

## AGENDA SUMMARY ITEM

**Agenda Item #: C - 15**

**Agenda Item:** Approval and authorization to renew ProjectDox hosted Electronic Plan Review & Project Management system with Avolve Software Corporation for the amount of \$117,227.49

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Subscription includes hosting and technical support throughout Fiscal Year 2025 for ProjectDox Production and Test software modules.

Supported/Hosted Modules:

- Online Building Permit Application Submittal Applicant Portal
- Online Planning Development Application Submittal Applicant Portal
- Electronic Plan Review and Permitting Process Workflow
- Seamless Integration to Naviline and Click2Gov Online Payment
- Electronic Plan Review and Development Approval Workflow.
- Electronic Plan Markup and Annotation Tools
- Electronic Project Management

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**Recommended Action:**

Approval of payment to Software House International in the amount of \$117,227.49 per Manager signed SaaS hosting and maintenance support agreement on file. Amount approved in Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

Initiator	Village Manager Approval	Agenda Date	Village Council Action
Randy Brown Information Systems Interim Director		February 20, 2025	



Pricing Proposal  
 Quotation #: 25760912  
 Created On: 1/23/2025  
 Valid Until: 3/14/2025

## FL-Village of Royal Palm Beach

## Inside Account Executive

### Phong Nguyen

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### Eric Otero

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All Prices are in US Dollar (USD)

Product	Qty	Your Price	Total
1 SaaS Additional BIC Workflow Tier 4 Avolve Software - Part#: SOFT-SaaS-WF4 Contract Name: NASPO SOFTWARE VALUE ADDED RESELLER (SVAR) Contract #: CTR060028 Subcontract #: 43230000-23-NASPO-ACS Coverage Term: 3/26/2025 – 3/25/2026 <b>Note:</b> SHI List- \$727.58- Contract is a cost plus contract not a discount from SHI List price. Customer pricing is calculated by adding 6.7% contract fee to the pricing provided from Avolve to SHI.	12	\$675.07	\$8,100.84
2 SaaS PDox OAS Tier 4 Avolve Software - Part#: SOFT-SAAS4 Contract Name: NASPO SOFTWARE VALUE ADDED RESELLER (SVAR) Contract #: CTR060028 Subcontract #: 43230000-23-NASPO-ACS Coverage Term: 3/26/2025 – 3/25/2026 <b>Note:</b> SHI List- \$9514.50- Contract is a cost plus contract not a discount from SHI List price. Customer pricing is calculated by adding 6.7% contract fee to the pricing provided from Avolve to SHI.	12	\$8,827.80	\$105,933.60
3 TES-Video License Subscription Avolve Software - Part#: TES-VLS Contract Name: NASPO SOFTWARE VALUE ADDED RESELLER (SVAR) Contract #: CTR060028 Subcontract #: 43230000-23-NASPO-ACS Coverage Term: 3/26/2025 – 3/25/2026 <b>Note:</b> SHI List- \$491.63- Contract is a cost plus contract not a discount from SHI List price. Customer pricing is calculated by adding 6.7% contract fee to the pricing provided from Avolve to SHI.	7	\$456.15	\$3,193.05
		Total	\$117,227.49

### Additional Comments

Thank you for choosing SHI International Corp! The pricing offered on this quote proposal is valid through the expiration date listed

above. To ensure the best level of service, please provide End User Name, Phone Number, Email Address and applicable Contract Number when submitting a Purchase Order. For any additional information including Hardware, Software and Services Contracts, please contact an SHI Inside Sales Representative at (888) 744-4084. SHI International Corp. is 100% Minority Owned, Woman Owned Business. TAX ID# 22-3009648; DUNS# 61-1429481; CCR# 61-243957G; CAGE 1HTF0

NASPO SOFTWARE VALUE ADDED RESELLER (SVAR) State Contract Expires 4/24/27

Hardware items on this quote may be updated to reflect changes due to industry wide constraints and fluctuations.

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Customer PO: 240208

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*The products offered under this proposal are resold in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract referenced under that applicable line item.*



**PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM  
NASPO VALUEPOINT**

**SOFTWARE VAR**

Administered by the State of Arizona (hereinafter "Lead State")

**MASTER AGREEMENT**

**Master Agreement No: CTR060028**

**SHI International Corp**  
(hereinafter "Contractor")

and

**State of Washington**  
(hereinafter "Participating State")

**WASHINGTON MASTER CONTRACT No.: 14922-01**

This Participating Addendum for the above referenced Master Agreement ("Participating Addendum") is made and entered into by and between the State of Washington acting by and through the Department of Enterprise Services, a Washington State governmental agency ("Enterprise Services"), and SHI International Corp., a New Jersey Corporation ("Contractor") and is dated and effective as of January 1, 2023.

**RECITALS**

- A. Pursuant to Legislative authorization codified in RCW 39.26.060, Enterprise Services, on behalf of the State of Washington, is authorized to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements to develop master agreements to procure goods and/or services and to make such competitively solicited and awarded contracts available to Washington state agencies and designated eligible purchasers consistent with terms and conditions set forth by Enterprise Services.
- B. Enterprise Services timely provided public notice of the competitive solicitation process conducted by the above-referenced lead state through Washington's Electronic Business Solutions (WEBS) system.
- C. The above-referenced Lead State, as part of its competitive solicitation process, evaluated all responses to its procurement and identified Contractor as an apparent successful bidder and awarded a Master Agreement to Contractor.
- D. Enterprise Services has determined that participating in this Master Agreement is in the best interest of the State of Washington.
- E. The purpose of this Participating Addendum is to enable eligible purchasers, as defined herein, to utilize the Master Agreement as conditioned by this Participating Addendum.

## A G R E E M E N T

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, and conditions set forth herein, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. **SCOPE:** This Participating Addendum covers the competitive procurement for Software VAR led by the State of Arizona for use by state agencies and other entities located in the Participating State authorized by that state's statutes to utilize state contracts with the prior approval of the State's chief procurement official.
  
2. **PARTICIPATION:** Use of specific NASPO ValuePoint cooperative contracts by agencies, political subdivisions and other entities (including cooperatives) authorized by an individual state's statutes to use state contracts are subject to the prior approval of the respective State chief procurement official. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the State chief procurement official. Pursuant to this Participating Addendum, the Master Agreement may be utilized by the following ("Purchasing Entities" or "Purchasers"):
  - (a) WASHINGTON STATE AGENCIES. All Washington state agencies, departments, offices, divisions, boards, and commissions.
  
  - (b) WASHINGTON STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION (COLLEGES). Any the following specific institutions of higher education in Washington:
    - State universities – i.e., University of Washington & Washington State University;
    - Regional universities – i.e., Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, & Western Washington University
    - Evergreen State College;
    - Community colleges; and
    - Technical colleges.
  
  - (c) MCUA PARTIES. The Master Agreement also may be utilized by any of the following types of entities that have executed a Master Contract Usage Agreement (MCUA) with Enterprise Services:
    - Political subdivisions (e.g., counties, cities, school districts, public utility districts, ports) in the State of Washington;
    - Federal governmental agencies or entities;
    - Public-benefit nonprofit corporations (i.e., § 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporations that receive federal, state, or local funding); and
    - Federally-recognized Indian Tribes located in the State of Washington.

By placing an order under this Participating Addendum, each Purchasing Entity agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Participating Addendum, including the Master Agreement. Each Purchasing Entity shall be responsible for its compliance with such terms and conditions.

### 3. **PARTICIPATING STATE MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MASTER AGREEMENT:**

This Participating Addendum incorporates all terms and conditions of the Master Agreement as applied to the Purchasing Entities and Contractor, **subject to the following limitations, modifications, and additions:**

- 3.1. **WASHINGTON’S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS (WEBS) SYSTEM:** Within seven (7) days of execution of this Participating Addendum, Contractor shall register in the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services’ Electronic Business Solutions (WEBS) System at [WEBS](#). Contractor shall ensure that all of its information therein is current and accurate and that, throughout the term of the Master Agreement, Contractor shall maintain an accurate profile in WEBS.
- 3.2. **WASHINGTON’S STATEWIDE PAYEE DESK:** To be paid for contract sales, Contractors must register with Washington’s Statewide Payee Desk. Washington state agencies cannot make payments to a contractor until it is registered. Registration materials are available here: [Receiving Payment from the State](#).
- 3.3. **CONTRACT SALES REPORTING:** Contractor shall report total contract sales quarterly to Enterprise Services, as set forth below.
- (a) **REPORTING.** Contractor shall report quarterly Contract sales in Enterprise Services’ [Contract Sales Reporting System](#). Enterprise Services will provide Contractor with a login password and a vendor number.
- (b) **DATA.** Each sales report must identify every authorized Purchasing Entity by name as it is known to Enterprise Services and its total combined sales amount invoiced during the reporting period (i.e., sales of an entire agency or political subdivision, not its individual subsections). The “Miscellaneous” option may be used only with prior approval by Enterprise Services. Upon request, Contractor shall provide contact information for all authorized Purchasing Entities specified herein during the term of this Participating Addendum. Refer sales reporting questions to the Primary Contact set forth below. If there are no contract sales during the reporting period, Contractor must report zero sales.
- (c) **DUE DATES FOR CONTRACT SALES REPORTING.** Quarterly Contract Sales Reports must be submitted electronically by the following deadlines for all sales invoiced during the applicable calendar quarter:

QUARTER	FOR SALES MADE IN CALENDAR QUARTER ENDING	MASTER CONTRACT SALES REPORT	
		DUE BY	PAST DUE
1	January 1 – March 31	April 30	May 1
2	April 1 – June 30	July 31	August 1
3	July 1 – September 30	October 31	November 1
4	October 1 – December 31	January 31	February 1

- 3.4. **VENDOR MANAGEMENT FEE:** Contractor shall pay to Enterprise Services a vendor management fee (“VMF”) of 1.25 percent on the purchase price for all contract sales (the purchase price is the total invoice price less applicable sales tax) authorized by this Participating Addendum.
- (a) The sum owed by Contractor to Enterprise Services as a result of the VMF is calculated as follows:
- Amount owed to Enterprise Services = Total contract sales invoiced (not including sales tax) x .0125.
- (b) The VMF must be rolled into Contractor’s current pricing. The VMF must not be

shown as a separate line item on any invoice unless specifically requested and approved by Enterprise Services.

