in the Contract or Purchase Order or as otherwise specified;
  - ii. Failure to perform the work with sufficient labor, equipment, or material to ensure the completion of the specified work in accordance with the Contract or Purchase Order terms;
  - iii. Unsatisfactory performance of the work;
  - iv. Failure to deliver the awarded item(s) within the time specified in the Contract or Purchase Order or as otherwise specified;
  - v. Improper delivery;
  - vi. Failure to provide an item(s) which is in conformance with the specifications referenced in the Contract or Purchase Order;
  - vii. Delivery of a defective item;
  - viii. Failure or refusal to remove material, or remove and replace any work rejected as defective or unsatisfactory;
  - ix. Discontinuance of work without approval;
  - x. Failure to resume work, which has been discontinued, within a reasonable time after notice to do so;
  - xi. Insolvency or bankruptcy;
  - xii. Assignment made for the benefit of creditors;
  - xiii. Failure or refusal within 10 days after written notice by the Contracting Officer, to make payment or show cause why payment should not be made, of any amounts due for materials furnished, labor supplied or performed, for equipment rentals, or for utility services rendered;
  - xiv. Failure to protect, repair or make good any damage or injury to property;

- xv. Breach of any provision of the Contract;
  - xvi. Failure to comply with representations made in the Contractor's bid/proposal; or
  - xvii. Failure to comply with applicable industry standards, customs and practice.
- b. In the event that the Commonwealth terminates this Contract or any Purchase Order in whole or in part as provided in Subparagraph a. above, the Commonwealth may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it determines, items similar or identical to those so terminated, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Commonwealth for any reasonable excess costs for such similar or identical items included within the terminated part of the Contract or Purchase Order.
  - c. If the Contract or a Purchase Order is terminated as provided in Subparagraph a. above, the Commonwealth, in addition to any other rights provided in this paragraph, may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver immediately to the Commonwealth in the manner and to the extent directed by the Contracting Officer, such partially completed items, including, where applicable, reports, working papers and other documentation, as the Contractor has specifically produced or specifically acquired for the performance of such part of the Contract or Purchase Order as has been terminated. Except as provided below, payment for completed work accepted by the Commonwealth shall be at the Contract price. Except as provided below, payment for partially completed items including, where applicable, reports and working papers, delivered to and accepted by the Commonwealth shall be in an amount agreed upon by the Contractor and Contracting Officer. The Commonwealth may withhold from amounts otherwise due the Contractor for such completed or partially completed works, such sum as the Contracting Officer determines to be necessary to protect the Commonwealth against loss.
  - d. The rights and remedies of the Commonwealth provided in this paragraph shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.
  - e. The Commonwealth's failure to exercise any rights or remedies provided in this paragraph shall not be construed to be a waiver by the Commonwealth of its rights and remedies in regard to the event of default or any succeeding event of default.
  - f. Following exhaustion of the Contractor's administrative remedies as set forth in the Contract Controversies Provision of the Contract, the Contractor's exclusive remedy shall be to seek damages in the Board of Claims.

**64. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

The Contractor shall provide information to the Commonwealth about the identity and hazards of hazardous substances supplied or used by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract. The Contractor must comply with Act 159 of October 5, 1984, known as the "Worker and Community Right to Know Act" (the "Act") and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto at 34 Pa. Code Section 301.1 - 323.6.

a. Labeling. The Contractor shall ensure that each individual product (as well as the carton, container or package in which the product is shipped) of any of the following substances (as defined by the Act and the regulations) supplied by the Contractor is clearly labeled, tagged or marked with the information listed in Subparagraphs (1) through (4):

1) Hazardous substances:

- a) The chemical name or common name,
- b) A hazard warning, and
- c) The name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer.

2) Hazardous mixtures:

- a) The common name, but if none exists, then the trade name,
- b) The chemical or common name of special hazardous substances comprising .01% or more of the mixture,
- c) The chemical or common name of hazardous substances consisting 1.0% or more of the mixture,
- d) A hazard warning, and
- e) The name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer.

3) Single chemicals:

- a) The chemical name or the common name,
- b) A hazard warning, if appropriate, and
- c) The name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer.

4) Chemical Mixtures:

- a) The common name, but if none exists, then the trade name,
- b) A hazard warning, if appropriate,
- c) The name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer, and
- d) The chemical name or common name of either the top five substances by volume or those substances consisting of 5.0% or more of the mixture.

A common name or trade name may be used only if the use of the name more easily or readily identifies the true nature of the hazardous substance, hazardous mixture, single chemical, or mixture involved.

Container labels shall provide a warning as to the specific nature of the hazard arising from the substance in the container.

The hazard warning shall be given in conformity with one of the nationally recognized and accepted systems of providing warnings, and hazard warnings shall be consistent with one or more of the recognized systems throughout the workplace. Examples are:

- NFPA 704, Identification of the Fire Hazards of Materials.
- National Paint and Coatings Association: Hazardous Materials Identification System.
- American Society for Testing and Materials, Safety Alert Pictorial Chart.
- American National Standard Institute, Inc., for the Precautionary Labeling of Hazardous Industrial Chemicals.

Labels must be legible and prominently affixed to and displayed on the product and the carton, container, or package so that employees can easily identify the substance or mixture present therein.

b. Material Safety Data Sheet. The contractor shall provide Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) with the information required by the Act and the regulations for each hazardous substance or hazardous mixture. The Commonwealth must be provided an appropriate MSDS with the initial shipment and with the first shipment after an MSDS is updated or product changed. For any other chemical, the contractor shall provide an appropriate MSDS, if the manufacturer, importer, or supplier produces or possesses the MSDS. The contractor shall also notify the Commonwealth when a substance or mixture is subject to the provisions of the Act. Material Safety Data Sheets may be attached to the carton, container, or package mailed to the Commonwealth at the time of shipment.

## **65. FORCE MAJEURE.**

- a. Neither party will incur any liability to the other if its performance of any obligation under this Contract is prevented or delayed by causes beyond its control and without the fault or negligence of either party. Causes beyond a party's control may include, but aren't limited to, acts of God or war, changes in controlling law, regulations, orders or the requirements of any governmental entity, severe weather conditions, civil disorders, natural disasters, fire, epidemics and quarantines, general strikes throughout the trade, and freight embargoes.
- b. The Contractor shall notify the Commonwealth orally within five days and in writing within ten days of the date on which the Contractor becomes aware, or should have reasonably become aware, that such cause would prevent or delay its performance. Such notification shall (i) describe fully such cause(s) and its effect on performance, (ii) state whether performance under the contract is prevented or delayed and (iii) if performance is delayed, state a reasonable estimate of the

duration of the delay. The Contractor shall have the burden of proving that such cause(s) delayed or prevented its performance despite its diligent efforts to perform and shall produce such supporting documentation as the Commonwealth may reasonably request. After receipt of such notification, the Commonwealth may elect to cancel the Contract, cancel the Purchase Order, or to extend the time for performance as reasonably necessary to compensate for the Contractor's delay.

- c. In the event of a declared emergency by competent governmental authorities, the Commonwealth by notice to the Contractor, may suspend all or a portion of the Contract or Purchase Order.

## 66. TERMINATION.

The Commonwealth has the right to terminate this Contract or any Purchase Order for any of the following reasons. Termination shall be effective upon written notice to the Contractor.

- a. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The Commonwealth shall have the right to terminate the Contract or a Purchase Order for its convenience if the Commonwealth determines termination to be in its best interest. The Contractor shall be paid for work satisfactorily completed prior to the effective date of the termination, but in no event shall the Contractor be entitled to recover loss of profits.
- b. **NON-APPROPRIATION:** The Commonwealth's obligation to make payments during any Commonwealth fiscal year succeeding the current fiscal year shall be subject to availability and appropriation of funds. When funds (state and/or federal) are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal year period, the Commonwealth shall have the right to terminate the Contract or a Purchase Order. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any nonrecurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the supplies or services delivered under the Contract. Such reimbursement shall not include loss of profit, loss of use of money, or administrative or overhead costs. The reimbursement amount may be paid from any appropriations available for that purpose.
- c. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** The Commonwealth shall have the right to terminate the Contract or a Purchase Order for Contractor default under the Default Clause upon written notice to the Contractor. The Commonwealth shall also have the right, upon written notice to the Contractor, to terminate the Contract or Purchase Order for other cause as specified in the Contract or by law. If it is later determined that the Commonwealth erred in terminating the Contract or a Purchase Order for cause, then, at the Commonwealth's discretion, the Contract or Purchase Order shall be deemed to have been terminated for convenience under the Subparagraph a.

**67. CONTRACT CONTROVERSIES.**

- a. In the event of a controversy or claim arising from the Contract, the Contractor must, within six months after the cause of action accrues, file a written claim with the contracting officer for a determination. The claim shall state all grounds upon which the Contractor asserts a controversy exists. If the Contractor fails to file a claim or files an untimely claim, the Contractor is deemed to have waived its right to assert a claim in any forum. At the time the claim is filed, or within sixty (60) days thereafter, either party may request mediation through the Commonwealth Office of General Counsel Dispute Resolution Program.
- b. If the Contractor or the Contracting Officer requests mediation, and the other party agrees, the Contracting Officer shall promptly make arrangements for mediation. Mediation shall be scheduled so as to not delay the issuance of the final determination beyond the required **120 days** after receipt of the claim if mediation is unsuccessful. If mediation is not agreed to or if resolution is not reached through mediation, the Contracting Officer shall review timely-filed claims and issue a final determination, in writing, regarding the claim. The final determination shall be issued within **120 days** of the receipt of the claim, unless extended by consent of the Contracting Officer and the Contractor. The Contracting Officer shall send his/her written determination to the Contractor. If the Contracting Officer fails to issue a final determination within the **120 days** (unless extended by consent of the parties), the claim shall be deemed denied. The Contracting Officer's determination shall be the final order of the purchasing agency.
- c. Within 15 days of the mailing date of the determination denying a claim or within 135 days of filing a claim if, no extension is agreed to by the parties, whichever occurs first, the Contractor may file a statement of claim with the Commonwealth Board of Claims. Pending a final judicial resolution of a controversy or claim, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract in a manner consistent with the determination of the contracting officer and the Commonwealth shall compensate the Contractor pursuant to the terms of the Contract.

**68. ASSIGNABILITY AND SUBCONTRACTING.**

- a. Subject to the terms and conditions of this paragraph, this Contract shall be binding upon the parties and their respective successors and assigns.
- b. The Contractor shall not subcontract with any person or entity to perform all or any part of the work to be performed under this Contract without the prior written consent of the Contracting Officer, which consent may be withheld at the sole and absolute discretion of the Contracting Officer.
- c. The Contractor may not assign, in whole or in part, this Contract or its rights, duties, obligations, or responsibilities hereunder without the prior written consent of the

Contracting Officer, which consent may be withheld at the sole and absolute discretion of the Contracting Officer.

