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RFP 21-004
**Live Program Production, Webcasting, and
Content Delivery**

Request for Proposal (RFP) Number: 21-004	Bid Issued: October 25, 2021
Bid Description: Live Program Production, Webcasting, and Content Delivery	Tentative Contract Period: Five (5) years, with five (5) one-year renewals.
Due Dates and Times (ET): Submission of Questions: November 15, 2021 by 5:00 pm EST* OAG Posting of Answers: November 18, 2021 Proposal Submission Due: November 23, 2021 by 3:00 pm EST* *Must be received by OAG prior to this date and time	Location of Service: NYS Office of the Attorney General Offices Statewide (generally Albany/Capital Region or New York City)
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SUMMARY OF POLICY AND PROHIBITIONS ON PROCUREMENT LOBBYING State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k imposes certain restrictions on communications between the OAG and the Responder during the procurement process. The Responder is restricted from making contacts from the date of bid advertisement in the NYS Contract Reporter through final approval of the contract award by the Office of the State Comptroller, with anyone other than designated OAG personnel; certain exceptions to this restriction are set forth in State Finance Law §139-j(3)(a). OAG employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the “restricted period” and to make a determination of responsibility of the Responder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for contract award, and in the event of two such findings within a four-year period, the Responder is debarred from obtaining State contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found on the OAG website: http://www.OAG.ny.gov/aboutOAG/regulations/defaultAdvisoryCouncil.html	

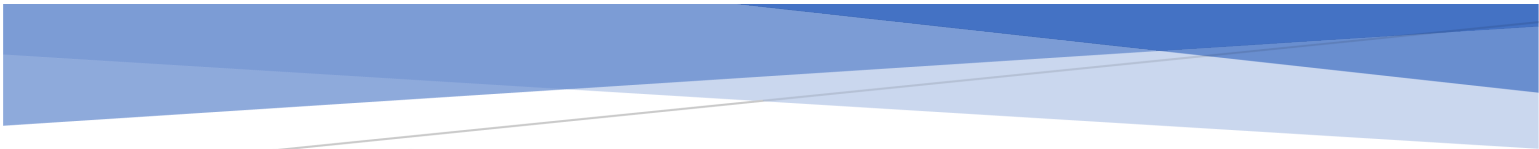


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SUBMITTAL TIMELINE AND KEY EVENTS

The Responder is responsible for ensuring timely proposal submission and should pay strict attention to the due dates and times on the cover page of this RFP to prevent disqualification. Late proposals will not be accepted. Failure to respond or meet the bid due date and time of this RFP will be considered a “no bid” or “late bid”.

SUBMITTAL AMENDMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

All amendments, announcements, questions & clarifications related to this RFP will be posted on the OAG’s website at: <https://ag.ny.gov/budget-and-fiscal-management-bureau-procurement> and the New York State Contract Reporter (NYSCR) at: <https://www.nyscr.ny.gov>.

It is the responsibility of the Bidder to check the websites for any amendments, announcements & clarifications. All applicable amendment information should be incorporated into the proposal. Failure to include this information in the proposal may result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive.

Questions/inquiries and/or requests for clarification will only be accepted via e-mail and in writing and should be submitted to the following e-mail address: purchase@ag.ny.gov with the subject line of “Questions for Online Registration and Filing System RFP 21-004 from [insert name of firm or organization]”.

The OAG encourages responders to register with the New York State Contract Reporter (NYSCR) at <https://www.nyscr.ny.gov> to receive notifications about this Solicitation. Navigate to the “I want to find updates to the content or status of a particular ad, you must “bookmark the ad” on the upper right-hand contracts to bid on” page to register for your free account. To receive e-mail notifications regarding side of the ad, then return to your Account, view your list of bookmarked ads, and then select “send me notification updates” option listed to the right of the ad. Any updates to Solicitation documents will also be posted and released through the NYSCR. If you do not opt-in to receive notification updates regarding a specific ad, you will not receive e-mail notifications regarding updates, including e-mail notifications regarding the questions and answers document and updates to Solicitation documents.

SUBMITTAL DELIVERY METHOD

Certified mail, first class mail, overnight delivery, hand delivered proposals or walk-ins will not be accepted. Facsimile submissions will not be accepted. The OAG will not acknowledge receipt of proposals delivered by mail, fax or in person.

Proposals must be submitted via e-mail to purchase@ag.ny.gov with the subject line “Proposal for Online Registration and Filing System RFP 21-004 from [insert name of firm or organization]”.

All proposals and accompanying documentation will become the property of the OAG and will not be returned. The content of each Bidder’s proposal will be held in strict confidence during the bid evaluation process, and no details of any proposal will be discussed outside the evaluation process. The successful Bidder’s proposal and a copy of the specification will be made part of the agreement. Therefore, an official authorized to commit the company to an agreement must sign the proposal.

PERIOD OF SUBMITTAL VALIDITY

The OAG will consider the proposal, which the Bidder makes to the OAG, a binding offer for not less than one (1) year from the RFP closing date. The OAG may request an extension on the time to award a contract, and, the Bidder shall have the right to accept or decline such a request.

Section 1 Overview

1.1 Agency Background

As head of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), the Attorney General is both the “People’s Lawyer” and the State’s chief legal officer. The New York State Attorney General serves as one of the four statewide officials elected by popular vote.

As the “People’s Lawyer”, the Attorney General serves as the chief guardian of the legal rights of the citizens of New York, its businesses and its natural resources. In his/her role as the State’s chief legal counsel, the Attorney General is responsible for supervising the State government’s legal affairs. The Attorney General not only advises the Executive branch of State government, but also prosecutes and defends all actions and proceedings on behalf of, and against, the State.

The Attorney General services all New Yorkers in the numerous matters affecting their daily lives. The Attorney General’s Office is charged with myriad statutory and common law duties and has concomitant enforcement powers. The Attorney General protects consumers and investors against fraud, protects the public health and the environment against polluters, enforces State civil rights laws, and works to ensure the rights of wage earners and businesses across the State are not unlawfully abridged.

The Attorney General's authority also includes the activities and investigations of the State Organized Crime Task Force and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. While the Attorney General acts independently of the Governor, the Governor or a state agency may request the Attorney General to undertake specific criminal investigations and prosecutions.

The legal functions of the Department of Law are divided primarily into five major divisions: Appeals and Opinions, State Counsel, Criminal Justice, Economic Justice and Social Justice.

Over 1,800 employees, including over 700 attorneys, as well as forensic accountants, legal assistants, scientists, investigators, and support staff, serve in the Office of the Attorney General in many locations across New York State.

Legal Education & Professional Development (LEPD) Bureau Background

The Legal Education & Professional Development (LEPD) Bureau is responsible for providing professional development opportunities and skills training to all OAG employees and New York State government attorneys. LEPD’s Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs are developed specifically for State attorneys to enhance knowledge and skills relevant to public legal practice. In addition to the CLE programs, LEPD provides training to assist with job skill development, career advancement and many other areas.

1.2 Project Overview

The resulting contract from this bid will provide webcasting services, including content delivery, content acquisition and cataloging system for use by OAG offices throughout the State of New York. The OAG

has two main objectives: (1) to obtain professional, high quality services, and (2) to consolidate, streamline, and reduce the cost of needed services.

1.3 Current Environment

Component	Technology
Account Management and Authentication	Oracle Identity and Access Management (OIAM) MS ADFS and Azure Directory
Application Framework	ADF-Java .Net Framework or services out of the box from Azure
Database	Oracle RMDBS with or without a NoSQL Database MS SQL Server
Document Generation	iText . net or services out of Azure marketplace
Document Management/Storage	Oracle Web Center Content / Microsoft SharePoint. MS SharePoint is OAG's recommended document management solution.
e-Payment	OAG Hosted Payment Gateway Service
e-Signature	DocuSign
Workflows	BPM/Custom Flow/Power Automate
Reporting	Oracle Business Intelligence or Custom Reports/Dashboards, Power BI, Data Export Service (Azure SQL Replication), Azure Data Factory



Section 2 Project Scope of Services and Deliverable Requirements

2.1 Attachment C – Scope of Services (SOS) Worksheet – This document outlines the OAG’s mandatory and desirable requirements for Live Program Production, Webcasting, Asynchronous Learning, Content Delivery, Content Acquisition, Security Validation, Cataloging, Archiving, and Data Transcription Services for Legal Education and Professional Development (LEPD) are outlined in the Attachment C – SOS Worksheet. Bidders will complete Attachment C indicating how the proposed solution meets each requirement. Bidder must demonstrate the ability to offer the system requirements as described in Attachment C for webcasting services and shall provide a detailed response how each of the requirements listed will be fulfilled.

2.2 In addition to the completed Attachment C, bidders will provide the following written responses:

2.2.1 – Executive Summary: an executive summary of company background and qualifications. The bidder must include a company biography describing the firm’s length and type of experience. (no more than 1 page)

2.2.2 – Implementation and Transition Proposal (no more than 15 pages total):

- a) Implementation Including the Creation of 5 portals (CLE, PD, Secure, Criminal Justice, AG Academy) with landing pages, registrations pages, content access, evaluation forms, reporting tools, etc.
- b) Transition Plan including uploading of OAG data and initial OAG staff System Training.

2.2.3 – Maintenance, Ongoing Support, & Ongoing Training Proposal (no more than 15 pages total):

- a) Summary of what is included in the proposed Annual Maintenance
- b) Explanation of the proposed Ongoing Technical Support. The selected bidder will provide these services as needed and as requested by the OAG for the life of the contract.
- c) Explanation of Ongoing System Training & Resources. The selected bidder will provide these services as needed and as requested by the OAG for the life of the contract.

Section 3 Mandatory Experience Requirements

3.1 Contractor Experience

Using **Attachment B – Bidder Reference Form** (Excel worksheet), the bidder must include **three (3) verifiable references**. The three (3) references must demonstrate the successful completion of projects of similar size and scope to the project defined in this RFP. Part A shall be completed and signed by the prospective Bidder, Part B shall be completed and signed by the reference, Part C shall be completed and signed by the OAG.

Section 4 Method of Award

4.1 Overview

The **OAG** and/or his/her designee(s) shall evaluate the proposals based on the “Best Value” to the Agency. All proposals received shall be subject to an evaluation by the OAG. The Agency desires to select the Bidder who will provide the “Best Value” taking into consideration the most beneficial combination of qualifications, services and cost and who has met the requirements of this RFP. Only proposals judged to be responsive to the submission requirements set forth in this RFP will be evaluated. Administrative Review, Mandatory (pass/fail), Technical (scored) and Cost (calculated) sections of each Bidder’s proposal will be evaluated separately. Under NYS Procurement Guidelines, “Best Value” is the basis for awarding all service contracts... [it] optimizes quality, cost and efficiency, among responsive and responsible offerors. “Best Value” is not equivalent to “lowest price”. “Costs,” in the case of “best value” are distinguished from price. Costs *embody* price, and include the costs associated with utilizing the services and the impact of the services on Agency programs and operations.

4.1.1 Administrative Proposal Requirements

The purpose of this phase is to determine whether each Technical Proposal and Cost Proposal is sufficiently responsive to the RFP to permit its complete evaluation.

Proposals will be evaluated to determine if they comply with the instructions to bidders listed in **Section 5 – Bid Submission**. All proposal requirements, as listed in Section 5, will be scored on a pass/fail basis. Proposals receiving a "fail" score on any criterion may be rejected by the OAG. Proposals that do not meet the Administrative Proposal requirements as set forth in this RFP may be deemed non-responsive and given no further consideration.

The OAG, however, reserves the right to request clarification or compliance from a bidder with an incomplete bid submission. At the OAG’s discretion, additional time may be provided to these incomplete proposals. Proposals that are still incomplete may be rejected by the OAG and receive no further consideration. Proposals meeting the Administrative Proposal requirements shall proceed for further evaluation.

4.1.2 Mandatory Experience and Mandatory Scope of Services Criteria (Pass/Fail)

Attachment B – Reference Form (pass/fail) must be signed by the reference contact, or it will not be accepted. The Reference Form is to be provided to each reference to complete and sign and must either be returned to Bidder for submission with its bid or may be submitted directly to the OAG designated contact appearing on the cover page of this RFP. Proposals receiving a "fail" scores on this criterion will be rejected by the OAG. The OAG, however, reserves the right to request clarification or compliance from a bidder receiving a "fail" score, and may adjust the pass/fail score based on subsequent information submitted by the bidder. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to verify phone numbers are current, and references are available. The references may be called only if verification of any information provided by the reference is needed. If a phone call is needed, a maximum of three (3) attempts will be made to contact the reference during normal business hours. Any reference submitted not meeting these requirements, or unreachable if called, will not be scored. Proposal receiving a “pass” score shall proceed to be evaluated on the criteria below.

Attachment C – Scope of Services Worksheet (pass/fail with points added for desirables) shall be completed by the bidder confirming and explaining how the bidder meets all the mandatory requirements outlined. The OAG will review each mandatory on a pass/fail basis. Proposals receiving a "fail" scores on Attachments C criterion will be rejected by the OAG and receive no further consideration. The OAG, however, reserves the right to request clarification or compliance from a bidder receiving a "fail" score, and may adjust the pass/fail score based on subsequent information submitted by the bidder or reference. Proposal receiving a "pass" score shall proceed to the technical evaluation.

Attachment C also contains twelve (12) desirable criteria. Bidders who demonstrate meeting the desirable criteria will be awarded up to twelve (12) straight points of the final score (one (1) point for each desirable criteria).

4.1.3 Technical Criteria

A technical evaluation committee will review the technical proposals based on criteria below. Detailed evaluation criteria have been developed to cover each of these areas. For most parts of the Technical Proposals, evaluators will assign a raw score to each criterion. Weights will be applied to each criterion after raw scoring is completed.

The **Contractor Experience** and **Contractor Staffing Experience**, however, will each be scored on a pass/fail basis.

(A) Technical Evaluation (70%)
Desirable Requirement Points (12%) Bidders will complete Attachment C indicating how the proposed solution meets each requirement. Bidder must demonstrate the ability to offer the system requirements as described in Attachment C for webcasting services and shall provide a detailed response how each of the requirements listed will be fulfilled. Bidders will receive 1 point for each Desirable Requirement that is fulfilled.
Executive Summary of Qualifications (18%) Bidders will attach an executive summary of company background and qualifications.
Proposed Implementation Plan (15%) Bidders will attach an Implementation Plan including the creation of 5 portals (CLE, PD, Secure, Criminal Justice, AG Academy) with landing pages, registration pages, content access, evaluation forms, reporting tools, etc. The proposed project organization and use of staff resources will be evaluated to assess the bidder's capability to implement, operate, modify and maintain the Plans and to ensure that the system meets OAG performance requirements.

Proposed Transition Plan including initial OAG Staff Training (15%)

Bidders will attach a Transition Plan including uploading of OAG data and initial OAG staff System Training.

Proposed Maintenance Plan and Ongoing Technical Support (5%)

Bidders will attach a summary of what is included in the proposed Annual Maintenance Plan, an explanation of the proposed Ongoing Technical Support. These services will be provided as needed and as requested by the OAG for the life of the contract.

Proposed Plan for as needed Ongoing Training for OAG Staff (5%)

The bidders will attach an explanation of Ongoing System Training and Resources that will be provided as needed and requested by the OAG for the life of the contract.

4.1.4 Financial Criteria

The OAG BFMB will evaluate all cost proposals from responsive bidders.

(B) Cost Evaluation (30%)

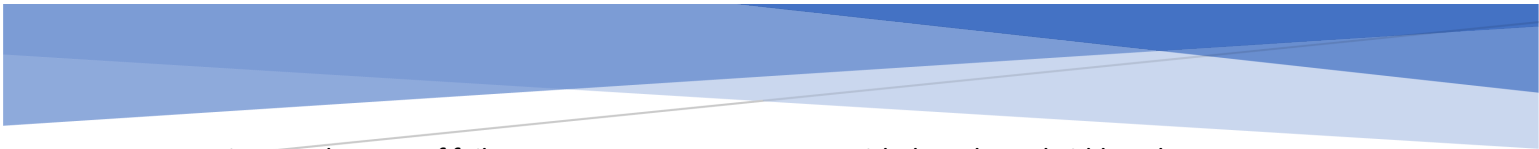
The proposal with the lowest total cost will be awarded the maximum cost score weighted at 30 points. The remaining cost proposals will receive a proportional weighted number of points based upon the ratio of the proposal's total cost to the lowest total cost proposal as follows: (Lowest Total Proposal / Proposal being Evaluated) x 30 = Cost score.)

4.1.5 Comprehensive Score

The OAG will arrive at a “comprehensive proposal score” by totaling all points for technical and financial. Proposals will be ranked in order of total score and the highest scoring bidder proposal will receive a tentative award.

4.1.6 Notification of Award

Upon determination of the “best value” proposal, the Agency will develop a binding contract agreement with the selected Bidder to provide the services. The selected Bidder will be electronically notified their submitted proposal has been selected for tentative award and that a contract will be forthcoming for



execution. In the case of failure to execute an agreement with the selected Bidder, the Agency may pursue an agreement for the services proposed by the next best-rated Bidder.

Non-awardees will also be notified that their proposal was not selected for award.

4.2 Contract Award Period and Location

The contract is anticipated to be utilized by the OAG for up to 10 years statewide with the majority of services in the Capital Region and New York City.

Section 5 Proposal Format and Content

5.1 Overview

This section identifies the information that all Bidders must include in their proposals to the Agency.

A uniform proposal format is required so that the Agency can fairly evaluate all proposals. For each item listed below, please respond in order and provide the material required. Brochures, reproduced, copied or printouts of marketing literature may not be substituted for the proposal narratives and responses specified. Cross-references in the main proposal to any appendices are required. The Agency will not review appendices or supplemental material for which a purpose is not clearly indicated.

For the purposes of evaluation, each proposal **must be submitted using cover pages provided**. The content behind each cover page will be reviewed or evaluated on how the documentation relates to what is required. Each part should be a separate file and not combined. Each part must be complete in itself in order that the evaluation can be accomplished independently and concurrently, and that the Technical Submittal can be evaluated strictly on the basis of its merits.

Cover Pages & Attachments Provided

1. Attachment A – Bid Response Cover Form (see Excel workbook)
2. Attachment B – References (See Excel workbook)
3. Attachment C – Scope of Services Worksheet (see excel workbook)
 - 3.2 Executive Summary RFP 2.2.1 (use cover page provided)
 - 3.3 Implementation & Transition Plan 2.2.2 (use cover page provided)
 - 3.4 Ongoing Support, Training, and Maintenance 2.2.3 (use cover page provided)
4. Attachment D – Bidder Financial Response (see Excel workbook)
 - 4.2 Mandatory Administrative Requirements (use cover page provided)

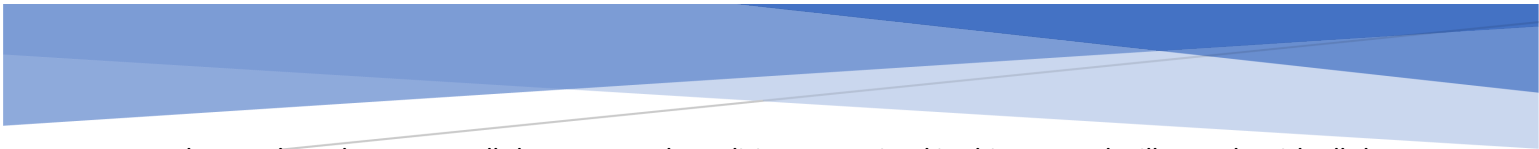
The rules established for proposal content and format will be enforced. Variations from the rules prescribed herein may subject the respondent to outright disqualification. It is in the best interests of the Bidder to become familiar with the constraints imposed on its proposal, so that the evaluation process can proceed in a timely manner.

5.2 General Requirements and Appearance

Responder must submit all referenced attachments listed in this section with its proposal submission as an administrative requirement. Failure to complete and submit forms listed in this section may result in disqualification of a Bidders Proposal for non-responsiveness.

5.2.1 Attachment A - Bid Response Cover Form

The form must be completed in its entirety and a bidder representative authorized to make contractual obligations must sign the Bid Response Cover Form. By signing the Bid Response Cover Form, the bidder



understands and agrees to all the terms and conditions contained in this RFP and will comply with all the provisions of this RFP and appendices attached herein.

5.2.2 Attachment B – References

Each Bidder must submit three (3) completed Reference Page.

5.2.3 Attachment C – Scope of Services Worksheet

Each Bidder must complete the Scope of Services Worksheet indicating how the proposed solution meets each requirement. Proposals that do not address the mandatory requirements and deliverables of this RFP will be disqualified as “non-responsive”.

5.2.3.1 Executive Summary

Each Bidder must submit an executive summary of company background and qualifications to permit the Bid Evaluation Team to assess the Bidder’s degree of understanding of the requirements and deliverables.

5.2.3.2 Implementation and Transition Plan

Each Bidder must submit a comprehensive Implementation Plan that provides detail to permit the Bid Evaluation Team to assess the system meets the OAG performance requirements. Each Bidder will submit a Transition Plan that includes uploading of OAG data and initial OAG staff System Training.

NOTE: Implementation and Transition Plan submitted in narrative form must be **no more than fifteen (15) pages**. *The Bidder Response form, Reference Forms, cover pages, table of contents, resumes, and any separating pages or subcover pages are not counted towards the fifteen (15) pages.*

5.2.3.3 Ongoing Support, Training and Maintenance

Each Bidder will submit a summary of what is included in the proposed Annual Maintenance Plan, an explanation of the proposed Ongoing Technical Support, and an explanation of Ongoing System Training and Resources that will be provided.

NOTE: Ongoing Support, Training and Maintenance Plan submitted in narrative form must be **no more than fifteen (15) pages**. *The Bidder Response form, Reference Forms, cover pages, table of contents, resumes, and any separating pages or subcover pages are not counted towards the fifteen (15) pages.*

5.2.4 Attachment D – Bidder Financial Response

Each Bidder must submit pricing for this proposal using **Attachment D, Financial Response Form [Excel spreadsheet]** provided as part of the RFP. The cost submission should be complete, accurate, well-documented, and completed on the Financial Response Form. Cost information is not to be included in any other part. All prices must be inclusive of all costs necessary or incidental for proper performance under this agreement.

5.2.5 Mandatory Administrative Requirements

Responder must submit all referenced attachments listed in this section with its proposal submission as an administrative requirement. Failure to complete and submit forms listed in this section may result in disqualification of a Bidders Proposal for non-responsiveness.

5.2.5.1 Procurement Lobbying Form

5.2.5.2 NYS Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire for Profit Business Entity

May be electronically filed but must be manually signed.

5.2.5.3 ST-220-CA Contractor Certification to Covered Agency

5.2.5.4 NYS Office of the State Comptroller Substitute W-9

Section 6 Terms and Conditions

6.1 Appendix A – Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts

The terms of **Appendix A, Standard Clauses for All New York State Contracts**, attached hereto, are hereby incorporated into this RFP and any resulting agreement. The Contractor is required to adhere to the clauses in Appendix A. **Bidder should retain Appendix A for its records.**

6.2 Appendix B – General Specifications

The terms of **Appendix B, General Specifications**, attached hereto, are hereby incorporated into this RFP and any resulting agreement. The Contractor is required to adhere to the clauses in Appendix B. **Bidder should retain Appendix B for its records.**

6.3 Order of Precedence

The agreement resulting from a successful award will include the following documents. Conflicts between these documents will be resolved in the following descending order of precedence:

6.3.1 Appendix A (Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts)

6.3.2 Memorandum of Agreement (C-XXXXXX)

6.3.2 Request for Proposal (RFP) 21-004, and any other OAG issued addendum or purchasing memorandum.

6.3.3 Appendix B (General Specifications)

6.3.4 Selected Contractor(s) Proposal

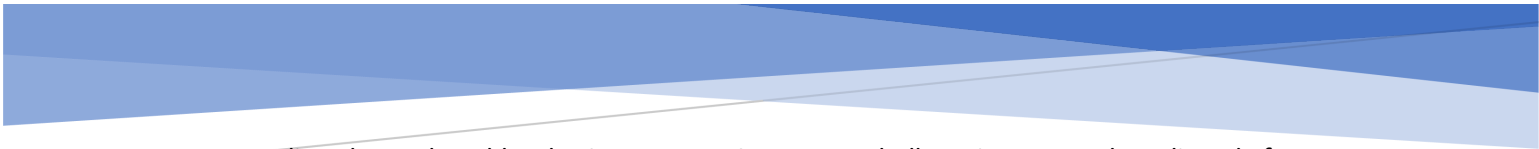
6.4 Use of OAG and NYS Logos

The Contractor will not be permitted to use in any manner the OAG logos, or any official mark of NYS without prior approval by OAG. OAG reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to withhold approval. In the event OAG so approves such use, then any use of the logos or official marks shall strictly comply with the terms and conditions set forth by OAG.

6.5 Subcontracting

Contractor may subcontract to subcontractors selected by Contractor. A subcontractor shall be defined as any firm or person who is not a full-time employee of the Contractor, engaged or assigned to perform work under the Contract. All agreements between the Contractor and its subcontractors shall be by bona fide written contract. A subcontractor cannot subcontract work under the resulting contract. Any costs associated with subcontracting are the obligation of the Awarded Contractor.

Contractor shall be fully responsible to OAG for the acts and omissions in the performance of services under the Contract of the subcontractor and/or persons either directly or indirectly employed by it or by the subcontractors, as it is for the acts and omissions in the performance of services under the Contract



or persons directly employed by the Contractor. Contractor shall not in any way be relieved of any contractual or financial responsibility under the Contract by its agreement with any subcontractor or by an OAG approval of such an agreement with a subcontractor.

The State reserves the right to reject any proposed subcontractor for bona fide business reasons, which may include, but are not limited to: that the proposed subcontractor is on the Department of Labor's debarred list; the State determines that the company is not qualified; unsatisfactory contract performance or service has been previously provided.

6.6 Indemnification

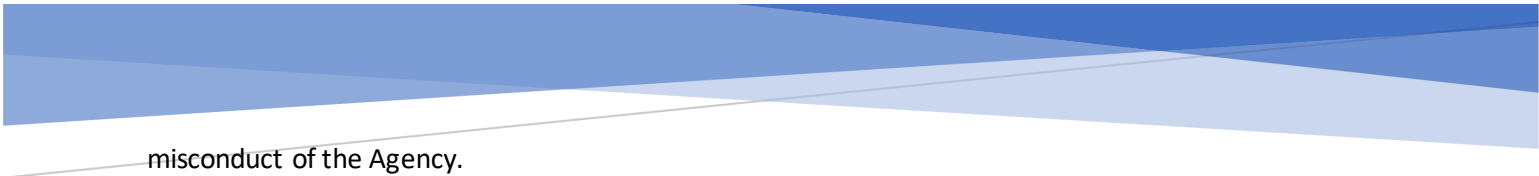
Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners or Subcontractors and shall fully indemnify and save harmless the Authorized Users from suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property caused by any intentional act or negligence of Contractor, its agents, employees, partners or Subcontractors, without limitation; provided, however, that the Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any claim, loss or damage arising hereunder due to the negligent act or failure to act of the Authorized Users.