- (c) Enterprise Services will invoice Contractor quarterly based on contract sales reported by Contractor. Contractor shall not remit payment until it receives an invoice from Enterprise Services. Contractor's VMF payment to Enterprise Services must reference the following:
  - This Washington Master Contract No.: **14922-01**
  - The NASPO Master Agreement No.: **CTR060028**
  - The year and quarter for which the VMF is being remitted, and
  - Contractor's name as set forth in this Contract, if not already included on the face of the check.
- (d) Contractor's failure accurately and timely to report total net sales, to submit timely usage reports, or to remit timely payment of the VMF to Enterprise Services, may be cause for Enterprise Services to suspend or terminate this Participating Addendum or exercise any other remedies as provided by law.
- (e) Enterprise Services reserves the right, upon thirty (30) days advance written notice, to increase, reduce, or eliminate the VMF for subsequent purchases.
- (f) For purposes of the VMF, the parties agree that the initial management fee is included in the pricing. Therefore, any increase or reduction of the management fee must be reflected in contract pricing commensurate with the adjustment.

**3.5. CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES:** Contractor makes each of the following representations and warranties as of the effective date of this Participating Addendum and at the time any order is placed pursuant to the Master Contract. If, at the time of any such order, Contractor cannot make such representations and warranties, Contractor shall not process any orders and shall, within three (3) business days notify Enterprise Services, in writing, of such breach.

- (a) **WAGE VIOLATIONS.** Contractor represents and warrants that, during the term of this Master Contract and the three (3) year period immediately preceding the award of the Master Contract, it is not determined, by a final and binding citation and notice of assessment issued by the Washington Department of Labor and Industries or through a civil judgment entered by a court of limited or general jurisdiction, to be in willful violation of any provision of Washington state wage laws set forth in RCW 49.46, 49.48, or 49.52.
- (b) **CIVIL RIGHTS.** Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor complies with all applicable requirements regarding civil rights. Such requirements prohibit discrimination against individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

**3.6. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW; TAXES, LICENSES, & REGISTRATION:** Contractor shall comply with applicable law. Prior to making any sales hereunder, if Contractor is not already registered, Contractor shall register to conduct business in the State of Washington and promptly acquire and maintain all necessary licenses and registrations and pay all applicable taxes and fees. In addition, for all sales to Purchasers in the State of Washington, if Contractor

does not currently do so, Contractor shall calculate, collect, and remit, as appropriate, the applicable state and local sales tax on all invoices.

**3.7. CONTRACTOR'S SALES AUTHORITY; PURCHASE ORDERS; & INVOICES:**

- (a) **CONTRACTOR'S SALES AUTHORITY.** Pursuant to this Participating Addendum, Contractor is authorized to provide only those goods/services set forth in the Master Agreement as conditioned by this Participating Addendum. Contractor shall not represent to any Purchaser hereunder that it has any authority to sell any other materials, supplies, services and/or equipment.
- (b) **INVOICES.** Contractor must provide a properly completed invoice to Purchaser. All invoices are to be delivered to the address indicated in the purchase order. Each invoice must include the:
  - Washington Master Contract Number 14922-01;
  - Lead State Master Agreement Number CTR060028;
  - Contractor's statewide vendor registration number assigned by the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM); and
  - Applicable Purchaser's order number.

Invoices must be prominently annotated by the Contractor with all applicable volume discount(s).

**3.8 PRICING.** Although Contractor may offer lower prices to Purchasing Entities, Contractor guarantees to provide the Products at no greater than the prices set forth in the Master Agreement, whereas 'Reseller Cost' is defined as the price that Contractor pays the Publisher or Distributor to purchase software on behalf of the Participating State.

**3.9 CONTRACT REVIEWS.** Enterprise Services reserves the right to conduct quarterly reviews of Contractor's sales and prices, and request Contractor to provide copies of Publisher invoices for up to ten percent (10%) of sales in order to validate Reseller Cost

Any limitations, modifications, or additions specified herein apply only to the agreement and relationship between Purchasing Entities and Contractor and shall not amend or affect other participating addendums or the Master Agreement itself.

**4. LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Leasing or renting equipment is not allowed throughout the term of the Master Agreement.

**5. PRIMARY CONTACTS:** The primary contact individuals for this Participating Addendum are as follows (or their named successors):

**Participating State**

Attn: Ryan J Rensel  
State of Washington

**Contractor**

Attn: Nicole Rasky  
SHI International Corp.



Washington Dept. of Enterprise Services  
PO Box 41411  
Olympia, WA 98504-1411  
Tel: (360) 407-2218  
Email:  
[descontractsteamcypress@des.wa.gov](mailto:descontractsteamcypress@des.wa.gov)

290 Davidson Avenue  
Somerset, NJ 08873  
Tel: (732)584-8227  
Email: [naspo\\_svar@shi.com](mailto:naspo_svar@shi.com)

6. **SUBCONTRACTORS:** All contractors, dealers, and resellers authorized to provide sales and service support in Participating Entity's state, as shown on Contractor's NASPO ValuePoint-specific webpage, may provide sales and service support to users of this Participating Addendum. Participation of Contractor's contractors, dealers, and resellers will be in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Agreement.
7. **ORDERS:** Unless the parties to the applicable purchase order agree in writing that another contract or agreement applies to such order, any order placed by a Purchaser for goods/services available from this Master Agreement shall be deemed to be a sale under (and governed by the prices and other terms and conditions of) the Master Agreement as conditioned by this Participating Addendum.
8. **GENERAL:**
  - 8.1. **INTEGRATED AGREEMENT; MODIFICATION.** This Participating Addendum and Master Agreement, together with its exhibits, set forth the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter and supersedes all prior negotiations and representations. This Participating Addendum may not be modified except in writing signed by the Parties.
  - 8.2. **AUTHORITY.** Each party to this Participating Addendum, and each individual signing on behalf of each party, hereby represents and warrants to the other that it has full power and authority to enter into this Participating Addendum and that its execution, delivery, and performance of this Participating Addendum has been fully authorized and approved, and that no further approvals or consents are required to bind such party.
  - 8.3. **ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES.** An electronic signature or electronic record of this Participating Addendum or any other ancillary agreement shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this Participating Addendum or such other ancillary agreement for all purposes.
  - 8.4. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Participating Addendum may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which counterparts together shall constitute the same instrument which may be sufficiently evidenced by one counterpart. Execution of this Participating Addendum at different times and places by the parties shall not affect the validity thereof so long as all the parties hereto execute a counterpart of this Participating Addendum.

EXECUTED as of the date and year first above written.

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES**

By: *Elena McGrew*  
Type Name Elena McGrew  
Its: Statewide Enterprise Procurement Manager  
Date: 1/19/2023

**SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP,  
A NEW JERSEY CORPORATION**

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*Kristina Mann*  
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Type Name  
Its: Kristina Mann  
Date: 1/5/2023



**Alternate Contract Source (ACS)  
No. 43230000-23-NASPO-ACS  
For  
Software Value Added Reseller**

This Alternate Contract Source No. 43230000-23-NASPO-ACS Software Value Added Reseller (Contract), is between the Department of Management Services (Department), an agency of the State of Florida (State), located at 4050 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399 and SHI International Corp. (Contractor), located at 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873 collectively referred to herein as the "Parties."

**WHEREAS**, the Department is authorized by section 287.042(16), Florida Statutes:

To evaluate contracts let by the Federal Government, another state, or a political subdivision for the provision of commodities and contract services, and, if it is determined by the Secretary of the Department of Management Services in writing to be cost-effective and the best value to the state, to enter into a written agreement authorizing an agency to make purchases under such contract;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona competitively procured Software Value Added Reseller services and executed Contract No. CTR060028, Software Value-Added Reseller (Master Contract), with the Contractor;

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary evaluated the Master Contract and determined that use of the Master Contract is cost-effective and the best value to the state.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

**1. Term and Effective Date.**

The Master Contract became effective April 25, 2022, and its term currently ends on April 24, 2027. The Master Contract has two (2) one-year renewals available. The Contract will become effective on April 1, 2023, or on the date signed by all Parties, whichever is later. The Contract will expire on April 24, 2027, unless terminated earlier or renewed in accordance with Exhibit A, Special Contract Conditions.

**2. Scope**

This Contract includes the entire scope of the products and services available through the Master Contract, for which the Contractor is acting as a reseller for the software and services provided by the applicable software publishers. The Contractor is authorized through the

**Alternate Contract Source (ACS)  
No. 43230000-23-NASPO-ACS  
For  
Software Value Added Reseller**

Master Contract to act as a reseller for the software and services provided by the software publishers in Category I – General software and Category II – Microsoft-only software.

