

APPENDIX A-1
New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
AGENCY-SPECIFIC CLAUSES

A. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. This contract (Agreement) is hereby made by and between the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), on behalf of the State of New York (State) and the Grantee.
2. Appendix A (Standard Clauses as required by the Attorney General for all State contracts) takes precedence over all other parts of this Agreement.
3. This Agreement incorporates the face pages attached, this Appendix and all of the marked Appendices identified on the face page hereof.
4. Funding for the entire Agreement Period shall not exceed the funding amount specified as “Funding Amount for the Initial Period” on the face page hereof.
5. The period of this Agreement shall be as specified on the face page hereof. Should funding become unavailable, this Agreement may be suspended until funding becomes available. In such event DHSES shall notify the Grantee immediately of learning of such unavailability of funds, however, any such suspension shall not be deemed to extend the term of this Agreement beyond the end date specified on the face page hereof.
6. To modify the Agreement, the parties shall revise or complete the appropriate appendix form(s). Any change in the amount of consideration to be paid, change in scope, or change in the term, is subject to the approval of the NYS Office of the State Comptroller. Any other modifications shall be processed in accordance with DHSES guidelines as stated in this Agreement.
7. The Grantee must meet the program objectives summarized in the Program Work Plan and Special Conditions (Appendix D) to the satisfaction of DHSES in accordance with provisions of the Agreement, relevant laws, rules and regulations, administrative and fiscal guidelines and, where applicable, operating certificates for facilities or license for an activity or program.
8. If the Grantee enters into subcontracts for the performance of work pursuant to this Agreement, the Grantee shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its sub-grantees. Nothing in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under this Agreement. No contractual relationship shall be deemed to exist between the sub-grantee and neither DHSES nor the State of New York.
9. If this Agreement exceeds \$50,000, it shall not take effect until it is executed by the parties hereto and approved by both the Offices of the NYS Attorney General and State Comptroller. If this Agreement is \$15,000 or less, it shall not take effect until it is executed by both parties.

If this Agreement ranges in dollar amount from \$15,000.01 to \$50,000, execution is contingent upon the appropriation. If the Agreement utilizes funds appropriated *prior to*

April 1, 2006, it shall not take effect until it is executed by the parties hereto and approved by both the Offices of the NYS Attorney General and State Comptroller. If the Agreement utilizes funds appropriated *on or after* April 1, 2006, it shall not take effect until it is executed by both parties.

10. The failure of a party to enforce a contractual obligation shall not eliminate the other party's obligation to perform such contractual obligation.
11. In the event that any provision of this Agreement is determined to be null and void, all remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.
12. If applicable, the Grantee agrees to obtain not-for-profit status, a federal identification number, and a charitable registration number (or a declaration of exemption) and to furnish DHSES with this information as soon as it is available.
13. The Grantee agrees, as a material condition of the Agreement, to comply with all applicable provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.), as amended.
14. The Grantee shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 889-aa; State Technology Law Section 208). The Grantee shall be liable for the costs associated with such breach if caused by the Grantee's negligent or willful acts or omissions, or the negligent or willful actions or omissions of Grantee's agents, officers, employees or sub-grantees.
15. Consistent with the NYS Office of State Comptroller Bulletin No. G-221, all non-governmental (non-profit and commercial) organizations scheduled to receive grant funding from DHSES must comply with Vendor Responsibility requirements.