The Agency shall give Contractor: (i) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of suit, or other suit for which Contractor is required to fully indemnify the Agency; (ii) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in the defense of any such action, claim or suit at the expense of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State reserves the right to join such action, at its sole expense, if it determines there is an issue involving a significant public interest.

In the event that such action or proceeding at law or in equity is commenced against the Agency arising out of a claim for death, personal injury or damage to real or personal tangible property caused by any intentional or willful act, gross negligence, or negligence of Contractor, its agents, employees, partners or subcontractors, which shall arise from or result directly or indirectly from the Products supplied under this Agreement, and Contractor is of the opinion that the allegations in such action or proceeding in whole or in part are not covered by the indemnification and defense provisions set forth in the Agreement, Contractor shall immediately notify the New York State Office of the Attorney General in writing and shall specify to what extent Contractor believes it is obligated to defend and indemnify. Contractor shall in such event protect the interests of the Agency and attempt to secure a continuance to permit the State and the Agency to appear and defend their interests in cooperation with Contractor, as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses the State and the Agency may have. In the event of a dispute regarding the defense, the Contractor and the Attorney General shall try to reach amicable resolution, but the Attorney General shall have the final determination on such matters.

6.7 Patent/Copyright Indemnification

The Contractor shall also defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from all suits, actions, proceedings, claims, losses, damages, and costs of every name and description (including reasonable attorney fees), relating to a claim of infringement of a patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other proprietary right provided such claim arises solely out of the Products as supplied by the Contractor, and not out of any modification to the Products made by the Agency or by someone other than Contractor at the direction of the Agency without Contractor's approval; provided, however, that the Contractor shall not be obligated to indemnify the Agency for any claim, loss or damage arising hereunder to the extent caused by the negligent act, failure to act, gross negligence or willful



misconduct of the Agency.

The Agency shall give Contractor: (i) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of suit alleging infringement, (ii) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in the defense of any such action, claim or suit at the expense of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State reserves the right to join such action, at its sole expense, if it determines there is an issue involving a significant public interest.

If usage of a Product shall be enjoined for any reason or if Contractor believes that it may be enjoined, Contractor shall have the right, at its own expense and sole discretion to take action in the following order of precedence: (i) to procure for the Agency the right to continue usage; (ii) to modify the service or Product so that usage becomes non-infringing, and is of at least equal quality and performance; or (iii) replace such Product or parts thereof, as applicable, with non-infringing Product of at least equal quality and performance. If the above remedies are not available, the parties shall terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part as necessary and applicable, provided that the Agency is given a refund for any amounts paid for the period during which usage was not feasible.


In the event that an action or proceeding at law or in equity is commenced against the Agency arising out of a claim that the Agency's use of the Product under the Agreement infringes any patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or proprietary right, and Contractor is of the opinion that the allegations in such action or proceeding in whole or in part are not covered by the indemnification and defense provisions set forth on the Agreement, Contractor shall immediately notify the New York State Office of the Attorney General in writing and shall specify to what extent Contractor believes it is obligated to defend and indemnify. Contractor shall in such event protect the interests of the Agency and attempt to secure a continuance to permit the State and the Agency to appear and defend their interests in cooperation with Contractor, as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses the State and the Agency may have. In the event of a dispute regarding the defense, the Contractor and the Attorney General shall try to reach amicable resolution, but the Attorney General shall have the final determination on such matters. This constitutes the Agency's sole and exclusive remedy for infringement of a patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other proprietary right.

6.8 Additional Security/Confidentiality Requirements

The Contractor warrants, covenants and represents that, in the performance of the Contract, Contractor, its agents, Subcontractors, officers, distributors, resellers and employees will comply fully with all security procedures of the Agency set forth in the Contract or otherwise communicated in advance to the Contractor, including but not limited to physical, facility, documentary and cyber security rules, procedures and protocols.

6.8.1 Background Check

The OAG reserves the right to have a background check(s) –professional, criminal, financial – conducted on any person proposed for a task order project. Active Contractors must perform an industry standard criminal history background check and all sound screening practices must be done prior to an official start date. If the OAG tentatively selects such Contractor, and a prior background check was completed more than six (6) months before the OAG's tentative selection, then the Contractor shall perform an updated background check and provide the results thereof to the OAG. If there was no previous background check, the Contractor shall perform a complete background check and provide the results thereof to the OAG. At a minimum, the background check must include the following steps:

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- i. Undertaking a criminal history record check including
 - a) a national criminal history check, and
 - b) state and county criminal checks using the NYS Office of Court Administration (NYSOCA) and comparable searches of states where the person lived, worked or attended school during the past five years. In the alternative, a Contractor may elect to obtain the record of convictions from NYSOCA directly and from their equivalents from other states where the person lived, worked or attended school during the past 5 years;
 - ii. For positions in which the Candidate may be working directly or indirectly with minors, the elderly, or incapacitated individuals, determine if the Candidate is listed on the NYS Sex Offender Registry. The Authorized User is responsible for communicating these circumstances to the Contractor;
 - iii. Verification of previous employment for the past five years;
 - iv. Verification of educational background;
 - v. Verification of social security number and U.S. citizenship or legal resident status; and,
 - vi. For Lot 11 job titles where driving a vehicle may be a job requirement, review of the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles driving records.

The OAG reserves the right to view the contents of a background check prior to approving the proposed staff.

6.8.2 Security During the Course of Delivering Contract Services

1. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the safety and security of all Agency project sites, facilities, and components during the term of the engagement, with the exception that Contractor is not responsible for overall building security where an Agency site is under the control and management of the Agency or State agencies. Contractor remains responsible, however, for security of project components or equipment within such buildings, e.g., secure equipment enclosures within the space provided by such agencies. The Contractor shall be responsible for and shall correct any failure or theft of any component or portion of the project due to inadequate physical and/or information security at its cost and expense.
2. The physical security and the information security of project data shall be provided at a level commensurate with that normally established for a similar modern system.

6.8.3 Access by Personnel

1. The Contractor, its officers, agents, subcontractors, and their employees and independent contractors, shall be required to comply with all applicable facility and information security policies and procedures of the Agency and the State in performing the scope of work under the agreement. Such policies and procedures shall be communicated to the Contractor as a condition precedent to Contractor's obligations under this paragraph.
2. Contractor warrants that each individual performing work under an agreement is legally eligible to work in the United States and that such eligibility shall be maintained at all times during the engagement while the individual is accessing any Agency facilities, information systems or data contained therein.
3. The Agency reserves the right, in its sole discretion, and without liability to the Contractor's officers, agents, subcontractors, and their collective employees and independent contractors, to withhold approval of and refuse to permit access to Agency facilities,

electronic information systems or data contained therein to any individual proposed by or through the Contractor:

- a. Who refuses to comply with the security procedures outlined in this subsection 5.12; or
 - b. Where the Agency determines that the individual may present a risk to the Agency's security interests.
4. The Agency shall not be liable for payments or damages of any kind if the Contractor is delayed or unable to perform under an agreement as a result of the Agency's denial of access to any individual(s) pursuant to this Subsection 6.9.

6.9 State Finance Law – Procurement Lobbying Law

The requirements of State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k are hereby incorporated into this RFP and any resulting Agreement. The Bidder is required to comply with all requirements of State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k. Further information and forms are appended hereto as an **Attachment**.

State Finance Law §139-k provides that the procurement contract award shall contain a certification by the Contractor that all information provided to the Agency with respect to §§139-j and 139-k is complete, true and accurate and the resulting contract shall contain a provision authorizing the Agency to terminate the contract in the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. This contract language authorizes termination but does not mandate termination.

6.10 Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire

The Agency encourages all vendors to file the required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the VendRep System Instructions available at http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor_index.htm or go directly to the VendRep System online at <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us>.

Vendors must provide their New York State Vendor Identification Number when enrolling. To request assignment of a Vendor ID or for VendRep System assistance, contact the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk at 866-370-4672 or 518-408-4672 or by email at ciohelpdesk@osc.state.ny.us.

Vendors opting to complete and submit a paper questionnaire; the form is appended hereto as an **Attachment**.

6.11 Contractor Certification (ST-220 Forms); Tax Law §5-A (Amended April 26, 2006)
Tax Law §5-a, as amended on April 26, 2006, requires certain contractors who are awarded state contracts for commodities and/or services valued at more than \$100,000 (over the full term of the contract, excluding renewals) to certify to the Agency of Taxation and Finance (DTF) they are registered to collect New York State (NYS) and local sales and compensating use taxes. The law applies to contracts where the total amount of the contractor's sales delivered into NYS exceed \$300,000 for the four quarterly periods immediately preceding the quarterly period when the certification is made; and with respect to any affiliates and subcontractors whose sales delivered into NYS also exceed \$300,000 in the same manner as noted above for the contractor.

The OAG reserves the right to terminate the contract in the event it is found that the certification filed

by the Contractor in accordance with §5-a of the Tax Law is not timely filed during the term of the Contract or the certification furnished was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the OAG may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor.

This law imposes upon certain contractors the obligation to certify whether or not the contractor, its affiliates, and its subcontractors are required to register to collect state sales and compensating use tax and contractors must certify to DTF that each affiliate and subcontractor exceeding such sales threshold is registered with DTF to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. The law prohibits the State Comptroller, or other approving Agency, from approving a contract awarded to a contractor meeting the registration requirements but who is not so registered in accordance with the law.

Vendors may call DTF at 1-800-698-2909 for any and all questions relating to Tax Law §5-a and relating to a company's registration status with DTF. For additional information and frequently asked questions, please refer to the DTF web site: <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/sales/pub223.pdf>

Bidder is required to comply with the requirements thereof as found in the Contractor Certification Forms appended hereto as an **Attachment**.

6.12 Consultant Disclosure

The requirements of State Finance Law §163(14) regarding Consultant Disclosure are hereby incorporated into this RFP and will be incorporated into the resulting Agreement. Bidder is required to comply with all requirements thereof as found in the Consultant Disclosure Information and Forms appended hereto as an **Attachment**.

6.13 Insurance Requirements

6.13.1 General Requirements

Bidder shall be required to procure, at its sole cost and expense, all required insurance. The Bidder shall deliver to the Agency evidence of such policies in a form acceptable to the Agency. These policies must be written in accordance with the requirements of the paragraphs below, as applicable. Acceptance and/or approval by the Agency do not and shall not be construed to relieve Bidder of any obligations, responsibilities or liabilities under the Agreement. These requirements apply to both original Agreements and amendments/renewals, whether the Agency is having the work done or is simply issuing the permit, license or contract. Failure to provide proof of such coverage or a legal exemption will result in a rejection of your bid, or contract or amendment/renewal.

6.13.1.1 Certificates of Insurance

The Bidder shall provide the OAG, a certificate of insurance with respect to each required policy to be provided by the Bidder under this Section. The required certificates must be signed by the authorized representative of the insurance company shown on the certificate with proof that such person is an authorized representative thereof and is authorized to bind the named underwriter(s) and their company to the coverage, limits and termination provisions shown thereon.

All required policies of liability insurance shall name the State of New York, NYS Office of the Attorney General (its officers, employees, and agents) as Certificate Holder, as additional insured on endorsements and on additional supporting documentation.

6.13.1.2 Renewal Policies

The CONTRACTOR shall promptly provide the OAG a certificate of insurance with respect to each renewal policy, as necessary to demonstrate the maintenance of the required insurance coverage for the terms specified herein. Such certificate shall be delivered to the OAG not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of any policy.

6.13.1.3 Cancellation and Modification of Insurance Coverages

The Bidder shall be responsible to immediately notify the OAG in writing of any changes or cancellations of its insurance or may be found in breach of the contract and the contract could be terminated. This notice requirement does not waive the insurance requirements contained herein.

6.13.1.4 Failure to Provide or Maintain Insurance Coverages

The Bidders failure to provide or maintain any of the insurance coverage required herein shall constitute a breach of the Agreement, and, at the sole discretion of the OAG may be cause for immediate termination. The CONTRACTOR will be afforded an opportunity to immediately cure the breach. This provision not withstands the timing provided to cure a material breach in Appendix B: General Specifications, Clause 46. Termination.

6.13.2 Workers' Compensation Insurance and Disability Benefit Requirements

Workers' Compensation Law (WCL) §57 & §220 requires the heads of all municipal and state entities to ensure that business applying for permits, licenses or contracts document they have appropriate workers' compensation and disability insurance coverage. These requirements apply to both original contracts and renewals, whether the governmental agency is having the work done or is simply issuing the permit, license or contract. Failure to provide proof of such coverage or a legal exemption will result in rejection of your bid or renewal. Contractor seeking to enter into a contract with the State of New York shall reference the Quick Guide to Workers Compensation and Disability Insurance to determine which forms to provide to the OAG at the time of bid submission or shortly after the bid submission deadline.

Bidder is required to comply with the requirements thereof as found in the Quick Guide to Workers' Compensation and Disability appended hereto as an Attachment.


6.13.3 Liability Insurance

The Bidder shall provide and maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance insuring against claims for bodily injury, property damage, and personal/advertising injury arising from all work and operations under this Agreement whether performed by the Bidder or by its subcontractors. Proof of insurance shall be provided to the OAG on an Accord 25 form.

Unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, the amounts of such insurance shall be no less than \$1,000,000.00 combined bodily injury and property damage single limit per occurrence, and \$3,000,000.00 combined in the aggregate.

Coverage shall include the following:

1. Contractor's Liability Insurance (including contractual liability) and Contractor's

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- Protective Liability issued to protect the Contractor from any suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description, with respect to all duties of the Contractor and its subcontractors, agents or employees under the Agreement; and
2. Completed Operations/Product Liability Insurance covering liability for damages arising from the Contractor's duties under the Agreement.

6.14 Conflicts

6.14.1 Federal Lobbying Certification

Section 1352 of Title 31 of the U.S. Code requires that funds appropriated to a Federal Agency be subject to a requirement that any Federal contractor or grantee (such as the State) must be required to certify that no Federal funds will be used to lobby or influence a Federal officer or a Member of Congress. The certification the State has been required to sign provides that the language of this certification be included in the contract documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. The certification also requires the completion of Federal lobbying reports and the imposition of a civil penalty of \$10,000 to \$100,000 for failing to make a required report. As a sub-recipient, the Contractor understands and agrees to the Federal requirements for certification and disclosure.

6.14.2 Conflict of Interest

Contractor represents and warrants that it has no conflict, actual or perceived, that would prevent it from performing its duties and responsibilities under the Agreement. Contractor shall disclose the relationships it has had with any entity regulated by the Agency during the two (2) years before the date of this Agreement. During the term of this Agreement Contractor shall disclose any relationships it proposes to enter into with any entity regulated by the Agency. These disclosures must contain all facts material to any actual or potential conflict of interest. Agency may consider and approve, in writing, alternative guidelines proposed by Contractor to redress any actual or perceived conflict of interest only when Agency deems such action appropriate.

6.15 Participation Opportunities and Equal Employment for Minority Group Members and NYS Certified Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/W/BEs)

Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law, signed into law on July 19, 1988, authorized the creation of an Office (now Division) of Minority and Women's Business Development to promote equality of economic opportunities for minority group members and women, and the facilitation of minority and women-owned business enterprise participation on all covered OAG contracts.

In recognition of the service and sacrifices made by minority or women-owned business owned enterprises, Responders are encouraged to consider M/WBEs in the fulfillment of the requirements of the Contract. Such participation may be as Subcontractors or suppliers, as protégés, or in other partnering or supporting roles.

To locate New York State Certified M/WBEs, the directory of Certified Businesses can be viewed at <http://www.esd.ny.gov/MWBE/directorySearch.html>

6.16 Participation Opportunities for NYS Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses

Article 17-B of the New York State Executive Law provides for more meaningful participation in public procurement by certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (“SDVOB”); thereby further integrating such businesses into New York State’s economy. OAG recognizes the need to promote the employment of service-disabled veterans and to ensure that certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses have opportunities for maximum feasible participation in the performance of OAG Contracts. In recognition of the service and sacrifices made by service-disabled veterans and in recognition of their economic activity in doing business in New York State, Responders are encouraged to consider SDVOBs in the fulfillment of the requirements of the Contract. Such participation may be as Subcontractors or suppliers, as protégés, or in other partnering or supporting roles.

6.17 Termination

See “Executory Clause” in Appendix A and the following:

1. **For Cause:** For a material breach that remains uncured for more than thirty (30) calendar days or other longer period as specified by written notice to the Contractor, the Contract may be terminated by the Agency. Neither the State nor the Agency shall be liable for any of Contractor’s costs arising from the failure to perform or the termination, including without limitation costs incurred after the date of termination. Such termination shall be upon written notice to the Contractor. In such event, the Agency may complete the contractual requirements in any manner it may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.
2. **For Convenience:** The Agency retains the right to terminate the agreement, or any part thereof, without reason, provided that the Contractor is given at least thirty (30) days written notice of the Agency’s intent to terminate. This provision should not be understood as waiving the Agency’s right to terminate the agreement for cause or to stop work immediately for unsatisfactory work but is supplementary to that provision.
3. **For Violation of Sections 139-j and 139-k of the State Finance Law:** The Agency reserves the right to terminate the Contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Bidder in accordance with Section 139-k of the State Finance Law was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Agency may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms of the Contract.
4. **For Violation of Section 5-a of the New York State Tax Law:** The Agency reserves the right to terminate the Contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Contractor in accordance with Section 5-a of the Tax Law is not timely filed during the term of the contract or the certification furnished was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Agency may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms of the Contract.
5. **For Non-Responsibility:** The Bidder agrees that if it is found by the State that the Bidder’s responses to the Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire were intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, on such finding, the Agency may terminate the Contract.

6. **Upon written notice to the Contractor**, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate Agency officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Agency at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Agency to be non-responsible. In such event, the Agency may complete the contractual requirements in any manner it deems advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

In no case such termination of the Contract by the State be deemed a breach thereof, nor shall the State be liable for any damages for lost profits or otherwise, which may be sustained by the Contractor as a result of such termination.

7. **Upon Conviction of Certain Crimes**: The Agency reserves the right to terminate the Contract in the event it is found that a member, partner, director or officer of Contractor is convicted of one or more of the following: Bribery Involving Public Servants and Related Offenses as defined in Article 200 of the New York State Penal Law; Corrupting the Government as defined in Article 496 of the New York State Penal Law; or Defrauding the Government as defined in Section 195.20 of the New York State Penal Law.
8. **Suspension of Work**: The Agency in its sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under the Contract, at any time, in the best interests of the Agency. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Examples of the reason for such suspension include, but are not limited to, a budget freeze or reduction in State spending, declaration of emergency, contract compliance issues or other circumstances. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contract is not to accept any work requests, and such comply with the suspension order. Activity may resume at such as the Agency issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

6.18 Other Agency Use ("Piggyback")

Any other State Agency may "piggyback" on the Agreement, whereby it enters into an Agreement with the Contractor for essentially the same services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

6.19 Price Adjustments

Prices shall be firm for the first five (5) years of the contract term. Rate increases can only be applied for on the anniversary date of the Agreement in years six through ten (6-10) of the contract and must be justified in writing. Any increase will be limited to the Consumer Price Index Percentage Change for All Items (CPI-U), Not-Seasonally-Adjusted as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in March of each year or by 3%, whichever is less. The percentage change of any increase/decrease shall not exceed the CPI-U of three (3) months prior to the start date of the applicable extension period, or 3%, whichever is less.

Price adjustments involve changing the base payment by the percent change reflected in the CPI between the reference and subsequent time. The price adjustment shall be calculated as follows: Take the CPI for the 3rd month prior to the month of the contract start date (reference) and subtract this figure from the CPI value for the 3rd month prior to the month of the contract extension start date (i.e.: if the contract begins in January, use the October CPI). That sum is then divided by the original

(reference) CPI value, with this result being multiplied by 100 to equal the percent change, which is the price adjustment value. This percentage increase/decrease shall be applied to the contract extension period, effective on the start date of the extension period. The following example illustrates this calculation:

CPI 3rd month prior to anniversary date	136.0
Less CPI at 3rd month prior to contract start date	129.9
Equals index point change	6.1
Divided by previous period CPI	129.9
Equals	0.047
Result multiplied by 100	0.047 x 100
Equals percent change	4.7

All awarded contracts shall be entered into at prices bid in response to this IFB and may be adjusted on the anniversary date of the contract in like manner as specified above.

The Contractor has the sole responsibility to submit invoices at the adjusted rate on the applicable anniversary date and shall provide a copy of the index and other supporting documentation necessary to support the increase or decrease to the Office of the Attorney General, as appropriate. Should the Contractor fail to submit adjusted invoices and/or supporting documentation within three (3) months after the applicable anniversary date, the Contractor shall be deemed to have waived its right to any increase in price for that year, but the State shall not be barred from making the appropriate adjustment in the case of a decrease determined in accordance with the above methodology.


6.20 Appropriation of Funds

The purchase of service or product, which arises from this solicitation, is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. The OAG shall have the right to terminate the resulting contract at the end of the current or each succeeding fiscal year if funds are not appropriated by the Legislature and Governor for the next fiscal year that would permit continuation of the resulting contract. If funds are withdrawn or do not become available, The OAG reserves the right to terminate the contract by giving the contractor a thirty (30) day written notice of its intention to terminate without penalty or any further obligations on the part of the OAG or the contractor. Upon termination of the contract, the OAG shall not be responsible for any payment of any service or product received that occurs after the end of the current contract period or the effective date of termination, whichever is the earlier to occur. The OAG's fiscal year begins on April 1st and ends on March 31st.

6.21 Agreement Invoicing and Payment

The awarded Contractor must submit an invoice upon completion of each deliverable (1-4). The invoice should include documentation of completion as specified in applicable RFP section. Invoices will not be processed until the Acceptance Criteria has been met in accordance with Section 2.2.6.

Payments are made against the contract, encumbrance documents or other written orders. All invoices for payment shall be submitted to the Office of the Attorney General, Accounts Payable Unit, within thirty (30) days after the end of the month in which the services were performed. The invoice shall contain the following:

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1. Payee's complete name, telephone, email address, address, including zip code;
 2. Statewide Financial System vendor identification number;
 3. Contract or Purchase Order number assigned by OAG;

Invoices can be submitted by mail or email:

NYS Office of the Attorney General,
Budget & Fiscal Management Bureau - Payments Unit
The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224-0341
E-Mail: payments@ag.ny.gov

All records regarding service and billings to the OAG under this contract shall be retained as per Appendix A, Clause #10 – Records and may be subject to audit by appropriate State officials upon written notice.

6.22 Electronic Payment

Contractor shall provide complete and accurate billing invoices in order to receive payment. Billing invoices submitted must contain all information and supporting documentation required by the contract, the agency, and OSC. Payment for invoices submitted by the contractor shall only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check, is expressly authorized by the Commissioner, in the Commissioner's sole discretion, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payment shall be made in accordance with ordinary State procedures and practices. The Contractor shall comply with the State Comptroller's procedures to authorize electronic payments. Authorization forms are available at OSC's website at <http://osc.state.ny.us/vendors/epayments.htm>, by e-mail at ePayments@osc.state.ny.us, or by phone at (855) 233-8363. Contractor acknowledges that it will not receive payment on any invoices submitted under this Contract if it does not comply with OSC's electronic payment procedures, except where the Commissioner has expressly authorized payment by paper check as set forth above.

Please note that in conjunction with New York State's implementation of the statewide financial system, OSC requires all vendors doing business with New York State agencies to complete a Substitute W-9 form. Vendors registering for electronic payment can complete the W-9 form when they register. Vendors already registered for electronic payment are requested to go to the above website and complete the Substitute W-9 form and submit following the instructions provided.

6.23 Interest on late Payments

State Agencies: The payment of interest on certain payments due and owed by Agency may be made in accordance with Article 11-A of the State Finance Law (SFL §179-d et. Seq.) and Title 2 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Part 18 (Implementation of Prompt Payment Legislation -2 NYCRR §18.1 et seq.).

By Contractor: Should the Contractor be liable for any payments to the State hereunder, interest, late payment charges and collection fee charges will be determined and assessed pursuant to Section 18 of the State Finance Law.

6.24 Contract Hours of Operation and Legal Holidays

The selected Proposer shall perform services on-site at the OAG designated office, or at the Responders facility. The Responders personnel are expected to accomplish their required task within and during the following:

Normal business days: Monday through Friday

Normal business hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Responders must abide by all Federal labor laws (i.e., must take a 30-minute unpaid lunch)

Overtime: Not applicable for this project

The following are a list of State holidays that need to be considered during the course of providing services under any resulting contract:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Day	Columbus Day
Lincoln's Birthday (Floater)	Election Day (Floater)
President's Day	Veteran's Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Independence Day	Christmas Day

6.25 NYS Reserved Rights to Proposals

By submitting a proposal, the Bidder covenants not to make any claim for, or have any right to, damages because of any misinterpretation or misunderstanding of the specification, or because of any misinformation or lack of information. The Agency has the following prerogatives with regard to proposals submitted:

1. To change any of the scheduled dates upon appropriate notification to all prospective Bidders;
2. To accept or reject any or all proposals, or separable portions of proposals;
3. Prior to the bid opening, amend the RFP specifications to correct errors or oversights, or to supply additional information, as it becomes available; and to direct Bidders to submit proposal modifications addressing subsequent amendments;
4. To disqualify a Bidder from receiving an award if the Bidder, or anyone in the Bidder's employ, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public bidding or contracts;
5. To disqualify any Bidder whose conduct and/or proposal fails to conform to the requirements of the RFP;
6. To correct any arithmetic errors in any or all proposals;
7. To waive or modify minor technicalities, irregularities and omissions in proposals, after notification to the Bidder;
8. To waive any mandatory and/or non-material requirement(s) not met by all Bidders;
9. To accept or reject illegible, incomplete or vague proposals;
10. To seek clarifications of proposals;
11. To adopt any part or all of a successful Bidder's proposal;
12. To utilize any and all ideas submitted in the proposals unless those ideas are protected by legal patent or property right;
13. To consider conditional or revocable proposals which clearly communicates the terms or limitations of acceptance; and agreement award may be made in compliance with the Bidder's conditional or revocable terms in the proposal;
14. To not an award from this solicitation;

15. To have any service completed via separate competitive proposal or other means, as determined to be in the best interest of the State;
16. To have the flexibility to consider proposals with minor deviations or technicalities and to waive minor deviations or technicalities that may be consistent with the intent and scope of the solicitation. This flexibility may permit a reasonable outcome in cases where the results of a fair, competitive process are clear, but the award of a contract is threatened due to a minor technicality or a minor deviation;
17. To break tie bids as follows: In the event two proposals are found to be substantially equivalent, price shall be the basis for determining award recipient. While prompt payment discounts will not be considered in determining the low Bid, the Agency may consider any prompt payment discount in resolving proposals, which are otherwise tied. If two or more Bidders submit substantially equivalent proposals as to pricing or other factors, the decision of the Agency to award a contract to one or more of such Bidders shall be final;
18. To negotiate with the selected Bidder(s) prior to agreement award; and
19. To begin negotiations with another Bidder should the Agency be unsuccessful in negotiating an agreement with the selected Bidder(s) within 45 calendar days.