**3. Order of Precedence.**

This Contract document and the attached exhibits constitute the Contract and the entire understanding of the Parties. Exhibits A, B, and C, and this Contract document constitute the Participating Addendum to the Master Contract and modify or supplement the terms and conditions of the Master Contract. All exhibits listed below are incorporated by reference into, and form part of, this Contract. In the event of a conflict, the following order of precedence shall apply:

- a) This Contract document
- b) Exhibit A: Additional Special Contract Conditions
- c) Exhibit B: Special Contract Conditions
- d) Exhibit C: Price Sheet
- e) Exhibit D: Master Contract (including any amendments made prior to the effective date of this Contract and any subsequent amendments added to this Contract in accordance with the Modifications Section listed below)

Where the laws and regulations of a state other than the State of Florida are cited or referenced in the Master Contract, such citation or reference shall be replaced by the comparable Florida law or regulation.

**4. Purchases off this Contract.**

Upon execution of this Contract, agencies, as defined in section 287.012, Florida Statutes, may purchase products and services under this Contract. Any entity making a purchase off of this Contract acknowledges and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract. The Contractor shall adhere to the mutually agreed upon terms and conditions included in any contract or purchase orders issued pursuant to this Contract.

**5. Primary Contacts.**

**Department's Contract Manager:**

Evan McLaughlin  
Division of State Purchasing  
Florida Department of Management Services  
4050 Esplanade Way, Suite 360  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0950  
Telephone: 850-487-9847  
Email: [evan.mclaughlin@dms.fl.gov](mailto:evan.mclaughlin@dms.fl.gov)

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No. 43230000-23-NASPO-ACS  
For  
Software Value Added Reseller**

**Contractor's Contract Manager:**

Kristina Mann  
Senior Manager - Contracts  
SHI International Corp.  
290 Davidson Avenue  
Somerset, NJ 08873  
Telephone: 888-764-8888  
Email: Kristina\_Mann@SHI.com

**6. SVAR Requirements.**

The Contractor shall provide Customers with any requested information pertaining to accessible electronic information and information technology products to assist the Customer's compliance with Chapter 282, F.S. and rules promulgated therefrom, including Rule Chapter 60-8, Florida Administrative Code.

**7. Modifications.**

Any amendments to this Contract must be in writing and signed by the Parties. If amendments are made to the Master Contract after the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor shall: 1) notify the Department of such amendments; and 2) provided the Department is amenable to incorporating the amendments into this Contract, enter into a written amendment with the Department reflecting the addition of such amendments to this Contract.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be executed by their duly authorized undersigned officials.

**SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP.**

DocuSigned by:  
*Kristina Mann*

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Kristina Mann  
Sr. Manager - Contracts

**Date:** 4/6/2023 | 9:48 AM EDT

**DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

DocuSigned by:  
*Pedro Allende*

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**Pedro Allende**  
**Secretary**

**Date:** 4/12/2023 | 9:10 PM EDT



## **ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS**

The Contractor and agencies, as defined in section 287.012, Florida Statutes acknowledge and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Master Contract except as otherwise specified in the Contract, which includes the Special Contract Conditions and these Additional Special Contract Conditions.

- A. Orders: Contractor must be able to accept the State of Florida Purchasing Card and MyFloridaMarketPlace (MFMP) purchase orders.
- B. Contractor and Subcontractors, Affiliates, Partners, Resellers, Distributors, and Dealers: By execution of a Contract, the Contractor acknowledges that it will not be released of its contractual obligations to the Department or state agencies because of any failure of an affiliate, partner, subcontractor, reseller, distributor, or dealer. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that its affiliates, partners, subcontractors, resellers, distributors, and dealers providing commodities and performing services in furtherance of the Contract do so in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. The Contractor is fully responsible for satisfactory completion of all work performed under the Contract.
- C. Preferred Pricing Affidavit: It is the responsibility of the Contractor to provide a completed Preferred Pricing Affidavit upon Contract execution and annually thereafter throughout the Contract term in accordance with the Special Contract Conditions.
- D. Purchases Prerequisites: Contractor must ensure that entities receiving payment directly from Customers under this Contract must have met the following requirements:
  - Have an active registration with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations ([www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org)), or, if exempt from the registration requirements, provide the Department with the basis for such exemption.
  - Be registered in the MFMP Vendor Information Portal (<https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com>).
  - Have a current W-9 filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services (<https://flvendor.myfloridacfo.com>)
- E. Punchout Catalog and Electronic Invoicing.

The Contractor is encouraged to provide a MFMP punchout catalog. The punchout catalog provides an alternative mechanism for suppliers to offer the State access to Products awarded under the Contract. The punchout catalog also allows for direct communication between the MFMP eProcurement System and a supplier's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, which can reflect real-time Product inventory/availability information.

Through utilization of the punchout catalog model, a Florida buyer will "punch out" to a supplier's website. Using the search tools on the supplier's Florida punchout catalog site, the user selects the desired Products. When complete, the user exits the supplier's

punchout catalog site and the shopping cart (full of Products) is “brought back” to MFMP. No orders are sent to a supplier when the user exits the supplier’s punchout catalog site. Instead, the chosen Products are “brought back” to MFMP as line items in a purchase order. The user can then proceed through the normal workflow steps, which may include adding/editing the Products (i.e., line items) in the purchase order. An order is not submitted to a supplier until the user approves and submits the purchase order, at which point the supplier receives an email with the order details.

The Contractor may supply electronic invoices in lieu of paper-based invoices for those transactions processed through MFMP. Electronic invoices may be submitted to the agency through one of the mechanisms as listed below:

- 1) EDI (Electronic Data Interchange)  
This standard establishes the data contents of the Invoice Transaction Set (810) for use within the context of an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) environment. This transaction set can be used for invoicing via the Ariba Network (AN) for catalog and non-catalog goods and services.
- 2) PO Flip via AN  
This online process allows Contractors to submit invoices via the AN for catalog and non-catalog goods and services. Contractors have the ability to create an invoice directly from their inbox in their AN account by simply "flipping" the PO into an invoice. This option does not require any special software or technical capabilities.

For the purpose of this section, the Contractor warrants and represents that it is authorized and empowered to and hereby grants the State and the third-party provider of MFMP, a State contractor, the right and license to use, reproduce, transmit, distribute, and publicly display within MFMP. In addition, the Contractor warrants and represents that it is authorized and empowered to and hereby grants the State and the third-party provider the right and license to reproduce and display within MFMP the Contractor's trademarks, system marks, logos, trade dress, or other branding designation that identifies the products made available by the Contractor under the Contract.

F. Contract Reporting: The Contractor shall provide the Department the following accurate and complete reports associated with this Contract.

- 1) Contract Quarterly Sales Reports. The Contractor shall submit complete Quarterly Sales Reports to the Department’s Contract Manager within 30 calendar days after the close of each State fiscal quarter (the State’s fiscal quarters close on September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30).

Reports must be submitted in MS Excel using the DMS Quarterly Sales Report Format, which can be accessed at [https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business\\_operations/state\\_purchasing/vendor\\_resources/quarterly\\_sales\\_report\\_format](https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/vendor_resources/quarterly_sales_report_format). Initiation and submission of the most recent version of the Quarterly Sales Report posted on the DMS website is the responsibility of the Contractor without prompting or notification from the Department’s Contract Manager. If no orders are received during the quarter, the Contractor must email the DMS Contract Manager confirming there was no activity.

- 2) Certified and Minority Business Enterprises Reports. Upon Customer request, the Contractor shall report to each Customer spend with certified and other minority

business enterprises in the provision of commodities or services related to the Customer orders. These reports shall include the period covered; the name, minority code, and Federal Employer Identification Number of each minority business enterprise utilized during the period; commodities and services provided by the minority business enterprise; and the amount paid to each minority business enterprise on behalf of the Customer.

- 3) Ad Hoc Sales Reports. The Department may require additional Contract sales information such as copies of purchase orders or ad hoc sales reports. The Contractor shall submit these documents and reports in the format acceptable to the Department and within the timeframe specified by the Department.
- 4) MFMP Transaction Fee Reports. The Contractor shall submit complete monthly MFMP Transaction Fee Reports to the Department. Reports are due 15 calendar days after the end of each month. Information on how to submit MFMP Transaction Fee Reports online can be located at [https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business\\_operations/state\\_purchasing/myfloridamarketplace/mfmp\\_vendors/transaction\\_fee\\_and\\_reporting](https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/myfloridamarketplace/mfmp_vendors/transaction_fee_and_reporting). Assistance with transaction fee reporting is also available by email at [feeprocessing@myfloridamarketplace.com](mailto:feeprocessing@myfloridamarketplace.com) or telephone at 866-FLA-EPRO (866-352-3776) from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

G. Financial Consequences: The Department or Customer, where applicable, reserves the right to impose financial consequences when the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of the Contract. The following financial consequences will apply for the Contractor's non-performance under the Contract. The Customer and the Contractor may agree to add additional Financial Consequences on an as-needed basis beyond those stated herein to apply to that Customer's resultant contract or purchase order. The State of Florida reserves the right to withhold payment or implement other appropriate remedies, such as Contract termination or nonrenewal, when the Contractor has failed to comply with the provisions of the Contract. The Contractor and the Department agree that financial consequences for non-performance are an estimate of damages which are difficult to ascertain and are not penalties.