- d. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor may, without the consent of the Contracting Officer, assign its rights to payment to be received under the Contract, provided that the Contractor provides written notice of such assignment to the Contracting Officer together with a written acknowledgement from the assignee that any such payments are subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Contract.
- e. For the purposes of this Contract, the term “assign” shall include, but shall not be limited to, the sale, gift, assignment, pledge, or other transfer of any ownership interest in the Contractor provided, however, that the term shall not apply to the sale or other transfer of stock of a publicly traded company.
- f. Any assignment consented to by the Contracting Officer shall be evidenced by a written assignment agreement executed by the Contractor and its assignee in which the assignee agrees to be legally bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Contract and to assume the duties, obligations, and responsibilities being assigned.
- g. A change of name by the Contractor, following which the Contractor’s federal identification number remains unchanged, is not considered to be an assignment. The Contractor shall give the Commonwealth written notice of any such change of name.

**69. OTHER CONTRACTORS.**

The Commonwealth may undertake or award other contracts for additional or related work, and the Contractor shall fully cooperate with other contractors and Commonwealth employees, and coordinate its work with such additional work as may be required. The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act that will interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor or by Commonwealth employees. This paragraph shall be included in the Contracts of all contractors with which this Contractor will be required to cooperate. The Commonwealth shall equitably enforce this paragraph as to all contractors to prevent the imposition of unreasonable burdens on any contractor.

**70. NONDISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL HARASSMENT.**

- a. **Representations.** The Contractor represents that it is presently in compliance with and will remain in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies relating to nondiscrimination and sexual harassment for the term of the contract. The Contractor shall, upon request and within the time periods requested by the Commonwealth, furnish all necessary employment documents and records, including EEO-1 reports, and permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Commonwealth for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause.

- b. **Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Obligations.** The Contractor shall not:
- i. in any manner discriminate in the hiring of any employee(s) for the manufacture of supplies, performance of work, or any other activity required under this contract or any subcontract, by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (“PHRA”) and applicable federal laws, against any citizen of this Commonwealth who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.
  - ii. in any manner discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the PHRA and applicable federal laws, against or intimidate any employee involved in the manufacture of supplies, the performance of work, or any other activity required under this contract.
  - iii. in any manner discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the PHRA and applicable federal laws, in the provision of services under this contract.
  - iv. in any manner discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of PHRA and applicable federal laws, against any subcontractor or supplier who is qualified to perform the work to which this contract relates.
  - v. in any manner discriminate against employees by reason of participation in or decision to refrain from participating in labor activities protected under the Public Employee Relations Act, Pennsylvania Labor Relations Act or National Labor Relations Act, as applicable and to the extent determined by entities charged with such Acts’ enforcement and shall comply with any provision of law establishing organizations as employees’ exclusive representatives.
- c. **Establishment of Contractor Policy.** The Contractor shall establish and maintain a written nondiscrimination and sexual harassment policy that complies with the applicable law and these Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment provisions and shall inform its employees in writing of the policy. The policy must contain a provision that states that sexual harassment will not be tolerated and employees who practice it will be disciplined. For the entire period of the contract, the Contractor shall: (1) post its written nondiscrimination and sexual harassment policy or these Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment provisions conspicuously in easily accessible and well-lighted places customarily frequented by employees at or near where the contracted services are performed; or (2) provide electronic notice of the policy or this clause to its employees not less than annually.

- d. **Notification of Violations.** The Contractor's obligations pursuant to these provisions are ongoing from the effective date and through the termination date of the contract. Accordingly, the Contractor shall notify the Commonwealth if, at any time during the term of this contract, it becomes aware of any actions or occurrences that would result in violation of these provisions.
- e. **Cancellation or Termination of Contract.** The Commonwealth may cancel or terminate this contract and all money due or to become due under this contract may be forfeited for a violation of the terms and conditions of these Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment provisions. In addition, the agency may proceed with debarment or suspension and may place the Contractor in the Contractor Responsibility File.
- f. **Subcontracts.** The Contractor shall include these Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment provisions in its contracts with all subcontractors providing goods or services under this contract. The incorporation of these provisions in the Contractor's subcontracts does not create privity of contract between the Commonwealth and any subcontractor, and no third-party beneficiaries are created by those provisions. If the Contractor becomes aware of a subcontractor's violation of this clause, the Contractor shall use its best efforts to ensure the subcontractor's compliance with these provisions.

## 71. CONTRACTOR INTEGRITY.

- a. **Definitions.** For purposes of these Contractor Integrity Provisions, the following definitions apply:
  - i. "Affiliate" means two or more entities where (a) a parent entity owns more than 50% of the voting stock of each of the entities; (b) a common shareholder or group of shareholders owns more than 50% of the voting stock of each of the entities; or (c) the entities have a common proprietor or general partner.
  - ii. "Contractor" means the individual or entity, that has entered into this contract with the Commonwealth.
  - iii. "Contractor Related Parties" means any Affiliates of the Contractor and the Contractor's executive officers, Pennsylvania officers and directors, or owners of five percent or more interest in the Contractor.
  - iv. "Financial Interest" means ownership of more than a five percent interest in any business or holding a position as an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee, or holding any position of management.

- v. “Gratuity” means tendering, giving, or providing anything of more than nominal 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. The exceptions set forth in the [Governor’s Code of Conduct, Executive Order 1980-18](#), as may be amended, 4 Pa. Code §7.153(b), apply.
- vi. “Non-bid Basis” means a contract awarded or executed by the Commonwealth with Contractor without seeking bids or proposals from any other potential bidder or offeror.

b. **Representations and Warranties.**

- i. **Contractor Representation and Warranties.** The Contractor represents, to the best of its knowledge and belief, and warrants that within the last five years neither the Contractor nor Contractor Related Parties have:
  - (1) been indicted or convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or business honesty or integrity in any jurisdiction;
  - (2) been suspended, debarred, or otherwise disqualified from entering into any contract with any governmental agency;
  - (3) had any business license or professional license suspended or revoked;
  - (4) 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
  - (5) been, and are not currently, the subject of a criminal investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency or civil anti-trust investigation by any federal, state, or local prosecuting or investigative agency.
- ii. **Contractor Explanation.** If the Contractor cannot make the representations and warranties set forth above at the time of its submission of its bid or proposal or if this contract is awarded on a non-bid basis at the time of the execution of the contract, the Contractor shall submit a written explanation outlining the reasons why it cannot make those representations and warranties. The Commonwealth may, based on its evaluation of the explanation provided, determine whether it is in the Commonwealth’s best interest to execute the contract.
- iii. **Further Representations.** By submitting any bills, invoices, or requests for payment pursuant to this contract, the Contractor further represents that it has not violated any of these Contractor Integrity Provisions during the term of the contract.

- iv. **Notice.** The Contractor shall immediately notify the Commonwealth, in writing, if at any time during the term of the contract it becomes aware of any event that would cause the Contractor's certification or explanation to change. The Contractor acknowledges that the Commonwealth may, in its sole discretion, terminate the contract for cause if it learns that any of the certifications made in these provisions are currently false or misleading due to intervening factual circumstances or were false or misleading or should have been known to be false or misleading when entering into the contract.
- c. **Contractor Responsibilities.** During the term of this contract, the Contractor shall:
- i. maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity.
  - ii. take no action in violation of any applicable laws, regulations, or other requirements applicable to the Contractor that govern Commonwealth contracting and procurement.
  - iii. establish and implement a written business integrity policy that includes, at a minimum, the requirements of these provisions as they relate to the Contractor's activity with the Commonwealth and Commonwealth employees and ensure that its employees comply with the policy.
  - iv. not accept, agree to give, offer, confer, 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 any federal or state law, regulation, executive order, statement of policy, management directive, or bulletin applicable to the provision of goods or services under this contract.
  - v. 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 Commonwealth in writing and the Commonwealth consents to Contractor's financial interest. The Contractor must disclose the financial interest to the Commonwealth at the time of bid or proposal submission, or if no bids or proposals are solicited, no later than the date the Contractor signs the contract. The Commonwealth shall be deemed to have consented if the required disclosure is received and all of the required Commonwealth signatures are affixed.
  - vi. comply with the requirements of the Lobbying Disclosure Act (65 Pa.C.S. §13A01 et seq.) regardless of the method of award.
  - vii. comply with the requirements of Section 1641 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P.S. §3260a) if this contract was awarded on a Non-bid Basis.

- viii. immediately notify the Commonwealth contracting officer or the Office of the State Inspector General, in writing, when the Contractor has reason to believe that any breach of ethical standards as set forth in law, the Governor's Code of Conduct, or these Contractor Integrity Provisions has occurred or may occur, including, but not limited to, contact by a Commonwealth officer or employee, which, if acted upon, would violate the ethical standards.
- d. **Investigations.** If a State Inspector General investigation is initiated, the Contractor shall:
- i. reimburse the Commonwealth for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Office of the State Inspector General for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the Commonwealth that results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. The Contractor shall not be responsible for investigative costs for investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.
  - ii. cooperate with the Office of the State Inspector General in its investigation of any alleged Commonwealth agency or employee breach of ethical standards and any alleged Contractor non-compliance with these Contractor Integrity Provisions and make identified Contractor employees available for interviews at reasonable times and places.
  - iii. upon the inquiry or request of an Inspector General, provide, or if appropriate, make promptly available for inspection or copying, any information of any type or form deemed relevant by the Office of the State Inspector General to Contractor's integrity and compliance with these provisions. This information may include, but is 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.
- e. **Termination.** For violation of any of these Contractor Integrity Provisions, the Commonwealth may terminate this and any other contract with the Contractor, claim liquidated damages in an amount equal to the value of anything received in breach of these Contractor Integrity provisions, claim damages for all additional costs and expenses incurred in obtaining another contractor to complete performance under this contract, and debar and suspend the Contractor from doing business with the Commonwealth. These rights and remedies are cumulative, and the use or non-use of any one does not preclude the use of all or any other. These rights and remedies are in addition to those the Commonwealth may have under law, statute, regulation, or contract.
- f. **Subcontracts.** The Contractor shall include these Contractor Integrity Provisions in its contracts with all subcontractors providing goods or services under this

contract. The incorporation of this provision in the Contractor's subcontracts does not create privity of contract between the Commonwealth and any subcontractor, and no third-party beneficiaries are created by the inclusion of these provisions. If the Contractor becomes aware of a subcontractor's violation of these provisions, the Contractor shall use its best efforts to ensure the subcontractor's compliance with these provisions.