6.26 Interpretation and Disputes

See “Conflicting Terms” in **Appendix A**.

It is the policy of the Office of the Attorney General, Budget & Fiscal Management Bureau, to provide vendors with an opportunity to administratively resolve disputes, complaints or inquiries related to bid solicitations, contract awards and contract administration. The Budget & Fiscal Management Bureau encourages vendors to seek resolution of disputes informally, through consultation with agency staff, prior to commencing a formal dispute process. All such matters will be accorded impartial and timely consideration.

6.27 Bidder Debriefing

Pursuant to State Finance Law §163(9)(c), any unsuccessful Responder may request a debriefing regarding the reasons that the Proposal submitted by the Responder was not selected for award. Requests for a debriefing must be made within fifteen (15) calendar days of notification by OAG that the Proposal submitted by the Responder was not selected for award. Requests should be submitted in writing to a designated contact identified in this Solicitation.


6.28 Bidder Assurances

The Bidder warrants that it has carefully reviewed the needs of the Agency for the OAG Online Registration and Filing System, as described in the RFP and its attachments and otherwise communicated in writing by the Agency to the Bidder, that it has familiarized itself with the Agency's specifications, and it warrants that it can provide such services as described in the RFP and as represented in its proposal.

The Bidder agrees that it will perform its obligations hereunder in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules and regulations now or hereafter in effect.

The Bidder warrants and affirms that the terms of the RFP and any resultant agreement do not violate any contracts or agreements to which it is a party, and that its other contractual obligations will not adversely influence its capabilities to perform under the agreement.

Ethics Compliance: All Bidders/Contractors and their employees must comply with the requirements of



Sections 73 and 74 of the Public Officers Law, other State codes, rules and regulations and executive orders establishing ethical standards for the conduct of business with New York State. In signing the Bid, Bidder certifies full compliance with those provisions for any present or future dealings, transactions, sales, contracts, services, offers, relationships, etc., involving New York State and/or its employees. Failure to comply with those provisions may result in disqualification from the bidding process, termination of contract, and/or other civil or criminal proceedings as required by law.

Legal Compliance: All Bidders/Contractors represents and warrants that it shall secure all notices and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any governmental entity in conjunction with the performance of obligations under the Contract. Prior to award and during the

Contract terms and any extensions thereof, Contractor must establish to the satisfaction of the Agency that it meets or exceeds all requirements of the RFP and Contract and any applicable laws, including but not limited to, permits, licensing, and shall provide such proof as required by the Agency. Failure to comply or failure to provide proof may constitute grounds for the Agency to terminate or suspend the Contract, in whole or in part, or to take any other action deemed necessary by the Agency. Contractor also agrees to disclose information and provide affirmations and certifications to comply with Section 139-j and 139-k of the State Finance Law.

Sexual Harassment: By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that the bidder has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of section two hundred one-g of the labor law.

Section 7 Appendices and Attachments

7.1 Appendix A – Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts

The terms of **Appendix A, Standard Clauses for All New York State Contracts**, attached hereto, are hereby incorporated into this RFP and any resulting agreement. The Contractor is required to adhere to the clauses in Appendix A. **Bidder should retain Appendix A for its records.**

7.2 Appendix B – General Specifications

The terms of **Appendix B, General Specifications**, attached hereto, are hereby incorporated into this RFP and any resulting agreement. The Contractor is required to adhere to the clauses in Appendix B. **Bidder should retain Appendix B for its records.**

7.3 Other Attachments

The following Appendices and Attachments attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference and made part hereto as fully as if it were set forth at length herein. They are a part of the contract and the Bidder is responsible for adhering to all requirements of all attachment and appendices. Some forms must be signed and submitted with your bid while others are included for informational purposes only.

Other Appendices and Attachments	Name	Instructions
Attachment A	Bid Response Cover Page (see Excel workbook)	Must be Completed and Submitted with Proposal
Attachment B	Reference Response Forms (see Excel workbook)	Must be Completed and Submitted with Proposal
Attachment C	Scope of Services Forms (see Excel workbook)	Must be Completed and Submitted with Proposal
Attachment D	Financial Response Forms (see Excel workbook)	Must be Completed and Submitted with Proposal
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Attachment	State Finance Law – “Procurement Lobbying Law”	Must be Completed and Submitted with Proposal
Attachment	NYS Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire	Must be Completed and Submitted with Proposal
Attachments	NYS Tax Law 5-A Certification Forms (ST-220-CA and ST-220-TD)	ST-220-CA Must be Completed and Submitted with Proposal; ST-220-TD must be completed and forwarded to Taxation Department
Attachments	Consultant Disclosure Forms (Form A & Form B)	Must be Completed and Submitted with Proposal
Attachment	Quick Guide to Workers’ Compensation and Disability	Reference Guide for submittal of Proofs of Insurance (insurance to be collected after tentative award)
Attachment	NYS Office of the State Comptroller Substitute W-9	Must be Completed and Submitted with Proposal
Attachments	Cover Pages for bid responses: 1. Executive Summary 2. Implementation & Transition Plan 3. Ongoing Support/Training/Maintenance Plan 4. Mandatory Administrative Requirements	Must be used with appropriate related documentation to follow and submitted as separate files.



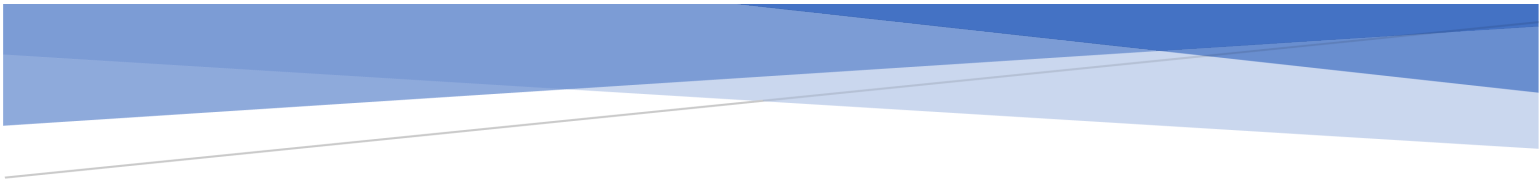
Attachment A – Bid Response Cover Page

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Attachment B – References Response Forms

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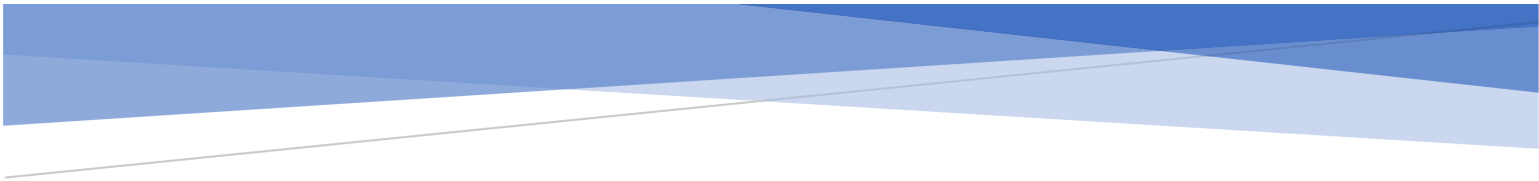
Attachment C – Scope of Services

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Attachment D – Financial Response Form

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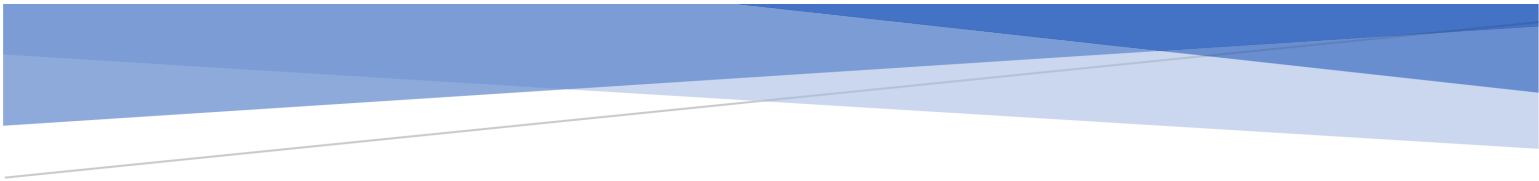


RFP 21-004

Online Registration and Filing System

Executive Summary
Cover Page

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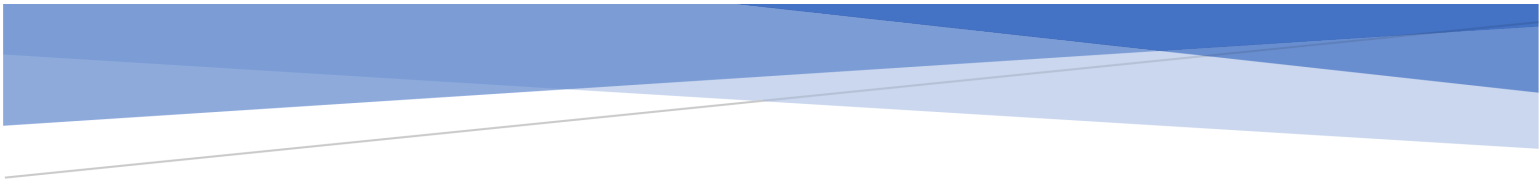


RFP 21-004

Online Registration and Filing System

Implementation & Transition Plan

Bidder Name: _____

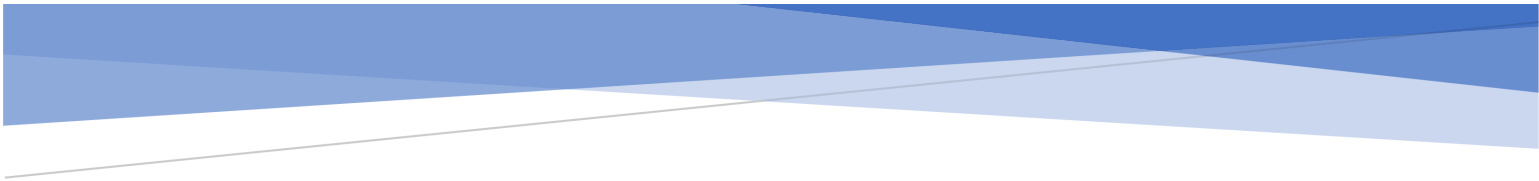


RFP 21-004

Online Registration and Filing System

Ongoing Support, Training & Maintenance Plan

Bidder Name: _____



RFP 21-004

Online Registration and Filing System

Mandatory Administrative Requirements Cover Page

Bidder Name: _____

APPENDIX A

STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NEW YORK STATE CONTRACTS

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STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NYS CONTRACTS

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter, "the contract" or "this contract") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract (the word "Contractor" herein refers to any party other than the State, whether a contractor, licenser, licensee, lessor, lessee or any other party):

1. EXECUTORY CLAUSE. In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under this contract to the Contractor or to anyone else beyond funds appropriated and available for this contract.

2. NON-ASSIGNMENT CLAUSE. In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, this contract may not be assigned by the Contractor or its right, title or interest therein assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet or otherwise disposed of without the State's previous written consent, and attempts to do so are null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such prior written consent of an assignment of a contract let pursuant to Article XI of the State Finance Law may be waived at the discretion of the contracting agency and with the concurrence of the State Comptroller where the original contract was subject to the State Comptroller's approval, where the assignment is due to a reorganization, merger or consolidation of the Contractor's business entity or enterprise. The State retains its right to approve an assignment and to require that any Contractor demonstrate its responsibility to do business with the State. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payments without the State's prior written consent unless this contract concerns Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.

3. COMPTROLLER'S APPROVAL. In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law (or, if this contract is with the State University or City University of New York, Section 355 or Section 6218 of the Education Law), if this contract exceeds \$50,000 (or the minimum thresholds agreed to by the Office of the State Comptroller for certain S.U.N.Y. and C.U.N.Y. contracts), or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount, or if, by this contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$25,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by the State Comptroller and filed in his office. Comptroller's approval of contracts let by the Office of General Services is required when such contracts exceed \$85,000 (State Finance Law § 163.6-a). However, such pre-approval shall not be required for any contract established as a centralized contract through the Office of General Services or for a purchase order or other transaction issued under such centralized contract.

4. WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS. In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, this contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the

Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.

5. NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS. To the extent required by Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, nor subject any individual to harassment, because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, familial status, marital status, or domestic violence victim status or because the individual has opposed any practices forbidden under the Human Rights Law or has filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding under the Human Rights Law. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that this contract shall be performed within the State of New York, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 as well as possible termination of this contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

6. WAGE AND HOURS PROVISIONS. If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-

a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be a condition precedent to payment by the State of any State approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

7. NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION. In accordance with Section 139-d of the State Finance Law, if this contract was awarded based upon the submission of bids, Contractor affirms, under penalty of perjury, that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. Contractor further affirms that, at the time Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf.

8. INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT PROHIBITION. In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, the Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither the Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App. Sections 2401 et seq.) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal (2 NYCRR § 105.4).

9. SET-OFF RIGHTS. The State shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to this contract, any other contract with any State department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the State agency, its representatives, or the State Comptroller.

10. RECORDS. The Contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this contract (hereinafter, collectively, the "Records"). The Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter. The State Comptroller, the Attorney General and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the

agency or agencies involved in this contract, shall have access to the Records during normal business hours at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying. The State shall take reasonable steps to protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law (the "Statute") provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records as exempt under the Statute is reasonable. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

11. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION. (a) Identification Number(s). Every invoice or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to a New York State agency by a payee, for payment for the sale of goods or services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property must include the payee's identification number. The number is any or all of the following: (i) the payee's Federal employer identification number, (ii) the payee's Federal social security number, and/or (iii) the payee's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System. Failure to include such number or numbers may delay payment. Where the payee does not have such number or numbers, the payee, on its invoice or Claim for Payment, must give the reason or reasons why the payee does not have such number or numbers.

(b) Privacy Notification. (1) The authority to request the above personal information from a seller of goods or services or a lessor of real or personal property, and the authority to maintain such information, is found in Section 5 of the State Tax Law. Disclosure of this information by the seller or lessor to the State is mandatory. The principal purpose for which the information is collected is to enable the State to identify individuals, businesses and others who have been delinquent in filing tax returns or may have understated their tax liabilities and to generally identify persons affected by the taxes administered by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The information will be used for tax administration purposes and for any other purpose authorized by law. (2) The personal information is requested by the purchasing unit of the agency contracting to purchase the goods or services or lease the real or personal property covered by this contract or lease. The information is maintained in the Statewide Financial System by the Vendor Management Unit within the Bureau of State Expenditures, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236.

12. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN. In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR Part 143, if this contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of

\$25,000.00, whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then the following shall apply and by signing this agreement the Contractor certifies and affirms that it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on State contracts and will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgradings, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;

(b) at the request of the contracting agency, the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein; and

(c) the Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

Contractor will include the provisions of "a," "b," and "c" above, in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (the "Work") except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to this contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State. The State shall consider compliance by a contractor or subcontractor with the requirements of any federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this clause. The

contracting agency shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such federal law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the contracting agency shall waive the applicability of Section 312 to the extent of such duplication or conflict. Contractor will comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Department of Economic Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

13. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the contract (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of this Appendix A, the terms of this Appendix A shall control.

14. GOVERNING LAW. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise.

15. LATE PAYMENT. Timeliness of payment and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.

16. NO ARBITRATION. Disputes involving this contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized), but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

17. SERVICE OF PROCESS. In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules ("CPLR"), Contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor's actual receipt of process or upon the State's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify the State, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the State to the last known address shall be sufficient. Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

18. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS. The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of Section 165 of the State Finance Law, (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State.

In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by

any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in § 165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

19. MACBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES. In accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (Chapter 807 of the Laws of 1992), the Contractor hereby stipulates that the Contractor either (a) has no business operations in Northern Ireland, or (b) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (as described in Section 165 of the New York State Finance Law), and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such principles.

20. OMNIBUS PROCUREMENT ACT OF 1992. It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority- and women-owned business enterprises as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

Information on the availability of New York State subcontractors and suppliers is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division for Small Business
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: 518-292-5100
Fax: 518-292-5884
email: opa@esd.ny.gov

A directory of certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division of Minority and Women's Business Development
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017
212-803-2414
email: mwbecertification@esd.ny.gov
<https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp>

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 (Chapter 844 of the Laws of 1992, codified in State Finance Law § 139-i and Public Authorities Law § 2879(3)(n)-(p)) requires that by signing this bid proposal or contract, as applicable, Contractors certify that whenever the total bid amount is greater than \$1 million:

(a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of New York State Business Enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority- and

women-owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;

(b) The Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended;

(c) The Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to New York State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the New York State Department of Labor, or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The Contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request; and

(d) The Contractor acknowledges notice that the State may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of this contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.

21. RECIPROCITY AND SANCTIONS PROVISIONS. Bidders are hereby notified that if their principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services they offer will be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively, codified in State Finance Law § 165(6) and Public Authorities Law § 2879(5))) require that they be denied contracts which they would otherwise obtain. NOTE: As of October 2019, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of South Carolina, Alaska, West Virginia, Wyoming, Louisiana and Hawaii.

22. COMPLIANCE WITH BREACH NOTIFICATION AND DATA SECURITY LAWS. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law § 899-aa and State Technology Law § 208) and commencing March 21, 2020 shall also comply with General Business Law § 899-bb.

23. COMPLIANCE WITH CONSULTANT DISCLOSURE LAW. If this is a contract for consulting services, defined for purposes of this requirement to include analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental, health, and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal or similar services, then, in accordance with Section 163 (4)(g) of the State Finance Law (as amended by Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006), the Contractor shall timely, accurately and properly comply with the requirement to submit an annual employment report for the contract to the agency that awarded the contract, the Department of Civil Service and the State Comptroller.

24. PROCUREMENT LOBBYING. To the extent this agreement is a "procurement contract" as defined by State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k, by signing this agreement the contractor certifies and affirms that all disclosures made in accordance with State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k are complete, true and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, the State may terminate the agreement by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

25. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION TO COLLECT SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX BY CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTORS, AFFILIATES AND SUBCONTRACTORS.

To the extent this agreement is a contract as defined by Tax Law § 5-a, if the contractor fails to make the certification required by Tax Law § 5-a or if during the term of the contract, the Department of Taxation and Finance or the covered agency, as defined by Tax Law § 5-a, discovers that the certification, made under penalty of perjury, is false, then such failure to file or false certification shall be a material breach of this contract and this contract may be terminated, by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement, if the covered agency determines that such action is in the best interest of the State.

26. IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT. By entering into this Agreement, Contractor certifies in accordance with State Finance Law § 165-a that it is not on the "Entities Determined to be Non-Responsive Bidders/Offerers pursuant to the New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012" ("Prohibited Entities List") posted at: <https://ogs.ny.gov/list-entities-determined-be-non-responsive-biddersofferers-pursuant-nys-iran-divestment-act-2012>

Contractor further certifies that it will not utilize on this Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. Contractor agrees that should it seek to renew or extend this Contract, it must provide the same certification at the time the Contract is renewed or extended. Contractor also agrees that any proposed Assignee of this Contract will be required to certify that it is not on the Prohibited Entities List before the contract assignment will be approved by the State.

During the term of the Contract, should the state agency receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law § 165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, the state agency will review such information and offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment activity which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then the state agency shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule, or contract, including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

The state agency reserves the right to reject any bid, request for assignment, renewal or extension for an entity that appears on the Prohibited Entities List prior to the award, assignment, renewal or extension of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the Prohibited Entities list after contract award.

27. ADMISSIBILITY OF REPRODUCTION OF CONTRACT. Notwithstanding the best evidence rule or any other legal principle or rule of evidence to the contrary, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it waives any and all objections to the admissibility into evidence at any court proceeding or to the use at any examination before trial of an electronic reproduction of this contract, in the form approved by the State Comptroller, if such approval was required, regardless of whether the original of said contract is in existence.

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GENERAL

1. ETHICS COMPLIANCE All Bidders/Contractors and their employees must comply with the requirements of Sections 73 and 74 of the Public Officers Law, other State codes, rules, regulations and executive orders establishing ethical standards for the conduct of business with New York State. In signing the Bid, Bidder certifies full compliance with those provisions for any present or future dealings, transactions, sales, contracts, services, offers, relationships, etc., involving New York State and/or its employees. Failure to comply with those provisions may result in disqualification from the bidding process, termination of contract, and/or other civil or criminal proceedings as required by law.

2. DEFINITIONS Terms used herein shall have the following meanings:

a. AUTHORIZED USER Authorized User shall have the meaning set forth in State Finance Law Section 163(1)(k) and includes, but is not limited to, New York State Agencies, political subdivisions, local governments, public authorities, public school and fire districts, public and nonprofit libraries, and certain other nonpublic/nonprofit organizations.

b. BID A response to the Solicitation submitted by a Bidder to provide Products.

c. BIDDER Any person or entity who submits a response to the Solicitation. At the time that a Bidder executes a Contract with the State, the Bidder shall become a "Contractor." See also "Contractor."

d. BID SPECIFICATIONS A written description drafted by OGS or an Authorized User setting forth the specific terms of the intended procurement, which may include: physical or functional characteristics, the nature of a Product, any description of the work to be performed, Products to be provided, the necessary qualifications of the Bidder, the capacity and capability of the Bidder to successfully carry out the proposed Contract, or the process for achieving specific results and/or anticipated outcomes or any other requirement necessary to perform work. Where this Appendix B is incorporated in negotiated Contracts that have not been competitively solicited, the term "Bid Specifications" shall be deemed to refer to the terms and conditions set forth in the negotiated Contract and associated documentation.

e. COMMISSIONER The Commissioner of OGS or his or her designee, or, in the case of Bid Specifications issued by an Authorized User, the head of such Authorized User or his or her authorized representative.

f. CONTRACT The writings that contain the agreement of the Commissioner and the Contractor setting forth the total legal obligation between the parties as determined by applicable rules of law, and which most typically include the following classifications of public procurements:

- 1. Agency Specific Contracts** Contracts where the written description for a Product or a particular scope of work is described and defined to meet the needs of one or more Authorized Users.
- 2. Centralized Contracts** Single- or multiple-award Contracts where the written description for a Product or general scope of work is described and defined by OGS to meet the needs of Authorized Users. Centralized Contracts may be awarded through multiple awards or through adoption of another

jurisdiction's contract or on a sole source, single source, emergency, or competitive basis. Once established, procurements may be made from the selected Contractors without further competition or Mini-Bid unless otherwise required by the Contract.

3. Back-Drop Contracts Multiple-award Centralized Contracts where OGS provides a written description for a Product or general scope of work to meet the needs of Authorized Users. Bids may be submitted either at a date and time certain or may be accepted on a continuous or periodic recruitment basis, as set forth in the Solicitation. Selection of a Contractor from among Back-Drop contract holders for an actual Product, project or particular scope of work may be subsequently made as set forth in the Contract.

4. Piggyback Contract A Contract let by any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States government, or any department, agency, office, political subdivision or instrumentality of any state or group of states that is adopted and extended for use by OGS in accordance with the requirements of the State Finance Law.

5. Contract Award Letter A letter to the successful Bidder indicating acceptance of its Bid in response to a Solicitation. Unless otherwise specified, the issuance of a letter of acceptance forms a Contract but is not an order for Product, and the Contractor should not take any action with respect to actual Contract deliveries except on the basis of Purchase Orders sent from Authorized Users.

g. CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION An announcement to Authorized Users that a Contract has been established.

h. CONTRACTOR Any successful Bidder to whom a Contract has been awarded by the Commissioner.

i. DOCUMENTATION The complete set of manuals (e.g., user, installation, instruction or diagnostic manuals) in either hard or electronic copy, that are necessary to enable an Authorized User to properly test, install, operate and enjoy full use of the Product.

j. ENTERPRISE The total business operations in the United States of an Authorized User without regard to geographic location where such operations are performed or the entity actually performing such operations on behalf of the Authorized User.

k. ENTERPRISE LICENSE A license grant of unlimited rights to deploy, access, use and execute Product anywhere within the Enterprise up to the maximum capacity stated on the Purchase Order or in the Contract.

l. ERROR CORRECTIONS Machine executable software code furnished by Contractor which corrects the Product so as to conform to the applicable warranties, performance standards and/or obligations of the Contractor.

m. GROUP A classification of a Product that is designated by OGS.

n. INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) A type of Solicitation that is most typically used for procurements where requirements can be stated and award will be made based on lowest price to the responsive and responsible Bidder or Bidders.

o. LICENSED SOFTWARE Software transferred upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract. "Licensed Software" includes Error Corrections, upgrades, or enhancements, and any deliverables due under a technical support/maintenance or service contract (e.g., Patches, programs, code or data conversion, or custom programming).

p. LICENSEE An Authorized User who acquires Product from Contractor by issuing a Purchase Order in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract; provided that, for purposes of compliance with an individual license, the term "Licensee" shall be deemed to refer separately to the individual Authorized User who took receipt of and who is executing the Product, and who shall be solely responsible for performance and liabilities incurred. In the case of acquisitions by State Agencies, the Licensee shall be the State of New York.

q. LICENSE EFFECTIVE DATE The date Product is delivered to an Authorized User. Where a License involves Licensee's right to copy a previously licensed and delivered master copy of a program, the License Effective Date for additional copies shall be deemed to be the date on which the Purchase Order is executed.

r. LICENSOR A Contractor who transfers rights in proprietary Product to Authorized Users in accordance with the rights and obligations specified in the Contract.

s. MINI-BID A document used by an Authorized User containing transaction-specific requirements soliciting responses from Contractors previously qualified under a Centralized Contract for such Products.

t. OGS The New York State Office of General Services.

u. PATCH Software designed to update, fix, or improve the Product or its supporting data. This includes fixing security vulnerabilities and other bugs, including hot fixes, to improve usability or performance.

v. PRODUCTS Items or deliverables under any Solicitation or Contract and may include commodities, services and/or technology.

w. PURCHASE ORDER The Authorized User's fiscal form or format that is used when making a purchase (e.g., formal written Purchase Order, Purchasing Card, electronic Purchase Order, or other authorized instrument).

x. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) A type of Solicitation that is used for procurements where factors in addition to cost are considered and weighted in awarding the contract and where the award will be made based on "best value," as defined by the State Finance Law, to one or more responsive and responsible Bidders.

y. REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) A procurement method that can be used in situations such as discretionary, sole source, single source, or emergency purchases and certain Centralized Contracts.

z. RESPONSIBLE BIDDER A Bidder that is determined to have financial and organizational capacity, legal authority, satisfactory previous performance, skill, judgment and integrity, and that is found to be competent, reliable and experienced, as determined by the Commissioner. For purposes of being deemed responsible, a Bidder must also be determined to be in compliance with Sections 139-j and 139-k of the State Finance Law relative to restrictions on contacts during the procurement process and disclosure of contacts and prior findings of non-responsibility under these statutes.

aa. RESPONSIVE BIDDER A Bidder meeting the specifications or requirements prescribed in the Solicitation, as determined by the OGS Commissioner.

bb. SINGLE SOURCE A procurement where two or more Bidders can supply the required Product, and the Commissioner may award the contract to one Bidder over the other.

cc. SITE The location (street address) where Product will be delivered or executed.

dd. SOLE SOURCE A procurement where only one Bidder is capable of supplying the required Product.

ee. SOLICITATION Writings by the State setting forth the scope, terms, conditions and technical specifications for a procurement of Product. The procurement may be undertaken on a competitive or non-competitive basis. Such writings typically include, but are not limited to: Invitation for Bids (IFB), Request for Quotations (RFQ), Request for Proposals (RFP), addenda or amendments thereto, and terms and conditions that are incorporated by reference, including but not limited to Appendix A (Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts), Appendix B (General Specifications), and identified attachments. Where the procurement is undertaken on a non-competitive basis, the term "Solicitation" shall be deemed to refer to all the terms and conditions identified by the State.

ff. SOURCE CODE The programming statements or instructions written and expressed in any language understandable by a human being skilled in the art which are translated by a language compiler to produce executable machine object code.

gg. STATE State of New York.

hh. STATE AGENCY OR AGENCIES The State of New York, acting by or through one or more departments, boards, commissions, offices or institutions of the State of New York.

ii. SUBCONTRACTOR Any individual or legal entity (including but not limited to sole proprietor, partnership, limited liability company, firm or corporation) who has entered into a contract, express or implied, for the performance of a portion of a Contract with a Contractor.

jj. TERMS OF LICENSE The terms and conditions set forth in the Contract that are in effect and applicable to a Purchase Order at the time of order placement.

kk. THIRD-PARTY SOFTWARE Any software that is developed independently of Contractor and which may be governed by a separate license.

ll. VIRUS Any computer code, whether or not written or conceived by Contractor, that disrupts, disables, harms, or otherwise impedes in any manner the operation of the Product, or any other associated software, firmware, hardware, or computer system (such as local area or wide-area networks), including aesthetic disruptions or distortions, but does not include security keys or other such devices installed by Product manufacturer. Virus shall also include any malware, adware, or other computer code, whether or not written or conceived by Contractor, that allows data or metrics to be copied, redirected, or modified without the express consent of the Authorized User.