The financial consequences below will be paid and received by the Department of Management Services within 30 calendar days from the due date specified by the Department. These financial consequences below are individually assessed for failures over each target period beginning with the first full month or quarter of the Contract performance and every month or quarter, respectively, thereafter.



### Financial Consequences Chart

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Performance Metric</b>	<b>Performance Due Date</b>	<b>Financial Consequence for Non-Performance /Not Received by the Contract Manager</b>
Contractor will timely submit complete Quarterly Sales Reports	All Quarterly Sales Reports will be submitted timely with the required information	Completed reports are due on or before the 30 <sup>th</sup> calendar day after the close of each State fiscal quarter	\$250 per day late
Contractor will timely submit complete MFMP Transaction Fee Reports	All MFMP Transaction Fee Reports will be submitted timely with the required information	Completed reports are due on or before the 15 <sup>th</sup> calendar day after the end of each month	\$100 per day late
Contractor will provide timely acknowledgement and responses to Customer Inquiries	All Customer inquiries will be acknowledged and responded to timely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial responses to Customer inquiries are due within 1 business day</li> <li>• If the Contractor's initial response does not resolve the Customer inquiry, a follow-up response to the inquiry is due to Customer no later than 3 business days following the initial response until inquiry is resolved, unless otherwise agreed upon by Customer and Contractor.</li> </ul>	\$150 per occurrence

Deliverable	Performance Metric	Performance Due Date	Financial Consequence for Non-Performance /Not Received by the Contract Manager
Contractor will provide timely and accurate invoicing to Customers	All Customer invoices will be provided timely and accurately upon Customer acceptance of delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invoices are due to be submitted to Customers no later than 30 calendar days after Customer acceptance.</li> <li>• Invoices requiring correction are due to be resubmitted to Customers within 30 calendar days after notification of inaccurate invoice.</li> </ul>	\$100 per calendar day late up to \$1,000

**No favorable action will be considered when Contractor has outstanding Contract Quarterly Sales Reports, MFMP Transaction Fee Reports, or any other documentation owed to the Department or Customer, to include fees / monies, that is required under this Contract.**

- H. Business Review Meetings: Both the Department and Customer reserve the right to schedule business review meetings, which the Contractor may attend remotely. The Department or Customer may specify the format or agenda for the meeting. At a minimum, the Business Review Meeting may include the following topics:
- a. Contract compliance
  - b. Contract savings (in dollar amount and cost avoidance)
  - c. Spend reports by Customer
  - d. Recommendations for improved compliance and performance
- I. Special Contract Conditions revisions: the corresponding subsections of the Special Contract Conditions referenced below are replaced in their entirety with the following:

## 2.2 Renewal.

Upon written agreement, the Department and the Contractor may renew the Contract in whole or in part only as set forth in the Contract documents, and in accordance with section 287.057(14), F.S.

## 3.7 Transaction Fees.

The State of Florida, through the Department of Management Services, has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide eProcurement system. Pursuant to Section 287.057(24), F.S., all payments shall be assessed a Transaction Fee of one percent (1.0%), or as may otherwise be established by law, which the vendor shall pay to the State.

For payments within the State accounting system (FLAIR or its successor), the Transaction Fee shall, when possible, be automatically deducted from payments to the vendor. If automatic deduction is not possible, the vendor shall pay the Transaction Fee pursuant to subsection 60A-1.031(2), F.A.C. By submission of these reports and corresponding payments, vendor certifies their correctness. All such reports and payments shall be subject to audit by the State or its designee.

The vendor shall receive a credit for any Transaction Fee paid by the vendor for the purchase of any item(s) if such item(s) are returned to the vendor through no fault, act, or omission of the vendor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Transaction Fee is non-refundable when an item is rejected or returned, or declined, due to the vendor's failure to perform or comply with specifications or requirements of the agreement.

Vendors will submit any monthly reports required pursuant to the rule. All such reports and payments will be subject to audit. Failure to comply with the payment of the Transaction Fees or submission of required reporting of transactions shall constitute grounds for declaring the Vendor in default.

## 5.1 Conduct of Business.

The Contractor must comply with all laws, rules, codes, ordinances, and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business, including those of federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction and authority. For example, the Contractor must comply with section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, if applicable, and all prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, creed, national origin, handicap, marital status, or veteran's status. The provisions of subparagraphs 287.058(1)(a)-(c) and (g), F.S., are hereby incorporated by reference.

Nothing contained within this Contract shall be construed to prohibit the Contractor from disclosing information relevant to performance of the Contract or purchase order to members or staff of the Florida Senate or Florida House of Representatives.

Pursuant to section 287.057(26), F.S., the Contractor shall answer all questions of, and ensure a representative will be available to, a continuing oversight team.

The Contractor will comply with all applicable disclosure requirements set forth in section 286.101, F.S. In the event the Department of Financial Services issues the Contractor a final order determining a third or subsequent violation pursuant to section 286.101(7)(c), F.S., the Contractor shall immediately notify the Department and applicable Customers and shall be disqualified from Contract eligibility.

#### 5.4 Convicted, Discriminatory, Antitrust Violator, and Suspended Vendor Lists.

In accordance with sections 287.133, 287.134, and 287.137, F.S., the Contractor is hereby informed of the provisions of sections 287.133(2)(a), 287.134(2)(a), and 287.137(2)(a), F.S. For purposes of this Contract, a person or affiliate who is on the Convicted Vendor List, the Discriminatory Vendor List, or the Antitrust Violator Vendor List may not perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under the Contract. The Contractor must notify the Department if it or any of its suppliers, subcontractors, or consultants have been placed on the Convicted Vendor List, the Discriminatory Vendor List, or the Antitrust Violator Vendor List during the term of the Contract.

In accordance with section 287.1351, F.S., a vendor placed on the Suspended Vendor List may not enter into or renew a contract to provide any goods or services to an agency after its placement on the Suspended Vendor List.

A firm or individual placed on the Suspended Vendor List pursuant to section 287.1351, F.S., the Convicted Vendor List pursuant to section 287.133, F.S., the Antitrust Violator Vendor List pursuant to section 287.137, F.S., or the Discriminatory Vendor List pursuant to section 287.134, F.S., is immediately disqualified from Contract eligibility.

#### 5.6 Cooperation with Inspector General and Records Retention.

Pursuant to section 20.055(5), F.S., the Contractor understands and will comply with its duty to cooperate with the Inspector General in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing. Upon request of the Inspector General or any other authorized State official, the Contractor must provide any information the Inspector General deems relevant. Such information may include, but will not be limited to, the Contractor's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to the Contract. The Contractor will retain such records for the longer of five years after the expiration or termination of the Contract, or the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State, at the Department of State's Records Management website. The Contractor agrees to reimburse the State of Florida for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Inspector General or other authorized State of Florida official for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the State of Florida which results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Such costs will include but will not be limited to: salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor agrees to impose the same obligations to cooperate with the Inspector General and retain records on any subcontractors used to provide goods or services under the Contract.

#### 7.5 Indemnification.

To the extent permitted by Florida law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the Customer and the State of Florida, its officers, employees, and agents harmless from all third party fines, claims, assessments, suits, judgments, or damages, including consequential, special, indirect, and punitive damages, including court costs and attorney's fees, arising from or relating to violation or infringement of a trademark, copyright, patent, trade secret, or intellectual property right or to the extent caused by any acts, actions, breaches, neglect, or omissions of the Contractor, its employees, agents, subcontractors, assignees, or delegates related to the Contract, as well as for any determination arising out of or related to the Contract that the Contractor or Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors, assignees, or delegates are not independent contractors in relation to the Customer. The Contract does not constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity or consent by

the Customer or the State of Florida or its subdivisions to suit by third parties. Without limiting this indemnification, the Customer may provide the Contractor (1) written notice of any action or threatened action, (2) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at Contractor's sole expense, and (3) assistance in defending the action at Contractor's sole expense.

#### 7.6 Limitation of Liability.

Unless otherwise specifically enumerated in the Contract or in the purchase order, neither the Department nor the Customer shall be liable for special, indirect, punitive, or consequential damages, including lost data or records (unless the Contract or purchase order requires the Contractor to back-up data or records), even if the Department or Customer has been advised that such damages are possible. Neither the Department nor the Customer shall be liable for lost profits, lost revenue, or lost institutional operating savings.

#### 8.1.1 Termination of Contract.

The Department may terminate the Contract for refusal by the Contractor to comply with this section by not allowing access to all public records, as defined in Chapter 119, F.S., made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with the Contract unless the records are exempt from s. 24(a) of Art. I of the State Constitution and section 119.071(1), F.S.

#### 8.1.2 Statutory Notice.

Pursuant to section 119.0701(2)(a), F.S., for contracts for services with a contractor acting on behalf of a public agency, as defined in section 119.011(2), F.S., the following applies:

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT [PUBLICRECORDS@DMS.FL.GOV](mailto:PUBLICRECORDS@DMS.FL.GOV), (850) 487-1082 OR 4050 ESPLANADE WAY, SUITE 160, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0950.**

Pursuant to section 119.0701(2)(b), F.S., for contracts for services with a contractor acting on behalf of a public agency as defined in section 119.011(2), F.S., the Contractor shall:

- (a) Keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service.
- (b) Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following the completion of the Contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- (d) Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the public

agency to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

#### 8.2.3 Indemnification Related to Confidentiality of Materials.

The Contractor will protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Department for claims, costs, fines, and applicable attorney's fees arising from or relating to its designation of materials as trade secret or otherwise confidential.