## 72. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY.

- a. **Definition.** For the purpose of these provisions, the term "Contractor" means as any person, including, but not limited to, a bidder, offeror, loan recipient, grantee or lessor, who has furnished or performed or seeks to furnish or perform, goods, supplies, services, leased space, construction or other activity, under a contract, grant, lease, Purchase Order or reimbursement agreement with the Commonwealth. The term also includes a permittee, licensee, or any agency, political subdivision, instrumentality, public authority, or other public entity in the Commonwealth.
- b. **Contractor Representations.**
  - i. The Contractor represents for itself and its subcontractors required to be disclosed or approved by the Commonwealth, that as of the date of its execution of this contract, that neither the Contractor, nor any such subcontractors, are under suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth or any governmental entity, instrumentality, or authority and, if the Contractor cannot make this representation, the Contractor shall submit, along with its contract, a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made.
  - ii. The Contractor represents that as of the date of its execution of this contract it has no tax liabilities or other Commonwealth obligations, or has filed a timely administrative or judicial appeal if such liabilities or obligations exist, or is subject to a duly approved deferred payment plan if such liabilities exist.
- c. **Notification.** The Contractor shall notify the Commonwealth if, at any time during the term of this contract, it becomes delinquent in the payment of taxes, or other Commonwealth obligations, or if it or, to the best of its knowledge, any of its subcontractors are suspended or debarred by the Commonwealth, the federal government, or any other state or governmental entity. The Contractor shall provide this notification within 15 days of the date of suspension or debarment.
- d. **Default.** The Contractor's failure to notify the Commonwealth of its suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth, any other state, or the federal government constitutes an event of default of the contract with the Commonwealth.

- e. **Reimbursement.** The Contractor shall reimburse the Commonwealth for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Office of State Inspector General for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this contract or any other agreement between the Contractor and the Commonwealth that results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. These costs include, but are not limited to, salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor shall not be responsible for investigative costs for investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.
- f. **Suspension and Debarment List.** The Contractor may obtain a current list of suspended and debarred Commonwealth contractors by visiting the eMarketplace website at <http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us> and clicking the Debarment list tab.

**73. OFFSET.**

The Commonwealth may set off the amount of any state tax liability or other obligation of the Contractor, or its subsidiaries, owed to the Commonwealth against any payments due the Contractor under any contract between the Commonwealth and Contractor.

**74. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

If applicable, the Contractor must receive and sign off on particular federal requirements that a Commonwealth agency may be required to include when utilizing federal funds to procure the supplies and services. This sign-off document will include a description of the required federal provisions, along with the applicable forms necessary for the Contractor and/or Software Licensor to execute, as necessary. Every sign-off document completed by a Commonwealth agency and signed by at least one signatory authorized to bind the Contractor is valid and is hereby integrated and incorporated by reference into this Contract. A sample sign-off document is attached to these Terms as **Exhibit B, Sample Sign-off Document**.

**75. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.**

- a. **No Exclusion.** Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S. Code § 12101, et seq., no qualified individual with a disability may, on the basis of the disability, be excluded from participation in this contract or from activities provided for under this contract.
- b. **Compliance.** For all goods and services provided pursuant to this contract, the Contractor shall comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the "General Prohibitions Against Discrimination" set forth in 28 C. F. R. § 35.130, and all other regulations promulgated under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act that apply to state and local governments.

- c. **Indemnification.** The Contractor shall indemnify the Commonwealth against all third-party claims, suits, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses, including without limitation, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees, and liabilities, arising out of or in connection with the Contractor's failure or its employee's or agent's failure to comply with the provisions of paragraph a, as determined by the Commonwealth in its sole discretion.

**76. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGUENT FEES.**

The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure the Contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except 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 Commonwealth shall have the right to terminate the Contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the Contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

**77. APPLICABLE LAW AND FORMUM.**

This contract is governed by and must be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (without regard to any conflict of laws provisions) and the decisions of the Pennsylvania courts. The Contractor consents to the jurisdiction of any court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and any federal courts in Pennsylvania, and waives any claim or defense that such forum is not convenient or proper. Any Pennsylvania court or tribunal has in personam jurisdiction over the Contractor, and the Contractor consents to service of process in any manner authorized by Pennsylvania law. This provision may not be interpreted as a waiver or limitation of the Commonwealth's rights or defenses.

**78. INTEGRATION.**

This Contract, including the Invitation for Bids, the Contractor's bid, all referenced documents, and any Purchase Order constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No agent, representative, employee or officer of either the Commonwealth or the Contractor has authority to make, or has made, any statement, agreement or representation, oral or written, in connection with the Contract, which in any way can be deemed to modify, add to or detract from, or otherwise change or alter its terms and conditions. No negotiations between the parties, nor any custom or usage, shall be permitted to modify or contradict any of the terms and conditions of the Contract. No modifications, alterations, changes, or waiver to the Contract or any of its terms shall be valid or binding unless accomplished by a written amendment signed by both parties.

**79. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.**

In the event there is a conflict among the documents comprising this Contract, the Commonwealth and the Contractor agree on the following order of precedence: the Contract; the IFB; and the Contractor's Bid in Response to the IFB.

**80. CONTROLLING TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

The terms and conditions of this Contract shall be the exclusive terms of agreement between the Contractor and the Commonwealth. All quotations requested and received from the Contractor are for obtaining firm pricing only. Other terms and conditions or additional terms and conditions included or referenced in the Contractor's quotations, invoices, business forms, or other documentation shall not become part of the parties' agreement and shall be disregarded by the parties, unenforceable by the Contractor and not binding on the Commonwealth.

**81. CHANGES.**

The Commonwealth reserves the right to make changes at any time during the term of the Contract or any renewals or extensions thereof: 1) to increase or decrease the quantities resulting from variations between any estimated quantities in the Contract and actual quantities; 2) to make changes to the services within the scope of the Contract; 3) to notify the Contractor that the Commonwealth is exercising any Contract renewal or extension option; or 4) to modify the time of performance that does not alter the scope of the Contract to extend the completion date beyond the Expiration Date of the Contract or any renewals or extensions thereof. Any such change shall be made by the Contracting Officer by notifying the Contractor in writing. The change shall be effective as of the date of the change, unless the notification of change specifies a later effective date. Such increases, decreases, changes, or modifications will not invalidate the Contract, nor, if performance security is being furnished in conjunction with the Contract, release the security obligation. The Contractor agrees to provide the service in accordance with the change order. Any dispute by the Contractor in regard to the performance required by any notification of change shall be handled through Contract Controversies Provision.

**82. BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

- a. The Contractor must, at its expense, arrange for a background check for each of its employees, as well as the employees of any of its subcontractors, who will have access to Commonwealth facilities, either through on-site access or through remote access. Background checks are to be conducted via the Request for Criminal Record Check form and procedure found at [https://www.psp.pa.gov/Documents/Public%20Documents/criminal\\_history/CRC%20Request%20SP%204-164.pdf](https://www.psp.pa.gov/Documents/Public%20Documents/criminal_history/CRC%20Request%20SP%204-164.pdf). The background check must be conducted prior to initial access and on an annual basis thereafter.
- b. Before the Commonwealth will permit access to the Contractor, the Contractor must provide written confirmation that the background checks have been conducted. If, at any time, it is discovered that a Contractor employee has a criminal

record that includes a felony or misdemeanor involving terroristic behavior, violence, use of a lethal weapon, or breach of trust/fiduciary responsibility or which raises concerns about building, system or personal security or is otherwise job-related, the Contractor shall not assign that employee to any Commonwealth facilities, shall remove any access privileges already given to the employee and shall not permit that employee remote access unless the Commonwealth consents to the access, in writing, prior to the access. The Commonwealth may withhold its consent in its sole discretion. Failure of the Contractor to comply with the terms of this Section on more than one occasion or Contractor's failure to appropriately address any single failure to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth may result in the Contractor being deemed in default of its Contract.

- c. The Commonwealth specifically reserves the right of the Commonwealth to conduct background checks over and above that described herein.
- d. Access to certain Capitol Complex buildings and other state office buildings is controlled by means of card readers and secured visitors' entrances. Commonwealth contracted personnel who have regular and routine business in Commonwealth worksites may be issued a photo identification or access badge subject to the requirements of the contracting agency and DGS set forth in [Enclosure 3 of Commonwealth Management Directive 625.10 \(Amended\) Card Reader and Emergency Response Access to Certain Capitol Complex Buildings and Other State Office Buildings](#). The requirements, policy and procedures include a processing fee payable by the Contractor for contracted personnel photo identification or access badges.

### **83. SINGLE AUDIT ACT OF 1984.**

In compliance with the *Single Audit Act of 1984*, as amended, the Contractor agrees to the following:

- a. This Contract is subject to audit by federal and state agencies or their authorized representative in accordance with the auditing standards promulgated by the Comptroller General of the United States and specified in the most current version of *Government Auditing Standards* (Yellow Book).
- b. The audit requirement of this Contract will be satisfied if a single audit is performed under the provisions of the *Single Audit Act of 1984*, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 7501, *et seq.*, and all rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the Act.
- c. The Commonwealth reserves the right for federal and state agencies or their authorized representatives to perform additional audits of a financial/compliance, economy/efficiency, or program results nature, if deemed necessary.

- d. The Contractor further agrees to comply with requirements that may be issued by the state agency upon receipt of additional guidance received from the federal government regarding the *Single Audit Act of 1984*, as amended.

**84. CONFIDENTIALITY.**

- a. The Contractor agrees to protect the confidentiality of the Commonwealth's confidential information. The Commonwealth agrees to protect the confidentiality of Contractor's confidential information. In order for information to be deemed confidential, the party claiming confidentiality must designate the information as "confidential" in such a way as to give notice to the other party (notice may be communicated by describing the information, and the specifications around its use or disclosure, in the SOW). Neither party may assert that information owned by the other party is such party's confidential information. The parties agree that such confidential information shall not be copied, in whole or in part, or used or disclosed except when essential for authorized activities under this Contract and, in the case of disclosure, where the recipient of the confidential information has agreed to be bound by confidentiality requirements no less restrictive than those set forth herein. Each copy of such confidential information shall be marked by the party making the copy with any notices appearing in the original. Upon termination or cancellation of this Contract or any license granted hereunder, the receiving party will return to the disclosing party all copies of the confidential information in the receiving party's possession, other than one copy, which may be maintained for archival purposes only, and which will remain subject to this Contract's security, privacy, data retention/destruction and confidentiality provisions (all of which shall survive the expiration of this Contract). Both parties agree that a material breach of these requirements may, after failure to cure within the time frame specified in this Contract, and at the discretion of the non-breaching party, result in termination for default pursuant to the DEFAULT provision of this Contract, in addition to other remedies available to the non-breaching party.
- b. Insofar as information is not otherwise protected by law or regulation, the obligations stated in this Section do not apply to information:
  - i. already known to the recipient at the time of disclosure other than through the contractual relationship;
  - ii. independently generated by the recipient and not derived from the information supplied by the disclosing party;
  - iii. known or available to the public, except where such knowledge or availability is the result of unauthorized disclosure by the recipient of the proprietary information;
  - iv. disclosed to the recipient without a similar restriction by a third party who has the right to make such disclosure; or

- v. required to be disclosed by law, regulation, court order, or other legal process.