BID SUBMISSION

3. INTERNATIONAL BIDDING All Bids, including all information and Product required by the Solicitation or provided as explanation thereof, shall be submitted in English. All prices shall be expressed, and all payments shall be made, in United States Dollars (US\$). Any Bids submitted which do not meet the above criteria will be rejected.

4. BID OPENING Bids may, as applicable, be opened publicly. The Commissioner reserves the right at any time to postpone or cancel a scheduled Bid opening.

5. LATE BIDS Bids must be received at the location designated in the Solicitation at or before the date and time established in the Solicitation for the Bid opening or receipt of Bids.

Any Bid received at the designated location after the established time will be considered a Late Bid. A Late Bid may be rejected and disqualified from award. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Late Bid may be accepted in the Commissioner's sole discretion where (i) no timely Bids meeting the requirements of the Solicitation are received, (ii) in the case of a multiple award, an insufficient number of timely Bids are received to satisfy the multiple award, or (iii) the Bidder has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the Late Bid was caused solely by factors outside the control of the Bidder. However, in no event shall the Commissioner be under any obligation to accept a Late Bid.

The basis for any determination to accept a Late Bid shall be documented in the procurement record.

6. CONFIDENTIAL/TRADE SECRET MATERIALS

a. BIDDER/CONTRACTOR Confidential, trade secret or proprietary materials as defined by the laws of the State of New York must be clearly marked and identified as such upon submission by the Bidder/Contractor. Marking the Bid as "confidential" or "proprietary" on its face or in the document header or footer shall not be considered by the Commissioner or Authorized User to be sufficient without specific justification as to why disclosure of particular information in the Bid would cause substantial injury to the competitive position of the Bidder/Contractor. Bidders/Contractors intending to seek an exemption from disclosure of these materials under the Freedom of Information Law must request the exemption in writing, setting forth the reasons for the claimed exemption. The Commissioner's or Authorized User's receipt/acceptance of the claimed materials does not constitute a determination on the exemption request, which determination will be made in accordance with statutory procedures. Properly identified information that has been designated confidential, trade secret, or proprietary by the Bidder/Contractor will not be disclosed except as may be required by the Freedom of Information Law or other applicable State and federal laws.

b. COMMISSIONER OR AUTHORIZED USER Contractor warrants, covenants and represents that any confidential information obtained by Contractor, its agents, Subcontractors, officers, distributors, resellers or employees in the course of performing its obligations, including without limitation, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the State or any Authorized User hereunder or received from another third party, will not be divulged to any third parties without the written consent of the Commissioner or Authorized User. Contractor shall not be required to keep confidential any such material that is publicly available through no fault of Contractor, independently developed by Contractor without reliance on confidential information

of the Authorized User, or otherwise obtained under the Freedom of Information Law or other applicable New York State laws and regulations. This warranty shall survive termination of this Contract. Contractor further agrees to take commercially reasonable steps to inform its agents, Subcontractors, officers, distributors, resellers or employees of the obligations arising under this clause to ensure such confidentiality.

7. PREVAILING WAGE RATES - PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING SERVICES CONTRACTS If any portion of work being solicited is subject to the prevailing wage rate provisions of the Labor Law, the following shall apply:

a. PREVAILING WAGE RATE APPLICABLE TO BIDS A copy of the applicable prevailing wage rate schedule is incorporated into the Solicitation and may also be obtained by visiting www.labor.ny.gov and typing in the search box: Prevailing Wage Schedule Request. Bidders must submit Bids which are based upon the prevailing hourly wages, and supplements in cash or equivalent benefits (e.g., fringe benefits and any cash or non-cash compensation which are not wages, as defined by law) that equal or exceed the applicable prevailing wage rates for the location where the work is to be performed. Bidders may not submit Bids based upon hourly wage rates and supplements below the applicable prevailing wage rates as established by the New York State Department of Labor. Bids that fail to comply with this requirement will be disqualified.

b. WAGE RATE PAYMENTS/CHANGES DURING CONTRACT TERM The wages to be paid under any resulting Contract shall not be less than the prevailing rate of wages and supplements as set forth by law. It is required that the Contractor keep informed of all changes in the prevailing wage rates during the Contract term that apply to the classes of individuals supplied by the Contractor on any projects resulting from this Contract, subject to the provisions of the Labor Law. Contractor is solely liable for and must pay such required prevailing wage adjustments during the Contract term for its employees as required by law and is responsible for ensuring any Subcontractors utilized on the Contract also comply with the prevailing wage provisions of the New York State Labor Law.

c. ARTICLE 8 CONSTRUCTION/PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS In compliance with Article 8, Section 220 of the New York State Labor Law:

i. Posting The Contractor must publicly post on the work Site, in a prominent and accessible place, a legible schedule of the prevailing wage rates and supplements.

ii. Payroll Records Contractors and Subcontractors must keep original payrolls or transcripts subscribed and affirmed as true under the penalties of perjury as required by law. For public works contracts over \$25,000 where the Contractor maintains no regular place of business in the State, such records must be kept at the work Site. For building services contracts, such records must be kept at the work Site while work is being performed.

iii. Submission of Certified Payroll Transcripts for Public Works Contracts Only Contractors and Subcontractors on public works Contracts must submit monthly payroll transcripts to the Authorized User issuing the Purchase Order for the work. This provision does not apply to Article 9 of the Labor Law building services contracts.

iv. Day's Labor No laborers, workmen or mechanics in the employ of the Contractor, Subcontractor or other person doing or

contracting to do all or part of the work contemplated by the Contract shall be permitted or required to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day or more than five calendar days in any one week except in cases of extraordinary emergency including fire, flood or danger to life or property. "Extraordinary emergency" shall be deemed to include situations in which sufficient laborers, workers and mechanics cannot be employed to carry on public work expeditiously as a result of such restrictions upon the number of hours and days of labor and the immediate commencement or prosecution or completion without undue delay of the public work is necessary in the judgment of the NYS Commissioner of Labor for the preservation of the Contract Site or for the protection of the life and limb of the persons using the Contract Site.

d. ARTICLE 9 BUILDING SERVICES CONTRACTS In compliance with Article 9, Section 230 of the New York State Labor Law:

i. Payroll Records Contractors and Subcontractors must keep original payrolls or transcripts subscribed and affirmed as true under the penalties of perjury as required by law. Where the Contractor or Subcontractor maintains no regular place of business in New York State, such records must be kept at the work Site while work is being performed.

ii. Overtime Employees of Contractors and Subcontractors who work in excess of eight hours in a day or forty hours in a week shall be paid at the overtime rate identified by the New York State Department of Labor.

8. TAXES

a. Unless otherwise specified in the Solicitation, Bid Specifications or Contract, the quoted Bid price includes all taxes applicable to the transaction.

b. Purchases made by the State of New York and certain non-State Authorized Users are exempt from New York State and local sales taxes and, with certain exceptions, federal excise taxes. To satisfy the requirements of the New York State sales tax exemption, either the Purchase Order issued by a State Agency or the invoice forwarded to authorize payment for such purchases will be sufficient evidence that the sale by the Contractor was made to the State, an exempt organization under Section 1116(a)(1) of the Tax Law. Non-State Authorized Users must offer their own proof of exemption upon request. No person, firm or corporation is, however, exempt from paying the State Truck Mileage and Unemployment Insurance or Federal Social Security taxes, which remain the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Contractor.

c. Purchases by Authorized Users other than the State of New York may be subject to certain taxes which were not included in the Bid price, and in those instances the tax should be computed based on the Contract price and added to the invoice submitted to such entity for payment.

9. EXPENSES PRIOR TO CONTRACT EXECUTION The Commissioner and any Authorized Users are not liable for any costs incurred by a Bidder or Contractor in the preparation and production of a Bid, Mini-Bid, cost proposal revision, or for any work performed prior to Contract execution.

10. PRODUCT REFERENCES

a. "Or Equal" In all Solicitations or Bid Specifications, the words "or equal" are understood to apply where a copyrighted, brand name, trade name, catalog reference, or patented Product is referenced.

References to such specific Product are intended as descriptive, not restrictive, unless otherwise stated. Comparable Product will be considered if proof of compatibility is provided, including appropriate catalog excerpts, descriptive literature, specifications and test data, etc. The Commissioner's decision as to acceptance of the Product as equal shall be final.

b. Discrepancies in References In the event of a discrepancy between the model number referenced in the Solicitation or Bid Specifications and the written description of the Products that cannot be reconciled, then the written description shall prevail.

11. REMANUFACTURED, RECYCLED, RECYCLABLE, OR RECOVERED MATERIALS Upon the conditions specified in the Solicitation and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, Contractors are encouraged to use recycled, recyclable, or recovered materials in the manufacture of Products and packaging to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the performance or intended end use of the Product or packaging unless such use is precluded due to health, welfare, safety requirements, or in the Solicitation. Contractors are further encouraged to offer remanufactured Products to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the performance or intended end use of the Product unless such use is precluded due to health, welfare, safety requirements, or by the Solicitation. Where such use is not practical, suitable, or permitted by the Solicitation, Contractor shall deliver new materials in accordance with the "Warranties" set forth below.

Items with recycled, recyclable, recovered, refurbished, or remanufactured content must be identified in the Bid or Bidder will be deemed to be offering new Product.

12. PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Bids offering Products that are manufactured or produced in public institutions will be rejected.

13. PRICING

a. Unit Pricing If required by the Solicitation, the Bidder should insert the price per unit specified and the price extensions in decimals, not to exceed four places, for each item unless otherwise specified in the Solicitation. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price shall govern unless, in the sole judgment of the Commissioner, such unit pricing is obviously erroneous.

b. Net Pricing Unless otherwise required by the Solicitation, prices shall be net, including transportation, customs, tariff, delivery and other charges fully prepaid by the Contractor to the destination indicated in the Solicitation or Purchase Order.

c. "No Charge" Bid When Bids are requested on a number of Products as a Group or lot, a Bidder desiring to Bid "no charge" on a Product in the Group or lot must clearly indicate such. Otherwise, such Bid may be considered incomplete and be rejected, in whole or in part, at the discretion of the Commissioner.

d. Educational Pricing All Products to be supplied for educational purposes that are subject to educational discounts shall be identified in the Bid and such discounts shall be made available to qualifying institutions.

e. Third Party Financing If Product acquisitions are financed through any third party financing, Contractor may be required as a condition of Contract award to agree to the terms and conditions of a

“Consent & Acknowledgment Agreement” in a form acceptable to the Commissioner.

f. Specific price decreases:

(i) **GSA Changes:** Where net pricing under the Contract is based on an approved GSA schedule, price decreases shall take effect automatically during the Contract term and apply to Purchase Orders submitted on or after the date the approved GSA schedule pricing decreases during the Contract term; or

(ii) **Commercial Price List Reductions:** Where net pricing under the Contract is based on a discount from Contractor’s list prices, price decreases shall take effect automatically during the Contract term and apply to Purchase Orders submitted on or after the date Contractor lowers its pricing on its commercial price lists during the Contract term; or

(iii) **Special Offers/Promotions Generally:** Where Contractor generally offers more advantageous special price promotions or special discount pricing to other customers during the Contract term for a similar quantity, and the maximum price or discount associated with such offer or promotion is better than the discount or net pricing otherwise available under this Contract, such better price or discount shall apply for similar quantity transactions under this Contract for the life of such general offer or promotion; and

(iv) **Special Offers/Promotions to Authorized Users:** Contractor may offer Authorized Users, under either this Contract or any other contracting vehicle, competitive pricing which is lower than the net pricing set forth herein at any time during the Contract term and such lower pricing shall not be applied as a global price reduction under the Contract pursuant to the foregoing paragraph (iii).

Unless otherwise specified in the Solicitation, Contractor may offer lower prices or better terms (see Modification of Contract Terms) on any specific Purchase Order from any Authorized User without being in conflict with, or having any obligation to comply on a global basis with, the terms of this clause.

g. Cost Proposal Revisions A Contractor may be solicited prior to Contract award to propose the best possible offer for the Product being bid on, in accordance with State Finance Law Section 163(9)(c). A cost proposal revision must be a lower price than the initial price.

14. SITE INSPECTION Where a Site inspection is required, Bidder shall be required to inspect the Site, including environmental or other conditions, for pre-existing deficiencies that may affect the installed Product or that may affect Bidder’s ability to properly deliver, install or otherwise provide the required Product. All inquiries regarding such conditions shall be made in writing. Bidder shall be deemed to have knowledge of any deficiencies or conditions that such inspection or inquiry might have disclosed. Bidder must provide a detailed explanation with its Bid if additional work is required under this clause in order to properly provide the required Product.

15. PURCHASING CARD The State’s Purchasing Card program is designed to be an efficient and cost effective way to expedite purchases. The Purchasing Card (also referred to as the Procurement Card) is a credit card that enables Authorized Users to make authorized purchases directly from a Contractor without processing formal Purchase Orders. Purchasing Cards are issued to selected employees who are authorized to make purchases for the Authorized

User. Cardholders can make purchases directly from any Contractor that accepts the Purchasing Card.

BID EVALUATION

16. BID EVALUATION The Commissioner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids, or separable portions of Bids, and waive technicalities, irregularities, and omissions if the Commissioner determines the best interests of the State will be served. The Commissioner, in his or her sole discretion, may accept or reject illegible, incomplete or vague Bids, and the Commissioner’s decision shall be final. A conditional or revocable Bid which clearly communicates the terms or limitations of acceptance may be considered, and Contract award may be made in compliance with the Bidder’s conditional or revocable terms in the Bid.

17. TIE BIDS In the event two Bids are found to be substantially equivalent, price shall be the basis for determining the award recipient. While prompt payment discounts will not be considered in determining the low Bid, the Commissioner may consider any prompt payment discount in resolving Bids which are otherwise tied. If two or more Bidders submit substantially equivalent Bids as to pricing or other factors, the decision of the Commissioner to award a Contract to one or more of such Bidders shall be final.

18. QUANTITY CHANGES PRIOR TO AWARD The Commissioner reserves the right, at any time prior to the award of a specific quantity Contract, to alter in good faith the quantities listed in the Solicitation. In the event such right is exercised, the lowest responsible Bidder meeting the Solicitation requirements will be advised of the revised quantities and afforded an opportunity to extend or reduce its Bid price in relation to the changed quantities. Refusal by the low Bidder to so extend or reduce its Bid price may result in the rejection of its Bid and the award of such Contract to the lowest responsible Bidder who accepts the revised qualifications.

19. TIMEFRAME FOR OFFERS The Commissioner reserves the right to make awards within 60 days after the date of the Bid opening or such other period of time as set forth in the Solicitation. The Bids must remain firm until a Contract is awarded, but if a Contract is not awarded within 60 days or other time period set forth in the Solicitation, the Bidder may withdraw its Bid any time thereafter by delivering to the Commissioner written notice of the withdrawal of its Bid.

20. DEBRIEFINGS Pursuant to Section 163(9)(c) of the State Finance Law, any unsuccessful Bidder may request a debriefing regarding the reasons that the Bid submitted by the Bidder was not selected for award. Requests for a debriefing must be made within 15 calendar days of notification by OGS that the Bid submitted by the Bidder was not selected for award. Requests should be submitted in writing to a designated contact identified in the Solicitation.

21. CONTRACT PUBLICITY Any Contractor press or media releases, advertisements, or promotional literature, regardless of the medium, referring to an awarded Contract must be reviewed and approved by the Commissioner prior to issuance. In addition, Contractor shall not use, for any purpose, the New York State of Opportunity registered trademark or the New York State coat of arms without prior written approval from the State.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

22. CONTRACT CREATION/EXECUTION Except for contracts governed by Article 11-B of the State Finance Law, subject to and upon receipt of all required approvals as set forth in the Solicitation, a Contract shall be deemed executed and created with the successful Bidders upon the Commissioner's mailing or electronic communication to the address on the Bid/Contract of: (i) the final Contract Award Notice; (ii) a fully executed Contract; or (iii) a Purchase Order authorized by the Commissioner.

23. CONTRACT TERM - EXTENSION In addition to any stated extension periods in the Contract, any Contract or portion thereof awarded by the Commissioner may be extended by mutual agreement of the Commissioner and the Contractor for an additional period of up to one year. Such extension for up to an additional one-year period may be exercised on a month-to-month basis or in other stated periods of time.

24. OFFICIAL USE ONLY/NO PERSONAL USE The Contract is only for official use by Authorized Users. Use of the Contract for personal or private purposes is strictly prohibited.

25. PARTICIPATION IN CENTRALIZED CONTRACTS

a. State Agencies All State Agencies may utilize and purchase under any Centralized Contract let by the Commissioner, unless the Solicitation limits purchases to specific State Agencies.

b. Non-State Agency Authorized Users Authorized Users other than State Agencies are permitted to make purchases through Centralized Contracts where permitted by law, the Contract or the Commissioner.

c. Voluntary Extension Purchase Orders issued against a Centralized Contract by any Authorized User not provided for in the Contract shall be honored by the Contractor at its discretion and only with the approval of the OGS Commissioner and any other approvals required by law.

d. Responsibility for Performance Participation in Centralized Contracts by Authorized Users is permitted upon the following conditions: (i) the responsibility with regard to performance of any contractual obligation, covenant, condition or term thereunder by any Authorized User other than State Agencies shall be borne and is expressly assumed by such Authorized User and not by the State; (ii) a breach of the Contract by any particular Authorized User shall neither constitute nor be deemed a breach of the Contract as a whole which shall remain in full force and effect, and shall not affect the validity of the Contract nor the obligations of the Contractor thereunder respecting non-breaching Authorized Users, whether State or otherwise; (iii) for a breach by an Authorized User other than a State Agency, the State specifically and expressly disclaims any and all liability for such breach; and (iv) each non-State Agency Authorized User and Contractor guarantees to hold the State, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability that may be or is imposed by the non-State Agency Authorized User's or Contractor's failure to perform in accordance with its obligations under the Contract.

e. Contract Migration Authorized Users holding individual Contracts with a Contractor at the time that Contractor is awarded a Centralized Contract for the same Products shall be permitted to migrate to that Centralized Contract effective with its commencement date. Such migration shall not operate to diminish, alter or eliminate

any right that the Authorized User otherwise had under the terms and conditions of their individual Contract.

26. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT TERMS The terms and conditions set forth in the Contract shall govern all transactions by Authorized Users under this Contract. The Contract may only be modified or amended upon mutual written agreement of the Commissioner and Contractor.

The Contractor may, however, offer any Authorized User more advantageous pricing, payment, or other terms and conditions than those set forth in the Contract. In such event, a copy of such terms shall be furnished to the Authorized User and Commissioner by the Contractor at the time of such offer.

Other than where such terms are more advantageous for the Authorized User than those set forth in the Contract, no alteration or modification of the terms of the Contract, including substitution of Product, shall be valid or binding against an Authorized User unless authorized by the Commissioner or specified in the Contract Award Notification. No such alteration or modification shall be made by unilaterally affixing such terms to Product upon delivery (including, but not limited to, attachment or inclusion of standard pre-printed order forms, product literature, "shrink wrap" terms accompanying software upon delivery, or other documents) or by incorporating such terms onto order forms, Purchase Orders or other documents forwarded by the Contractor for payment, notwithstanding Authorized User's subsequent acceptance of Product, or that Authorized User has subsequently processed such document for approval or payment.

27. SCOPE CHANGES The Commissioner reserves the right to require, by written order, changes to the scope of the Contract, provided that such changes do not materially alter the general scope of the Contract. If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under the Contract, whether or not changed by the order, the Commissioner shall, upon notice from Contractor as hereafter stated, make an equitable adjustment in the Contract price, the delivery schedule or both and shall modify the Contract. The Contractor must assert its right to an adjustment under this clause within 30 days from the date of receipt of the written order. However, if the Commissioner decides that the facts justify it, the Commissioner may provide an adjustment without receipt of a notice from Contractor. In the event of a dispute between the Contractor and the Commissioner, such dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the OGS Dispute Resolution Procedures; provided, however, that nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the Contract as changed.

28. ESTIMATED/SPECIFIC QUANTITY CONTRACTS

Estimated quantity contracts, also referred to as indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contracts, are expressly agreed and understood to be made for only the quantities, if any, actually ordered during the Contract term. No guarantee of any quantity is implied or given.

With respect to any specific quantity stated in the Contract, the Commissioner reserves the right after award to order up to 20% more or less (rounded to the next highest whole number) than the specific quantities called for in the Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commissioner may purchase greater or lesser percentages of Contract quantities should the Commissioner and Contractor so agree. Such agreement may include an equitable price adjustment.

29. EMERGENCY CONTRACTS In the event that a disaster emergency is declared by Executive Order under Section 28 of Article

2-B of the Executive Law, or the Commissioner determines pursuant to his or her authority under Section 163(10)(b) of the State Finance Law that an emergency exists requiring the prompt and immediate delivery of Product, the Commissioner reserves the right to obtain such Product from any source, including but not limited to this Contract, as the Commissioner in his or her sole discretion determines will meet the needs of such emergency. Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim for lost profits for Product procured from other sources pursuant to this clause. The reasons underlying the finding that an emergency exists shall be included in the procurement record.

30. PURCHASE ORDERS Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Commissioner, no Product is to be delivered or furnished by Contractor until transmittal of an official Purchase Order from the Authorized User. Unless terminated or cancelled pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner, Purchase Orders shall be effective and binding upon the Contractor (i) in the case of formal written Purchase Orders, when placed in the mail prior to the termination of the Contract and addressed to the Contractor at the address for receipt of orders set forth in the Contract or in the Contract Award Notification or (ii) in the case of electronic Purchase Orders or Purchasing Card purchases, when electronically transmitted to the Contractor prior to the termination of the Contract.

All Purchase Orders issued pursuant to a Contract let by the Commissioner must be identified with the appropriate Contract number and, if necessary, required State approvals. As deemed necessary, the Authorized User may confirm pricing and other Product information with the Contractor prior to placement of the Purchase Order. The State reserves the right to require any other information from the Contractor which the State deems necessary in order to complete any Purchase Order placed under the Contract. Unless otherwise specified, all Purchase Orders against Centralized Contracts will be placed by Authorized Users directly with the Contractor and any discrepancy between the terms stated on the Contractor's order form, confirmation or acknowledgment, and the Contract terms shall be resolved in favor of the terms most favorable to the Authorized User. Should an Authorized User add written terms and conditions to the Purchase Order that conflict with the terms and conditions of the Contract, the Contractor has the option of rejecting the Purchase Order within five business days of its receipt but shall first attempt to negotiate the additional written terms and conditions in good faith with the Authorized User, or fulfill the Purchase Order. Notwithstanding the above, the Authorized User reserves the right to dispute any discrepancies arising from the presentation of additional terms and conditions with the Contractor.

If, with respect to an Agency Specific Contract let by the Commissioner, a Purchase Order is not received by the Contractor within two weeks after the issuance of a Contract Award Notification, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to request in writing that the appropriate Authorized User forward a Purchase Order. If, thereafter, a Purchase Order is not received within a reasonable period of time, the Contractor shall promptly notify in writing the appropriate purchasing officer in OGS. Failure to timely notify such officer may, in the discretion of the OGS Commissioner and without cost to the State, result in the cancellation of such requirement by the OGS Commissioner with a corresponding reduction in the Contract quantity and price.

31. PRODUCT DELIVERY Delivery must be made as ordered to the address specified on the Purchase Order and in accordance with the terms of the Contract. Delivery shall be made within 30 calendar days after receipt of a Purchase Order by the Contractor, unless otherwise agreed to by the Authorized User and the Contractor. The decision of

the Commissioner as to compliance with delivery terms shall be final. The burden of proof for delay in receipt of a Purchase Order shall rest with the Contractor. In all instances of a potential or actual delay in delivery, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Commissioner and the Authorized User, and confirm in writing the explanation of the delay, and take appropriate action to avoid any subsequent late deliveries. Any extension of time for delivery must be requested in writing by the Contractor and approved in writing by the Authorized User. If compliance with the delivery time schedule is a material term of the Contract, failure to meet such delivery time schedule may be grounds for cancellation of the order or, in the Commissioner's discretion, the Contract.

32. WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY DELIVERIES Unless otherwise specified in the Contract or by an Authorized User, deliveries will be scheduled for ordinary business hours, Monday through Friday (excluding legal holidays observed by the State of New York). Deliveries may be scheduled by mutual agreement for Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays observed by the State of New York where the Product is for daily consumption, an emergency exists, the delivery is a replacement, delivery is late, or other reasonable circumstance in which event the convenience of the Authorized User shall govern.