#### 8.4.1 Ownership

If explicitly provided in a separate written agreement between the Contractor and the Customer that sets forth the transfer of ownership rights, the State of Florida shall be the owner of all intellectual property rights to all property created or developed in connection with the Contract.

#### 8.4.2 Patentable Inventions or Discoveries

If explicitly provided in a separate written agreement between the Contractor and the Customer that sets forth the transfer of ownership rights, any inventions or discoveries developed in the course, or as a result, of services in connection with the Contract that are patentable pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 101 are the sole property of the State of Florida. Contractor must inform the Customer of any inventions or discoveries developed or made through performance of the Contract specifically for the Customer, and such inventions or discoveries will be referred to the Florida Department of State for a determination on whether patent protection will be sought. The State of Florida will be the sole owner of all patents resulting from any invention or discovery made through performance of the Contract specifically for the Customer.

#### 8.4.3 Copyrightable Works

If explicitly provided in a separate written agreement between the Contractor and the Customer that sets forth the transfer of ownership rights, Contractor must notify the Department or State of Florida of any publications, artwork, or other copyrightable works developed in connection with the Contract. If explicitly provided in a separate written agreement between the Contractor and the Customer that sets forth the transfer of ownership rights, all copyrights created or developed through performance of the Contract are owned solely by the State of Florida.

#### 11.3.2 Liquidated Damages

The Customer and the Contractor may negotiate terms of liquidated damages at the point of purchase related to how the Contractor's delayed performance will damage the Customer, but by their nature such damages are difficult to ascertain. Accordingly, the negotiated liquidated damages provisions will apply. Liquidated damages are not intended to be a penalty and are solely intended to compensate for damages.

#### 12.1 Performance or Compliance Audits.

The Department may conduct or have conducted performance and/or compliance audits of the Contractor and subcontractors as determined by the Department. The Department may

conduct an audit and review all the Contractor's and subcontractors' data and records that directly relate to the Contract. To the extent necessary to verify the Contractor's fees and claims for payment under the Contract, the Contractor's agreements or contracts with subcontractors, partners, or agents of the Contractor, pertaining to the Contract, may be inspected by the Department upon thirty (30) calendar days' notice, during normal working hours and in accordance with the Contractor's facility access procedures where facility access is required. Release statements from its subcontractors, partners, or agents are not required for the Department or its designee to conduct compliance and performance audits on any of the Contractor's contracts relating to this Contract. The Inspector General, in accordance with section 5.6, the State of Florida's Chief Financial Officer, and the Office of the Auditor General shall also have authority to perform audits and inspections.

#### 13.2 E-Verify.

The Contractor and its subcontractors have an obligation to utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) E-Verify system for all newly hired employees in accordance with section 448.095, F.S. By executing this Contract, the Contractor certifies that it is registered with, and uses, the E-Verify system for all newly hired employees in accordance with section 448.095, F.S. The Contractor must obtain an affidavit from its subcontractors in accordance with paragraph (2)(b) of section 448.095, F.S., and maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the Contract. The Contractor shall provide a copy of its DHS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Department's Contract Manager within five days of Contract execution.

This section serves as notice to the Contractor regarding the requirements of section 448.095, F.S., specifically sub-paragraph (2)(c)1, and the Department's obligation to terminate the Contract if it has a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated section 448.09(1), F.S. If terminated for such reason, the Contractor will not be eligible for award of a public contract for at least one year after the date of such termination. The Department will promptly notify the Contractor and order the immediate termination of the contract between the Contractor and a subcontractor performing work on its behalf for this Contract should the Department have a good faith belief that the subcontractor has knowingly violated section 448.09(1), F.S.

J. Special Contract Conditions additions: the following subsection is added to the Special Contract Conditions:

#### 12.3 Document Inspection.

In accordance with section 216.1366, F.S., the Department or a state agency is authorized to inspect the: (a) financial records, papers, and documents of the Contractor that are directly related to the performance of the Contract or the expenditure of state funds; and (b) programmatic records, papers, and documents of the Contractor which the Department or state agency determines are necessary to monitor the performance of the Contract or to ensure that the terms of the Contract are being met. The Contractor shall provide such records, papers, and documents requested by the Department or a state agency within 10 Business Days after the request is made.

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**In accordance with Rule 60A-1.002(7), F.A.C., Form PUR 1000 is included herein by reference but is superseded in its entirety by these Special Contract Conditions.**



## **SECTION 1. DEFINITION.**

The following definition applies in addition to the definitions in Chapter 287, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule Chapter 60A-1, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.):

### **1.1 Customer.**

The agency or eligible user that purchases commodities or contractual services pursuant to the Contract.

## **SECTION 2. CONTRACT TERM AND TERMINATION.**

### **2.1 Initial Term.**

The initial term will begin on the date set forth in the Contract documents or on the date the Contract is signed by all Parties, whichever is later.

### **2.2 Renewal.**

Upon written agreement, the Department and the Contractor may renew the Contract in whole or in part only as set forth in the Contract documents, and in accordance with section 287.057(13), F.S.

### **2.3 Suspension of Work and Termination.**

#### **2.3.1 Suspension of Work.**

The Department may, at its sole discretion, suspend any or all activities under the Contract, at any time, when it is in the best interest of the State of Florida to do so. The Customer may suspend a resulting contract or purchase order, at any time, when in the best interest of the Customer to do so. The Department or Customer will provide the Contractor written notice outlining the particulars of the suspension. After receiving a suspension notice, the Contractor must comply with the notice and will cease the performance of the Contract or purchase order. Suspension of work will not entitle the Contractor to any additional compensation. The Contractor will not resume performance of the Contract or purchase order until so authorized by the Department.

#### **2.3.2 Termination for Convenience.**

The Contract may be terminated by the Department in whole or in part at any time, in the best interest of the State of Florida. If the Contract is terminated before performance is completed, the Contractor will be paid only for that work satisfactorily performed for which costs can be substantiated. Such payment, however, may not exceed an amount which is the same percentage of the Contract price as the amount of work satisfactorily performed. All work in progress will become the property of the Customer and will be turned over promptly by the Contractor.

#### **2.3.3 Termination for Cause.**

If the performance of the Contractor is not in compliance with the Contract requirements or the Contractor has defaulted, the Department may:

- (a) immediately terminate the Contract;
- (b) notify the Contractor of the noncompliance or default, require correction, and specify the date by which the correction must be completed before the Contract is terminated; or
- (c) take other action deemed appropriate by the Department.

### **SECTION 3. PAYMENT AND FEES.**

#### **3.1 Pricing.**

The Contractor will not exceed the pricing set forth in the Contract documents.

#### **3.2 Price Decreases.**

The following price decrease terms will apply to the Contract:

**3.2.1 Quantity Discounts.** Contractor may offer additional discounts for one-time delivery of large single orders;

**3.2.2 Preferred Pricing.** The Contractor guarantees that the pricing indicated in this Contract is a maximum price. Additionally, Contractor's pricing will not exceed the pricing offered under comparable contracts. Comparable contracts are those that are similar in size, scope, and terms. In compliance with section 216.0113, F.S., Contractor must annually submit an affidavit from the Contractor's authorized representative attesting that the Contract complies with this clause.

**3.2.3 Sales Promotions.** In addition to decreasing prices for the balance of the Contract term due to a change in market conditions, the Contractor may conduct sales promotions involving price reductions for a specified lesser period. The Contractor must submit documentation identifying the proposed: (1) starting and ending dates of the promotion, (2) commodities or contractual services involved, and (3) promotional prices compared to then-authorized prices.

#### **3.3 Payment Invoicing.**

The Contractor will be paid upon submission of invoices to the Customer after delivery and acceptance of commodities or contractual services is confirmed by the Customer. Invoices must contain sufficient detail for an audit and contain the Contract Number and the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number.

#### **3.4 Purchase Order.**

A Customer may use purchase orders to buy commodities or contractual services pursuant to the Contract and, if applicable, the Contractor must provide commodities or contractual services pursuant to purchase orders. Purchase orders issued pursuant to the Contract must be received by the Contractor no later than the close of business on the last day of the Contract's term. The Contractor is required to accept timely purchase orders specifying delivery schedules that extend beyond the Contract term even when such extended delivery will occur after expiration of the Contract. Purchase orders shall be valid through their specified term and performance by the Contractor, and all terms and conditions of the Contract shall survive the termination or expiration of the Contract and apply to the Contractor's performance. The duration of purchase orders for recurring deliverables shall not exceed the expiration of the Contract by more than twelve months. Any purchase order terms and conditions conflicting with these Special Contract Conditions shall not become a part of the Contract.

#### **3.5 Travel.**

Travel expenses are not reimbursable unless specifically authorized by the Customer in writing and may be reimbursed only in accordance with section 112.061, F.S.