There shall be no restriction with respect to the use or disclosure of any ideas, concepts, know-how or data processing techniques developed alone or jointly with the Commonwealth in connection with services provided to the Commonwealth under this Contract.

- c. The Contractor shall use the following process when submitting information to the Commonwealth it believes to be confidential and/or proprietary information or trade secrets:
  - i. Prepare an un-redacted version of the appropriate document;
  - ii. Prepare a redacted version of the document that redacts the information that is asserted to be confidential or proprietary information or a trade secret; and
  - iii. Prepare a signed written statement that states:
    - (1) the attached material contains confidential or proprietary information or trade secrets;
    - (2) the Contractor is submitting the material in both redacted and un-redacted format in accordance with 65 P.S. § 67.707(b); and
    - (3) the Contractor is requesting that the material be considered exempt under 65 P.S. § 67.708(b)(11) from public records requests.
  - iv. Submit the two documents along with the signed written statement to the Commonwealth.

## **85. NOTICE.**

Any written notice to any party under this Contract shall be deemed sufficient if delivered personally, or by facsimile, telecopy, electronic or digital transmission (provided such delivery is confirmed), or by a recognized overnight courier service (e.g., DHL, Federal Express, etc.), with confirmed receipt, or by certified or registered United States mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, and sent to the following:

- a. If to the Contractor: the Contractor's address as recorded in the Commonwealth's Supplier Registration system.
- b. If to the Commonwealth: the address of the Issuing Office as set forth on the Contract.

**86. RIGHT TO KNOW LAW.**

- a. **Applicability.** The Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-3104, (“RTKL”) applies to this contract.
- b. **Contractor Assistance.** If the Commonwealth needs the Contractor’s assistance in any matter arising out of the RTKL related to this contract, the Commonwealth shall notify the Contractor that it requires the Contractor’s assistance, and the Contractor shall provide to the Commonwealth:
  - i. access to, and copies of, any document or information in the Contractor’s possession (Requested Information) arising out of this contract that the Commonwealth reasonably believes is a public record under the RTKL, within ten calendar days after receipt of written notification; and
  - ii. any other assistance as the Commonwealth may reasonably request, in order to comply with the RTKL with respect to this contract.
- c. **Trade Secret or Confidential Proprietary Information.** If the Contractor considers the Requested Information to include a Trade Secret or Confidential Proprietary Information, as those terms are defined by the RTKL, or other information that the Contractor considers exempt from production under the RTKL, the Contractor shall notify the Commonwealth and provide, within seven calendar days of receipt of the written notice a written statement, signed by a representative of the Contractor, that explains why the requested material is exempt from public disclosure under the RTKL. If the Commonwealth determines that the Requested Information is clearly not exempt from disclosure, the Contractor shall provide the Requested Information to the Commonwealth within five business days of receipt of written notice of the Commonwealth’s determination.
- d. **Reimbursement.**
  - i. **Commonwealth Reimbursement.** If the Contractor fails to provide the Requested Information and the Commonwealth is ordered to produce the Requested Information, the Contractor shall reimburse the Commonwealth for any damages, penalties, or costs that the Commonwealth may incur as a result of the Contractor’s failure, including any statutory damages assessed against the Commonwealth.
  - ii. **Contractor Reimbursement.** The Commonwealth will reimburse the Contractor for any costs that the Contractor incurs as a direct result of complying with these provisions only to the extent allowed under the fee schedule established by the Office of Open Records or as otherwise provided by the RTKL.

- e. **Challenges of Commonwealth Release.** The Contractor may file a legal challenge to any Commonwealth decision to release a record to the public with the Office of Open Records, or in the Pennsylvania Courts, however, the Contractor shall reimburse the Commonwealth for any legal expenses incurred by the Commonwealth as a result of the challenge, including any damages, penalties or costs that the Commonwealth may incur as a result of the Contractor's legal challenge, regardless of the outcome.
- f. **Waiver.** As between the parties, the Contractor waives all rights or remedies that may be available to it as a result of the Commonwealth's disclosure of Requested Information pursuant to the RTKL.
- g. **Survival.** The Contractor's obligations contained in this Section survive the termination or expiration of this contract.

**87. ENHANCED MINIMUM WAGE.**

- a. Enhanced Minimum Wage. Contractor shall pay no less than \$15.00 per hour to its employees for all hours worked directly performing the services called for in this contract/lease, and for an employee's hours performing ancillary services necessary for the performance of the services or lease when the employee spends at least 20% of their time performing ancillary services in a given work week.
- b. Adjustment. Beginning July 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the minimum wage rate will be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment using the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. The Commonwealth will publish applicable adjusted amount in the Pennsylvania Bulletin by March 1 of each year to be effective the following July 1.
- c. Exceptions. These Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions do not apply to employees
  - iii. Exempt from minimum wage under the Minimum Wage Act of 1968;
  - iv. covered by a collective bargaining agreement;
  - v. required to be paid a higher wage under another state or federal law governing the services, including the Prevailing Wage Act and Davis-Bacon Act; or
  - vi. required to be paid a higher wage under any state or local policy or ordinance.
- d. Notice. The Contractor shall: (1) post this Enhanced Minimum Wage Provision for the entire period of the contract conspicuously in easily-accessible and well-lighted

places customarily frequented by employees at or near where the contracted services are performed; or (2) for the entire period of the contract, provide electronic notice of this clause to its employees not less than annually.

- e. Records. Contractor must maintain and, upon request and within the time periods requested by the Commonwealth, provide to the Commonwealth all employment and wage records necessary to document compliance with these Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions.
- f. Sanctions. Contractor's failure to comply with these Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions may result in the imposition of sanctions, which may include, but are not limited to, termination of the contract or lease, nonpayment, debarment, or referral to the Office of General Counsel for appropriate civil or criminal referral.
- g. Subcontractors. The Contractor shall include these Enhanced Minimum Wage Provisions in its subcontracts under this contract or lease to ensure that these provisions are binding on its subcontractors.

**88. WORKER PROTECTION AND INVESTMENT.**

- a. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Pennsylvania state labor laws and worker safety laws including, but not limited to, the following:
  - i. Construction Workplace Misclassification Act;
  - ii. Employment of Minors Child Labor Act;
  - iii. Minimum Wage Act;
  - iv. Prevailing Wage Act;
  - v. Equal Pay Law;
  - vi. Employer to Pay Employment Medical Examination Fee Act;
  - vii. Seasonal Farm Labor Act;
  - viii. Wage Payment and Collection Law;
  - ix. Industrial Homework Law;
  - x. Construction Industry Employee Verification Act;
  - xi. Act 102: Prohibition on Excessive Overtime in Healthcare;
  - xii. Apprenticeship and Training Act; and

xiii. Inspection of Employment Records Law.

**89. DATA BREACH OR LOSS.**

- a. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable data protection, data security, data privacy and data breach notification laws, including but not limited to the *Breach of Personal Information Notification Act*, as amended June 27, 2024, P.L. 2139, No. 151, 73 P.S. §§ 2301—2330. Further, to the extent the Contractor maintains, stores, or manages computerized data on behalf of the Commonwealth that constitutes personal information, as defined in the *Breach of Personal Information Notification Act*, the Contractor shall comply with the then current version of the following IT Policies (ITPs): *Data Classification Policy*, *IT Security Incident Reporting Policy*, and *Encryption Policy*.
- b. For Data and Confidential Information in the possession, custody, and control of the Contractor or its employees, agents, and/or subcontractors:
  - i. The Contractor shall report unauthorized access, use, release, loss, destruction or disclosure of Data or Confidential Information (“Incident”) to the Commonwealth within **one hour** of when the Contractor knows of or reasonably suspects such Incident, and the Contractor must immediately take all reasonable steps to mitigate any potential harm or further access, use, release, loss, destruction or disclosure of such Data or Confidential Information.
  - ii. The Contractor shall provide timely notice to all individuals that may require notice under any applicable law or regulation as a result of an Incident. The notice must be pre-approved by the Commonwealth. At the Commonwealth’s request, Contractor shall, at its sole expense, provide credit monitoring services to all individuals that may be impacted by any Incident requiring notice.
  - iii. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for any costs, losses, fines, or damages incurred by the Commonwealth due to Incidents.
- c. As to Data and Confidential Information fully or partially in the possession, custody, or control of the Contractor and the Commonwealth, the Contractor shall diligently perform all of the duties required in this Section in cooperation with the Commonwealth, until the time at which a determination of responsibility for the Incident, and for subsequent action regarding the Incident, is made final.

**90. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICIES.**

- a. General. The Contractor shall comply with the IT standards and policies issued by the Governor’s Office of Administration, Office for Information Technology

(located at <https://www.oa.pa.gov/Policies/Pages/itp.aspx>), including the [Digital Accessibility Policy](#). The Contractor shall ensure that services and supplies procured under the contract comply with the applicable standards. In the event such standards change during the contractor's performance, and the Commonwealth requests that the Contractor comply with the changed standard, then any incremental costs incurred by the Contractor to comply with such changes shall be paid for pursuant to a change order to the Contract.

- b. Waiver. The Contractor may request a waiver from an Information Technology Policy (ITP) by providing detailed written justification as to why the ITP cannot be met. The Commonwealth may waive the ITP in whole, in part or conditionally, or require that the Contractor provide an acceptable alternative. Any Commonwealth waiver of the requirement must be in writing.

## 91. INSURANCE.

- a. General. Unless otherwise indicated in the Solicitation, the Contractor shall maintain at its expense and require its agents, contractors and subcontractors to procure and maintain, as appropriate, the following types and amounts of insurance, issued by companies acceptable to the Commonwealth and authorized to conduct such business under the laws of the Commonwealth:
  - i. Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of the Contractor's employees and those of any subcontractor engaged in performing Services in accordance with the *Workers' Compensation Act*, Act of June 2, 1915, P.L. 736, No. 338, reenacted and amended June 21, 1939, P.L. 520, No. 281, as amended, 77 P.S. §§ 1—2708.
  - ii. Commercial general liability insurance providing coverage from claims for damages for personal injury, death and property of others, including loss of use resulting from any property damage which may arise from its operations under this Contract, whether such operation be by the Contractor, by any agent, contractor or 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** per person and **\$2,000,000** per occurrence, personal injury and property damage combined. Such policies shall be occurrence based rather than claims-made policies and shall name the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an additional insured, as its interests may appear. The insurance shall not contain any endorsements or any other form designed to limit and restrict any action by the Commonwealth as an additional insured against the insurance coverages in regard to the Services performed for or supplies provided to the Commonwealth.
  - iii. Professional and Technology-Based Services Liability Insurance (insuring against damages and claim expenses as a result of claims arising from any actual or alleged wrongful acts in performing cyber and technology

activities) in the amount of **\$2,000,000**, per accident/occurrence/annual aggregate.