33. SHIPPING/RECEIPT OF PRODUCT

a. Packaging Product shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, storage and stocking in appropriate, clearly labeled shipping containers and according to accepted commercial practice, without any extra charges for packing materials, cases or other types of containers. The container shall become and remain the property of the Authorized User unless otherwise specified in the Contract documents.

b. Shipping Charges Unless otherwise stated in the Contract, all deliveries shall be deemed to be freight on board (F.O.B.) destination tailgate delivery at the dock of the Authorized User. Unless otherwise agreed, items purchased at a price F.O.B. shipping point plus transportation charges shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for safe and proper delivery notwithstanding the Authorized User's payment of transportation charges. Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that the bill of lading states "charges prepaid" for all shipments.

c. Receipt of Product The Contractor shall be solely responsible for assuring that deliveries are made to the locations and/or personnel specified by the Authorized User in the Purchase Order. Any losses or delays resulting from the Contractor's failure to deliver Product to the specified locations or personnel shall be borne exclusively by the Contractor.

34. TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS FOR PRODUCTS OTHER THAN TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS

Notwithstanding the form of shipment, title or other property interest, risk of loss for Products other than technology Products shall not pass from the Contractor to the Authorized User until the Products have been received, inspected and accepted by the receiving entity. Acceptance shall occur within a reasonable time or in accordance with such other defined acceptance period as may be specified in the Contract or Purchase Order. Mere acknowledgment by Authorized User personnel of the delivery or receipt of goods (e.g., signed bill of lading) shall not be deemed or construed as acceptance of the Products received. Any delivery of Product that is substandard or does not comply with the Contract may be rejected or accepted on an adjusted price basis, as determined by the Commissioner. Title, risk of loss, and acceptance for technology Products shall be governed by the Product Acceptance clause.

35. PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION In the event a specified Product listed in the Contract becomes unavailable or cannot be supplied by the Contractor for any reason (except as provided for in the Savings/Force Majeure clause), a Product deemed in writing by the Commissioner to be equal to or better than the specified Product must be substituted by the Contractor at no additional cost or expense to the Authorized User. Unless otherwise specified, any substitution of Product prior to the Commissioner's written approval may be cause for termination of Contract.

36. REJECTED PRODUCT When Product is rejected, it must be removed by the Contractor from the premises of the Authorized User within ten calendar days of notification of rejection by the Authorized User. Upon notification of rejection, risk of loss of rejected or non-conforming Product shall remain with Contractor. Rejected items not removed by the Contractor within ten calendar days of notification shall be regarded as abandoned by the Contractor, and the Authorized User shall have the right to dispose of Product as its own property. The Contractor shall promptly reimburse the Authorized User for any and all costs and expenses incurred in storage or effecting removal or disposition after the ten-calendar-day period.

37. INSTALLATION Where installation is required, Contractor shall be responsible for placing and installing the Product in the required locations. All materials used in the installation shall be of good quality and shall be free from any and all defects that would mar the Product or render it unsound. Installation includes the furnishing of any equipment, rigging and materials required to install or place the Product in the proper location. The Contractor shall protect the Site from damage for all its work and shall repair damages or injury of any kind caused by the Contractor, its employees, officers or agents. If any alteration, dismantling or excavation, etc. is required to effect installation, the Contractor shall thereafter promptly restore the structure or Site. Work shall be performed to cause the least inconvenience to the Authorized User and with proper consideration for the rights of other Contractors or workers. The Contractor shall promptly perform its work and shall coordinate its activities with those of other Contractors. The Contractor shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish from its work as required or directed. Upon completion of the work, the building and surrounding area of work shall be left clean and in a neat, unobstructed condition, and everything in satisfactory repair and order.

38. REPAIRED OR REPLACED PRODUCTS, PARTS, OR COMPONENTS Where the Contractor is required to repair, replace or substitute Product or parts or components of the Product under the Contract, the repaired, replaced or substituted Products shall be subject to all terms and conditions for new parts and components set forth in the Contract including warranties, as set forth in the Warranties clause herein. Replaced or repaired Product or parts and components of such Product shall be new and shall, if available, be replaced by the original manufacturer's component or part. Remanufactured parts or components meeting new Product standards may be permitted by the Commissioner or Authorized User. Before installation, all proposed substitutes for the original manufacturers' installed parts or components must be approved by the Authorized User. The part or component shall be equal to or of better quality than the original part or component being replaced.

39. EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS AND AGENTS All employees, Subcontractors, or agents of the Contractor performing work under the Contract must be trained staff or technicians who meet or exceed the professional, technical, and training qualifications set forth in the Contract or the Purchase Order, and must comply with all security and administrative requirements of the Authorized User that are communicated to the Contractor. The Commissioner and the Authorized

User reserve the right to conduct a security background check or otherwise approve any employee, Subcontractor, or agent furnished by Contractor and to refuse access to or require replacement of any personnel for cause based on professional, technical or training qualifications, quality of work or change in security status or non-compliance with Authorized User's security or other requirements. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligation to perform all work in compliance with the Contract or the Purchase Order. The Commissioner and the Authorized User reserve the right to reject and/or bar from any facility for cause any employee, Subcontractor, or agent of the Contractor.

40. ASSIGNMENT In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, the Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of the Contract or its right, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such Contract to any other person, company, firm or corporation in performance of the Contract without the prior written consent of the Commissioner or Authorized User (as applicable); provided, however, any consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, delayed or denied. The Commissioner may waive the requirement that such consent be obtained in advance where the Contractor verifies that the assignment, transfer, conveyance, sublease, or other disposition is due to, but not necessarily limited to, a reorganization, merger, or consolidation of the Contractor's business entity or enterprise.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State shall not hinder, prevent or affect assignment of money by a Contractor for the benefit of its creditors. Prior to a consent to assignment of monies becoming effective, the Contractor shall file a written notice of such monies assignments with the State Comptroller. Prior to a consent to assignment of a Contract, or portion thereof, becoming effective, the Contractor shall submit the request for assignment to the Commissioner and seek written agreement from the Commissioner which will be filed with the State Comptroller. Commissioner shall use reasonable efforts to promptly respond to any request by Contractor for an assignment, provided that Contractor supplies sufficient information about the party to whom the Contractor proposes to assign the Contract.

Upon notice to the Contractor, the Contract may be assigned without the consent of the Contractor to another State Agency or subdivision of the State pursuant to a governmental reorganization or assignment of functions under which the functions are transferred to a successor Agency or to another Agency that assumes OGS responsibilities for the Contract.

41. SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any proposed Subcontractor or supplier for bona fide business reasons, including, but not limited to: the company failed to solicit New York State certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises as required in prior OGS Contracts; the fact that such Subcontractor or supplier is on the New York State Department of Labor's list of companies with which New York State cannot do business; the Commissioner's determination that the company is not qualified or is not responsible; or the fact that the company has previously provided unsatisfactory work or services.

42. SUSPENSION OF WORK The Commissioner, in his or her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under the Contract, at any time, in the best interests of the Authorized User. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Examples of the reason for such suspension include, but are not limited to, a budget freeze or reduction in State spending, declaration of emergency, contract compliance issues or other circumstances. Upon

issuance of such notice, the Contractor is not to accept any Purchase Orders, and shall comply with the suspension order. Activity may resume at such time as the Commissioner issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

An Authorized User may issue a formal written notice for the suspension of work for which it has engaged the Contractor for reasons specified in the above paragraph. The written notice shall set forth the reason for such suspension and a copy of the written notice shall be provided to the Commissioner.

43. TERMINATION

a. For Cause For a material breach that remains uncured for more than 30 calendar days or other longer period as specified by written notice to the Contractor, the Contract or Purchase Order may be terminated by the Commissioner or Authorized User respectively. Neither the State nor an Authorized User shall be liable for any of Contractor's costs arising from the failure to perform or the termination, including without limitation costs incurred after the date of termination. Such termination shall be upon written notice to the Contractor. In such event, the Commissioner or Authorized User may complete the contractual requirements in any manner it may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

b. For Convenience This Contract may be terminated at any time by the Commissioner for convenience upon 60 calendar days or other longer period as specified by written notice, without penalty or other early termination charges due. Such termination of the Contract shall not affect any project or Purchase Order that has been issued under the Contract prior to the date of such termination. If the Contract is terminated pursuant to this subdivision, the Authorized User shall remain liable for all accrued but unpaid charges incurred through the date of the termination. Contractor shall use due diligence and fulfill any outstanding Purchase Orders.

c. For Violation of Sections 139-j and 139-k of the State Finance Law The Commissioner reserves the right to terminate the Contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Bidder in accordance with Section 139-k of the State Finance Law was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Commissioner may exercise his or her termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms of the Contract.

d. For Violation of Section 5-a of the New York State Tax Law The Commissioner reserves the right to terminate the Contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Contractor in accordance with Section 5-a of the Tax Law is not timely filed during the term of the Contract or the certification furnished was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Commissioner may exercise his or her termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms of the Contract.

e. For Non-Responsibility The Bidder agrees that if it is found by the State that the Bidder's responses to the Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire were intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, on such finding, the Commissioner may terminate the Contract.

Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate OGS officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Commissioner at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Commissioner to be non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner may complete the contractual

requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

In no case shall such termination of the Contract by the State be deemed a breach thereof, nor shall the State be liable for any damages for lost profits or otherwise, which may be sustained by the Contractor as a result of such termination.

f. Upon Conviction of Certain Crimes The Commissioner reserves the right to terminate the Contract in the event it is found that a member, partner, director or officer of Contractor is convicted of one or more of the following: Bribery Involving Public Servants and Related Offenses as defined in Article 200 of the New York State Penal Law; Corrupting the Government as defined in Article 496 of the New York State Penal Law; or Defrauding the Government as defined in Section 195.20 of the New York State Penal Law.

44. SAVINGS/FORCE MAJEURE A force majeure occurrence is an event or effect that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled and is not due to the negligence or willful misconduct of the affected party. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to, acts of God, acts of war, acts of public enemies, terrorism, strikes, fires, explosions, actions of the elements, floods, or other similar causes beyond the control of the Contractor or the Commissioner in the performance of the Contract where non-performance, by exercise of reasonable diligence, cannot be prevented.

The affected party shall provide the other party with written notice of any force majeure occurrence as soon as the delay is known and provide the other party with a written contingency plan to address the force majeure occurrence, including, but not limited to, specificity on quantities of materials, tooling, people, and other resources that will need to be redirected to another facility and the process of redirecting them. Furthermore, the affected party shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to resume proper performance within an appropriate period of time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the force majeure condition continues beyond 30 days, the parties to the Contract shall jointly decide on an appropriate course of action that will permit fulfillment of the parties' objectives under the Contract.

The Contractor agrees that in the event of a delay or failure of performance by the Contractor under the Contract due to a force majeure occurrence:

- a. The Commissioner may purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Contractor for the costs and expenses thereof) to replace all or part of the Products which are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantities without penalty or liability to the State, or
- b. The Contractor will provide Authorized Users with access to Products first in order to fulfill orders placed before the force majeure event occurred. The Commissioner agrees that Authorized Users shall accept allocated performance or deliveries during the occurrence of the force majeure event.

Neither the Contractor nor the Commissioner shall be liable to the other for any delay in or failure of performance under the Contract due to a force majeure occurrence. Any such delay in or failure of performance shall not constitute default or give rise to any liability for damages. The existence of such causes of such delay or failure shall extend the period for performance to such extent as determined by the Contractor and the Commissioner to be necessary to enable complete performance by the Contractor if reasonable diligence is exercised after the cause of delay or failure has been removed.

Notwithstanding the above, at the discretion of the Commissioner where the delay or failure will significantly impair the value of the Contract to the State or to Authorized Users, the Commissioner may terminate the Contract or the portion thereof which is subject to delays, and thereby discharge any unexecuted portion of the Contract or the relative part thereof.

In addition, the Commissioner reserves the right, in his or her sole discretion, to make an equitable adjustment in the Contract terms and/or pricing should extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace affect pricing or the availability of supply. "Extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace" is defined as market circumstances which meet the following criteria: (i) the volatility is due to causes outside the control of Contractor; (ii) the volatility affects the marketplace or industry, not just the particular Contract source of supply; (iii) the effect on pricing or availability of supply is substantial; and (iv) the volatility so affects Contractor's performance that continued performance of the Contract would result in a substantial loss to the Contractor. In the event of a dispute between the Contractor and the Commissioner, such dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the OGS Dispute Resolution Procedures; provided, however, that nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from performing in accordance with the Contract as changed.

45. CONTRACT INVOICING

a. Invoicing Contractor and the dealers/distributors/resellers designated by the Contractor, if any, shall provide complete and accurate billing invoices to each Authorized User in order to receive payment. Billing invoices submitted to an Authorized User must contain all information required by the Contract and the State Comptroller or other appropriate fiscal officer.

Contractor shall provide, upon request of the Commissioner, any and all information necessary to verify the accuracy of the billings. Such information shall be provided in a commercially reasonable manner as requested by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may direct the Contractor to provide the information to the State Comptroller or to any Authorized User of the Contract.

b. Payment of Contract Purchases made by an Authorized User when the State Comptroller is responsible for issuing such payment The Authorized User and Contractor agree that payments for invoices submitted by the Contractor shall only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check is expressly authorized by the Commissioner, in the Commissioner's sole discretion, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payments shall be made in accordance with ordinary State procedures and practices. The Contractor shall comply with the State Comptroller's procedures to authorize electronic payments. Authorization forms are available at the State Comptroller website at www.osc.state.ny.us, by e-mail at HelpDesk@sfs.ny.gov, or by telephone at (518) 457-7737 or toll free (877) 737-4185. Contractor acknowledges that it will not receive payment on any invoices submitted under this Contract that are payable by the State Comptroller if it does not comply with the State Comptroller's electronic payment procedures, except where the Commissioner has expressly authorized payment by paper check as set forth above.

c. Payment of Contract Purchases made by an Authorized User when the State Comptroller is not responsible for issuing such payment The Authorized User and Contractor agree that payments for such Contract purchases shall be billed directly by Contractor on invoices/vouchers, together with complete and accurate supporting documentation as required by the Authorized User. Such payments shall be as mandated by the appropriate governing law from the receipt

of a proper invoice. Such Authorized User and Contractor are strongly encouraged to establish electronic payments.

46. DEFAULT – AUTHORIZED USER

a. Breach by Authorized User An Authorized User's breach shall not be deemed a breach of the Centralized Contract; rather, it shall be deemed a breach of the Authorized User's performance under the terms and conditions of the Centralized Contract.

b. Failure to Make Payment In the event a participating Authorized User fails to make payment to the Contractor for Products delivered, accepted and properly invoiced, within 30 calendar days of such delivery and acceptance, the Contractor may, upon five business days advance written notice to both the Commissioner and the Authorized User's purchasing official, suspend additional provision of Products to such entity until such time as reasonable arrangements have been made and assurances given by such entity for current and future Contract payments.

c. Notice of Breach Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor shall, at least 10 business days prior to declaring a breach of Contract by any Authorized User, by certified or registered mail, notify both the Commissioner and the purchasing official of the breaching Authorized User of the specific facts, circumstances and grounds upon which a breach will be declared.

d. Insufficient basis If the Contractor's basis for declaring a breach is insufficient, the Contractor's declaration of breach and failure to provide Products to an Authorized User may constitute a breach of the Contract, and the Authorized User may thereafter seek any remedy available at law or equity.

47. PROMPT PAYMENTS

a. By State Agencies Upon acceptance of Product or as otherwise provided by Contract, Contractor may invoice for payment. The required payment date shall be 30 calendar days, excluding legal holidays, from the receipt of a proper invoice, as determined in accordance with State Finance Law Section 179-f(2) and 2 NYCRR Part 18. The payment of interest on certain payments due and owed by the State Agency may be made in accordance with State Finance Law Sections 179-d et seq. and the implementing regulations (2 NYCRR § 18.1 et seq.).

b. By Non-State Agencies Upon acceptance of Product or as otherwise provided by Contract, Contractor may invoice for payment. The required payment date shall be 30 calendar days, excluding legal holidays, or as mandated by the appropriate governing law from the receipt of a proper invoice. The terms of Article 11-A of the State Finance Law apply only to procurements by and the consequent payment obligations of State Agencies. Neither expressly nor by any implication is the statute applicable to non-State agency Authorized Users. Neither OGS nor the State Comptroller is responsible for payments on any purchases made by a non-State agency Authorized User.

c. By Contractor Should the Contractor be liable for any payments to the State hereunder, interest, late payment charges and collection fee charges will be determined and assessed pursuant to Section 18 of the State Finance Law.

48. REMEDIES FOR BREACH Unless otherwise specified by the Authorized User in a Mini-Bid or Purchase Order, in the event that Contractor fails to observe or perform any term or condition of the Contract and such failure remains uncured after 15 calendar days following written notice by the Commissioner or an Authorized User,

the Commissioner or an Authorized User may exercise all rights and remedies available at law or in equity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if such failure is of a nature that it cannot be cured completely within 15 calendar days and Contractor shall have commenced its cure of such failure within such period and shall thereafter diligently prosecute all steps necessary to cure such failure, such 15-day period may, in the sole discretion of the Commissioner or the Authorized User, be extended for a reasonable period in no event to exceed 60 calendar days. It is understood and agreed that the rights and remedies available to the Commissioner and Authorized Users in the event of breach shall include but not be limited to the following:

a. Cover/Substitute Performance In the event of Contractor's material, uncured breach, the Commissioner or Authorized User may, with or without issuing a formal Solicitation: (i) purchase from other sources; or (ii) if the Commissioner or Authorized User is unsuccessful after making reasonable attempts, under the circumstances then-existing, to timely obtain acceptable replacement Product of equal or comparable quality, the Commissioner or Authorized User may acquire acceptable replacement Product of lesser or greater quality. Such purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantity without penalty or liability to the State.

b. Withhold Payment In any case where a reasonable question of material, uncured non-performance by Contractor arises, payment may be withheld in whole or in part at the discretion of the Authorized User.

c. Bankruptcy In the event that the Contractor files, or there is filed against Contractor, a petition under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code during the term of this Centralized Contract, Authorized Users may, at their discretion, make application to exercise their right to set-off against monies due the debtor or, under the doctrine of recoupment, be credited the amounts owed by the Contractor arising out of the same transactions.

d. Reimbursement of Costs Incurred The Contractor agrees to reimburse the Authorized User promptly for any and all additional costs and expenses incurred for acquiring acceptable replacement Product. Should the cost of cover be less than the Contract price, the Contractor shall have no claim to the difference. The Contractor covenants and agrees that in the event suit is successfully prosecuted for any default on the part of the Contractor, all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be paid by the Contractor.

Where the Contractor fails to timely deliver pursuant to the guaranteed delivery terms of the Contract, the ordering Authorized User may obtain replacement Product temporarily and the cost of the replacement Product shall be deducted from the Contract quantity without penalty or liability to the State.

e. Deduction/Credit Sums due as a result of these remedies may be deducted or offset by the Authorized User from payments due, or to become due, the Contractor on the same or another transaction. If no deduction or only a partial deduction is made in such fashion the Contractor shall pay to the Authorized User the amount of such claim or portion of the claim still outstanding, on demand. The Commissioner reserves the right to determine the disposition of any rebates, settlements, restitution, damages, etc., that arise from the administration of the Contract.

49. ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM Contractor hereby assigns to the State any and all claims for overcharges associated with this Contract that may arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 USC

Section 1, et seq. and the antitrust laws of the State of New York, General Business Law Section 340, et seq.

50. TOXIC SUBSTANCES Each Contractor furnishing a toxic substance, as defined by Section 875 of the Labor Law, shall provide such Authorized User with not less than two copies of a Safety Data Sheet, which sheet shall include for each such substance the information outlined in Section 876 of the Labor Law.

Before any chemical product is used or applied on or in any building, a copy of the product label and Safety Data Sheet must be provided to and approved by the Authorized User.

51. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR It is understood and agreed that the legal status of the Contractor, its Subcontractors, agents, officers and employees under this Contract is that of an independent contractor, and in no manner shall they be deemed employees of the Authorized User, and therefore are not entitled to any of the benefits associated with such employment.

52. SECURITY Contractor warrants, covenants and represents that, in the performance of the Contract, Contractor, its agents, Subcontractors, officers, distributors, resellers and employees will comply fully with all security procedures of the Authorized User set forth in the Contract or Purchase Order or otherwise communicated in advance to the Contractor including but not limited to physical, facility, documentary and cyber security rules, procedures and protocols.

53. COOPERATION WITH THIRD PARTIES The Contractor shall be responsible for fully cooperating with any third party, including but not limited to other Contractors or Subcontractors of the Authorized User, as necessary to ensure delivery or performance of Product.

54. WARRANTIES

a. Product Performance Contractor hereby warrants and represents that the Products acquired by the Authorized User under this Contract conform to the manufacturer's specifications, performance standards and Documentation and that the Documentation fully describes the proper procedure for using the Products.

b. Title and Ownership Contractor warrants and represents that it has (i) full ownership, clear title free of all liens, or (ii) the right to transfer or deliver specified license rights to any Products acquired by Authorized User under this Contract. Contractor shall be solely liable for any costs of acquisition associated therewith. Contractor shall indemnify Authorized Users and hold Authorized Users harmless from any damages and liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) arising from any breach of Contractor's warranties as set forth herein.

c. Product Warranty Contractor further warrants and represents that Products, components or parts specified and furnished by or through Contractor, whether specified and furnished individually or as a system, shall be substantially free from defects in material and workmanship and will conform to all requirements of the Contract for the manufacturer's standard commercial warranty period, if applicable, or for a minimum of one year from the date of acceptance, whichever is longer (the "Product warranty period").

During the Product warranty period, defects in the materials or workmanship of Products, components, or parts specified and furnished by or through Contractor, whether specified and furnished

individually or as a system, shall be repaired or replaced by Contractor at no cost or expense to the Authorized User. Contractor shall extend the Product warranty period for individual Products, or for the system as a whole, as applicable, by the cumulative periods of time, after notification, during which an individual Product, or the system as a whole, requires repairs or replacement resulting in down time or is in the possession of the Contractor, its agents, officers, Subcontractors, distributors, resellers or employees ("extended warranty").

Any component or part replaced by the Contractor under the Contract warranties shall be guaranteed for the greater of: (i) the Product warranty period set forth herein; or (ii) the manufacturer's standard commercial warranty period offered for the component or part, if applicable.

All costs for materials, labor, and transportation incurred to repair or replace Products, parts, components, or systems as a whole during the warranty period shall be borne solely by the Contractor, and the State or Authorized User shall in no event be liable or responsible therefor.

Where Contractor, the Third-Party Software vendor, or other third-party manufacturer markets any Product delivered by or through Contractor with a standard commercial warranty, such standard warranty shall be in addition to, and not relieve the Contractor from, Contractor's warranty obligations during the Product warranty and extended warranty periods. Where such standard commercial warranty covers all or some of the Product warranty or extended warranty periods, Contractor shall be responsible for the coordination during the Product warranty or extended warranty periods with Third-Party Software vendor or other third-party manufacturers for warranty repair or replacement of Third-Party Software vendor or other third-party manufacturer's Product.

Where Contractor, Third-Party Software vendor, or other third-party manufacturer markets any Product with a standard commercial warranty that goes beyond the Product warranty or extended warranty periods, Contractor shall notify the Authorized User and pass through the standard commercial warranty to Authorized User at no additional charge; provided, however, that Contractor shall not be responsible for coordinating services under the standard commercial warranty after expiration of the Product warranty and extended warranty periods.

Unless recycled, recyclable, or recovered materials are available in accordance with the Remanufactured, Recycled, Recyclable, or Recovered Materials clause, Product offered shall be standard new equipment, current model or most recent release of regular stock product with all parts regularly used with the type of equipment offered. Contractor further warrants and represents that no component or part has been substituted or applied contrary to the manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice.

Contractor shall not be responsible for any modification of the Products made by an Authorized User without Contractor's approval.

d. Virus Warranty The Contractor represents and warrants that any Product acquired under the Contract by the Authorized User does not contain any known Viruses. Contractor is not responsible for Viruses introduced at an Authorized User's Site.

e. Date/Time Warranty Contractor warrants that Product furnished pursuant to this Contract shall, when used in accordance with the Product Documentation, be able to accurately process date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) transitions, including leap year calculations. Where a Contractor proposes or an

acquisition requires that specific Products must perform as a package or system, this warranty shall apply to the Products as a system.

Where Contractor is providing ongoing services, including but not limited to: (i) consulting, integration, code or data conversion, (ii) maintenance or support services, (iii) data entry or processing, or (iv) contract administration services (e.g., billing, invoicing, claim processing), Contractor warrants that services shall be provided in an accurate and timely manner without interruption, failure or error due to the inaccuracy of Contractor's business operations in processing date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) various date/time transitions, including leap year calculations. Contractor shall be responsible for damages resulting from any delays, errors or untimely performance resulting therefrom, including but not limited to the failure or untimely performance of such services.

f. Workmanship Warranty Contractor warrants that the services acquired under this Contract will be provided in a professional and workmanlike manner in accordance with the applicable industry standards, if any. The Authorized User must notify Contractor of any services warranty deficiencies within 90 calendar days from performance of the services that gave rise to the warranty claim.

g. Survival of Warranties All warranties contained in this Contract shall survive the termination of this Contract.

h. Prompt Notice of Breach The Authorized User shall promptly notify the Contractor and the Commissioner in writing of any claim of breach of any warranty provided herein.

i. Additional Warranties Where Contractor, Product manufacturer or service provider generally offers additional or more advantageous warranties than those set forth herein, Contractor shall offer or pass through any such warranties to Authorized Users.

j. No Limitation of Rights The rights and remedies of the State and the Authorized Users provided in this clause are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the State and the Authorized Users by any other clause of the Contract.

55. LEGAL COMPLIANCE Contractor represents and warrants that it shall secure all notices and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any governmental entity in conjunction with the performance of obligations under the Contract. Prior to award and during the Contract term and any extensions thereof, Contractor must establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that it meets or exceeds all requirements of the Solicitation and Contract and any applicable laws, including but not limited to, permits, licensing, and shall provide such proof as required by the Commissioner. Failure to comply or failure to provide proof may constitute grounds for the Commissioner to terminate or suspend the Contract, in whole or in part, or to take any other action deemed necessary by the Commissioner. Contractor also agrees to disclose information and provide affirmations and certifications to comply with Sections 139-j and 139-k of the State Finance Law.

56. INDEMNIFICATION Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners or Subcontractors and shall fully defend, indemnify and hold the Authorized Users harmless from suits, actions, proceedings, claims, losses, damages, and costs (including reasonable attorney fees) of every name and description relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property caused by any intentional act or negligence of Contractor, its agents, employees, partners or Subcontractors, which shall arise from or result directly or indirectly from this Contract, without limitation;

provided, however, that the Contractor shall not be obligated to indemnify an Authorized User for any claim, loss or damage arising hereunder to the extent caused by the negligent act, failure to act, gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Authorized User.

The Authorized User shall give Contractor: (i) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of suit, or other suit for which Contractor is required to fully indemnify an Authorized User, (ii) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in the defense of any such action, claim or suit at the expense of Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State reserves the right to join such action, at its sole expense, if it determines there is an issue involving a significant public interest.