### 3.6 Annual Appropriation.

Pursuant to section 287.0582, F.S., if the Contract binds the State of Florida or an agency for the purchase of services or tangible personal property for a period in excess of one fiscal year, the State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under the Contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

### 3.7 Transaction Fees.

The State of Florida, through the Department of Management Services, has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide eProcurement system pursuant to section 287.057(22), F.S. All payments issued by Customers to registered Vendors for purchases of commodities or contractual services will be assessed Transaction Fees as prescribed by rule 60A-1.031, F.A.C., or as may otherwise be established by law. Vendors must pay the Transaction Fees and agree to automatic deduction of the Transaction Fees when automatic deduction becomes available. Vendors will submit any monthly reports required pursuant to the rule. All such reports and payments will be subject to audit. Failure to comply with the payment of the Transaction Fees or reporting of transactions will constitute grounds for declaring the Vendor in default and subject the Vendor to exclusion from business with the State of Florida.

### 3.8 Taxes.

Taxes, customs, and tariffs on commodities or contractual services purchased under the Contract will not be assessed against the Customer or Department unless authorized by Florida law.

### 3.9 Return of Funds.

Contractor will return any overpayments due to unearned funds or funds disallowed pursuant to the terms of the Contract that were disbursed to the Contractor. The Contractor must return any overpayment within forty (40) calendar days after either discovery by the Contractor, its independent auditor, or notification by the Department or Customer of the overpayment.

## **SECTION 4. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.**

### 4.1 Composition and Priority.

The Contractor agrees to provide commodities or contractual services to the Customer as specified in the Contract. Additionally, the terms of the Contract supersede the terms of all prior agreements between the Parties on this subject matter.

### 4.2 Notices.

All notices required under the Contract must be delivered to the designated Contract Manager in a manner identified by the Department.

### 4.3 Department's Contract Manager.

The Department's Contract Manager, who is primarily responsible for the Department's oversight of the Contract, will be identified in a separate writing to the Contractor upon Contract signing in the following format:

Department's Contract Manager Name

Department's Name  
Department's Physical Address  
Department's Telephone #  
Department's Email Address

If the Department changes the Contract Manager, the Department will notify the Contractor. Such a change does not require an amendment to the Contract.

#### 4.4 Contractor's Contract Manager.

The Contractor's Contract Manager, who is primarily responsible for the Contractor's oversight of the Contract performance, will be identified in a separate writing to the Department upon Contract signing in the following format:

Contractor's Contract Manager Name  
Contractor's Name  
Contractor's Physical Address  
Contractor's Telephone #  
Contractor's Email Address

If the Contractor changes its Contract Manager, the Contractor will notify the Department. Such a change does not require an amendment to the Contract.

#### 4.5 Diversity.

##### 4.5.1 Office of Supplier Diversity.

The State of Florida supports its diverse business community by creating opportunities for woman-, veteran-, and minority-owned small business enterprises to participate in procurements and contracts. The Department encourages supplier diversity through certification of woman-, veteran-, and minority-owned small business enterprises and provides advocacy, outreach, and networking through regional business events. For additional information, please contact the Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD) at [osdinfo@dms.myflorida.com](mailto:osdinfo@dms.myflorida.com).

##### 4.5.2 Diversity Reporting.

Upon request, the Contractor will report to the Department its spend with business enterprises certified by the OSD. These reports must include the time period covered, the name and Federal Employer Identification Number of each business enterprise utilized during the period, commodities and contractual services provided by the business enterprise, and the amount paid to the business enterprise on behalf of each agency purchasing under the Contract.

#### 4.6 RESPECT.

Subject to the agency determination provided for in section 413.036, F.S., the following statement applies:

IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT ANY ARTICLES THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF, OR REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT, THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM A NONPROFIT AGENCY FOR THE BLIND OR FOR THE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED THAT IS QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 413, FLORIDA STATUTES, IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 413.036(1) AND (2), FLORIDA STATUTES;

AND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONTRACT THE PERSON, FIRM, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE STATE AGENCY INSOFAR AS DEALINGS WITH SUCH QUALIFIED NONPROFIT AGENCY ARE CONCERNED.

Additional information about RESPECT and the commodities or contractual services it offers is available at <https://www.respectofflorida.org>.

#### 4.7 PRIDE.

Subject to the agency determination provided for in sections 287.042(1) and 946.515, F.S., the following statement applies:

IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT ANY ARTICLES WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF, OR REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT, THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM THE CORPORATION IDENTIFIED UNDER CHAPTER 946, F.S., IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 946.515(2) AND (4), F.S.; AND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONTRACT THE PERSON, FIRM, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THIS AGENCY INSOFAR AS DEALINGS WITH SUCH CORPORATION ARE CONCERNED.

Additional information about PRIDE and the commodities or contractual services it offers is available at <https://www.pride-enterprises.org>.

### **SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.**

#### 5.1 Conduct of Business.

The Contractor must comply with all laws, rules, codes, ordinances, and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business, including those of federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction and authority. For example, the Contractor must comply with section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, if applicable, and all prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, creed, national origin, handicap, marital status, or veteran's status. The provisions of subparagraphs 287.058(1)(a)-(c), and (g), F.S., are hereby incorporated by reference.

#### 5.2 Dispute Resolution, Governing Law, and Venue.

Any dispute concerning performance of the Contract shall be decided by the Department's designated Contract Manager, who will reduce the decision to writing and serve a copy on the Contractor. The decision of the Contract Manager shall be final and conclusive. Exhaustion of this administrative remedy is an absolute condition precedent to the Contractor's ability to pursue legal action related to the Contract or any other form of dispute resolution. The laws of the State of Florida govern the Contract. The Parties submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Florida exclusively for any legal action related to the Contract. Further, the Contractor hereby waives all privileges and rights relating to venue it may have under Chapter 47, F.S., and all such venue privileges and rights it may have under any other statute, rule, or case law, including, but not limited to, those based on convenience. The Contractor hereby submits to venue in the county chosen by the Department.

#### 5.3 Department of State Registration.

Consistent with Title XXXVI, F.S., the Contractor and any subcontractors that assert status, other than a sole proprietor, must provide the Department with conclusive evidence of a certificate of status, not subject to qualification, if a Florida business entity, or of a certificate of authorization if a foreign business entity.

#### 5.4 Suspended, Convicted, and Discriminatory Vendor Lists.

In accordance with sections 287.042, 287.133, and 287.134, F.S., an entity or affiliate who is on the Suspended Vendor List, Convicted Vendor List, or Discriminatory Vendor List may not perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under the Contract. The Contractor must notify the Department if it or any of its suppliers, subcontractors, or consultants have been placed on the Suspended Vendor List, Convicted Vendor List, or Discriminatory Vendor List during the term of the Contract.

#### 5.5 Scrutinized Companies - Termination by the Department.

The Department may, at its option, terminate the Contract if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under section 287.135(5), F.S., or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, or to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

#### 5.6 Cooperation with Inspector General and Records Retention.

Pursuant to section 20.055(5), F.S., the Contractor understands and will comply with its duty to cooperate with the Inspector General in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing. Upon request of the Inspector General or any other authorized State official, the Contractor must provide any information the Inspector General deems relevant to the Contractor's integrity or responsibility. Such information may include, but will not be limited to, the Contractor's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to the Contract. The Contractor will retain such records for the longer of five years after the expiration of the Contract, or the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State, at the Department of State's Records Management website. The Contractor agrees to reimburse the State of Florida for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Inspector General or other authorized State of Florida official for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the State of Florida which results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Such costs will include but will not be limited to: salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor agrees to impose the same obligations to cooperate with the Inspector General and retain records on any subcontractors used to provide goods or services under the Contract.

### **SECTION 6. MISCELLANEOUS.**

#### 6.1 Subcontractors.

The Contractor will not subcontract any work under the Contract without prior written consent of the Department. The Contractor is fully responsible for satisfactory completion of all its subcontracted work. The Department supports diversity in its procurements and contracts, and requests that the Contractor offer subcontracting opportunities to certified woman-, veteran-, and minority-owned small businesses. The

Contractor may contact the OSD at [osdhelp@dms.myflorida.com](mailto:osdhelp@dms.myflorida.com) for information on certified small business enterprises available for subcontracting opportunities.

#### 6.2 Assignment.

The Contractor will not sell, assign, or transfer any of its rights, duties, or obligations under the Contract without the prior written consent of the Department. However, the Contractor may waive its right to receive payment and assign same upon notice to the Department. In the event of any assignment, the Contractor remains responsible for performance of the Contract, unless such responsibility is expressly waived by the Department. The Department may assign the Contract with prior written notice to the Contractor.

#### 6.3 Independent Contractor.

The Contractor and its employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors are independent contractors and not employees or agents of the State of Florida and are not entitled to State of Florida benefits. The Department and Customer will not be bound by any acts or conduct of the Contractor or its employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors. The Contractor agrees to include this provision in all its subcontracts under the Contract.

#### 6.4 Inspection and Acceptance of Commodities.

##### 6.4.1 Risk of Loss.

Matters of inspection and acceptance are addressed in section 215.422, F.S. Until acceptance, risk of loss or damage will remain with the Contractor. The Contractor will be responsible for filing, processing, and collecting all damage claims. To assist the Contractor with damage claims, the Customer will: record any evidence of visible damage on all copies of the delivering carrier's bill of lading; report damages to the carrier and the Contractor; and provide the Contractor with a copy of the carrier's bill of lading and damage inspection report.

##### 6.4.2 Rejected Commodities.

When a Customer rejects a commodity, Contractor will remove the commodity from the premises within ten (10) calendar days after notification of rejection, and the risk of loss will remain with the Contractor. Commodities not removed by the Contractor within ten (10) calendar days will be deemed abandoned by the Contractor, and the Customer will have the right to dispose of such commodities. Contractor will reimburse the Customer for costs and expenses incurred in storing or effecting removal or disposition of rejected commodities.