- iv. Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions Insurance in the amount of **\$2,000,000**, per accident/occurrence/annual aggregate, covering the Contractor, its employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors in the performance of all services.
  - v. Network/Cyber Liability Insurance (including coverage for Professional and Technology-Based Services Liability if not covered under Company's Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions Insurance referenced above) in the amount of **\$3,000,000**, per accident/occurrence/annual aggregate, covering the Contractor, its employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors in the performance of all services.
  - vi. Completed Operations Insurance in the amount of **\$2,000,000**, per accident/occurrence/annual aggregate, covering the Contractor, its employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors in the performance of all services.
- b. Certificate of Insurance. Prior to commencing Services under the Contract, and annually thereafter, the Contractor shall provide the Commonwealth with a copy of each current certificate of insurance required by this Section. These certificates shall contain a provision that coverages afforded under the policies will not be canceled or changed in such a way to cause the coverage to fail to comply with the requirements of this Section until at least **15 days'** prior written notice has been given to the Commonwealth. Such cancellation or change shall not relieve the Contractor of its continuing obligation to maintain insurance coverage in accordance with this Section.
- c. Insurance coverage length. The Contractor agrees to maintain such insurance for the latter of the life of the Contract, or the life of any Purchase Orders issued under the Contract.

## **92. SENSITIVE INFORMATION.**

The Contractor shall not publish or otherwise disclose, except to the Commonwealth and except matters of public record, any information or data obtained hereunder from private individuals, organizations, or public agencies, in a publication whereby the information or data furnished by or about any particular person or establishment can be identified, except with the consent of such person or establishment. The parties shall not use or disclose any information about a recipient receiving services from, or otherwise enrolled in, a Commonwealth program affected by or benefiting from services under this Contract for any purpose not connected with the parties' Contract responsibilities except with the written consent of such recipient, recipient's attorney, or

recipient's parent or guardian pursuant to applicable state and federal law and regulations.

Contractor will be responsible to remediate any improper disclosure of information. Such remediation may include, but not be limited to, credit monitoring for individuals for whom information has been released and reimbursement of any costs incurred by individuals for whom information has been released. Costs for which Contractor is responsible under this paragraph are not subject to any limitation of liability set out in this Contract or Purchase Order.

**93. VIRUS, MALICIOUS, MISCHIEVOUS OR DESTRUCTIVE PROGRAMMING.**

- a. The Contractor shall be liable for any damages incurred by the Commonwealth if the Contractor or any of its employees, subcontractors or consultants introduces a virus or malicious, mischievous or destructive programming into the Commonwealth's software or computer networks and has failed to comply with the Commonwealth software security standards. The Commonwealth must demonstrate that the Contractor or any of its employees, subcontractors or consultants introduced the virus or malicious, mischievous or destructive programming. The Contractor's liability shall cease if the Commonwealth has not fully complied with its own software security standards.
- b. The Contractor shall be liable for any damages incurred by the Commonwealth including, but not limited to, the expenditure of Commonwealth funds to eliminate or remove a computer virus or malicious, mischievous or destructive programming that results from the Contractor's failure to take proactive measures to keep virus or malicious, mischievous or destructive programming from originating from the Contractor or any of its employees, subcontractors or consultants through appropriate firewalls and maintenance of anti-virus software and software security updates (such as operating systems security patches, etc.).
- c. In the event of destruction or modification of Software, the Contractor shall eliminate the virus, malicious, mischievous or destructive programming, restore the Commonwealth's software, and be liable to the Commonwealth for any resulting damages.
- d. The Contractor shall be responsible for reviewing Commonwealth software security standards and complying with those standards.
- e. The Commonwealth may, at any time, audit, by a means deemed appropriate by the Commonwealth, any computing devices being used by representatives of the Contractor to provide Services to the Commonwealth for the sole purpose of determining whether those devices have anti-virus software with current virus signature files and the current minimum operating system patches or workarounds have been installed. Devices found to be out of compliance will immediately be

disconnected and will not be permitted to connect or reconnect to the Commonwealth network until the proper installations have been made.

- f. The Contractor may use the anti-virus software used by the Commonwealth to protect Contractor's computing devices used in the course of providing services to the Commonwealth. It is understood that the Contractor may not install the software on any computing device not being used to provide services to the Commonwealth, and that all copies of the software will be removed from all devices upon termination of this Contract.
- g. The Commonwealth will not be responsible for any damages to the Contractor's computers, data, software, etc. caused as a result of the installation of the Commonwealth's anti-virus software or monitoring software on the Contractor's computers.

#### 94. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

- a. General. The Contractor's liability to the Commonwealth under this Contract shall be limited to the greater of **\$250,000** or the value of this Contract (including any amendments). This limitation will apply, except as otherwise stated in this Section, regardless of the form of action, whether in contract or in tort, including negligence. This limitation does not, however, apply to any damages:
  - i. for bodily injury;
  - ii. for death;
  - iii. for gross negligence or intentional or willful misconduct;
  - iv. for damage to real property or tangible personal property for which the Contractor is legally liable;
  - v. under **Patent, Copyright, Trademark and Trade Secret Protection**;
  - vi. under **Data Breach or Loss**; or
  - vii. under **Virus, Malicious, Mischievous or Destructive Programming**.
- b. The Contractor will not be liable for consequential or incidental damages, except for damages as set forth in **paragraphs (a)(i)—(vii)** above, or as otherwise specified in the Contract.

#### 95. TERMINATION ASSISTANCE.

- a. Upon the Commonwealth's request, Contractor shall provide termination assistance services (Termination Assistance Services) directly to the

Commonwealth, or to any vendor designated by the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth may request termination assistance from the Contractor upon full or partial termination of the Contract and/or upon the expiration of the Contract term, including any renewal periods. Contractor shall take all necessary and appropriate actions to accomplish a complete, timely and seamless transition of any Services from Contractor to the Commonwealth, or to any vendor designated by the Commonwealth, without material interruption of or material adverse impact on the Services. Contractor shall cooperate with the Commonwealth and any new contractor and otherwise promptly take all steps required or reasonably requested to assist the Commonwealth in effecting a complete and timely transition of any Services.

- b. Such Termination Assistance Services shall first be rendered using resources included within the fees for the Services, provided that the use of such resources shall not adversely impact the level of service provided to the Commonwealth; then by resources already included within the fees for the Services, to the extent that the Commonwealth permits the level of service to be relaxed; and finally, using additional resources at costs determined by the Parties via the Changes Section.

**96. AGENCY-SPECIFIC SENSITIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL COMMONWEALTH DATA**

- a. Contractor understands that its level of access may allow or require it to view or access highly sensitive and confidential Commonwealth and third party data. This data is subject to various state and federal laws, regulations and policies that vary from agency to agency, and from program to program within an agency. If applicable, prior to deployment of the supplies or services, the Contractor must receive and sign off on particular instructions and limitations as dictated by that Commonwealth agency, including but not limited to, as necessary, HIPAA Business Associate Agreements. This sign-off document, a sample of which is attached as **Exhibit B, Sample Sign-off Document**, will include a description of the nature of the data which may be implicated based on the nature of the Contractor's access, and will incorporate the Business Associate Agreement if it is applicable.
- b. The Contractor hereby certifies and warrants that, after being informed by the Commonwealth agency of the nature of the data which may be implicated and prior to the deployment of the supplies or services, the Contractor is and shall remain compliant with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations and policies regarding the data's protection, and with the requirements memorialized in every completed and signed sign-off document. Every sign-off document completed by a Commonwealth agency and signed by at least one signatory authorized to bind the Contractor is valid and is hereby integrated and incorporated by reference into this Contract.

- c. This Section does not require a Commonwealth agency to exhaustively list the laws, regulations or policies to which implicated data is subject; the Commonwealth agency is obligated only to list the nature of the data implicated by the Contractor's access, to refer the Contractor to its privacy and security policies, and to specify requirements that are not otherwise inherent in compliance with applicable laws, regulations and policies.
- d. The requirements of this Section are in addition to and not in lieu of other requirements of this Contract, its Exhibits, Appendices and Attachments, having to do with data privacy and security, including but not limited to the requirement that the Contractor comply with all applicable Commonwealth ITPs, which can be found at <https://www.oa.pa.gov/Policies/Pages/itp.aspx>.
- e. Contractor shall conduct additional background checks, in addition to those required in the Background Checks Section, as may be required by a Commonwealth agency in its sign-off documents. The Contractor shall educate and hold its agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors to standards at least as stringent as those contained in this Contract. The Contractor shall provide information regarding its agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors to the Commonwealth upon request.

**97. CONTROLLING TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

The terms and conditions of this Contract shall be the exclusive terms of agreement between the Contractor and the Commonwealth. Other terms and conditions or additional terms and conditions included or referenced in the Contractor's website, quotations, invoices, business forms, click-through agreements, or other documentation shall not become part of the parties' agreement and shall be disregarded by the parties, unenforceable by the Contractor, and not binding on the Commonwealth.

**98. CONTRACTOR HOSTED SECURITY, LOCATION, STATUS AND DISPOSITION OF DATA.**

Unless the Solicitation specifies otherwise:

- i. All Data must be stored within the United States;
- ii. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining the privacy, security and integrity of Data in the Contractor's or its subcontractors' possession;
- iii. All Data shall be provided to the Commonwealth upon request, in a form acceptable to the Commonwealth and at no cost;
- iv. Any Data shall be destroyed by the Contractor at the Commonwealth's request;

- v. Any Data shall be held for litigation or public records purposes by the Contractor at the Commonwealth's request, and in accordance with the security, privacy and accessibility requirements of this Contract; and
- vi. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions set forth in **Exhibit A, Requirements for Non-Commonwealth Hosted Applications/Services**.

## **99. SOFTWARE.**

### 1. Definitions

- a. Software means any combination of instructions, data or programs used to operate any computer system, hardware device, or equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, system software, firmware, application software, cloud software, and software as a service, regardless of where or how it is installed or executed.