In the event that an action or proceeding at law or in equity is commenced against the Authorized User arising out of a claim for death, personal injury or damage to real or personal tangible property caused by any intentional or willful act, gross negligence, or negligence of Contractor, its agents, employees, partners or Subcontractors, which shall arise from or result directly or indirectly from the Products supplied under this Contract, and Contractor is of the opinion that the allegations in such action or proceeding in whole or in part are not covered by the indemnification and defense provisions set forth in the Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the Authorized User and the New York State Office of the Attorney General in writing and shall specify to what extent Contractor believes it is obligated to defend and indemnify under the terms and conditions of the Contract and to what extent it is not so obligated to defend and indemnify. Contractor shall in such event protect the interests of the Authorized User and attempt to secure a continuance to permit the State and the Authorized User to appear and defend their interests in cooperation with Contractor, as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses the State and Authorized User may have. In the event of a dispute regarding the defense, the Contractor and the Attorney General shall try to reach an amicable resolution, but the Attorney General shall have the final determination on such matters.

57. INDEMNIFICATION RELATING TO INFRINGEMENT

The Contractor shall also defend, indemnify and hold the Authorized Users harmless from all suits, actions, proceedings, claims, losses, damages, and costs of every name and description (including reasonable attorney fees), relating to a claim of infringement of a patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other proprietary right provided such claim arises solely out of the Products as supplied by the Contractor, and not out of any modification to the Products made by the Authorized User or by someone other than Contractor at the direction of the Authorized User without Contractor's approval; provided, however, that the Contractor shall not be obligated to indemnify an Authorized User for any claim, loss or damage arising hereunder to the extent caused by the negligent act, failure to act, gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Authorized User.

The Authorized User shall give Contractor: (i) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of suit alleging infringement, (ii) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in the defense of any such action, claim or suit at the expense of Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State reserves the right to join such action, at its sole expense, if it determines there is an issue involving a significant public interest.

If usage of a Product shall be enjoined for any reason or if Contractor believes that it may be enjoined, Contractor shall have the right, at its

own expense and sole discretion to take action in the following order of precedence: (i) to procure for the Authorized User the right to continue usage (ii) to modify the service or Product so that usage becomes non-infringing, and is of at least equal quality and performance; or (iii) to replace such Product or parts thereof, as applicable, with non-infringing Product of at least equal quality and performance. If the above remedies are not available, the parties shall terminate the Contract, in whole or in part as necessary and applicable, provided that the Authorized User is given a refund for any amounts paid for the period during which usage was not feasible.

In the event that an action or proceeding at law or in equity is commenced against the Authorized User arising out of a claim that the Authorized User's use of the Product under the Contract infringes any patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or proprietary right, and Contractor is of the opinion that the allegations in such action or proceeding in whole or in part are not covered by the indemnification and defense provisions set forth in the Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the Authorized User and the New York State Office of the Attorney General in writing and shall specify to what extent Contractor believes it is obligated to defend and indemnify under the terms and conditions of the Contract and to what extent it is not so obligated to defend and indemnify. Contractor shall in such event protect the interests of the Authorized User and attempt to secure a continuance to permit the State and the Authorized User to appear and defend their interests in cooperation with Contractor, as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses the State and Authorized User may have. In the event of a dispute regarding the defense, the Contractor and the Attorney General shall try to reach an amicable resolution, but the Attorney General shall have the final determination on such matters. This constitutes the Authorized User's sole and exclusive remedy for infringement of a patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other proprietary right.

58. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY Except as otherwise set forth in the Indemnification clause and the Indemnification Relating to Infringement clause, the limit of liability shall be as follows:

a. Contractor's liability for any claim, loss or liability arising out of, or connected with the Products provided, and whether based upon default, or other liability such as breach of contract, warranty, negligence, misrepresentation or otherwise, shall in no case exceed direct damages in: (i) an amount equal to two (2) times the charges specified in the Purchase Order for the Products forming the basis of the Authorized User's claim or (ii) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), whichever is greater.

b. The Authorized User may retain such monies from any amount due Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, costs and the like asserted against the Authorized User unless Contractor at the time of the presentation of claim shall demonstrate to the Authorized User's satisfaction that sufficient monies are set aside by the Contractor in the form of a bond or through insurance coverage to cover associated damages and other costs.

c. Notwithstanding the above, neither the Contractor nor the Authorized User shall be liable for any consequential, indirect or special damages of any kind which may result directly or indirectly from such performance, including, without limitation, damages resulting from loss of use or loss of profit by the Authorized User, the Contractor, or by others.

59. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

It is the policy of OGS to provide interested parties, as defined in the OGS Dispute Resolution Procedures, with an opportunity to

administratively resolve disputes, complaints or inquiries related to Solicitations, contract awards and contract administration. OGS encourages interested parties to seek resolution of disputes through consultation with OGS staff. All such matters shall be accorded impartial and timely consideration. Interested parties may also file formal written disputes. A copy of the OGS Dispute Resolution Procedures may be obtained by contacting the designated contact for the Solicitation, the Contract manager, or at the OGS website. OGS reserves the right to change the procedures set forth in the Dispute Resolution Procedures without seeking a Contract amendment.

To the extent the scope of the Solicitation or Contract includes the sale, development, maintenance, or use of information technology Products such as software, computer components, systems, or networks for the processing, and distribution, or storage, or storage of data, the following clauses shall govern, as applicable.

60. SOFTWARE LICENSE GRANT Where Product is acquired on a licensed basis the following shall constitute the license grant:

a. License Scope Licensee is granted a non-exclusive, perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, or merge the Product within its business enterprise in the United States up to the maximum licensed capacity stated on the Purchase Order. Product may be accessed, used, executed, reproduced, displayed or performed up to the capacity measured by the applicable licensing unit stated on the Purchase Order (e.g., payroll size, number of employees, CPU, MIPS, MSU, concurrent user, workstation, virtual partition). Licensee shall have the right to use those modifications or customizations of the Product that have been purchased by Licensee and to distribute such modifications or customizations for use by any Authorized Users otherwise licensed to use the Product, provided that any modifications or customizations, however extensive, shall not diminish Licensor's proprietary title or interest. No license, right or interest in any trademark, trade name, or service mark is granted hereunder.

Licensee and Contractor may agree to alternative licensing rights (e.g., subscription, term, virtual) for specific Products used by the Contractor in performing the services, provided such agreement is reached prior to Bid, Mini-Bid, RFQ, or Contract award, as applicable. Such licensing rights will be specified in an applicable Purchase Order or other document approved by Licensee and Contractor.

b. License Term The license term shall commence upon the License Effective Date, provided, however, that where an acceptance or trial period applies to the Product, the license term shall be extended by the time period for testing, acceptance or trial.

c. Product Documentation Contractor shall provide Product Documentation electronically to Licensee at no charge. If Product Documentation is made available to customers in hard copy, Contractor shall provide at no charge one hard copy.

Contractor hereby grants to Licensee a non-exclusive, fully paid-up, royalty-free perpetual license in the Product Documentation to make, reproduce, and distribute, either electronically or otherwise, copies of the Product Documentation as necessary to enjoy full use of the Product in accordance with the Contract.

d. Product Technical Support & Maintenance Licensee shall have the option of electing the Product technical support and maintenance ("maintenance") set forth in the Contract by giving written notice to Contractor any time during the Centralized Contract term. Contractor shall fully disclose all terms and conditions of maintenance available to Licensee, including the extent to which updates, upgrades, revisions, and new releases are included in maintenance. Maintenance terms and any renewals thereof are independent of the expiration of the Centralized Contract term and shall not automatically renew.

Unless otherwise provided by written agreement between the Contractor and Licensee, maintenance offered shall include, at a minimum, (i) the provision of Error Corrections, updates, enhancements, revisions, Patches, and upgrades to Licensee, and (ii) help desk assistance at no additional cost, either by toll-free telephone

or on-line functionality. Contractor shall maintain the Product so as to provide Licensee with the ability to utilize the Product in accordance with the Product Documentation without significant functional downtime to its ongoing business operations during the maintenance term.

Licensee shall not be required to purchase maintenance for use of Product, and may discontinue maintenance at the end of any current maintenance term upon notice to Contractor. In the event that Licensee does not initially acquire or discontinues maintenance of licensed Product, it may, at any time thereafter, reinstate maintenance for Product without any additional penalties or other charges, by paying Contractor the amount that would have been due under the Contract for the period of time that such maintenance had lapsed, at then current NYS net maintenance rates. Contractor shall submit written notification to Licensees of the upcoming maintenance end date no later than 60 calendar days prior to such maintenance end date.

e. Permitted License Transfers As Licensee's business operations may be altered, expanded or diminished, licenses granted hereunder may be transferred or combined for use at an alternative or consolidated Site not originally specified in the license, including transfers within Agencies, between Agencies, and pursuant to governmental restructuring or reorganization ("permitted license transfers"). Licensees do not have to obtain the approval of Contractor for permitted license transfers, but must give 30 days prior written notice to Contractor of such moves and certify in writing that the Product is not in use at the prior Site. There shall be no additional license or other transfer fees due Contractor, provided that: (i) the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is equal to the combined individual license capacity of all licenses running at the consolidated or transferred Site (e.g., named users, seats, or MIPS); or (ii) if the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is greater than the individual license capacity being transferred, a logical or physical partition or other means of restricting access will be maintained within the computer system so as to restrict use and access to the Product to that unit of licensed capacity solely dedicated to beneficial use for Licensee. In the event that the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is greater than the combined individual license capacity of all licenses running at the consolidated or transferred Site, and a logical or physical partition or other means of restricting use is not available, the fees due Contractor shall not exceed the fees otherwise payable for a single license for the upgrade capacity.

f. Restricted Use By Third Parties Third parties retained by Licensee shall have the right to use the Product to maintain Licensee's business operations, including data processing, for the time period that they are engaged in such activities, provided that: (i) Licensee gives notice to Contractor of such third party, Site of intended use of the Product, and means of access; and (ii) such third party has executed, or agrees to execute, the Product manufacturer's standard nondisclosure or restricted use agreement, which executed agreement shall be accepted by the Contractor ("Non-Disclosure Agreement"); and (iii) such third party maintains a logical or physical partition within its computer system so as to restrict use and access to the program to that portion solely dedicated to beneficial use for Licensee. In no event shall Licensee assume any liability for third party's compliance with the terms of the Non-Disclosure Agreement, nor shall the Non-Disclosure Agreement create or impose any liabilities on the State or Licensee.

g. Archival Back-Up and Disaster Recovery Licensee may use and copy the Product and related Documentation in connection with: (i) reproducing a reasonable number of copies of the Product for

archival backup and disaster recovery procedures; (ii) reproducing a reasonable number of copies of the Product and related Documentation for cold site storage; (iii) reproducing a back-up copy of the Product to run for a reasonable period of time in conjunction with a documented consolidation or transfer otherwise allowed herein. The phrase "cold site storage" means a restorable back-up copy of the Product not to be installed until the need for disaster recovery arises. The phrase "disaster recovery" means the installation and storage of Product in ready-to-execute, back-up computer systems prior to disaster or breakdown which is not used for active production or development. Contractor shall fully disclose all archival back-up and disaster recovery options available to Licensee (e.g., cold, warm, and hot back-up), including all terms and conditions, additional charges, or use authorizations associated with such options.

h. Confidentiality Restrictions If any portion of the Product or Product Documentation contains confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information, the Contractor shall identify such information in writing to the Licensee. The terms of Licensee's use and disclosure of such information shall be governed by a written agreement between the Contractor and the Licensee, which, in the case of Licensees that are State or local governmental entities, recognizes that they are subject to the New York Freedom of Information Law.

i. Restricted Use by Licensee Except as expressly authorized by the Terms of License, Licensee shall not: (i) copy the Product; (ii) cause or permit reverse compilation or reverse assembly of all or any portion of the Product; or (iii) export the Licensed Software in violation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) or the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR).

61. PRODUCT ACCEPTANCE Unless otherwise provided by mutual agreement of the Authorized User and the Contractor, an Authorized User shall have 30 days from the date of delivery to accept hardware Products and 60 days from the date of delivery to accept all other Product. Where the Contractor is responsible for installation, acceptance shall be from completion of installation. Title or other property interest and risk of loss shall not pass from Contractor to the Authorized User until the Products have been accepted. Failure to provide notice of acceptance or rejection or a deficiency statement to the Contractor by the end of the period provided for under this clause constitutes acceptance by the Authorized User as of the expiration of that period. The license term shall be extended by the time periods allowed for trial use, testing and acceptance.

Unless otherwise provided by mutual agreement of the Authorized User and the Contractor, Authorized User shall have the option to run testing on the Product prior to acceptance, such tests and data to be specified by Authorized User. Where using its own data or tests, Authorized User must have the tests or data available upon delivery. This demonstration will take the form of a documented installation test, capable of observation by the Authorized User, which shall be made part of the Contractor's standard documentation and shall be covered by the Product warranty. The test data shall remain accessible to the Authorized User after completion of the test.

In the event that the documented installation test cannot be completed successfully within the specified acceptance period, and the Contractor or Product is responsible for the delay, Authorized User shall have the option to cancel the order in whole or in part, or to extend the testing period for an additional 30 day increment. Authorized User shall notify Contractor of acceptance upon successful completion of the documented installation test. Such cancellation shall not give rise to any cause of action against the Authorized User for damages, loss of profits, expenses, or other remuneration of any kind.

Unless otherwise provided by mutual agreement of the Authorized User and the Contractor, if the Authorized User elects to provide a deficiency statement specifying how the Product fails to meet the specifications within the testing period, Contractor shall have 30 days to correct the deficiency, and the Authorized User shall have an additional 60 days to evaluate the Product as provided herein.

If the Product does not meet the specifications at the end of the extended testing period, Authorized User, upon prior written notice to Contractor, may then reject the Product and return all defective Product to Contractor, and Contractor shall refund any monies paid by the Authorized User to Contractor therefor. Costs and liabilities associated with a failure of the Product to perform in accordance with the functionality tests or product specifications during the acceptance period shall be borne fully by Contractor to the extent that said costs or liabilities shall not have been caused by negligent or willful acts or omissions of the Authorized User's agents or employees. Said costs shall be limited to the amounts set forth in the Limitation of Liability clause for any liability for costs incurred at the direction or recommendation of Contractor. When Product is not accepted, it must be removed by the Contractor from the premises of the Authorized User within ten calendar days of notification of non-acceptance by the Authorized User. Rejected items not removed by the Contractor within the ten calendar day period shall be regarded as abandoned by the Contractor and the Authorized User shall have the right to dispose of Product as its own property. The Contractor shall promptly reimburse the Authorized User for any costs incurred in storage or effecting removal or disposition after the ten calendar day period.

62. AUDIT OF LICENSED PRODUCT USAGE Contractor shall have the right to periodically audit, no more than annually, at Contractor's expense, use of licensed Product at any Site where a copy of the Product resides. Contractor may conduct such audits remotely or on Site. If conducted remotely and if Contractor makes a license management program available, the Licensee agrees to install such program and use it within a reasonable period of time, provided such program meets Licensee's security or other requirements. If conducted on Site: (i) Contractor shall give Licensee at least 30 days advance written notice, (ii) such audit shall be conducted during Licensee's normal business hours, (iii) the audit shall be conducted by an independent auditor chosen on mutual agreement of the parties. Contractor shall recommend a minimum of three auditing/accounting firms from which the Licensee will select one; and (iv) Contractor and Licensee are each entitled to designate a representative who shall be entitled to participate, and who shall mutually agree on audit format, and simultaneously review all information obtained by the audit. Such representatives also shall be entitled to copies of all reports, data or information obtained from the audit. If the audit shows that such party is not in compliance, Licensee shall be required to purchase additional licenses or capacities necessary to bring it into compliance and shall pay for the unlicensed capacity at the net pricing in effect under the Contract at time of audit, or if none, then at the Contractor's U.S. commercial list price. Once such additional licenses or capacities are purchased, Licensee shall be deemed to have been in compliance retroactively, and Licensee shall have no further liability of any kind for the unauthorized use of the software.

In the event of an on-Site audit, the Software Alliance, Software Publishers Association (SPA), Software and Industry Information Association (SIIA) or Federation Against Software Theft (FAST) may not be used directly or indirectly to conduct such audit, nor may such entities be recommended by Contractor.

63. NO HARDSTOP OR PASSIVE LICENSE MONITORING

Unless otherwise expressly agreed to by the Licensee, the Product and all upgrades shall not contain any computer code that would disable the Product or upgrades or impair in any way its operation based on the elapsing of a period of time, exceeding an authorized number of copies, advancement to a particular date or other numeral, or other similar self-destruct mechanisms (sometimes referred to as "time bombs," "time locks," or "drop dead" devices) or that would permit Contractor to access the Product to cause such disablement or impairment (sometimes referred to as a "trap door" device). Any Contractor access to the Product agreed to by Licensee as provided above shall be in accordance with Licensee's security or other requirements. Contractor agrees that in the event of a breach of this provision that Licensee shall not have an adequate remedy at law, including monetary damages, and that Licensee shall consequently be entitled to seek a temporary restraining order, injunction, or other form of equitable relief against the continuance of such breach, in addition to any and all remedies to which Licensee shall be entitled.

64. OWNERSHIP/TITLE TO PROJECT DELIVERABLES

This clause shall apply where Contractor is commissioned by the Authorized User to furnish project deliverables as detailed in the Purchase Order.

a. Definitions

(i) For purposes of this clause, "Products" means deliverables furnished under this Contract by or through Contractor, including existing and custom Products, including, but not limited to: a) components of the hardware environment, b) printed materials (including but not limited to training manuals, system and user documentation, reports, drawings), whether printed in hard copy or maintained on electronic media c) Third-Party Software, d) modifications, customizations, custom programs, program listings, programming tools, data, modules, components, and e) any properties embodied therein, whether in tangible or intangible form (including but not limited to utilities, interfaces, templates, subroutines, algorithms, formulas, Source Code, object code).

(ii) For purposes of this clause, "Existing Products" means tangible Products and intangible licensed Products that exist prior to the commencement of work under the Contract. Contractor bears the burden of proving that a particular product was in existence prior to the commencement of the project.

(iii) For purposes of this clause, "Custom Products" means Products, preliminary, final, or otherwise, that are created or developed by Contractor, its Subcontractors, partners, employees, or agents for Authorized User under the Contract.

b. Title to Project Deliverables Unless otherwise specified in writing in the Purchase Order, the Authorized User shall have ownership and license rights as follows:

(i) Existing Products:

1. Hardware - Title and ownership of Existing hardware Products shall pass to Authorized User upon acceptance.

2. Software - Title and ownership to Existing software Products delivered by Contractor under the Contract that is normally commercially distributed on a license basis by the Contractor or other Third-Party Software vendor ("Existing Licensed Product"), whether or not embedded in, delivered or operating in conjunction with hardware or Custom Products, shall remain with Contractor or the Third-Party Software vendor. Effective upon acceptance, such Product shall be licensed to Authorized User in accordance with the Contractor or Third-Party Software vendor's standard license

agreement; provided, however, that such standard license, must, at a minimum: (a) grant Authorized User a non-exclusive, perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, adapt (unless Contractor advises Authorized User as part of Contractor's proposal that adaptation will violate existing agreements or statutes and Contractor demonstrates such to the Authorized User's satisfaction) and distribute Existing Licensed Product to the Authorized User up to the license capacity stated in the Purchase Order or work order with all license rights necessary to fully effect the general business purposes stated in the Solicitation or Authorized User's Purchase Order or work order, including the financing assignment rights set forth in paragraph (c) below; and (b) recognize the State of New York as the Licensee where the Authorized User is a State Agency, department, board, commission, office or institution. Where these rights are not otherwise covered by the Third-Party Software vendor's standard license agreement, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining these rights at its sole cost and expense. The Authorized User shall reproduce all copyright notices and any other legend of ownership on any copies authorized under this clause.

(ii) Custom Products: Effective upon creation of Custom Products, Contractor hereby conveys, assigns and transfers to Authorized User the sole and exclusive rights, title and interest in Custom Products, whether preliminary, final or otherwise, including all trademark and copyrights. Contractor hereby agrees to take all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure that the Custom Products are protected against unauthorized copying, reproduction and marketing by or through Contractor, its agents, employees, or Subcontractors. Nothing herein shall preclude the Contractor from otherwise using the related or underlying general knowledge, skills, ideas, concepts, techniques and experience developed under a Purchase Order, project definition or work order in the course of Contractor's business. Authorized User may, by providing written notice thereof to the Contractor, elect in the alternative to take a non-exclusive perpetual license to Custom Products in lieu of Authorized User taking exclusive ownership and title to such Products. In such case, Licensee on behalf of all Authorized Users shall be granted a non-exclusive perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, adapt and distribute Custom Product as necessary to fully effect the general business purposes as stated in paragraph (b)(i)(2), above.

c. Transfers or Assignments to a Third-Party Financing Agent It is understood and agreed by the parties that a condition precedent to the consummation of the purchases under the Contract may be the obtaining of acceptable third-party financing by the Authorized User. The Authorized User shall make the sole determination of the acceptability of any financing proposal. The Authorized User will make all reasonable efforts to obtain such financing, but makes no representation that such financing has been obtained as of the date of Bid receipt. Where financing is used, Authorized User may assign or transfer its rights in Licensed Products (existing or custom) to a third-party financing entity or trustee ("Trustee") as collateral where required by the terms of the financing agreement. Trustee's sole rights with respect to transferability or use of Licensed Products shall be to exclusively sublicense to Authorized User all of its Licensee's rights under the terms and conditions of the License Agreement; provided, further, however, in the event of any termination or expiration of such sublicense by reason of payment in full, all of Trustee's rights in such Licensed Product shall terminate immediately and Authorized User's prior rights to such Existing Licensed Product shall be revived.

d. Sale or License of Custom Products Involving Tax-Exempt Financing (i.e., Certificates of Participation - COPS) The Authorized User's sale or other transfer of Custom Products which were acquired by the Authorized User using third-party, tax-exempt financing may not

occur until such Custom Products are, or become, useable. In the event that the Contractor wishes to obtain ownership rights to Custom Products, the sale or other transfer shall be at fair market value determined at the time of such sale or other transfer, and must be pursuant to a separate written agreement in a form acceptable to the Authorized User which complies with the terms of this clause.

e. Contractor's Obligation with Regard to Third-Party Software Where Contractor furnishes Existing Licensed Products as a project deliverable, and sufficient rights necessary to effect the purposes of this section are not otherwise provided in the Contractor or the Third-Party Software vendor's standard license agreement, Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining from the Third-Party Software proprietary owner/developer the rights set forth herein to the benefit of the Authorized User at Contractor's sole cost and expense.

65. PROOF OF LICENSE The Contractor must provide to each Licensee who places a Purchase Order either: (i) the Product developer's certified license confirmation certificates in the name of such Licensee; (ii) a written confirmation from the proprietary owner accepting Product invoice as proof of license; or (iii) other similar proof of license. All proofs of license must be in a form acceptable to the Licensee.

66. CHANGES TO PRODUCT OR SERVICE OFFERINGS

a. Product or Service Discontinuance Where Contractor is the Product manufacturer/developer, and Contractor publicly announces to all U.S. customers ("date of notice") that a Product is being withdrawn from the U.S. market or that maintenance service or technical support provided by Contractor ("withdrawn support") is no longer going to be offered, Contractor shall be required to: (i) notify the Commissioner and each Licensee then under contract for maintenance or technical support in writing of the intended discontinuance; and (ii) continue to offer Product or withdrawn support upon the Contract terms previously offered for the greater of: (a) the best terms offered by Contractor to any other similarly situated, supported customer, or (b) not less than 12 months from the date of notice; and (iii) at Licensee's option, and in order to enable Licensee to continue the use and maintenance of the Product, provide Licensee with a Product replacement or migration path with at least equivalent functionality at no additional charge, provided that Licensee is under contract for maintenance on the date of notice and Contractor is offering such replacement or migration path to all of its similarly situated, supported customers without additional charge.

In the event that the Contractor is not the Product manufacturer, Contractor shall be required to: (i) provide the notice required under the paragraph above, to the entities described within five business days of Contractor receiving notice from the Product manufacturer, and (ii) include in such notice the period of time from the date of notice that the Product manufacturer will continue to provide Product or withdraw support.

The provisions of this subdivision (a) shall not apply or eliminate Contractor's obligations where withdrawn support is being provided by an independent Subcontractor. In the event that such Subcontractor ceases to provide service, Contractor shall be responsible for subcontracting such service, subject to State approval, to an alternate Subcontractor.

b. Product or Service Re-Bundling In the event that Contractor is the Product manufacturer and publicly announces to all U.S. customers ("date of notice") that a Product or maintenance or technical support offering is being re-bundled in a different manner from the structure or licensing model of the prior U.S. commercial offering, Contractor shall

be required to: (i) notify the Commissioner and each Licensee in writing of the intended change; (ii) continue to provide Product or withdrawn support upon the same terms and conditions as previously offered on the then-current NYS Contract for the greater of: (a) the best terms offered by Contractor to any other similarly situated, supported customer, or (b) not less than 12 months from the date of notice; and (iii) shall submit the proposed rebundling change to the Commissioner for approval prior to its becoming effective for the remainder of the Contract term. The provisions of this section do not apply if the Contractor is not the Product manufacturer.

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Office of the Attorney General – Procurement Lobbying Guidelines

I. Introduction

The Guidelines have been issued pursuant to the New York State Finance Law, which prohibits lobbying on procurement contracts. The Guidelines, which apply to all Office of Attorney General (OAG) procurement contracts, limit communications between offerers and the OAG during the Restricted Period of a Governmental Procurement. During the Restricted Period, an Offerer may only communicate with the person or persons designated by the OAG to receive communications regarding such Governmental Procurement.

II. Statutory Definitions¹

ARTICLE OF PROCUREMENT A commodity, service, technology, public work, construction, revenue contract, the purchase sale or lease of real property or an acquisition or granting of an interest in real property that is the subject of a governmental procurement.

CONTACT Any oral, written or electronic communication with the OAG under circumstances where a reasonable person would infer that the communication was intended to influence the governmental procurement.

GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY All New York State agencies and authorities, both houses of the Legislature, the Unified Court System, municipal agencies and their respective employees.

GOVERNMENTAL PROCUREMENT shall mean: (i) the preparation of terms of the specifications, bid documents, requests for proposals, or evaluations criteria for a procurement contract, (ii) solicitation for a procurement contract, (iii) evaluation of a procurement contract, (iv) award, approval, denial or disapproval of a procurement contract, or (v) approval or denial of an assignment, amendment (other than amendments that are authorized and payable under the terms of the procurement contract as it was finally awarded or approved by the Comptroller, as applicable), renewal or extension of procurement contract, or any other material change in the procurement contract resulting in a financial benefit to the offerer.

OFFERER The individual or entity, or any employee agent or consultant or person acting on behalf of such individual or entity, that communicates with the OAG about a **Governmental Procurement** or seeks to participate in a **Governmental Procurement**.

PROCUREMENT CONTRACT Any contract or other agreement for an **Article of Procurement** involving an estimated annualized expenditure in excess of \$15,000. Grants, Article 11-B State Finance Law Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreements, Railroad and Utility Force Accounts, Utility Relocation Project Agreements or Orders of Eminent Domain Transactions shall not be deemed **Procurement Contracts** in these Guidelines.