#### 6.5 Safety Standards.

Performance of the Contract for all commodities or contractual services must comply with requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and other applicable State of Florida and federal requirements.

#### 6.6 Ombudsman.

A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Department of Financial Services. The duties of this office are found in section 215.422, F.S., which include disseminating information relative to prompt payment and assisting contractors in receiving their payments in a timely manner from a Customer. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted at (850) 413-5516.

**6.7 Time is of the Essence.**

Time is of the essence regarding every obligation of the Contractor under the Contract. Each obligation is deemed material, and a breach of any such obligation (including a breach resulting from untimely performance) is a material breach.

**6.8 Waiver.**

The delay or failure by the Department or the Customer to exercise or enforce any rights under the Contract will not constitute waiver of such rights.

**6.9 Modification and Severability.**

The Contract may only be modified by written agreement between the Department and the Contractor. Should a court determine any provision of the Contract is invalid, the remaining provisions will not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the Parties will be construed and enforced as if the Contract did not contain the provision held invalid.

**6.10 Cooperative Purchasing.**

Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of the Contractor, governmental entities that are not Customers may make purchases under the terms and conditions contained herein, if agreed to by Contractor. Such purchases are independent of the Contract between the Department and the Contractor, and the Department is not a party to these transactions. Agencies seeking to make purchases under this Contract are required to follow the requirements of Rule 60A-1.045(5), F.A.C.

**SECTION 7. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE.**

**7.1 Workers' Compensation Insurance.**

The Contractor shall maintain workers' compensation insurance as required under the Florida Workers' Compensation Law or the workers' compensation law of another jurisdiction where applicable. The Contractor must require all subcontractors to similarly provide workers' compensation insurance for all of the latter's employees. In the event work is being performed by the Contractor under the Contract and any class of employees performing the work is not protected under Workers' Compensation statutes, the Contractor must provide, and cause each subcontractor to provide, adequate insurance satisfactory to the Department, for the protection of employees not otherwise protected.

**7.2 General Liability Insurance.**

The Contractor must secure and maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance, including bodily injury, property damage, products, personal and advertising injury, and completed operations. This insurance must provide coverage for all claims that may arise from performance of the Contract or completed operations, whether by the Contractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor. Such insurance must include the State of Florida as an additional insured for the entire length of the resulting contract. The Contractor is responsible for determining the minimum limits of liability necessary to provide reasonable financial protections to the Contractor and the State of Florida under the resulting contract.

**7.3 Florida Authorized Insurers.**



All insurance shall be with insurers authorized and eligible to transact the applicable line of insurance business in the State of Florida. The Contractor shall provide Certification(s) of Insurance evidencing that all appropriate coverage is in place and showing the Department to be an additional insured.

#### 7.4 Performance Bond.

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Department may require the Contractor to furnish, without additional cost to the Department, a performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit or other form of security for the satisfactory performance of work hereunder. The Department shall determine the type and amount of security.

#### 7.5 Indemnification.

To the extent permitted by Florida law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the Customer and the State of Florida, its officers, employees, and agents harmless from all fines, claims, assessments, suits, judgments, or damages, including consequential, special, indirect, and punitive damages, including court costs and attorney's fees, arising from or relating to violation or infringement of a trademark, copyright, patent, trade secret, or intellectual property right or out of any acts, actions, breaches, neglect, or omissions of the Contractor, its employees, agents, subcontractors, assignees, or delegates related to the Contract, as well as for any determination arising out of or related to the Contract that the Contractor or Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors, assignees, or delegates are not independent contractors in relation to the Customer. The Contract does not constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity or consent by the Customer or the State of Florida or its subdivisions to suit by third parties. Without limiting this indemnification, the Customer may provide the Contractor (1) written notice of any action or threatened action, (2) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at Contractor's sole expense, and (3) assistance in defending the action at Contractor's sole expense.

#### 7.6 Limitation of Liability.

Unless otherwise specifically enumerated in the Contract or in the purchase order, neither the Department nor the Customer shall be liable for special, indirect, punitive, or consequential damages, including lost data or records (unless the Contract or purchase order requires the Contractor to back-up data or records), even if the Department or Customer has been advised that such damages are possible. Neither the Department nor the Customer shall be liable for lost profits, lost revenue, or lost institutional operating savings. The Department or Customer may, in addition to other remedies available to them at law or equity and upon notice to the Contractor, retain such monies from amounts due Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs, and the like asserted by or against them. The State may set off any liability or other obligation of the Contractor or its affiliates to the State against any payments due the Contractor under any contract with the State.

### **SECTION 8. PUBLIC RECORDS, TRADE SECRETS, DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.**

#### 8.1 Public Records.

##### 8.1.1 Termination of Contract.

The Department may terminate the Contract for refusal by the Contractor to comply with this section by not allowing access to all public records, as defined in Chapter 119, F. S., made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with the Contract.

#### 8.1.2 Statutory Notice.

Pursuant to section 119.0701(2)(a), F.S., for contracts for services with a contractor acting on behalf of a public agency, as defined in section 119.011(2), F.S., the following applies:

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND MAILING ADDRESS PROVIDED IN THE RESULTING CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER.**

Pursuant to section 119.0701(2)(b), F.S., for contracts for services with a contractor acting on behalf of a public agency as defined in section 119.011(2), F.S., the Contractor shall:

- (a) Keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service.
- (b) Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following the completion of the Contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- (d) Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

#### 8.2 Protection of Trade Secrets or Otherwise Confidential Information.

8.2.1 Contractor Designation of Trade Secrets or Otherwise Confidential Information. If the Contractor considers any portion of materials to be trade secret under section 688.002 or 812.081, F.S., or otherwise confidential under Florida or federal law, the Contractor must clearly designate that portion of the materials as trade secret or otherwise confidential when submitted to the Department. The Contractor will be

responsible for responding to and resolving all claims for access to Contract-related materials it has designated trade secret or otherwise confidential.

#### 8.2.2 Public Records Requests.

If the Department receives a public records request for materials designated by the Contractor as trade secret or otherwise confidential under Florida or federal law, the Contractor will be responsible for taking the appropriate legal action in response to the request. If the Contractor fails to take appropriate and timely action to protect the materials designated as trade secret or otherwise confidential, the Department will provide the materials to the requester.

#### 8.2.3 Indemnification Related to Confidentiality of Materials.

The Contractor will protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Department for claims, costs, fines, and attorney's fees arising from or relating to its designation of materials as trade secret or otherwise confidential.

#### 8.3 Document Management.

The Contractor must retain sufficient documentation to substantiate claims for payment under the Contract and all other records, electronic files, papers, and documents that were made in relation to this Contract. The Contractor must retain all documents related to the Contract for five (5) years after expiration of the Contract or, if longer, the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State available at the Department of State's Records Management website.

#### 8.4 Intellectual Property.

##### 8.4.1 Ownership.

Unless specifically addressed otherwise in the Contract, the State of Florida shall be the owner of all intellectual property rights to all property created or developed in connection with the Contract.

##### 8.4.2 Patentable Inventions or Discoveries.

Any inventions or discoveries developed in the course, or as a result, of services in connection with the Contract that are patentable pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 101 are the sole property of the State of Florida. Contractor must inform the Customer of any inventions or discoveries developed or made through performance of the Contract, and such inventions or discoveries will be referred to the Florida Department of State for a determination on whether patent protection will be sought. The State of Florida will be the sole owner of all patents resulting from any invention or discovery made through performance of the Contract.

##### 8.4.3 Copyrightable Works.

Contractor must notify the Department or State of Florida of any publications, artwork, or other copyrightable works developed in connection with the Contract. All copyrights created or developed through performance of the Contract are owned solely by the State of Florida.

### **SECTION 9. DATA SECURITY.**

The Contractor will maintain the security of State of Florida data including, but not limited to, maintaining a secure area around any displayed visible data and ensuring data is stored and secured when not in use. The Contractor and subcontractors will not perform any of the services from outside of the United States, and the Contractor will not allow any State of Florida data to be sent by any medium, transmitted, or accessed outside the United States due to Contractor's action or inaction. In the event of a security breach involving State of Florida data, the Contractor shall give notice to the Customer and the Department within one business day. "Security breach" for purposes of this section will refer to a confirmed event that compromises the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of data. Once a data breach has been contained, the Contractor must provide the Department with a post-incident report documenting all containment, eradication, and recovery measures taken. The Department reserves the right in its sole discretion to enlist a third party to audit Contractor's findings and produce an independent report, and the Contractor will fully cooperate with the third party. The Contractor will also comply with all HIPAA requirements and any other state and federal rules and regulations regarding security of information.

## **SECTION 10. GRATUITIES, LOBBYING, AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

### 10.1 Gratuities.

The Contractor will not, in connection with this Contract, directly or indirectly (1) offer, give, or agree to give anything of value to anyone as consideration for any State of Florida officer's or employee's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, other exercise of discretion, or violation of a known legal duty, or (2) offer, give, or agree to give to anyone anything of value for the benefit of, or at the direction or request of, any State of Florida officer or employee.

### 10.2 Lobbying.

In accordance with sections 11.062 and 216.347, F.S., Contract funds are not to be used for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or the Department. Pursuant to section 287.058(6), F.S., the Contract does not prohibit the Contractor from lobbying the executive or legislative branch concerning the scope of services, performance, term, or compensation regarding the Contract after the Contract is executed and during the Contract term.