B. BUDGET, PAYMENT, REIMBURSEMENT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. The Grantee is not permitted to make any changes to the Agreement budget without the written approval of DHSES. Furthermore, any proposed modification to the Agreement which results in a change of greater than 10 percent to any budget category, must be submitted to NYS Office of State Comptroller for approval.
2. To be eligible for payment, the Grantee shall submit to the DHSES' designated payment office (identified in Appendix C) any appropriate documentation as required by the Payment and Reporting Schedule (Appendix C) and by agency fiscal guidelines, in a manner acceptable to DHSES.
3. DHSES shall make payments and any reconciliation in accordance with the Payment and Reporting Schedule (Appendix C). DHSES shall pay the Grantee for completed, approved projects, a sum not to exceed the amount noted on the face page hereof. The Grantee must not seek or accept reimbursement from any other sources for Grantee costs and services pursuant to this Agreement.
4. Grantee shall provide complete and accurate vouchers to the Agency in order to receive payment. Vouchers submitted to DHSES must contain all information and supporting documentation required by the Agreement, DHSES and the State Comptroller. Payment for vouchers submitted by the Grantee shall only be rendered electronically, unless a paper check

is expressly authorized by the Director of DHSES, at the Director's sole discretion, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payment shall be made in accordance with the ordinary State procedures and practices. The Grantee shall comply with the State Comptroller's procedures to authorize electronic payments. Authorization forms are available at the State Comptroller's website at www.osc.state.ny.us/epay/index.htm, by email at epunit@osc.state.ny.us, or by telephone at (518) 474-4032. Grantee acknowledges that it will not receive payment on any vouchers submitted under this Agreement if it does not comply with the State Comptroller's electronic payment procedures, except where the Director has expressly authorized payment by paper check as set forth above.

5. The Grantee shall meet all audit requirements of the federal government and State of New York.
6. Space rental provided by this Agreement must be supported by a written lease, maintained on file and made available by the Grantee upon request.
7. The Grantee's request for travel, meals or lodging reimbursement shall be in accordance with Appendix B, Budget, and, unless written authorization has been received from DHSES, shall not exceed rates authorized by the NYS Office Of State Comptroller (Audit and Control). Rates may be viewed online at: <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/travel/travel.htm>.
8. The Grantee's employment of a consultant must be supported by a written agreement executed by the Grantee and the consultant. A consultant is defined as an individual or organization hired by the Grantee for the stated purpose of accomplishing a specific task relative to the funded project. All consultant services must be obtained in a manner that provides for fair and open competition. The Grantee shall retain copies of all solicitations seeking a consultant, written agreements and documentation justifying the cost and selection of the consultant, and make them available to DHSES upon request. The Grantee further agrees that it shall assume sole and complete responsibility for fulfilling all the obligations set forth in the Agreement and the Grantee must guarantee the work of the consultant as if it were its own.
 - a) Unless a special condition applies to this Agreement, the rate for consultant services shall be reasonable and consistent with the amount paid for similar services in the marketplace. Time and effort reports are required for consultants.
 - b) Grantee must adhere to the following guidelines at a minimum when obtaining consultant services.
 - i. Consultant services that cost up to \$15,000 may be obtained by proving reasonableness of price. One method of proving reasonableness of price is to obtain three quotations from responsible vendors, on the vendor's letterhead. A description of the selection process must be maintained, as well as a record of the quotations.
 - ii. Consultant services that cost over \$15,000 up to \$50,000 may be obtained by advertising the opportunity in a reasonable manner and in an appropriate venue for a reasonable period of time. Reasonableness of price must be proven; obtaining three quotations as in (i.) above may be used. A record

must be maintained of the advertisement, the quotations, and the selection process.