RESTRICTED PERIOD The period of time commencing with the earliest date of written notice, advertisement or solicitation of a request for proposal, invitation for bids, or solicitation of proposals, or any other method for soliciting a response from Offerers intending to result in a **Procurement Contract** with

the OAG and, ending with the final contract award and approval by, where applicable, the Office of the State Comptroller.

III. Exemptions

Certain communications are exempt from the Guidelines. These include: (i) submissions in response to an invitation for bid, a request for proposal or other solicitation, (ii) submissions of written questions to a designated contact set forth in an invitation for bid, request for proposal or other solicitation, (iii) participation in a conference provided for in an invitation for bid, request for proposal or other solicitation, (iv) contract negotiations, (v) inquiries regarding the factual status of a **Procurement Contract**, and (vi) complaints and protests regarding the procurement process and outcome.

In addition, any communication received by the OAG from members of the New York State Legislature or the Legislative Staff, when acting in their official capacity, shall not be considered a **Contact**.

IV. Violations

A violation of these Guidelines occurs when there is a **Contact** during the **Restricted Period** between the **Offerer** and someone other than the person or persons designated by the OAG to receive communications for the particular **Governmental Procurement**. This includes instances where the **Offerer** **Contacts** the OAG regarding **Governmental Procurements** of other **Governmental Entities**.

Attempts by an **Offerer** to influence a **Governmental Procurement** in a manner that would result in a violation of the Public Officer's Law, the Executive Orders of the Attorney General, or any other applicable ethics code shall also be a violation of these Guidelines.

V. Procedures

A. Notifying Vendors of Procurement Lobbying Guidelines

1. For each **Procurement Contract**, the OAG Budget and Fiscal Management Bureau will designate a person or persons to receive communications from **Offerers** concerning the **Procurement Contract**.

2. The OAG Purchasing Team will incorporate a summary of the policy and prohibitions regarding permissible communications during a **Governmental Procurement** in its documents relating to the **Procurement Contract** and provide a copy of these Guidelines.

3. The OAG Purchasing Team shall seek written affirmation from all **Offerers** as to the **Offerer's** understanding of and compliance with these Guidelines (Appears at the end of this guideline).

B. Making Determinations of Responsibility

1. Prior to award of a **Procurement Contract**, the OAG must make a responsibility determination with respect to the **Offerer** to be recommended for the award of the contract based upon, among other things, the information supplied by that **Offerer**. The **Offerer** must disclose in the Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire whether it has been found non-responsible within the last five years by any **Governmental Entity** for: (1) failure to comply with State Finance Law §139-j, or (2) the intentional provision of false or incomplete information. This disclosure must be certified by the **Offerer** and must affirmatively state that the information supplied by the **Offerer** to the OAG is complete, true and accurate (Appears at the end of this guideline).

2. The **Procurement Contract** shall include a provision allowing the OAG to terminate the contract if the certification is subsequently found to be incomplete, false or inaccurate. Admissions by the **Offerer** of past findings of non-responsibility may constitute a basis for rejection of the **Offerer** by the OAG. The OAG can award a contract to the **Offerer** despite the past findings of non-responsibility if it determines that the award of the **Procurement Contract** to the **Offerer** is necessary to protect public property or public health or safety, and that the **Offerer** is the only source capable of supplying the required **Article of Procurement** within the necessary time frame. The basis of such a finding must be included in the procurement record of the **Procurement Contract**.

C. Recording Contacts

1. All OAG employees must record any **Contact** from any person or entity. **Contacts** may be initiated by parties with an interest in the procurement that are not necessarily connected directly to the **Offerer**. **Contacts** may come in the form of telephone conversations, correspondence, electronic mail and person-to-person discussions. The Record of Contact Form should be used to record all **Contacts**.

2. Examples of **Contacts** for which a Record of Contact must be completed include:

a. During the **Restricted Period**, an **Offerer Contacts** an OAG employee (other than the employee designated to receive such communications) to discuss the **Offerer's**, cost-competitiveness or its suitability to be selected for a contract
b. A court reporter, expert witness or any other vendor offers an OAG employee a gift of any monetary value during the **Restricted Period**.

3. Examples of permissible communications for which there is no need to prepare Record of Contact include:

- a. Inquiries as to the status of the procurement process
- b. Requests to be included on the OAG's **Offerer's** list
- c. Receipt of advertising material
- d. Intra-agency communications of administrative details concerning the procurement
- e. Responses to OAG issued Requests for Information
- f. Written questions submitted by **Offerers** regarding a solicitation during the allowable time period of a competitive procurement
- g. Complaints about the procurement process or outcome
- h. Participation in an **Offerer's** conference as provided in a request for proposal or invitation for bid
- i. Submission of a bid in response to a request for proposal or invitation for bid
- j. Contract negotiations
- k. Debriefing of a **Offerer** after a contract award has been made

4. If an OAG employee is in doubt about whether a communication was intended to influence the **Governmental Procurement**, he/she should record the communication on the Record of Contact Form and submit it to ProcurementLaw@OAG.State.NY.US for further investigation

5. The OAG Purchasing Team will be required to include all Records of Contact in the procurement record for the related **Procurement Contract**.

D. Investigation of Contacts/ Penalties for Violations

1. All reported **Contacts** will be immediately investigated by the OAG Ethics Officer or his or her designee. If the OAG Ethics Officer finds sufficient cause to believe that an **Offerer** has violated these Guidelines, the **Offerer** will be notified in writing of the investigation and will be afforded an opportunity to respond to the alleged violation. Investigations will be completed as soon as practicable so as not to delay the progress

of the **Governmental Procurement**.

2. If the OAG Ethics Officer should find at the conclusion of the investigation that the **Offerer** knowingly and willfully made prohibited **Contact** in violation of these Guidelines, then the **Offerer** shall be disqualified as non-responsible, unless the OAG makes a finding that the award of the **Procurement Contract** to the **Offerer** is necessary to protect public property or public health or safety, and that the **Offerer** is the only source capable of supplying the required **Article of Procurement** within the necessary time frame. The basis of such a finding must be included in the procurement record of the **Procurement Contract**.

¹Defined terms are in bold

Bidder Understanding & Compliance with State Finance Law Section 139-j & 139-k:

Company affirms that it understands and agrees to comply with the procedures of the Office of the Attorney General relative to permissible contacts as required by State Finance Law Section 139-j (3) and Section 139-j (6) (b); and that all information provided to the Office of the Attorney General, with respect to State Finance Law Section 139-k is complete, true and accurate.

Signed By: _____

Date: _____

Name (Print): _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Bidder Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations:

Has any NYS agency/authority made a finding of non-responsibility regarding the Offerer in the last 5 years?:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Has any NYS agency/authority terminated a procurement contract with the Offerer due to intentional provision of false or incomplete information?:

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" to either/both questions, please provide details; such as: NYS agency/authority, Basis for Finding, Year of Finding/Termination, and Facts Underlying Finding/Termination.

NEW YORK STATE VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY

You have selected the For-Profit Non-Construction questionnaire which may be printed and completed in this format or, for your convenience, may be completed online using the New York State VendRep System.

COMPLETION & CERTIFICATION

The person(s) completing the questionnaire must be knowledgeable about the vendor's business and operations. An owner or officer must certify the questionnaire and the signature must be notarized.

NEW YORK STATE VENDOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VENDOR ID)

The Vendor ID is a ten-digit identifier issued by New York State when the vendor is registered on the Statewide Vendor File. This number must now be included on the questionnaire. If the business entity has not obtained a Vendor ID, contact the IT Service Desk at ITServiceDesk@osc.state.ny.us or call 866-370-4672.

DEFINITIONS

All underlined terms are defined in the "New York State Vendor Responsibility Definitions List," found at www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/documents/questionnaire/definitions.pdf. These terms may not have their ordinary, common or traditional meanings. Each vendor is strongly encouraged to read the respective definitions for any and all underlined terms. By submitting this questionnaire, the vendor agrees to be bound by the terms as defined in the "New York State Vendor Responsibility Definitions List" existing at the time of certification.

RESPONSES

Every question must be answered. Each response must provide all relevant information which can be obtained within the limits of the law. However, information regarding a determination or finding made in error which was subsequently corrected is not required. Individuals and Sole Proprietors may use a Social Security Number but are encouraged to obtain and use a federal Employer Identification Number (EIN).

REPORTING ENTITY

Each vendor must indicate if the questionnaire is filed on behalf of the entire Legal Business Entity or an Organizational Unit within or operating under the authority of the Legal Business Entity and having the same EIN. Generally, the Organizational Unit option may be appropriate for a vendor that meets the definition of "Reporting Entity" but due to the size and complexity of the Legal Business Entity, is best able to provide the required information for the Organizational Unit, while providing more limited information for other parts of the Legal Business Entity and Associated Entities.

ASSOCIATED ENTITY

An Associated Entity is one that owns or controls the Reporting Entity or any entity owned or controlled by the Reporting Entity. However, the term Associated Entity does **not** include "sibling organizations" (i.e., entities owned or controlled by a parent company that owns or controls the Reporting Entity), unless such sibling entity has a direct relationship with or impact on the Reporting Entity.

STRUCTURE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire is organized into eleven sections. Section I is to be completed for the Legal Business Entity. Section II requires the vendor to specify the Reporting Entity for the questionnaire. Section III refers to the individuals of the Reporting Entity, while Sections IV-VIII require information about the Reporting Entity. Section IX pertains to any Associated Entities, with one question about their Officials/Owners. Section X relates to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). Section XI requires an authorized contact for the questionnaire information.

**NEW YORK STATE
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY**

I. LEGAL BUSINESS ENTITY INFORMATION

<u>Legal Business Entity Name</u> *		<u>EIN</u>	
Address of the <u>Principal Place of Business</u> (street, city, state, zip code)		<u>New York State Vendor Identification Number</u>	
		Telephone <div style="text-align: right;">ext.</div>	Fax
Email		Website	
Additional <u>Legal Business Entity</u> Identities: If applicable, list any other <u>DBA</u> , <u>Trade Name</u> , <u>Former Name</u> , Other Identity, or <u>EIN</u> used in the last five (5) years and the status (active or inactive).			
Type	Name	EIN	Status
1.0 <u>Legal Business Entity</u> Type – Check appropriate box and provide additional information:			
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Corporation</u> (including <u>PC</u>)		Date of Incorporation	
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Limited Liability Company (LLC or PLLC)</u>		Date of Organization	
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Partnership</u> (including <u>LLP</u> , <u>LP</u> or <u>General</u>)		Date of Registration or Establishment	
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Sole Proprietor</u>		How many years in business?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		Date Established	
If Other, explain:			
1.1 Was the <u>Legal Business Entity</u> formed or incorporated in New York State?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If 'No,' indicate jurisdiction where <u>Legal Business Entity</u> was formed or incorporated and attach a <u>Certificate of Good Standing</u> from the applicable jurisdiction or provide an explanation if a <u>Certificate of Good Standing</u> is not available.			
<input type="checkbox"/> United States State _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Country _____			
Explain, if not available:			
1.2 Is the <u>Legal Business Entity</u> publicly traded?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes," provide <u>CIK Code</u> or Ticker Symbol			
1.3 Does the <u>Legal Business Entity</u> have a <u>DUNS</u> Number?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes," Enter <u>DUNS</u> Number			

*All underlined terms are defined in the "New York State Vendor Responsibility Definitions List," which can be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/documents/questionnaire/definitions.pdf.

**NEW YORK STATE
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY**

I. LEGAL BUSINESS ENTITY INFORMATION

- 1.4 If the Legal Business Entity's Principal Place of Business is not in New York State, does the Legal Business Entity maintain an office in New York State?
(Select "N/A," if Principal Place of Business is in New York State.)
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ N/A

If "Yes," provide the address and telephone number for one office located in New York State.

- 1.5 Is the Legal Business Entity a New York State certified Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE), Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE), New York State Small Business (SB) or a federally certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)?
- If "Yes," check all that apply:
- ☐ New York State certified Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE)
☐ New York State certified Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE)
☐ New York State Small Business (SB)
☐ Federally certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- ☐ Yes ☐ No

- 1.6 Identify Officials and Principal Owners, if applicable. For each person, include name, title and percentage of ownership. Attach additional pages if necessary. If applicable, reference to relevant SEC filing(s) containing the required information is optional.

Name	Title	Percentage Ownership (Enter 0% if not applicable)

NEW YORK STATE
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY

II. REPORTING ENTITY INFORMATION

2.0 The Reporting Entity for this questionnaire is:

Note: Select only one.

☐ Legal Business Entity

Note: If selecting this option, “Reporting Entity” refers to the entire Legal Business Entity for the remainder of the questionnaire. (SKIP THE REMAINDER OF SECTION II AND PROCEED WITH SECTION III.)

☐ Organizational Unit within and operating under the authority of the Legal Business Entity

SEE DEFINITIONS OF “REPORTING ENTITY” AND “ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT” FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SELECTION.

Note: If selecting this option, “Reporting Entity” refers to the Organizational Unit within the Legal Business Entity for the remainder of the questionnaire. (COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF SECTION II AND ALL REMAINING SECTIONS OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.)

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

a) Reporting Entity Name

Address of the Primary Place of Business (street, city, state, zip code)

Telephone

ext.

b) Describe the relationship of the Reporting Entity to the Legal Business Entity

c) Attach an organizational chart

d) Does the Reporting Entity have a DUNS Number?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” enter DUNS Number

e) Identify the designated manager(s) responsible for the business of the Reporting Entity.

For each person, include name and title. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Name

Title

**NEW YORK STATE
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FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECTIONS III THROUGH VII

For each “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). For each “Other,” provide an explanation which provides the basis for not definitively responding “Yes” or “No.” Provide the explanation at the end of the section or attach additional sheets with numbered responses, including the Reporting Entity name at the top of any attached pages.

III. LEADERSHIP INTEGRITY

Within the past five (5) years, has any current or former reporting entity official or any individual currently or formerly having the authority to sign, execute or approve bids, proposals, contracts or supporting documentation on behalf of the reporting entity with any government entity been:

3.0 <u>Sanctioned</u> relative to any business or professional permit and/or license?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other
3.1 <u>Suspended, debarred, or disqualified</u> from any <u>government contracting process</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other
3.2 The subject of an <u>investigation</u> , whether open or closed, by any <u>government entity</u> for a civil or criminal violation for any business-related conduct?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other
3.3 Charged with a misdemeanor or felony, indicted, granted immunity, convicted of a crime or subject to a <u>judgment</u> for: a) Any business-related activity; or b) Any crime, whether or not business-related, the underlying conduct of which was related to truthfulness?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other

For each “Yes” or “Other” explain:

IV. INTEGRITY – CONTRACT BIDDING

Within the past five (5) years, has the reporting entity:

4.0 Been <u>suspended or debarred</u> from any <u>government contracting process</u> or been <u>disqualified</u> on any government procurement, permit, license, concession, franchise or lease, including, but not limited to, <u>debarment</u> for a violation of New York State Workers’ Compensation or Prevailing Wage laws or New York State Procurement Lobbying Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.1 Been subject to a denial or revocation of a government prequalification?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.2 Been denied a contract award or had a bid rejected based upon a <u>non-responsibility finding</u> by a <u>government entity</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.3 Had a low bid rejected on a <u>government contract</u> for failure to <u>make good faith efforts</u> on any <u>Minority-Owned Business Enterprise, Women-Owned Business Enterprise or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise</u> goal or <u>statutory affirmative action requirements</u> on a previously held contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.4 Agreed to a voluntary exclusion from bidding/contracting with a <u>government entity</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.5 Initiated a request to withdraw a bid submitted to a <u>government entity</u> in lieu of responding to an information request or subsequent to a formal request to appear before the <u>government entity</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

For each “Yes,” explain:

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V. INTEGRITY – CONTRACT AWARD*Within the past five (5) years, has the reporting entity:*

5.0 Been <u>suspended</u> , cancelled or <u>terminated for cause</u> on any <u>government contract</u> including, but not limited to, a <u>non-responsibility finding</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.1 Been subject to an <u>administrative proceeding</u> or civil action seeking specific performance or restitution in connection with any <u>government contract</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.2 Entered into a formal monitoring agreement as a condition of a contract award from a <u>government entity</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

For each “Yes,” explain:

VI. CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES*Within the past five (5) years, has the reporting entity:*

6.0 Had a revocation, <u>suspension</u> or <u>disbarment</u> of any business or professional permit and/or license?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6.1 Had a denial, decertification, revocation or forfeiture of New York State certification of <u>Minority-Owned Business Enterprise</u> , <u>Women-Owned Business Enterprise</u> or federal certification of <u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise</u> status for other than a change of ownership?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

For each “Yes,” explain:

VII. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS*Within the past five (5) years, has the reporting entity:*

7.0 Been the subject of an <u>investigation</u> , whether open or closed, by any <u>government entity</u> for a civil or criminal violation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.1 Been the subject of an indictment, grant of immunity, <u>judgment</u> or conviction (including entering into a plea bargain) for conduct constituting a crime?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.2 Received any OSHA citation and Notification of Penalty containing a violation classified as <u>serious</u> or <u>willful</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.3 Had a <u>government entity</u> find a willful prevailing wage or supplemental payment violation or any other willful violation of New York State Labor Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.4 Entered into a consent order with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, or received an enforcement determination by any <u>government entity</u> involving a violation of federal, state or local environmental laws?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.5 Other than previously disclosed: a) Been subject to fines or penalties imposed by <u>government entities</u> which in the aggregate total \$25,000 or more; or b) Been convicted of a criminal offense pursuant to any administrative and/or regulatory action taken by any <u>government entity</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

For each “Yes,” explain:

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VIII. FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

8.0 Within the past five (5) years, has the <u>Reporting Entity</u> received any <u>formal unsatisfactory performance assessment(s)</u> from any <u>government entity</u> on any contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the <u>government entity</u> involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
8.1 Within the past five (5) years, has the <u>Reporting Entity</u> had any <u>liquidated damages</u> assessed over \$25,000?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, contracting party involved, the amount assessed and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
8.2 Within the past five (5) years, have any <u>liens</u> or <u>judgments</u> (not including UCC filings) over \$25,000 been filed against the <u>Reporting Entity</u> which remain undischarged?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the Lien holder or Claimant’s name(s), the amount of the <u>lien(s)</u> and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
8.3 In the last seven (7) years, has the <u>Reporting Entity</u> initiated or been the subject of any bankruptcy proceedings, whether or not closed, or is any bankruptcy proceeding pending?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “Yes,” provide the bankruptcy chapter number, the court name and the docket number. Indicate the current status of the proceedings as “Initiated,” “Pending” or “Closed.” Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
8.4 During the past three (3) years, has the <u>Reporting Entity</u> failed to file or pay any tax returns required by <u>federal</u> , state or local tax laws?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “Yes,” provide the taxing jurisdiction, the type of tax, the liability year(s), the tax liability amount the <u>Reporting Entity</u> failed to file/pay and the current status of the tax liability. Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
8.5 During the past three (3) years, has the <u>Reporting Entity</u> failed to file or pay any New York State unemployment insurance returns?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “Yes,” provide the years the <u>Reporting Entity</u> failed to file/pay the insurance, explain the situation and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
8.6 During the past three (3) years, has the <u>Reporting Entity</u> had any <u>government audit(s)</u> completed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a) If “Yes,” did any audit of the <u>Reporting Entity</u> identify any reported significant deficiencies in internal control, fraud, illegal acts, significant violations of provisions of contract or grant agreements, significant abuse or any <u>material disallowance</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “Yes” to 8.6 a), provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the <u>government entity</u> involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

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IX. ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

*This section pertains to any entity(ies) that either controls or is controlled by the reporting entity.
(See definition of “associated entity” for additional information to complete this section.)*

9.0 Does the Reporting Entity have any Associated Entities?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Note: All questions in this section must be answered if the Reporting Entity is either:

- An Organizational Unit; or
- The entire Legal Business Entity which controls, or is controlled by, any other entity(ies).

If “No,” SKIP THE REMAINDER OF SECTION IX AND PROCEED WITH SECTION X.

9.1 Within the past five (5) years, has any Associated Entity Official or Principal Owner been charged with a misdemeanor or felony, indicted, granted immunity, convicted of a crime or subject to a judgment for:

☐ Yes ☐ No

- a) Any business-related activity; or
- b) Any crime, whether or not business-related, the underlying conduct of which was related to truthfulness?

If “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), the individual involved, his/her title and role in the Associated Entity, his/her relationship to the Reporting Entity, relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s).

9.2 Does any Associated Entity have any currently undischarged federal, New York State, New York City or New York local government liens or judgments (not including UCC filings) over \$50,000?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), identify the Associated Entity’s name(s), EIN(s), primary business activity, relationship to the Reporting Entity, relevant dates, the Lien holder or Claimant’s name(s), the amount of the lien(s) and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.

9.3 Within the past five (5) years, has any Associated Entity:

- a) Been disqualified, suspended or debarred from any federal, New York State, New York City or other New York local government contracting process?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- b) Been denied a contract award or had a bid rejected based upon a non-responsibility finding by any federal, New York State, New York City, or New York local government entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- c) Been suspended, cancelled or terminated for cause (including for non-responsibility) on any federal, New York State, New York City or New York local government contract?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- d) Been the subject of an investigation, whether open or closed, by any federal, New York State, New York City, or New York local government entity for a civil or criminal violation with a penalty in excess of \$500,000?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- e) Been the subject of an indictment, grant of immunity, judgment, or conviction (including entering into a plea bargain) for conduct constituting a crime?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- f) Been convicted of a criminal offense pursuant to any administrative and/or regulatory action taken by any federal, New York State, New York City, or New York local government entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- g) Initiated or been the subject of any bankruptcy proceedings, whether or not closed, or is any bankruptcy proceeding pending?

☐ Yes ☐ No

For each “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), identify the Associated Entity’s name(s), EIN(s), primary business activity, relationship to the Reporting Entity, relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.

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X. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL)

10. Indicate whether any information supplied herein is believed to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL).
Note: A determination of whether such information is exempt from FOIL will be made at the time of any request for disclosure under FOIL.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," indicate the question number(s) and explain the basis for the claim.

XI. AUTHORIZED CONTACT FOR THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Name	Telephone ext.	Fax
Title	Email	

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FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY**

Certification

The undersigned: (1) recognizes that this questionnaire is submitted for the express purpose of assisting New York State government entities (including the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC)) in making responsibility determinations regarding award or approval of a contract or subcontract and that such government entities will rely on information disclosed in the questionnaire in making responsibility determinations; (2) acknowledges that the New York State government entities and OSC may, in their discretion, by means which they may choose, verify the truth and accuracy of all statements made herein; and (3) acknowledges that intentional submission of false or misleading information may result in criminal penalties under State and/or Federal Law, as well as a finding of non-responsibility, contract suspension or contract termination.

The undersigned certifies that he/she:

- is knowledgeable about the submitting Business Entity's business and operations;
- has read and understands all of the questions contained in the questionnaire;
- has not altered the content of the questionnaire in any manner;
- has reviewed and/or supplied full and complete responses to each question;
- to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief, confirms that the Business Entity's responses are true, accurate and complete, including all attachments, if applicable;
- understands that New York State government entities will rely on the information disclosed in the questionnaire when entering into a contract with the Business Entity; and
- is under an obligation to update the information provided herein to include any material changes to the Business Entity's responses at the time of bid/proposal submission through the contract award notification, and may be required to update the information at the request of the New York State government entities or OSC prior to the award and/or approval of a contract, or during the term of the contract.

Signature of Owner/Official _____

Printed Name of Signatory _____

Title _____

Name of Business _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____;

_____ Notary Public

**Contractor Certification to Covered Agency**

(Pursuant to Section 5-a of the Tax Law, as amended, effective April 26, 2006)

ST-220-CA

(12/11)

For information, consult Publication 223, Questions and Answers Concerning Tax Law Section 5-a (see Need Help? on back).

Contractor name				For covered agency use only Contract number or description	
Contractor's principal place of business		City	State		
Contractor's mailing address (if different than above)					
Contractor's federal employer identification number (EIN)			Contractor's sales tax ID number (if different from contractor's EIN)		
Contractor's telephone number			Covered agency name		
Covered agency address				Covered agency telephone number	

I, _____, hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am _____
(name) (title)

of the above-named contractor, that I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of such contractor, and I further certify that:

(Mark an X in only one box)

☐ The contractor has filed Form ST-220-TD with the Department of Taxation and Finance in connection with this contract and, to the best of contractor's knowledge, the information provided on the Form ST-220-TD, is correct and complete.

☐ The contractor has previously filed Form ST-220-TD with the Tax Department in connection with _____
(insert contract number or description)

and, to the best of the contractor's knowledge, the information provided on that previously filed Form ST-220-TD, is correct and complete as of the current date, and thus the contractor is not required to file a new Form ST-220-TD at this time.

Sworn to this ____ day of _____, 20 ____

(sign before a notary public)

(title)

Instructions

General information

Tax Law section 5-a was amended, effective April 26, 2006. On or after that date, in all cases where a contract is subject to Tax Law section 5-a, a contractor must file (1) Form ST-220-CA, *Contractor Certification to Covered Agency*, with a covered agency, and (2) Form ST-220-TD with the Tax Department before a contract may take effect. The circumstances when a contract is subject to section 5-a are listed in Publication 223, Q&A 3. See *Need help?* for more information on how to obtain this publication. In addition, a contractor must file a new Form ST-220-CA with a covered agency before an existing contract with such agency may be renewed.

Note: Form ST-220-CA must be signed by a person authorized to make the certification on behalf of the contractor, and the acknowledgement on page 2 of this form must be completed before a notary public.

When to complete this form

As set forth in Publication 223, a contract is subject to section 5-a, and you must make the required certification(s), if:

- The procuring entity is a *covered agency* within the meaning of the statute (see Publication 223, Q&A 5);
- The contractor is a *contractor* within the meaning of the statute (see Publication 223, Q&A 6); and
- The contract is a *contract* within the meaning of the statute. This is the case when it (a) has a value in excess of \$100,000 and (b) is a contract for *commodities* or *services*, as such terms are defined for purposes of the statute (see Publication 223, Q&A 8 and 9).

Furthermore, the procuring entity must have begun the solicitation to purchase on or after January 1, 2005, and the resulting contract must have been awarded, amended, extended, renewed, or assigned *on or after April 26, 2006* (the effective date of the section 5-a amendments).

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STATE OF _____ }
: SS.:
COUNTY OF _____ }

On the ____ day of _____ in the year 20____, before me personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, who, being duly sworn by me did depose and say that _____ he resides at _____, Town of _____, County of _____, State of _____; and further that:

[Mark an **X** in the appropriate box and complete the accompanying statement.]