### 2. Contractor Owned Software.

- a. If the Contractor provides equipment that requires Software for its use or the Software is integrated into the equipment, and the Software is the property of the Contractor, the Contractor grants to the Commonwealth a non-exclusive, fully-paid up, worldwide license to use the Software including any updates, modifications, and upgrades to such Software as necessary to meet the requirements of the Contract, including the rights to reproduce, distribute, publicly perform, display and create derivative works. This license is granted so long as the Commonwealth has the equipment, to an extent necessary to meet the requirements under this Contract, and without further terms or conditions.

### 3. Third-Party Software.

- a. The Contractor may not offer equipment which requires third-party owned commercially available Software for its use, unless:
  - i. the Contractor: obtains a Software license from the Software publisher; providing the Commonwealth with a non-exclusive, fully-paid up, worldwide sublicense to use the Software and any updates, modifications, and upgrades to the Software so long as the Commonwealth has the equipment; warrants that the Commonwealth's use of the Software will not be in violation or infringe any intellectual property rights of any person or entity; and indemnifies the Commonwealth against any third party intellectual property claim that may arise as a result of the Commonwealth's use of the Software pursuant to the sublicense; or
  - ii. the Commonwealth has entered into an appropriate Software license agreement for use of the Software with the software publisher.

1. If use of any Software requires the Commonwealth to enter into a separate Software license agreement with a Software publisher other than the Contractor, the Contractor must inform any such Software publisher that the publisher must enter into mutually acceptable Software license agreement with the Commonwealth. The Contractor shall reasonably assist the Commonwealth in its efforts to reach such an agreement with the Software publisher.
4. The Contractor may not require the Commonwealth or any user of the equipment or services acquired within the scope of this IFB and eventual Contract to sign, click through, or in any other way agree to any terms associated with use of or interaction with the equipment, including any Software, or services, unless the Commonwealth has executed such terms in writing in advance under this Contract, including all Commonwealth signatures as required by law, and the terms are consistent with this Contract. Further, changes to terms of this Contract may be accomplished only by processes set out in this Contract. Other terms and conditions, including, but not limited to, third party or “flow down” terms and conditions, or any other additional terms and conditions included or referenced in the Contractor’s website, quotations, invoices, business forms, click-through agreements, or other documentation including any Software terms will not become part of the parties’ agreement and will be disregarded by the parties, unenforceable, and not binding on the Commonwealth.

#### **100. LEASING ADDITIONAL TERMS.**

To the extent that the Contractor offers the Commonwealth or any purchasing agency ("Lessee") the option to lease any items covered by the Contract, these Leasing Terms And Conditions shall, in addition to the other terms and conditions of the Contract, govern the Lease, except to the extent the Contractor assigns a Lease to an Initial

Assignee, in which case the Initial Assignee shall be bound to the obligations of the Contractor only as specified in these Leasing Terms and Conditions. If a Lessee desires to lease contract items, the Lessee shall indicate its leasing election on the PO issued to the Contractor ("Lease PO"). By issuing a Lease PO, the Lessee explicitly agrees to these Leasing Terms and Conditions. Any items covered by a Lease shall be called "Leased Property" in these Leasing Terms and Conditions. To the extent that there is a conflict between the other terms and conditions of the Contract and these Leasing Terms and Conditions, these Leasing Terms and Conditions shall prevail to the extent that the Lessee has elected a leasing option.

##### **A. Term of Lease**

The Contractor may provide any Leased Property under the Contract for any term up to 60 months, including a Fair Market Value Option for Lease/Purchases. The Lessee

shall identify the term selected, as well as its election of either a Lease or Lease/Purchase option, on the Lease PO. The Lease term shall commence on the date the Lessee accepts the Leased Property by executing the Acceptance Certificate, and the term shall continue for the length specified on the Lease PO. The form of the Acceptance Certificate can be found on the Forms page of the Department of General Services' webpage ([www.dgs.state.pa.us](http://www.dgs.state.pa.us)).

If the Contractor delivers the Leased Property in more than one delivery, unless otherwise specified in the Specifications for this procurement, the Lessee will provide separate acceptance certificates for each delivery of the items, and the Lessee will make periodic payments for the Leased Property corresponding to the amount of the Leased Property delivered and accepted 30 days prior to the payment due date.

## **B. Payments**

1. Full Term Intention. The Lessee shall pay the applicable monthly or annual rent payment for the Leased Property for the full Lease term, unless the Lessee terminates the Lease, either for Contractor default as set forth in the Default provision of the Contract or for non-appropriation of funds as specified in this Section.

2. Non-Appropriation. The Lessee's obligation is payable only and solely from funds allotted for the purpose of the Lease. If sufficient funds are not appropriated for continuation of performance under any Lease for any fiscal year subsequent to the one in which the Lessee issued the Lease PO, the Lessee may return the Leased Property to the Contractor/Initial Assignee (as applicable), and thereafter the Contractor/Initial Assignee shall release the Lessee of all further obligations under the Lease, provided:

- a. The Lessee delivers unencumbered title to the Leased Property to the Contractor or Initial Assignee (if applicable);
- b. The Lessee returns the Leased Property to the Contractor/Initial Assignee in good condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted; and
- c. The Lessee gives 30 days written notice of the failure of appropriations to the Contractor/Initial Assignee, along with a certification that the Leased Property is not being replaced by similar items from another vendor. In the event the Lessee returns the Leased Property for failure of appropriations, the Lessee shall pay all amounts then due under the Lease through the end of the fiscal year for which sufficient funds were appropriated for the Lease.

## **C. Title**

1. Title to the Leased Property shall not pass to the Lessee but shall remain in the Contractor or Initial Assignee, whichever applies; except in the case of a Lease/Purchase, the title shall pass to the Lessee upon payment of the final installment or other concluding payment option.

- a. Upon payment of the final installment or other concluding payment option, neither the Contractor nor its assignee shall have any further interest in the Leased Property.
- b. The Leased Property shall remain personal property and shall not become a fixture or affixed to real property without consent of the Contractor/assignee.
- c. At the request of the Contractor or Initial Assignee, the Lessee will join the Contractor/assignee in executing one or more UCC-1 financing statements.
- d. The Lessee will keep the Leased Property free and clear of all encumbrances except the Contractor's/assignee's security interest.

#### **D. Use And Location Of, and Alteration to Leased Property**

The Lessee shall keep the Leased Property within the confines of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and shall inform the Contractor/Initial Assignee upon request of the location of the Leased Property. The Lessee, at its own cost and expense, shall maintain the Leased Property in good operating condition and will not use or deal with the Leased Property in any manner which is inconsistent with the terms of the Contract or any applicable laws and regulations. The Lessee agrees not to misuse, abuse, or waste the Leased Property and the Lessee will not allow the Leased Property to deteriorate, except for ordinary wear and tear resulting from their intended use. No alterations, changes, or modifications to the Leased Property shall be made without the approval of the Contractor/Initial Assignee.

#### **E. Risk of Loss**

The Contractor shall assume and bear the risk of loss or damage to, or theft of, the Leased Property and all component parts while the Leased Property or parts are in the Lessee's possession, unless the Lessee could have prevented such loss, damage, or theft by exercising reasonable care or diligence in the use, protection, or care of the Leased Property or parts. No loss or damage to the Leased Property or parts shall impair any Contractor or Lessee obligation under the Lease, except as expressly provided in these Leasing Terms and Conditions. If the damage could not have been prevented by the Lessee's exercise of reasonable care or diligence, and the Contractor determines the Leased Property or parts can be economically repaired, the Contractor shall repair or cause to be repaired all damages to the Leased Property or their parts. In the event that any of the Leased Property or their parts are stolen or destroyed, or if in the Contractor's opinion they are rendered irreparable, unusable, or damaged, the affected Leased Property shall be considered a total loss and the Lease shall terminate as to that Leased Property, and the Lessee's obligation to pay rent for the affected Leased Property shall be deemed to have ceased as of the date of the loss.

#### **F. Warranties**

1. The Lessee shall have the benefit of any and all manufacturer or supplier warranties for the Leased Property during the Lease term.

2. The Contractor/Initial Assignee and any subsequent assignee warrants that neither the Contractor/Initial Assignee or subsequent assignee, nor anyone acting or claiming through these parties by assignment or otherwise, will interfere with the Lessee's quiet enjoyment of the Leased Property so long as no event of default as defined in Subsection J of this Section shall have occurred and be continuing.

### **G. Liability**

1. The Lessee assumes all risks and liabilities for injury to or death of any person or damage to any property, arising out of the Lessee's possession, use, operation, condition, or storage of any Leased Property, whether such injury or death be of agents or employees of the Lessee or of third parties, and whether such property damage be to the Lessee's property or the property of others; provided, however, that the damage or injury results from the action or inaction of the Lessee, its agents or employees, and provided that judgment has been obtained against the Lessee, its agents or employees. This provision shall not be construed to limit the governmental immunity of any Lessee.

2. The Lessee shall, during the Lease term, either self-insure or purchase insurance to cover the risks it has assumed under Paragraph 1 of this Subsection, including but not limited to risks of public liability and property damage.

### **H. Assignment**

1. The Lessee shall not assign any Lease PO or other interest in the Leased Property without the prior written consent of the Contractor or its assignee. The Contractor may assign, and/or grant security interests in whole or in part in, the Lease PO and Leased Property to an Initial Assignee, who in turn may further assign and/or grant a security interest in a Lease to a subsequent assignee without the Lessee's consent. Any other Contractor assignment shall require the Lessee's prior written consent. Upon written notice to the Lessee, the Contractor may assign payments under any Lease to a third party.

2. The Contractor may assign, without Lessee consent, any Lease PO to a third party ("Initial Assignee") who will fund the purchase of the Leased Property. The Initial Assignee may take title to, and assume the right to receive all rental payments for, the Leased Property. The Contractor shall notify the Lessee of any Lease PO assignment in its acknowledgment of the Lease PO to the Lessee, providing the Lessee with a copy of the assignment agreement between the Contractor and the Initial Assignee.

3. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the Contract, in the event of an assignment to an Initial Assignee, the Initial Assignee shall be bound only to the Contractor's obligations specified in these Leasing Terms and Conditions. An Initial Assignee shall not be responsible for any of the Contractor's additional representations, warranties, covenants, or obligations under the Contract Documents. By issuing a Lease PO, the Lessee waives any claims it may have under the Lease against the Initial Assignee for any loss, damage, or expense caused by, defect in, or use or maintenance of any Leased Property. The Lessee acknowledges that the Initial Assignee is not the supplier of the

Leased Property and is not responsible for their selection or installation. After the ordering Lessee executes, and the Initial Assignee receives, an Acceptance Certificate, if any portion of the Leased Property is unsatisfactory for any reason, the ordering Lessee shall, nevertheless, continue to make payments under the applicable Lease terms and shall make any claim against the Contractor or the manufacturer, not against the Initial Assignee or any subsequent assignee of the Initial Assignee.