- iii. Consultant services that cost over \$50,000 must use a formal competitive bidding process. Guidance may be obtained from DHSES. At a minimum, the competitive bidding process must incorporate the following: open, fair advertisement of the opportunity to provide services; equal provision of information to all interested parties; reasonable deadlines; establishment of the methodology of evaluating bids before the bids are opened; sealed bids opened at one time before a committee who will certify the process; and maintenance of a record of the competitive procurement process.
 - c) A Grantee that is a local government must contract for consultants in accordance with General Municipal Law Article 5-A and any other applicable regulations.
 - d) A Grantee who proposes to obtain consultant services from a particular vendor without competitive bidding must obtain the prior written approval of DHSES. The request for approval must be in writing and set forth, at a minimum, a detailed justification for selection and the basis upon which the price was determined to be reasonable. Further, such consultant services must be in accordance with the guidelines, bulletins and regulations of the NYS Office of the State Comptroller, State Procurement Council, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. A copy of DHSES' approval must also be submitted with the voucher for payment.
9. Equipment means tangible, nonexpendable, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit. A Grantee may use its own definition of equipment provided that such definition would at least include all equipment defined above. A copy of the property record(s) or equipment inventory report(s) with relevant purchasing and supporting documentation must be made available to DHSES upon request. Property records or equipment inventory reports must be maintained, by award, that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of property, who holds title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of federal participation in the cost of the property, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property. The Grantee must document receipt of all applicable equipment purchased with grant funds. A physical inventory of the property must be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every two years.
10. Upon completion of all contractual requirements by the Grantee, DHSES will consider a request for continued use and possession of the equipment purchased with grant funds provided the equipment continues to be used in connection with a public security program. When disposing of equipment purchased with homeland security grant funding, a State agency must dispose of equipment in accordance with State Laws and procedures. All other Grantees shall dispose of equipment as follows:
- a) Items of equipment with a current per unit market value of less than \$5,000 may be retained, sold or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to the awarding agency.
 - b) Items of equipment with a current per unit fair market value of \$5,000 or more may

be retained or sold. If sold, the awarding agency shall have a right to an amount calculated by multiplying the proceeds from the sale by the awarding agency's share of the equipment. If retained, the current market value is to be used in the calculation. To remit payments, award recipients should contact DHSES at 1-866-837-9133 for guidance.

11. The Grantee further agrees that, when practicable, any equipment purchased with grant funding shall be prominently marked as follows:

“Purchased with funds provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.”

12. Written justification and documentation for all procurements must be maintained on file, and made available to DHSES upon request. All procurements must be made in a fair and open manner and in accordance with the pre-determined methodology established for evaluating bids (e.g., lowest responsible bidder or best value).

a) Grantee must also make all procurements as noted below:

- i. If the Grantee is eligible to purchase an item or service from a government contract or is able to purchase such item or service elsewhere at a lower than or equal price, then such purchase may be made immediately.
- ii. A Grantee purchasing any single piece of equipment, single service or multiples of each that cost up to \$15,000 may do so by proving reasonableness of price. One method of proving reasonableness of price is to obtain three quotations from responsible vendors, on the vendor's letterhead. A description of the selection process must be maintained, as well as a record of the quotations.
- iii. Goods or services or multiples of each that have an aggregate cost between \$15,000 up to \$50,000 may be obtained by advertising the opportunity in a reasonable manner and in an appropriate venue for a reasonable period of time. Reasonableness of price must be proven; obtaining three quotations as in (ii) above may be used. A record must be maintained of the advertisement, the quotations, and the selection process.
- iv. A Grantee expending over \$50,000 must use a formal competitive bidding process. Guidance may be obtained from DHSES. At a minimum, the competitive bidding process must incorporate the following: open, fair advertisement of the opportunity to provide the goods or services; equal provision of the information to all interested parties; reasonable deadlines; establishment of the methodology for evaluating bids before the bids are opened; sealed bids opened at one time before a committee who will certify the process; and maintenance of a record of the competitive procurement process.
- v. A Grantee who proposes to purchase from a particular vendor without competitive bidding must obtain the prior written approval of DHSES. The request for approval must be in writing and set forth, at a minimum, a detailed justification for selection and the basis upon which the price was determined

to be reasonable. Further, such procurement must be in accordance with the guidelines, bulletins and regulations of the NYS Office of the State Comptroller, State Procurement Council, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. A copy of DHSES' approval must also be submitted with the voucher for payment.