- ☐ (If an individual): _____ he executed the foregoing instrument in his/her name and on his/her own behalf.
- ☐ (If a corporation): _____ he is the _____ of _____, the corporation described in said instrument; that, by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, _____ he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the corporation for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _____ he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said corporation as the act and deed of said corporation.
- ☐ (If a partnership): _____ he is a _____ of _____, the partnership described in said instrument; that, by the terms of said partnership, _____ he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the partnership for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _____ he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said partnership as the act and deed of said partnership.
- ☐ (If a limited liability company): _____ he is a duly authorized member of _____, LLC, the limited liability company described in said instrument; that _____ he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the limited liability company for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _____ he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said limited liability company as the act and deed of said limited liability company.

Notary Public

Registration No.

Privacy notification

The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may collect and maintain personal information pursuant to the New York State Tax Law, including but not limited to, sections 5-a, 171, 171-a, 287, 308, 429, 475, 505, 697, 1096, 1142, and 1415 of that Law; and may require disclosure of social security numbers pursuant to 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(i).

This information will be used to determine and administer tax liabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.

Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees is provided to certain state agencies for purposes of fraud prevention, support enforcement, evaluation of the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs and other purposes authorized by law.

Failure to provide the required information may subject you to civil or criminal penalties, or both, under the Tax Law.

This information is maintained by the Manager of Document Management, NYS Tax Department, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227; telephone (518) 457-5181.

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**Contractor Certification**(Pursuant to Tax Law Section 5-a, as amended,
effective April 26, 2006)**ST-220-TD**

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For information, consult Publication 223, *Questions and Answers Concerning Tax Law Section 5-a* (see *Need help?* below).

Contractor name

Contractor's principal place of business

City

State

ZIP code

Contractor's mailing address (if different than above)

City

State

ZIP code

Contractor's federal employer identification number (EIN)

Contractor's sales tax ID number (if different from contractor's EIN)

Contractor's telephone number

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Covered agency or state agency

Contract number or description

Covered agency telephone number

()

Covered agency address

City

State

ZIP code

Is the estimated contract value over the full term of the contract (but not including renewals) more than \$100,000?

Yes ☐No ☐Unknown at this time ☐**General information**

Tax Law section 5-a, as amended, effective April 26, 2006, requires certain contractors awarded certain state contracts valued at more than \$100,000 to certify to the Tax Department that they are registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes, if they made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000, measured over a specified period. In addition, contractors must certify to the Tax Department that each affiliate and subcontractor exceeding such sales threshold during a specified period is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. Contractors must also file Form ST-220-CA, *Contractor Certification to Covered Agency*, certifying to the procuring state entity that they filed Form ST-220-TD with the Tax Department and that the information contained on Form ST-220-TD is correct and complete as of the date they file Form ST-220-CA.

All sections must be completed including all fields on the top of this page, all sections on page 2, Schedule A on page 3, if applicable, and *Individual, Corporation, Partnership, or LLC Acknowledgement* on page 4. If you do not complete these areas, the form will be returned to you for completion.

For more detailed information regarding this form and Tax Law section 5-a, see Publication 223, *Questions and Answers Concerning Tax Law Section 5-a, (as amended, effective April 26, 2006)*. See *Need help?* for more information on how to obtain this publication.

Note: Form ST-220-TD must be signed by a person authorized to make the certification on behalf of the contractor, and the acknowledgement on page 4 of this form must be completed before a notary public.

Mail completed form to:

**NYS TAX DEPARTMENT
DATA ENTRY SECTION
W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS
ALBANY NY 12227-0826**

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New York State Law requires all government agencies that maintain a system of records to provide notification of the legal authority for any request, the principal purpose(s) for which the information is to be collected, and where it will be maintained. To view this information, visit our Web site, or, if you do not have Internet access, call and request Publication 54, *Privacy Notification*. See *Need help?* for the Web address and telephone number.

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I, _____, hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am _____
(name) (title)
of the above-named contractor, and that I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of such contractor.

Complete Sections 1, 2, and 3 below. Make only one entry in each section.

Section 1 – Contractor registration status

- ☐ The contractor has made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made. The contractor is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to Tax Law sections 1134 and 1253, and is listed on Schedule A of this certification.
- ☐ The contractor has not made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made.

Section 2 – Affiliate registration status

- ☐ The contractor does not have any affiliates.
- ☐ To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more affiliates having made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made, and each affiliate exceeding the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during such quarters is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to Tax Law sections 1134 and 1253. The contractor has listed each affiliate exceeding the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during such quarters on Schedule A of this certification.
- ☐ To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more affiliates, and each affiliate has not made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made.

Section 3 – Subcontractor registration status

- ☐ The contractor does not have any subcontractors.
- ☐ To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more subcontractors having made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made, and each subcontractor exceeding the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during such quarters is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to Tax Law sections 1134 and 1253. The contractor has listed each subcontractor exceeding the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during such quarters on Schedule A of this certification.
- ☐ To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more subcontractors, and each subcontractor has not made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made.

Sworn to this ____ day of _____, 20 ____

(sign before a notary public)

(title)

Schedule A – Listing of each entity (contractor, affiliate, or subcontractor) exceeding \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold

List the contractor, or affiliate, or subcontractor in Schedule A only if such entity exceeded the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during the specified sales tax quarters. See directions below. For more information, see Publication 223.

A Relationship to contractor	B Name	C Address	D Federal ID number	E Sales tax ID number	F Registration in progress

- Column A – Enter **C** in column A if the contractor; **A** if an affiliate of the contractor; or **S** if a subcontractor.
- Column B – Name - If the entity is a corporation or limited liability company, enter the exact legal name as registered with the NY Department of State, if applicable. If the entity is a partnership or sole proprietor, enter the name of the partnership and each partner’s given name, or the given name(s) of the owner(s), as applicable. If the entity has a different DBA (doing business as) name, enter that name as well.
- Column C – Address - Enter the street address of the entity’s principal place of business. Do not enter a PO box.
- Column D – ID number - Enter the federal employer identification number (EIN) assigned to the entity. If the entity is an individual, enter the social security number of that person.
- Column E – Sales tax ID number - Enter only if different from federal EIN in column D.
- Column F – If applicable, enter an X if the entity has submitted Form DTF-17 to the Tax Department but has not received its certificate of authority as of the date of this certification.

Individual, Corporation, Partnership, or LLC Acknowledgment

STATE OF }
 : SS.:
COUNTY OF }

On the ____ day of _____ in the year 20____, before me personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, who, being duly sworn by me did depose and say that
_ he resides at _____,
Town of _____,
County of _____,
State of _____; and further that:

(Mark an X in the appropriate box and complete the accompanying statement.)

- ☐ (If an individual): _he executed the foregoing instrument in his/her name and on his/her own behalf.
- ☐ (If a corporation): _he is the _____
of _____, the corporation described in said instrument; that, by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, _he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the corporation for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said corporation as the act and deed of said corporation.
- ☐ (If a partnership): _he is a _____
of _____, the partnership described in said instrument; that, by the terms of said partnership, _he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the partnership for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said partnership as the act and deed of said partnership.
- ☐ (If a limited liability company): _he is a duly authorized member of _____
LLC, the limited liability company described in said instrument; that _he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the limited liability company for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said limited liability company as the act and deed of said limited liability company.

Notary Public

Registration No. _____

Date Contract Approved:

State Consultant Services - Contractor's Planned Employment
From Contract Start Date Through The End Of The Contract Term

Contract End Date: / /

INSTRUCTIONS

Form A should be completed for contracts for consulting services in accordance with the following:

Employment Category: the specific occupation(s), as listed in the O*NET occupational classification system, which best describe the employees providing services under the contract.

(Note: Access the O*NET database, which is available through the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, online at www.online.onetcenter.org to find a list of occupations)

Number of Hours (to be) worked: the total number of hours planned to be worked during the contract term by the employees in the employment category.

Amount Payable under the Contract: the total amount anticipated to be paid by the State to the contractor under the contract, for work by the employees in the employment category, for services provided during the contract term.

Please send the completed form to:

NYS Office of the Attorney General
Purchasing Team
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

FORM B

OSC Use Only:

Reporting Code:

Category Code:

State Consultant Services
Contractor's Annual Employment Report
Report Period: April 1, to March 31,

Contracting State Agency Name: Office of the Attorney General Agency Code: 03000

Contract Number:

Contract Term: / / to / /

Contractor Name:

Contractor Address:

Description of Services Being Provided:

Scope of Contract (Choose one that best fits):

Analysis ☐ Evaluation ☐ Research ☐ Training ☐

Data Processing ☐ Computer Programming ☐ Other IT consulting ☐

Engineering ☐ Architect Services ☐ Surveying ☐ Environmental Services ☐

Health Services ☐ Mental Health Services ☐

Accounting ☐ Auditing ☐ Paralegal ☐ Legal ☐ Other Consulting ☐

Employment Category	Number of Employees	Number of Hours Worked	Amount Payable Under the Contract
Total this page			
Grand Total			

Name of person who prepared this report:

Preparer's Signature: _____

Title: _____ Phone #: _____

Date Prepared: / /

QUICK GUIDE TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND DISABILITY INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION

The Office of the State Comptroller requires proof of (1) workers' compensation insurance coverage and (2) disability benefits insurance coverage when a state agency submits any type of agreement to the comptroller's office for approval.

This document is intended to assist businesses and other parties for expert service contracts to efficiently determine what form they should complete and submit concerning the New York State Workers' Compensation Program and Disability Insurance Program. This document does not constitute legal advice.

As an initial matter, businesses and other parties may wish to explore whether they are exempt from carrying (1) workers' compensation insurance coverage and/or (2) disability benefits insurance coverage. The business or other party can fill out Form CE-200 which is an Affidavit of Exemption from the workers' compensation and disability insurance coverage requirements if he or she is not required to carry the insurances.

Businesses and other parties may seek an exemption from workers' compensation requirement if:

- ☐ B. The business is owned by one individual and is not a corporation. Other than the owner, there are no employees, day labor, leased employees, borrowed employees, part-time employees, unpaid volunteers (including family members) or subcontractors.
- ☐ C. The business is a LLC, LLP, PLLP or a RLLP; OR is a partnership under the laws of New York State and is not a corporation. Other than the partners or members, there are no employees, day labor, leased employees, borrowed employees, part-time employees, unpaid volunteers (including family members) or subcontractors.
- ☐ D. The business is a one person owned corporation, with that individual owning all of the stock and holding all offices of the corporation. Other than the corporate owner, there are no employees, day labor, leased employees, borrowed employees, part-time employees, other stockholders, unpaid volunteers (including family members) or subcontractors.
- ☐ E. The business is a two person owned corporation, with those individuals owning all of the stock and holding all offices of the corporation (each individual must hold an office and own at least one share of stock). Other than the two corporate officers/owners, there are no employees, day labor, leased employees, borrowed employees, part-time employees, other stockholders, unpaid volunteers (including family members) or subcontractors.

Business and other parties may seek an exemption from disability requirement if:

- ☐ B. The business MUST be either: 1) owned by one individual; **OR** 2) is a partnership (including LLC, LLP, PLLP, RLLP, or LP) under the laws of New York State and is not a corporation; **OR** 3) is a one or two person owned corporation, with those individuals owning all of the stock and holding all offices of the corporation (in a two person owned corporation each individual must be an officer and own at least one share of stock); **OR** 4) is a business with no NYS location. In addition, the business does not require disability benefits coverage at this time since it has not employed one or more individuals on at least 30 days in any calendar year in New York State. (Independent contractors are not considered to be employees under the Disability Benefits Law.)

There are other potential grounds for an exemption, but they have not been discussed in this document. The paper version of form CE-200 is attached should the contractor wish to review it.

There are two ways to file the CE-200 Form: (1) via a paper submission or (2) and electronic submission.

Paper - The CE-200 application form should be completed in its entirety and submitted to the Workers' Compensation Board by mail or fax. The application will be processed in the order received and a certificate of attestation of exemption will be mailed to the applicant. This process may take up to four weeks to complete.

Electronic - For those who require an exemption immediately, please access the on-line application that can be found on the Board's website, at www.wcb.ny.gov. Click the "WC/DB Exemption" button on the Board's main webpage and then click on "Request for WC/DB Exemption (Form CE-200)." Complete the CE-200 application questionnaire on-line. You will be able to immediately print the certificate of attestation of exemption after completing the on-line application to document that you have submitted the CE-200 form with the Workers' Compensation Board.

Businesses and other parties must provide a copy of the certificate of attestation (Form CE-200) or acceptable certification of (1) workers' compensation insurance coverage and (2) disability benefits insurance coverage to the Attorney General's Budget and Fiscal Management Bureau.

The five acceptable workers' compensation insurance certification forms are:

- Form C-105.2 – Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance issued by private insurance carriers;
- Form U-26.3-- issued by the State Insurance Fund;
- Form SI-12 – Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance;
- Form GSI-105.2 Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance; or
- Form CE-200 -- Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits insurance coverage.

The three acceptable disability insurance certification forms are:

- Form DB-120.1 - Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance; or
- Form DB-155- Certificate of Disability Benefits Self Insurance
- Form CE-200 -- Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits insurance coverage. (Conveniently, this is the same form for exemption from Workers Compensation Insurance.)

Please note the NYS Office of the Attorney General should be listed as the "issuing government agency" on form CE-200 or "entity requesting proof of coverage" on forms C-105.2, GSI-105.2 and DB-120.1.

Questions regarding coverage requirements may be directed to Walter Peretti of the Workers' Compensation Board's Compliance Division at 518-402-8330 or walter.peretti@wcb.ny.gov.

New York State Workers' Compensation Board
Application for Certificate of Attestation of Exemption
from New York State Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Insurance Coverage.

For NYS workers' compensation exemption, this application may only be completed by entities with no employees or out-of-state entities obtaining contracts for which ALL work is performed outside of NYS. For NYS disability benefits exemption, it may only be completed by entities without employees or those with employees, as defined by the NYS Disability Benefits Law, working in NYS for less than thirty days in a calendar year.

A certificate of attestation of exemption can ONLY be used to attest to a government entity that the applicant requesting a permit, license or contract from that government entity is not required to carry workers' compensation and/or disability benefits insurance.

The application must be completed in its entirety and submitted to the Workers' Compensation Board by fax or mail. The application will be processed in the order received and a certificate of attestation of exemption will be mailed to the applicant. This process may take up to four weeks.

To obtain a certificate immediately, please use the *on-line application* at www.wcb.ny.gov. Once the application is completed on-line, you can immediately print the certificate on your printer.

Please review the separate instructions (form CE-200 instructions) prior to completing this application. Please print clearly.

1. Applicant Personal Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country (If other than U.S.) _____

Personal Phone Number (_____) _____

2. Your Title (check only one)

☐ Sole Proprietor

☐ President

☐ Vice President

☐ Secretary

☐ Homeowner

☐ Other (please provide title) _____

☐ Treasurer

☐ Partner

☐ Member

☐ Trustee

☐ Board Member

3. Legal Entity Information:

Business Federal ID (If none, enter social security number): _____

Legal Entity Name: _____

Doing Business As Name _____

Business Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail _____

☐ Check here if business address is the same as the applicant's personal address. If different, enter business address below.

Business Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country (If other than U.S.) _____

4. Permit/License/Contract Information:

A. Nature of Business:(please check only one)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Carpentry | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant / Food Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Trucking / Hauling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Cart Vendor | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Trainer/Owner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel / Motel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bar / Tavern | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile - Home Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) _____ | |

B. Applying for:

- ☐ License (list type) _____
- ☐ Permit (list type) _____
- ☐ Contract with Government Agency _____

Issuing Government Agency: _____
(e.g. New York City Building Department, Ulster County Health Department, New York State Department of Labor, etc.)

5. Job Site Location Information: (Required if applying for a building, plumbing, or electrical permit)

A. Job Site Address

Street address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

B. Dates of project: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ to:(mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Estimated Dollar amount of project:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001- \$25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,001 - \$50,000 | |

6. Partners/Members/Corporate Officers -must list all with titles except for limited partnerships which must include only general partners. Sole proprietors can skip this section.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

Employees of the Workers' Compensation Board cannot assist applicants in answering questions in the following two sections. Please contact an attorney if you have any questions regarding these sections.

7. Please select the reason that the legal entity is NOT required to obtain New York State Specific Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage:

- ☐ A. The applicant is NOT applying for a workers' compensation certificate of attestation of exemption and will show a separate certificate of NYS workers' compensation insurance coverage.
- ☐ B. The business is owned by one individual and is not a corporation. Other than the owner, there are no employees, day labor, leased employees, borrowed employees, part-time employees, unpaid volunteers (including family members) or subcontractors.
- ☐ C. The business is a LLC, LLP, PLLP or a RLLP; OR is a partnership under the laws of New York State and is not a corporation. Other than the partners or members, there are no employees, day labor, leased employees, borrowed employees, part-time employees, unpaid volunteers (including family members) or subcontractors.
- ☐ D. The business is a one person owned corporation, with that individual owning all of the stock and holding all offices of the corporation. Other than the corporate owner, there are no employees, day labor, leased employees, borrowed employees, part-time employees, other stockholders, unpaid volunteers (including family members) or subcontractors.
- ☐ E. The business is a two person owned corporation, with those individuals owning all of the stock and holding all offices of the corporation (each individual must hold an office and own at least one share of stock). Other than the two corporate officers/owners, there are no employees, day labor, leased employees, borrowed employees, part-time employees, other stockholders, unpaid volunteers (including family members) or subcontractors.
- ☐ F. The applicant is a nonprofit (under IRS rules) with NO compensated individuals providing services except for clergy; or is a religious, charitable or educational nonprofit (Section 501(c)(3) under the IRS tax code) with no compensated individuals providing services except for clergy providing ministerial services; and persons performing teaching or nonmanual labor. [Manual labor includes but is not limited to such tasks as filing; carrying materials such as pamphlets, binders, or books; cleaning such as dusting or vacuuming; playing musical instruments; moving furniture; shoveling snow; mowing lawns; and construction of any sort.]
- ☐ G. The business is a farm with less than \$1,200 in payroll the preceding calendar year.
- ☐ H. The applicant is a homeowner serving as the general contractor for his/her primary/secondary personal residence. The homeowner has no employees, day labor, leased employees, borrowed employees, part-time employees or subcontractors. The homeowner ONLY has uncompensated friends and family working on his/her residence.
- ☐ I. Other than the business owner(s) and individuals obtained from a temporary service agency, there are no employees, day labor, leased employees, borrowed employees, part-time employees, unpaid volunteers (including family members) or subcontractors. Other than the business owner(s), all individuals providing services to the business are obtained from a temporary service agency and that agency has covered these individuals for New York State workers' compensation insurance. In addition, the business is owned by one individual or is a partnership under the laws of New York State and is not a corporation; or is a one or two person owned corporation, with those individuals owning all of the stock and holding all offices of the corporation (in a two person owned corporation, each individual must be an officer and own at least one share of stock). A Temporary Service Agency is a business that is classified as a temporary service agency under the business's North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code.
Temporary Service Agency

Name _____ Phone # _____

- ☐ J. The out-of-state entity has no NYS employees and/or NYS subcontractors AND ALL work related to the permit, license or contract is done outside of NYS; OR ALL employees are direct employees of a government entity outside of New York. Please provide coverage information.

Carrier _____ Policy # _____

Policy start date _____ Policy expiration date _____

8. Please select the reason that the legal entity is NOT required to obtain New York State Statutory Disability Benefits Insurance Coverage:

- ☐ A. The applicant is NOT applying for a disability benefits exemption and will show a separate certificate of NYS statutory disability benefits insurance coverage.
- ☐ B. The business MUST be either: 1) owned by one individual; **OR** 2) is a partnership (including LLC, LLP, PLLP, RLLP, or LP) under the laws of New York State and is not a corporation; **OR** 3) is a one or two person owned corporation, with those individuals owning all of the stock and holding all offices of the corporation (in a two person owned corporation each individual must be an officer and own at least one share of stock); **OR** 4) is a business with no NYS location. In addition, the business does not require disability benefits coverage at this time since it has not employed one or more individuals on at least 30 days in any calendar year in New York State. (Independent contractors are not considered to be employees under the Disability Benefits Law.)
- ☐ C. The applicant is a political subdivision that is legally exempt from providing statutory disability benefits coverage.
- ☐ D. The applicant is a nonprofit (under IRS rules) with NO compensated individuals providing services except for clergy; or is a religious, charitable or educational nonprofit (Section 501(c)(3) under the IRS tax code) with no compensated individuals providing services except for executive officers, clergy, sextons, teachers or professionals.
- ☐ E. The business is a farm and all employees are farm laborers.
- ☐ F. The applicant is a homeowner serving as the general contractor for his/her primary/secondary personal residence. The homeowner has not employed one or more individuals on at least 30 days in any calendar year in New York State. (Independent contractors are not considered to be employees under the Disability Benefits Law.)
- ☐ G. Other than the business owner(s) and individuals obtained from the temporary service agency, there are no other employees. Other than the business owner(s), all individuals providing services to the business are obtained from a temporary service agency and that agency has covered these individuals for New York State disability benefits insurance. In addition, the business is owned by one individual or is a partnership under the laws of New York State and is not a corporation; or is a one or two person owned corporation, with those individuals owning all of the stock and holding all offices of the corporation (in a two person owned corporation, each individual must be an officer and own at least one share of stock). A Temporary Service Agency is a business that is classified as a temporary service agency under the business's North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code.

9. I affirm that due to my position with the above-named business I have the knowledge, information and legal authority to make this Application for Certificate of Attestation of Exemption. I hereby affirm that the information provided above is true and that I have not submitted any materially false statements and I make this application for a Certificate of Attestation of Exemption under the penalties of perjury. I further affirm that I understand that any false statement, representation, or concealment will subject me to felony prosecution, including jail and civil liability in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Law and all other New York State Laws.

Signature

Title

Date

INSTRUCTIONS

Form B should be completed for contracts for consulting services in accordance with the following:

Scope of Contract: a general classification of the single category that best fits the predominate nature of the services provided under the contract.

Employment Category: the specific occupation(s), as listed in the O*NET occupational classification system, which best describe the employees providing services under the contract.

(Note: Access the O*NET database, which is available through the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, online at www.online.onetcenter.org to find a list of occupations)

Number of Employees: the total number of employees in the employment category employed to provide services under the contract during the Report Period, including part-time employees and employees of sub-contractors.

Number of hours (to be) worked: the total number of hours worked during the Report Period by the employees in the employment category.

Amount Payable under the Contract: the total amount paid by the State to the State contractor under the contract, for work by the employees in the employment category, for services provided during the Report Period.

The reports shall be submitted to the following three (3) agencies as follows:

By mail:

NYS Office of the State Comptroller
Bureau of Contracts
110 State Street, 11th Floor
Albany, NY 12236
Attn: Consultant Reporting

NYS Department of Civil Service
Alfred E. Smith Building
Albany, NY 12239

Office of the Attorney General
Purchasing Team
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

By fax:

(518) 474-8030 or 473-8808

(518) 473-1852



NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER
SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9:
REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER & CERTIFICATION

TYPE OR PRINT INFORMATION NEATLY. PLEASE REFER TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Part I: Vendor Information

1. Legal Business Name:	2. Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from Legal Business Name:
3. Entity Type (Check one only): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Sole Proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Co. <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Not For Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Trusts/Estates <input type="checkbox"/> Federal, State or Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Public Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Disregarded Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Payee	

Part II: Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) & Taxpayer Identification Type

1. Enter your TIN here: (<i>DO NOT USE DASHES</i>) See instructions.	<table border="1" style="width:100%; height: 25px;"> <tr> <td style="width:12.5%;"></td> <td style="width:12.5%;"></td> <td style="width:12.5%;"></td> <td style="width:12.5%;"></td> <td style="width:12.5%;"></td> <td style="width:12.5%;"></td> <td style="width:12.5%;"></td> <td style="width:12.5%;"></td> </tr> </table>								
2. Taxpayer Identification Type (check appropriate box): <input type="checkbox"/> Employer ID No. (EIN) <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security No. (SSN) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Taxpayer ID No. (ITIN) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Non-United States Business Entity)									

Part III: Address

1. Remittance Address:	2. Ordering Address:
Number, Street, and Apartment or Suite Number	Number, Street, and Apartment or Suite Number
City, State, and Nine Digit Zip Code or Country	City, State, and Nine Digit Zip Code or Country
	Email Address

Part IV: Vendor Primary Contact Information – Executive Authorized to Represent the Vendor

Primary Contact Name: _____ Title: _____
 Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Part V: Certification and Exemption from Backup Withholding

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (TIN), and
2. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person, and
3. (Check one only):
☐ **I am not subject to backup withholding.** I am (a) exempt from back up withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding), or
☐ **I am subject to backup withholding.** I have been notified by the IRS that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, and I have not been notified by the IRS that I am no longer subject to back withholding.

Sign Here:

_____ Signature	_____ Title	_____ Date
_____ Print Preparer's Name	_____ Phone Number	_____ Email Address

DO NOT SUBMIT FORM TO IRS — SUBMIT FORM TO NYS ONLY AS DIRECTED

NYS Office of the State Comptroller

Instructions for Completing Substitute Form W-9

New York State (NYS) must obtain your correct Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) to report income paid to you or your organization. NYS Office of the State Comptroller uses the Substitute Form W-9 to obtain certification of your TIN in order to ensure accuracy of information contained in its payee/vendor database and to avoid backup withholding.¹ We ask for the information on the Substitute Form W-9 to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us the information.

Any payee/vendor who wishes to do business with New York State must complete the Substitute Form W-9. Substitute Form W-9 is the only acceptable documentation. We will not accept IRS Form W-9.

Part I: Vendor Information

1. **Legal Business Name:** For individuals, enter the name of the person who will do business with NYS as it appears on the Social Security card or other required Federal tax documents. An organization should enter the name shown on its charter or other legal documents that created the organization. Do not abbreviate names.
2. **Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from Legal Business Name:** Enter your DBA name or another name your entity is known by.
3. **Entity Type:** Check the Entity Type doing business with New York State.

Part II: Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and Taxpayer Identification Type

The TIN provided must match the name in the "Legal Business Name" box to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, refers to IRS W-9 instructions for additional information. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number or if the account is in more than one name, refer to IRS W-9 instructions for additional information.

1. **Taxpayer Identification Number:** Enter your nine-digit Social Security Number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN).
2. **Taxpayer Identification Type:** Check the type of identification number provided.

Part III: Address

1. **Remittance Address:** Enter the address where payments, 1099s, if applicable, and official correspondence should be mailed. This will become the default address.
2. **Ordering Address:** Enter the address where purchase orders should be sent. Please note that purchase orders will be sent via email by default.

Part IV: Vendor Primary Contact Information

Please provide the contact information for an executive at your organization. This individual should be the person who makes legal and financial decisions for your organization. Name, phone number and email address are required.

Part V: Certification and Exemption from Backup Withholding

Check the appropriate box indicating your exemption status from backup withholding. Individuals and sole proprietors are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain types of payments. Refer to IRS Form W-9 instructions for additional information. The signature should be provided by the individual, owner, officer, legal representative, or other authorized person of the entity listed on the form. Certain exceptions to the signature requirement are listed in the IRS instructions for form W-9.

¹ According to IRS Regulations, OSC must withhold 28% of all payments if a payee/vendor fails to provide OSC its certified TIN. The Substitute Form W-9 certifies a payee/vendor's TIN.