4. After a Lessee executes and the Initial Assignee receives an Acceptance Certificate:

a. The Lessee shall, regardless of whether any portion of the Leased Property is unsatisfactory for any reason, nevertheless, continue to make payments under the applicable Lease and shall make any claim relating to the Leased Property against the Contractor or the manufacturer, not against the Initial Assignee or any subsequent assignee; and

b. The rights of the Initial Assignee and any subsequent assignee to receive rental payments are absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any defense or right of set-off.

5. **Warranty Disclaimer.** IN THE EVENT THE CONTRACTOR ASSIGNS A LEASE TO AN INITIAL ASSIGNEE, SUCH INITIAL ASSIGNEE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNEE MAKE NO WARRANTY (OTHER THAN A WARRANTY OF QUIET ENJOYMENT OF THE LEASED PROPERTY), EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO ANY MATTER WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. AS TO THE INITIAL ASSIGNEE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNEE, THE LESSEE TAKES THE LEASED PROPERTY "AS IS". IN NO EVENT SHALL THE INITIAL ASSIGNEE OR ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNEE HAVE ANY LIABILITY FOR, NOR SHALL THE LESSEE HAVE ANY REMEDY AGAINST, THE INITIAL ASSIGNEE OR ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNEE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, LOSS OF SAVINGS, OR LOSS OF USE.

## **I. Financing and Prepayment**

1. If the Contractor is not the supplier of the Leased Property, the Contractor will pay the charges for the Leased Property directly to the supplier. In the event the Contractor assigns the Lease to an Initial Assignee, the Initial Assignee will pay the charges directly to the Contractor or the supplier, as applicable. If the Contractor has assigned rental payments under the Lease to an Initial Assignee, the Lessee's obligation to make rental payments for the Leased Property for which the Lessee has executed and delivered acceptance certificates shall not be affected by any discontinuance, return, or destruction of any license or licensed program materials, or by any Lessee dissatisfaction with any Leased Property.

2. The Lessee may at any time terminate the financing for any Leased Property by prepaying its remaining rental payments. The Lessee shall provide notice of the intended prepayment date, which shall be at least one month after the date of the notice. Depending on market conditions at the time, the Contractor/Initial Assignee

may reduce the balance of the remaining rental payments to reflect the requested prepayment and shall advise the Lessee of the balance to be paid.

3. If the Lessee purchases Contract items related to Leased Property prior to the expiration of the Lease term, or if the Lease is terminated for any reason except non-appropriation as described in Subsection B of this Subsection, and if the Leased Property has been delivered and the Lessee has executed and delivered to the Contractor an acceptance certificate, the Lessee shall prepay such Leased Property.

#### **J. Remedies for Default**

1. If the Lessee does not make a required payment within 30 days after its due date and such nonpayment continues for 15 days after receipt of written notice from the Contractor/Initial Assignee that the Lessee is delinquent in payment, if the Lessee breaches any other provision under these Leasing Terms and Conditions and such breach continues for 15 days after receipt of written notice of the breach from the Contractor/Initial Assignee, or if the Lessee files any petition or proceeding (or has a petition or proceeding filed against it) under any bankruptcy, insolvency, or similar law, the Contractor/Initial Assignee may pursue and enforce the following remedies, individually or collectively:

- a. Terminate the applicable Lease.
- b. Take possession of any or all Leased Property in the Lessee's possession, without any court order or other process of law. For such purpose, upon written notice of its intention to do so, the Contractor or its assignee may enter upon the premises where the Leased Property may be and remove and repossess the Leased Property, from the premises without being liable to the Lessee in any action or legal proceedings. The Contractor/assignee may, at its option, sell the repossessed Leased Property at public or private sale for cash or credit. The Lessee shall be liable for the Contractor's/assignee's expenses of retaking possession, including without limitation the removal of the Leased Property and placing the Leased Property in good operating condition (if not in good operating condition at the time of removal) in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. Repossessed Leased Property shall include only those items that were leased or lease/purchased under the Lease.
- c. Recover from the Lessee all rental payments then due, plus the net present value of the amount of the remaining rental payments. The present value of such remaining rental payments shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the average of the weekly two- and three-year Treasury Constant Maturities published by the Federal Reserve Board for the last calendar week of the month preceding the contractor's/assignee's termination of the applicable Lease. The Treasury Constant Maturities are published in Statistical Release .15 and may be accessed via the Federal Reserve Board's Internet website.

2. In the event of Contractor default under the Default provision of the Contract, the

Lessee may pursue one or more of the following remedies:

- a. If the rental payments under the Lease have been assigned to an Initial Assignee, the Lessee shall continue to make payments for that Leased Property which has been delivered and for which the Lessee has provided acceptance certificates to the Contractor/Initial Assignee.
- b. The Lessee may cancel, without liability for payment, its order for any Leased Property which has not been delivered and for which it has not issued acceptance certificates. In this instance, the amount of the rental payments will be recalculated to take into consideration and pay for the actual amount of Leased Property which was delivered and accepted. If no Leased Property has been delivered and accepted, the Lessee may terminate the Lease without liability for any payment.
- c. If payments have not been assigned, the Lessee may set off or counterclaim any and all damages incurred by the Lessee as a result of the Contractor's default against its obligation to make rental payments.

#### **K. Purchase Option**

If the Lessee is not in default, it shall have the right at the expiration of the Lease term to buy the Leased Property "as is with no additional warranty" by tendering the purchase option amount the parties have established. For any

Lease with a Fair Market Value Option, the fair market value of the equipment shall be established by the Contractor/Initial Assignee and shall not exceed the then-current purchase price of the Leased Property as established in the Contract. Upon the Lessee's exercise of a purchase option and payment of the required amount to the Contractor/Initial Assignee, all right, title, and interest in the Leased Property shall pass to the Lessee.

#### **L. Extension**

If the Lessee does not elect to purchase the Leased Property at the expiration of a Lease term, and the Lessee is not in default under the Lease, the Lessee may elect to extend the Lease by written notification to the Contractor/Initial Assignee. The Lessee will make any elective extension under the same Leasing Terms and Conditions, including any rent payable (not less than fair market rental value), and will continue until the earlier of termination by either party upon one month's prior written notice, or five years from the date of installation.

#### **M. Return of Leased Property**

At the expiration or termination of a Lease for any Leased Property, or upon Contractor/Initial Assignee demand pursuant to Subsection J. of this Section, the Lessee shall promptly return the Leased Property, freight prepaid, to any location in

the continental United States specified by the Contractor/Initial Assignee. The Lessee shall pay the required rent for the Leased Property until they have been shipped to the Contractor.

1. Since DGS has, as a matter of policy, determined that all hard drives contain information that is confidential or sensitive, the Contractor shall, at its discretion, either remove and destroy any hard drive from the Leased Property or clean the hard drive to Office of Administration/U.S. Department of Defense standards, and the Contractor shall provide written certification to the Lessee that the hard drive has been destroyed or cleaned to Office of Administration/U.S. Department of Defense standards.

2. Except in the event of a total loss of any or all Leased Property as described in Subsection E. of this Section, and except for any costs associated with the removal, destruction, and cleaning of any hard drives, the Lessee shall pay any costs the Contractor/Initial Assignee incurs to restore the Leased Property to good operating condition in accordance with the Contract specifications. All parts the Contractor/Initial Assignee may remove and replace shall become the Contractor's/Initial Assignee's property.

3. The Contractor's/Initial Assignee's costs associated with the cleaning of any hard drive to Office of Administration/U.S. Department of Defense standards and the removal and destruction of any hard drive(s) shall be included in the rental amount. The Lessee shall not be required to pay additional charges for the Contractor's/Initial Assignee's cleaning of a hard drive to Office of Administration/U.S. Department of Defense standards nor for the Contractor's/Initial Assignee's removal and destruction of any hard drive(s) upon the return of a Leased item.

## **N. Compliance with Internal Revenue Code**

1. Tax Exemption Financing. If it intends to provide tax exempt financing, the Contractor/Initial Assignee must file, in timely fashion, any reports the Internal Revenue Service may require with respect to the order under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Lessee shall cooperate with the Contractor/Initial Assignee in the preparation and execution of these documents. The Lessee shall also keep a copy of each notification of assignment with the Lessee's counterpart of the order and shall not, during the Lease term, permit the Leased Property to be directly or indirectly used for a private business use within the meaning of Section 141 of the IRC.

2. Governmental Status. Eligible Lessees include State entities or political subdivisions of a State for the purpose of Section 103(a) of the IRC as well as tax exempt non-profit corporations and entities under 501(c)(4) of the IRC. Any misrepresentation of a Lessee's status under the IRC shall constitute an event of default by the Lessee. If the Internal Revenue Service rules that the Lessee does not so qualify under either Section 103(a) or 501(c)(4) of the IRC, or if the Lessee fails to cooperate with the Contractor/Initial Assignee in the preparation and execution of any reports required under Section 124 or 149 of the IRC (including 8038G and 8038GC forms), the Lessee will, upon demand, pay the Contractor/Initial Assignee a sum the

Contractor/Initial Assignee determines sufficient to return the Contractor/Initial Assignee to the economic status it would otherwise have received.

**O. Governing Law**

All Leases made under these Leasing Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, except that the parties agree that Article 2A of the Uniform Commercial Code shall not apply or govern transactions under these Leasing Terms and Conditions.

**P. Notices**

Service of all notices under these Leasing Terms and Conditions shall be sufficient if delivered to the Lessee at the address set forth in the applicable Lease PO, or to the Contractor/Initial Assignee at the address set forth in its acknowledgment of the Lease PO, including any attached document. Notices by mail shall be effective when deposited in the U.S. mail, properly addressed, with sufficient paid postage. Notices delivered by hand or by overnight courier shall be effective when actually received.

## EXHIBIT A

### Requirements for Non-Commonwealth Hosted Applications/Services

The purpose of this Attachment is to define requirements for business or technology solutions and services procured by the Commonwealth that are hosted within the Service Organization (Contractor's) or its Subservice Organization(s) (subcontractors) managed infrastructure. Any reference to Contractor below applies to Contractor and its subcontractors.