- b) A Grantee that is a State entity must make all procurements in accordance with State Finance Law Article 11, and any other applicable regulations.
 - c) A Grantee that is a local government must make procurements in accordance with General Municipal Law Article 5-A, and any other applicable regulations.
13. The Grantee shall submit detailed itemization forms or a form deemed acceptable to DHSES for personal service, fringe benefit and non-personal service expenditures with any voucher and fiscal cost report requesting reimbursement. Grant-related expenditures shall be reported on Fiscal Cost Reports approved by DHSES. These reports must be prepared periodically and as defined in Appendix C of this Agreement. All reported expenditures must reconcile to the program accounting records and the approved budget. Prior period adjustments shall be reported in the same accounting period that the correction is made.
 14. The Grantee must submit program progress reports and final reports as specified in Appendix C.
 15. Where advance payments are approved by DHSES, the Grantee agrees to expend the advance payments in accordance with the purposes set forth in Appendix D and consistent with Appendix B. The advanced funds must be placed in an interest-bearing account and are subject to the rules outlined in 44 CFR Part 13, (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments) and 2 CFR 215 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations), which require Grantees to promptly remit back to the federal government, through New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, any interest earned on these advanced funds. The Grantee may keep interest earned up to \$100 per federal fiscal year if a local unit of government and \$250 per federal fiscal year if a not-for-profit for administrative expenses. This maximum limit is not per award; it is inclusive of all interest earned as the result of all federal grant program funds received per year. Interest must be reported on Fiscal Cost Reports and remitted to DHSES quarterly.

C. ACCOUNTING FOR GRANT EXPENDITURES

1. Grant funds may be expended only for purposes and activities set forth in this Agreement. Accordingly, the most important single requirement of accounting for this grant is the complete and accurate documentation of grant expenditures. If the Grantee receives funding from two or more sources, all necessary steps must be taken to ensure that grant-related transactions are not commingled. This includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of unique budget codes, a separate cost center, or a separate chart of accounts. Expenditures must be cross-referenced to supporting source documents (purchase orders, contracts, real estate leases, invoices, vouchers, timesheets, mileage logs, etc.).

2. Grantee agrees that it shall maintain adequate internal controls and adhere to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for Government or Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for Not-for-Profit Organizations.
3. This Agreement may be subject to fiscal audits by DHSES, NYS Office of State Comptroller, pertinent federal agencies, and other designated entities to ascertain financial compliance with federal and/or State laws, regulations, and guidelines applicable to this Agreement. Such audits may include review of the Grantee's accounting, financial, and reporting practices to determine compliance with the Agreement and reporting requirements; maintenance of accurate and reliable original accounting records in accordance with governmental accounting standards as well as generally accepted accounting principles; and specific compliance with allowable cost and expenditure documentation standards prescribed by applicable federal, State, and DHSES guidelines.
4. None of the goals, objectives or tasks, as set forth in Appendix D, shall be sub-awarded to another organization without specific prior written approval by DHSES. Where the intention to make sub-awards is clearly indicated in the application, DHSES approval is deemed given, if these activities are funded as proposed.
5. If this Agreement makes provisions for the Grantee to sub-grant funds to other recipients, the Grantee agrees that all sub-grantees shall be held accountable by the Grantee for all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. The Grantee further agrees that it shall assume sole and complete responsibility for fulfilling all the obligations set forth in the Agreement and the Grantee must guarantee the work of any sub-grantee as if it were its own.
6. The Grantee agrees that all sub-grantee arrangements shall be formalized in writing between the parties involved. The writing must, at a minimum, include the following information:
 - Activities to be performed;
 - Time schedule;
 - Project policies;
 - Other policies and procedures to be followed;
 - Dollar limitation of the Agreement;
 - Appendix A, Appendix A-1, Appendix C, Certified Assurances for Federally Supported Projects, Certification Regarding Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension and any special conditions set forth in the Agreement;
 - Applicable federal and/or State cost principles to be used in determining allowable costs; and
 - Property Records or Equipment Inventory Reports.
7. The Grantee will not be reimbursed for sub-granted funds unless all expenditures by a sub-grantee are listed on detailed itemization forms or a form deemed acceptable to DHSES. Backup documentation for such expenditures must be made available to DHSES upon request. All expenditures must be programmatically consistent with the goals and objectives of this Agreement and with the Budget set forth in Appendix B.