### 10.3 Communications.

#### 10.3.1 Contractor Communication or Disclosure.

The Contractor shall not make any public statements, press releases, publicity releases, or other similar communications concerning the Contract or its subject matter or otherwise disclose or permit to be disclosed any of the data or other information obtained or furnished in compliance with the Contract, without first notifying the Customer's Contract Manager and securing the Customer's prior written consent.

#### 10.3.2 Use of Customer Statements.

The Contractor shall not use any statement attributable to the Customer or its employees for the Contractor's promotions, press releases, publicity releases, marketing, corporate communications, or other similar communications, without first notifying the Customer's Contract Manager and securing the Customer's prior written consent.

## **SECTION 11. CONTRACT MONITORING.**

### **11.1 Performance Standards.**

The Contractor agrees to perform all tasks and provide deliverables as set forth in the Contract. The Department and the Customer will be entitled at all times, upon request, to be advised as to the status of work being done by the Contractor and of the details thereof.

### **11.2 Performance Deficiencies and Financial Consequences of Non-Performance.**

#### **11.2.1 Proposal of Corrective Action Plan.**

In addition to the processes set forth in the Contract (e.g., service level agreements), if the Department or Customer determines that there is a performance deficiency that requires correction by the Contractor, then the Department or Customer will notify the Contractor. The correction must be made within a time-frame specified by the Department or Customer. The Contractor must provide the Department or Customer with a corrective action plan describing how the Contractor will address all performance deficiencies identified by the Department or Customer.

#### **11.2.2 Retainage for Unacceptable Corrective Action Plan or Plan Failure.**

If the corrective action plan is unacceptable to the Department or Customer, or implementation of the plan fails to remedy the performance deficiencies, the Department or Customer will retain ten percent (10%) of the total invoice amount. The retainage will be withheld until the Contractor resolves the performance deficiencies. If the performance deficiencies are resolved, the Contractor may invoice the Department or Customer for the retained amount. If the Contractor fails to resolve the performance deficiencies, the retained amount will be forfeited to compensate the Department or Customer for the performance deficiencies.

### **11.3 Performance Delay.**

#### **11.3.1 Notification.**

The Contractor will promptly notify the Department or Customer upon becoming aware of any circumstances that may reasonably be expected to jeopardize the timely and successful completion (or delivery) of any commodity or contractual service. The Contractor will use commercially reasonable efforts to avoid or minimize any delays in performance and will inform the Department or the Customer of the steps the Contractor is taking or will take to do so, and the projected actual completion (or delivery) time. If the Contractor believes a delay in performance by the Department or the Customer has caused or will cause the Contractor to be unable to perform its obligations on time, the Contractor will promptly so notify the Department and use commercially reasonable efforts to perform its obligations on time notwithstanding the Department's delay.

#### **11.3.2 Liquidated Damages.**

The Contractor acknowledges that delayed performance will damage the Department/Customer, but by their nature such damages are difficult to ascertain. Accordingly, the liquidated damages provisions stated in the Contract documents will apply. Liquidated damages are not intended to be a penalty and are solely intended to compensate for damages.

### **11.4 Force Majeure, Notice of Delay, and No Damages for Delay.**

The Contractor will not be responsible for delay resulting from its failure to perform if neither the fault nor the negligence of the Contractor or its employees or agents contributed to the delay, and the delay is due directly to fire, explosion, earthquake, windstorm, flood, radioactive or toxic chemical hazard, war, military hostilities, terrorism, civil emergency, embargo, riot, strike, violent civil unrest, or other similar cause wholly beyond the Contractor's reasonable control, or for any of the foregoing that affect subcontractors or suppliers if no alternate source of supply is available to the Contractor. The foregoing does not excuse delay which could have been avoided if the Contractor implemented any risk mitigation required by the Contract. In case of any delay the Contractor believes is excusable, the Contractor will notify the Department in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either (1) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause that created or will create the delay first arose, if the Contractor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result, or (2) if delay is not reasonably foreseeable, within five (5) calendar days after the date the Contractor first had reason to believe that a delay could result. The foregoing will constitute the Contractor's sole remedy or excuse with respect to delay. Providing notice in strict accordance with this paragraph is a condition precedent to such remedy. No claim for damages will be asserted by the Contractor. The Contractor will not be entitled to an increase in the Contract price or payment of any kind from the Department for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency, arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this paragraph, after the causes have ceased to exist the Contractor will perform at no increased cost, unless the Department determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Contract to the State of Florida or to Customers, in which case the Department may (1) accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Contractor, provided that the Contractor grants preferential treatment to Customers and the Department with respect to commodities or contractual services subjected to allocation, or (2) purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Contractor for the related costs and expenses) to replace all or part of the commodity or contractual services that are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantity, or (3) terminate the Contract in whole or in part.

## **SECTION 12. CONTRACT AUDITS.**

### **12.1 Performance or Compliance Audits.**

The Department may conduct or have conducted performance and/or compliance audits of the Contractor and subcontractors as determined by the Department. The Department may conduct an audit and review all the Contractor's and subcontractors' data and records that directly relate to the Contract. To the extent necessary to verify the Contractor's fees and claims for payment under the Contract, the Contractor's agreements or contracts with subcontractors, partners, or agents of the Contractor, pertaining to the Contract, may be inspected by the Department upon fifteen (15) calendar days' notice, during normal working hours and in accordance with the Contractor's facility access procedures where facility access is required. Release statements from its subcontractors, partners, or agents are not required for the Department or its designee to conduct compliance and performance audits on any of the Contractor's contracts relating to this Contract. The Inspector General, in accordance with section 5.6, the State of Florida's Chief Financial Officer, the Office of the Auditor General also have authority to perform audits and inspections.

## 12.2 Payment Audit.

Records of costs incurred under terms of the Contract will be maintained in accordance with section 8.3 of these Special Contract Conditions. Records of costs incurred will include the Contractor's general accounting records, together with supporting documents and records of the Contractor and all subcontractors performing work, and all other records of the Contractor and subcontractors considered necessary by the Department, the State of Florida's Chief Financial Officer, or the Office of the Auditor General.

## **SECTION 13. BACKGROUND SCREENING AND SECURITY.**

### 13.1 Background Check.

The Department or Customer may require the Contractor to conduct background checks of its employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors as directed by the Department or Customer. The cost of the background checks will be borne by the Contractor. The Department or Customer may require the Contractor to exclude the Contractor's employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors based on the background check results. In addition, the Contractor must ensure that all persons have a responsibility to self-report to the Contractor within three (3) calendar days any arrest for any disqualifying offense. The Contractor must notify the Contract Manager within twenty-four (24) hours of all details concerning any reported arrest. Upon the request of the Department or Customer, the Contractor will re-screen any of its employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors during the term of the Contract.

### 13.2 E-Verify.

The Contractor must use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired during the term of the Contract for the services specified in the Contract. The Contractor must also include a requirement in subcontracts that the subcontractor must utilize the E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the Contract term. In order to implement this provision, the Contractor must provide a copy of its DHS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Contract Manager within five (5) calendar days of Contract execution. If the Contractor is not enrolled in DHS E-Verify System, it will do so within five (5) calendar days of notice of Contract award and provide the Contract Manager a copy of its MOU within five (5) calendar days of Contract execution. The link to E-Verify is <https://www.uscis.gov/e-verify>. Upon each Contractor or subcontractor new hire, the Contractor must provide a statement within five (5) calendar days to the Contract Manager identifying the new hire with its E-Verify case number.

### 13.3 Disqualifying Offenses.

If at any time it is determined that a person has been found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony offense as a result of a trial or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, regardless of whether adjudication was withheld, within the last six (6) years from the date of the court's determination for the crimes listed below, or their equivalent in any jurisdiction, the Contractor is required to immediately remove that person from any position with access to State of Florida data or directly performing services under the Contract. The disqualifying offenses are as follows:

- (a) Computer related crimes;
- (b) Information technology crimes;

- (c) Fraudulent practices;
- (d) False pretenses;
- (e) Frauds;
- (f) Credit card crimes;
- (g) Forgery;
- (h) Counterfeiting;
- (i) Violations involving checks or drafts;
- (j) Misuse of medical or personnel records; and
- (k) Felony theft.

#### 13.4 Confidentiality.

The Contractor must maintain confidentiality of all confidential data, files, and records related to the commodities or contractual services provided pursuant to the Contract and must comply with all state and federal laws, including, but not limited to sections 381.004, 384.29, 392.65, and 456.057, F.S. The Contractor's confidentiality procedures must be consistent with the most recent version of the Department security policies, protocols, and procedures. The Contractor must also comply with any applicable professional standards with respect to confidentiality of information.

#### **SECTION 14. WARRANTY OF CONTRACTOR'S ABILITY TO PERFORM.**

The Contractor warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, there is no pending or threatened action, proceeding, or investigation, or any other legal or financial condition, that would in any way prohibit, restrain, or diminish the Contractor's ability to satisfy its Contract obligations. The Contractor warrants that neither it nor any affiliate is currently on the Suspended Vendor List, Convicted Vendor List, or the Discriminatory Vendor List, or on any similar list maintained by any other state or the federal government. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Department in writing if its ability to perform is compromised in any manner during the term of the Contract.