#### A. Hosting Requirements

1. The Contractor shall supply and maintain all hosting equipment (hardware and software) required for the delivery of the computing services.
2. The Contractor shall provide secure access to users leveraging the principle of least privilege and delegating administration to the Commonwealth where possible.
3. The Contractor shall use commercially reasonable resources and efforts to maintain adequate network bandwidth and server capacity to meet expected service levels.
4. The Contractor shall maintain all components of the Contractor hosted solution with commercially reasonable support and replace as necessary to maintain compliance.
5. The Contractor shall monitor, prevent, and deter unauthorized system access. The Contractor shall use all commercially reasonable methods to confirm suspected breaches. In the event of any impermissible disclosure, unauthorized loss or destruction of Confidential Information, the receiving Party must immediately notify the disclosing Party and take all reasonable steps to mitigate any potential harm or further disclosure of such Confidential Information. The Contractor shall provide the Commonwealth with any requested logs, reports, and other information concerning unauthorized access or disclosure of Commonwealth data, including any mitigation efforts by Contractor. Any such information provided by Contractor shall be treated as confidential. In addition, pertaining to the unauthorized access, use, release, or disclosure of data, the Contractor shall comply with state and federal data breach notification statutes and regulations, and shall report security incidents to the Commonwealth within **one (1) hour** of when the Contractor has reasonable confirmation of such unauthorized access, use, release, or disclosure of data.
6. In the event the Contractor is not in compliance with **Section B System and Organization Controls (SOC) Reporting Requirements** relating to the hosted system's data center locations and security architecture, the Contractor shall allow the Commonwealth or its delegate, at times chosen by the Commonwealth, and with at least **ten (10) business days'** notice, to review the hosted system's data center locations and security architecture.

7. The Contractor's employees or subcontractors, who are directly responsible for day-to-day monitoring and maintenance of the hosted system, shall have industry standard certifications applicable to the environment and system architecture used.
8. The Contractor shall house all servers and equipment in an operational environment that meets industry standards including, but not limited to, climate control, fire and security hazard detection and response, electrical needs, and physical security.
9. The Contractor shall examine applicable system and error logs, which should include, but not be limited to, security events. Such logs shall be examined on a continual basis, at least daily, to minimize and predict system problems and initiate appropriate action.
10. The Contractor shall update and patch all applicable systems and third-party software security configurations to reduce security risk in alignment with industry best practices beginning prior to service release and on an ongoing basis.
11. During the term of the contract, the Contractor shall provide or make available all Commonwealth data to the Commonwealth, at no cost and upon request in a format and method agreeable to both parties. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement regarding format or method, data shall be provided in an industry standard format and method.

**B. System and Organization Controls (SOC) Reporting Requirements**

1. Subject to this Section and unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Commonwealth, the Contractor shall, and shall require its subcontractors to, engage, on an annual basis, a CPA certified third-party auditing firm to conduct the following, as applicable:
  - (i) a SOC 1 Type II report with respect to controls used by the Contractor relevant to internal and external procedures and systems that process Commonwealth financial transactions; and
  - (ii) a SOC 2 Type II report with respect to controls used by the Contractor relevant to internal and external procedures and systems that access, process, host or contain Commonwealth Data designated as Class "C" Classified Records or Closed Records, as defined in the Commonwealth's [Data Classification Policy](#), or in compliance with mandates by federal or state audit requirements and/or policy.

The Contractor shall receive and review their subcontractor's relevant SOC reports, and the Contractor shall provide the Commonwealth with a Letter of Attestation that includes an analysis of their subcontractor's SOC report.

2. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Commonwealth, the Contractor's SOC Report(s) shall be provided upon contract execution and annually thereafter. While it is preferable that SOC Reports coincide with Pennsylvania's fiscal year (July 1 through June 30), SOC Reports, at the very least, must cover at least **6 consecutive months** of Pennsylvania's fiscal year.
3. SOC 2 Type II reports shall address the following:
  - (i) Security of Information and Systems;
  - (ii) Availability of Information and Systems;
  - (iii) Processing Integrity;
  - (iv) Confidentiality; and
  - (v) Privacy.
4. At the request of the Commonwealth and at Contractor's expense, the Contractor shall, and shall require its subcontractors, as applicable, to complete a SOC for Cybersecurity audit in the event:
  - (i) Reoccurring findings in any SOC report required by Subsection 1 above; or
  - (ii) A cybersecurity incident or breach that impacts the Commonwealth has occurred and was not handled in accordance with Contractor's Incident Response Plan (IRP) including, but not limited to, providing timely notice to the Commonwealth as required by Contract or applicable law; or
  - (iii) As agreed upon by the parties.

The SOC for Cybersecurity report shall detail the controls used by the Contractor or its subcontractor setting forth the description and effectiveness of the Contractor's or subcontractor's cybersecurity risk management program and the policies, processes and controls enacted to achieve each cybersecurity objective.

The Contractor shall provide to the Commonwealth a report of the SOC for Cybersecurity audit findings within **60 days** of its completion.
5. Additional standards, certifications or audits as required by law shall be supported by Contractor as mutually agreed upon in writing by the parties.
6. The Contractor shall adhere to the then current American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) audit standards. The Contractor acknowledges that the AICPA guidance may be updated during the Term of this Contract, and the Contractor shall comply with such updates, which shall be reflected in the next annual SOC report.
7. In the event an audit reveals any non-conformity within Contractor's SOC Reports, the Contractor shall provide the Commonwealth, within **45 days** of the issuance of

the SOC report, a documented corrective action plan that addresses each non-conformity that is identified within the SOC report, including any subcontractor's SOC report. The corrective action plan shall provide, in detail:

- (i) clear responsibilities of the personnel designated to resolve the non-conformity;
  - (ii) the remedial action to be taken by the Contractor or its subcontractor(s);
  - (iii) the dates when each remedial action is to be implemented; and
  - (iv) a summary of potential risks or impacts to the Commonwealth that are associated with the non-conformity(ies).
8. The Commonwealth may in its sole discretion agree, in writing, to accept alternative security report in lieu of a SOC report.

### **C. Security Requirements**

1. The Contractor shall conduct a third-party independent security/vulnerability assessment at its own expense no less frequently than on an annual basis.
2. The Contractor shall provide, at minimum, an executive summary of vulnerability assessment results to the Commonwealth upon request. Summary shall include, at minimum, scan date, identified vulnerabilities, severity classification, and remediation status.
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3. The Contractor shall remediate any security/vulnerability assessment findings to align with the industry standards.
4. The Contractor shall use industry best practices to protect access to the system with a firewall and firewall rules to prevent access by non-authorized users and block all improper and unauthorized access attempts.
5. The Contractor shall use industry best practices to secure access to public web interfaces, which shall include, but is not limited to, web application firewall (WAF) for services that handle non-public Commonwealth records.
6. The Contractor shall use industry best practices to provide applicable system intrusion detection and prevention in order to detect intrusions in a timely manner.
7. The Contractor shall use industry best practices, such as those outlined in NIST 800-83, to provide appropriate exploit and malware controls, on all servers, endpoints, and network components.
8. The Contractor shall provide access to provided systems and services and/or Commonwealth data only to staff located within CONUS (any of the Continental United States and Hawaii). Access shall be based on the principle of least privilege.

9. The Contractor shall provide the services using security technologies and techniques in accordance with industry best practices including, but not limited to, the prevention and detection of intrusions, and any other inappropriate use or access of systems and networks.
10. The Contractor shall provide the Commonwealth with access to audit logs with respect to the services being provided to the Commonwealth within 24 hours of a written request from the Commonwealth's Enterprise Information Security Office.

**D. Data Protection**

1. The Contractor shall only host, handle, and process data in physical locations within CONUS.
2. The Contractor shall use industry best practices to protect their operational systems with applicable anti-virus, intrusion protection, incident response monitoring and reporting, network firewalls, application firewalls, and employ system and application patch management to protect its network and customer data from unauthorized disclosure.
3. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for applicable data storage required.
4. The Contractor shall encrypt all Commonwealth data in transit and at rest. The Contractor's method of data encryption shall meet or exceed National Institute Standards and Technology (NIST) encryption guidelines and standards in alignment with Commonwealth ITPs.
5. The Contractor shall take all commercially viable and appropriate measures to protect the data availability including, but not limited to, real-time replication, traditional backup, and/or georedundant storage of Commonwealth data in accordance with industry best practices and encryption techniques.
6. The Contractor shall have appropriate controls in place to protect critical or sensitive data and shall employ stringent policies, procedures, to protect that data particularly in instances where such critical or sensitive data may be stored on a Contractor-controlled or Contractor-owned electronic device.
7. The Contractor shall utilize a secured backup solution to prevent loss of data. Stored backups must be kept in an all-hazards protective storage environment at the primary location and any additional locations where the data is being maintained. All back up data and media shall be encrypted.

**E. Adherence to Policy**

1. The Contractor support and problem resolution solution shall provide a means to classify problems as to criticality and impact and with appropriate resolution procedures and escalation process for classification of each problem.
2. The Contractor shall abide by the Commonwealth's Information Technology Policies (<https://www.oa.pa.gov/Policies/Pages/itp.aspx>) that are applicable to the products and services provided, as set forth within the responsibilities Section of each ITP.
3. The Contractor shall comply with all pertinent federal and state regulations and laws, including but not limited to, data protections, data security, privacy, and data breach notification.

**F. Closeout**

When the Purchase Order's or other procurement document's term expires or terminates, and a new Purchase Order or other procurement document has not been issued by a Commonwealth Agency within **60 days** of expiration or termination, or at any other time at the written request of the Commonwealth, the Contractor must promptly return to the Commonwealth all Commonwealth's data (and all copies of this information) that is in the Contractor's possession or control. The Commonwealth's data shall be returned in a format agreed to by the Commonwealth.

Upon confirmation that Commonwealth data is in possession or control of the Commonwealth, the Contractor shall ensure all residual user account(s) are promptly deleted or reset in the solution. The Contractor shall notify the Commonwealth within **10 business days** that all user account(s) have been deleted or reset.

**EXHIBIT B**

**Sign-Off Document No. \_\_\_\_\_, under Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Between**  
**[Contractor \_\_\_\_\_] and the Commonwealth of PA, [Agency]**  
**[Contractor \_\_\_\_\_] Agency-level Deployment**

This document becomes, upon its execution by the signatories named below, a legally valid, binding part of Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_ between the Commonwealth and \_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor), and is subject to the terms of that Agreement.

1. Scope of Deployment (need not be entire agency):
  
2. Nature of Data implicated or potentially implicated:
  
3. Agency Policies to which Contractor is subject (incorporated by reference):
  
4. Background checks (describe if necessary):
  
5. Additional requirements (describe with specificity):
  
6. Is Contractor a Business Associate (yes or no)?

If yes, the attached Business Associates Agreement, as completed by the Agency, is applicable and is hereby incorporated into this Sign-Off Document by reference.

**Agency Contact Person Signature and Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**[Contractor \_\_\_\_\_]**  
**Authorized Signatory and Date:** \_\_\_\_\_