D. PROPERTY

1. Any equipment, furniture or supplies or other property purchased pursuant to this Agreement is deemed to be the property of the State, except as may otherwise be governed by federal or

State laws, rules or regulations or stated in this Agreement.

2. Upon completion of all contractual requirements by the Grantee under this Agreement, DHSES shall accept a request for continued use and possession of the equipment purchased with grant funds providing the equipment continues to be used in accordance with the contracted activities and guidelines in this Agreement.
3. The Grantee must conduct a physical inventory of property records at least once every two years to verify the existence, current utilization and continued need for the property. In the event the property is no longer required by the Grantee, this fact should be reported to DHSES as soon as possible and appropriate guidelines followed, as specified in this Appendix.
4. If Grantee disposes of any equipment purchased under this Agreement during the active lifespan of said equipment, Grantee must reinvest any proceeds from the disposal into additional equipment items to continue Grantee's organization's activities subject to the guidelines of this Agreement. If the Grantee does not reinvest proceeds to continue activities subject to this Agreement, the percentage of the proceeds equal to the proportion of the original purchase price paid by funds for the Agreement must be repaid to the State of New York.

E. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. The Grantee must comply with the most recent version of the Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit requirements.
2. A list of regulations commonly applicable to United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grants are listed below, including the guidance:
 - a) Administrative Requirements:
 1. 44 CFR Part 13, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments
 2. 2 CFR Part 215, Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations (OMB Circular A-110)
 - b) Cost Principles:
 1. 2 CFR Part 225, State and Local Governments (OMB Circular A-87)
 2. 2 CFR Part 220, Educational Institutions (OMB Circular A-21)
 3. 2 CFR Part 230, Non-Profit Organizations (OMB Circular A-122)
 4. Federal Acquisition Regulation Sub-part 31.2, Contracts with Commercial Organizations
 - c) Audit Requirements:
 1. OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations

3. The Grantee shall ensure it is aware of and complies with all applicable laws, regulations and program guidance. It is the responsibility of the Grantee to become familiar with and comply with all terms and conditions associated with acceptance of funds.
4. The Grantee must ensure full compliance with all cost documentation requirements, including specific personal service documentation, as applicable directly to the Grantee, sub-recipient or collaborative agency/organization. The Grantee must maintain specific documentation as support for project related personal service expenditures as this Agreement is supported by federal funds. Depending upon the nature or extent of personal service provided under this Agreement, the Grantee shall maintain semi-annual (or more frequent) personal service certifications and/or an after-the-fact personnel activity reporting system (or equivalent) which complies with all applicable laws, regulations and program guidance. Failure to do so may result in disallowance of costs.
5. In accordance with federal requirements, a Grantee that receives during its fiscal year \$500,000 or more of federal funds from all sources, including this Agreement, must agree to have an independent audit of such federal funds conducted in accordance with the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133. OMB Circular A-133 further requires that the final report for such audit be completed within nine months of the end of the Grantee's fiscal year.
6. The Grantee must provide one copy of such audit report to DHSES within nine months of the end of its fiscal year, or communicate in writing to DHSES that Grantee is exempt from such requirement.
7. Program income earned by the Grantee during the grant funding Period must be reported in writing to DHSES, in addition to any other statutory reporting requirements. Program income consists of income earned by the grant recipient that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the grant program. Program income includes, but is not limited to, income from fees for services performed, the use of rental or real or personal property acquired under federally-funded projects, the sale of commodities or items fabricated under an award, license fees and royalties on patents and copyrights and interest on loans made with federal award funds. For example, if the purpose of a grant is to conduct conferences, any training fees that are generated would be considered program income. Interest earned on grant funds is not considered program income unless specified in Appendix D. The Grantee agrees to report the receipt and expenditures of grant program income to DHSES. Program income (not to include interest earned), generated by the use of these grant funds will be used to enhance the grant project.
8. Any creative or literary work developed or commissioned by the Grantee with grant support provided by DHSES shall become the property of DHSES, entitling DHSES to assert a copyright therein, unless the parties have expressly agreed otherwise in a written instrument signed by them.
 - a) If DHSES shares its right to copyright such work with the Grantee, DHSES reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use: (a) the copyright in any work developed under a grant, sub-grant, or contract under a grant or sub-grant; and (b) any rights of copyright to which a Grantee, sub-grantee, or a contractor purchases

ownership with grant support.

- b) If the grant support provided by DHSES is federally-sponsored, the federal awarding agency also reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use: (a) the copyright in any work developed under a grant, sub-grant or contract under a grant or sub-grant; and (b) any rights of copyright to which a Grantee, sub-grantee, or a contractor purchases ownership with such grant support.
- c) The Grantee shall submit one copy of all reports and publications resulting from this Agreement to DHSES. Any document generated pursuant to this grant must contain the following language:

“This project was supported by a grant administered by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Points of view in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.”

F. SAFEGUARDS FOR SERVICES AND CONFIDENTIALITY

1. Services performed pursuant to this Agreement must be secular in nature and shall be performed in a manner that does not discriminate on the basis of religious belief, or promote or discourage adherence to religion in general or particular religious beliefs.
2. Funds provided pursuant to this Agreement shall not be used for any partisan political activity, or for activities that may influence legislation or the election or defeat of any candidate for public office.
3. Information relating to individuals who may receive services pursuant to this Agreement shall be maintained and used only for the purposes intended under the Agreement and in conformity with applicable provisions of federal and State laws and regulations, or as specified in this Agreement.

G. AMENDMENT, SUSPENSION, TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

1. The Grantee agrees that if the project is not operational within 60 days of the execution date of the Agreement, it will report by letter to DHSES the steps taken to initiate the project, the reasons for delay, and the expected starting date. If the project is not operational within 90 days of the execution date of the Agreement, the Grantee will submit a second statement to DHSES explaining the delay. DHSES may either cancel the project and redistribute the funds or extend the implementation date of the project beyond the 90-day period when warranted by extenuating circumstances.
2. DHSES will be allowed to extend, increase, amend, decrease or terminate this Agreement, upon appropriate approval of the NYS Offices of Attorney General and/or State Comptroller, as follows:

- a) Upon approval by the NYS Office of State Comptroller, the term of this Agreement may be extended in conjunction with the extension of the federal grant award from which this Agreement is funded, not to exceed a term of five years from the initial start date.
 - b) Upon approval by the NYS Office of State Comptroller, the amount of this Agreement may be increased provided the funds are used in accordance with the guidelines associated with this Agreement grant application kit, as outlined in Appendix D, and the scope of work has not substantially changed.
 - c) This Agreement may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent of DHSES and the Grantee.
 - d) DHSES may decrease the level of funding or terminate the Agreement immediately, upon written notice of termination to the Grantee, if the Grantee fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and/or with any laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures affecting this Agreement.
 - e) This Agreement may be terminated for convenience upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Grantee.
3. DHSES reserves the right to suspend program funds if the Grantee is found to be in noncompliance with the provisions of this Agreement or other grant agreements between the Grantee and DHSES or, if the Grantee or principals of the Grantee are under investigation by a New York State or local law enforcement agency for noncompliance with State or federal laws or regulatory provisions or, if in DHSES' judgment, the services provided by the Grantee under the Agreement are unsatisfactory or untimely.
- i. DHSES shall provide the Grantee with written notice of noncompliance.
 - ii. Upon the Grantee's failure to correct or comply with the written notice by DHSES, DHSES reserves the right to terminate this Agreement, recoup funds and recover any assets purchased with the proceeds of this Agreement.
 - iii. DHSES reserves the right to use approved grant related expenditures to offset disallowed expenditures from any grant funded through its offices upon appropriate notification to the Grantee, or upon reasonable assurance that the Grantee is not in compliance with these terms.
4. All notices permitted or required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be transmitted either:
- (a) via certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested;
 - (b) by facsimile transmission;
 - (c) by personal delivery;
 - (d) by expedited delivery service; or
 - (e) by e-mail.
5. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given either at the time of personal delivery or, in the case of expedited delivery service or certified or registered United States mail, as of the date of first attempted delivery at the address and in the manner provided herein, or in the case of facsimile transmission or email, upon receipt.

6. The parties may, from time to time, specify any new or different address in the United States as their address for purpose of receiving notice under this Agreement by giving fifteen (15) days written notice to the other party sent in accordance herewith. The parties agree to mutually designate individuals as their respective representatives for the purposes of receiving notices under this Agreement. Additional individuals may be designated in writing by the parties for purposes of implementation and administration/billing, resolving issues and problems and/or for dispute resolution.
7. Upon receipt of the notice of termination, the Grantee agrees to cancel, prior to the effective date of any prospective termination, as many outstanding obligations as possible, and agrees to not incur any new obligations after receipt of the notice without prior written approval by DHSES.
8. DHSES shall be responsible for payment on claims pursuant to costs incurred pursuant to terms of the AGREEMENT. In no event shall DHSES be liable for expenses and obligations arising from the program(s) in this Agreement after the termination date.

H. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

1. If for any reason the State of New York or the federal government terminates its appropriation through DHSES or fails to pay the full amount of the allocation for the operation of this program, this Agreement may be terminated or reduced at the discretion of DHSES, provided that no such reduction or termination shall apply to allowable costs already incurred by the Grantee where funds are available to DHSES for payment of such costs. Upon termination or reduction of this Agreement, all remaining funds paid to the Grantee that are not subject to allowable costs already incurred by the Grantee shall be returned to DHSES. In any event, no liability shall be incurred by DHSES or by the State of New York beyond monies available for the purposes of this Agreement. The Grantee acknowledges that any funds due to DHSES because of disallowed expenditures after audit shall be its responsibility.
2. Unless otherwise specified, in accordance with the State Finance Law, the availability of federal and State funds budgeted as local assistance shall cease on September 15th of the year following the fiscal year in which the funds were appropriated, unless such funds are re-appropriated in the State Budget by the New York State Legislature. When local assistance funds are not re-appropriated, vouchers must be received by DHSES by August 1st of the year following the fiscal year in which the funds were appropriated to ensure reimbursement.

I. RETENTION OF RECORDS

1. Original records must be retained for six years following the submission of the final claim against this Agreement or the end of the Agreement Period, if later. In cases where litigation, a claim, or an audit is ongoing, the records must be retained until formal completion of the action and resolution of issues or the end of the six year Period, whichever is later. In the event of an audit, the project manager or a designated responsible party must be prepared to produce source documents that substantiate claimed expenditures. DHSES requires that all documentation materials be organized, readily accessible, and cross-referenced to the Fiscal Cost Reports previously submitted. If fiscal records, such as purchase orders, vouchers, payroll registers, payroll tax records, property records or equipment inventory records, etc., are to be kept in a fiscal office which is separate and apart from the program office, the

project manager must have access to these original records. Such fiscal records must readily identify the associated project.

J. INDEMNIFICATION

1. The Grantee shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for any and all accidents and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the Grantee or its sub-grantees pursuant to this Agreement. The Grantee shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of New York and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and costs of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to this Agreement.
2. The Grantee is an independent contractor and may neither hold itself out nor claim to be an officer, employee or subdivision of the State nor make any claim, demand or application to, or for, any right based upon any different status.