

**NEW YORK STATE  
DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES  
GRANT CONTRACT**

**APPENDIX A-1**

The Contract is hereby made by and between the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES or State Agency) and the public or private entity (“Contractor” or “Subrecipient”) identified on the face page hereof (Face Page).

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the State has the authority to regulate and provide funding for the establishment and operation of program services, design or the execution and performance of construction projects, as applicable and desires to contract with skilled parties possessing the necessary resources to provide such services or work, as applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor is ready, willing and able to provide such program services or the execution and performance of construction projects and possesses or can make available all necessary qualified personnel, licenses, facilities and expertise to perform or have performed the services or work, as applicable, required pursuant to the terms of the Contract;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises, responsibilities, and covenants herein, the State and the Contractor agree as follows:

**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**I. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**A. Executory Clause:** In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under the Contract to the Contractor, or to anyone else, beyond funds appropriated and available for the Contract.

**B. Required Approvals:** In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law (or, if the Contract is with the State University of New York (SUNY) or City University of New York (CUNY), Section 355 or Section 6218 of the Education Law), if the Contract exceeds \$50,000 (or \$85,000 for contracts let by the Office of General Services, or the minimum thresholds agreed to by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) for certain SUNY and CUNY contracts), or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount including, but not limited to, changes in amount, consideration, scope or contract term identified on the Face Page (Contract Term), it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by, and filed with, the New York Attorney General Contract Approval Unit (AG) and OSC. If, by the Contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$10,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by, and filed with, the AG and OSC.

**Budget Changes:** An amendment that would result in a transfer of funds among program activities or budget categories that does not affect the amount, consideration, scope or other terms of such contract may be subject to the approval of the Offices of the State Comptroller and Attorney General where the amount of such modification is, as a portion of the total value of the contract, equal to or greater than ten percent for contracts of less than five million dollars, or five percent for contracts of more than five million dollars; and, in addition, such amendment may be subject to prior approval by the applicable State Agency as detailed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

**C. Contract Parts:** This Contract incorporates the face pages attached, this Appendix and all of the marked Appendices identified on the face page hereof.

**D. Order of Precedence:** In the event of a conflict among (i) the terms of the Contract (including any and all Appendices and amendments) or (ii) between the terms of the Contract and the original request for proposal, the program application or other Appendix that was completed and executed by the Contractor in connection with the Contract, the order of precedence is as follows:

1. Appendix A-1<sup>1</sup>
2. Modifications to the Face Page
3. Modifications to Appendices B, C and D
4. The Face Page
5. Appendices B, C and D
6. Other attachments, including, but not limited to, the request for proposal or program application

**E. Governing Law:** This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal Supremacy Clause requires otherwise.

**F. Funding:** Funding for the entire Contract Period shall not exceed the funding amount specified as “Funding Amount for the Initial Period” on the Face Page hereof or as subsequently revised to reflect an approved renewal or cost amendment. Funding for the initial and subsequent periods of the Contract shall not exceed the applicable amounts specified in the applicable Appendix B form (Budget).

**G. Contract Period:** The period of this Contract shall be as specified on the face page hereof.

**H. Contract Performance:** The Contractor shall perform all services or work, as applicable, and comply with all provisions of the Contract to the satisfaction of the State. The Contractor shall provide services or work, as applicable, and meet the program objectives summarized in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions) in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, relevant laws, rules and regulations, administrative, program and fiscal guidelines, and where applicable, operating certificate for facilities or licenses for an activity or program. For federally-funded grants, DHSES will conduct an evaluation to determine risks posted by Contractors in managing federal awards. Consistent with 2 CFR §200.332, the results of the evaluation may result in the imposition special conditions to this Contract including but not limited to increased monitoring, suspension of reimbursements and

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<sup>1</sup> To the extent that section V- Federally Funded Grant Requirements conflict with any other provisions of the Contract, the Federal requirements of Section V shall supersede all other provisions of the Contract.

cancellation of the Contract.

**I. Modifications:** To modify the Contract, 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 Contract.

**J. Severability:** Any provision of the Contract that is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability, without affecting in any way the remaining provisions hereof; provided, however, that the parties to the Contract shall attempt in good faith to reform the Contract in a manner consistent with the intent of any such ineffective provision for the purpose of carrying out such intent. If any provision is held void, invalid or unenforceable with respect to particular circumstances, it shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect in all other circumstances.

**K. Interpretation:** The headings in the Contract are inserted for convenience and reference only and do not modify or restrict any of the provisions herein. All personal pronouns used herein shall be considered to be gender neutral. The Contract has been made under the laws of the State of New York, and the venue for resolving any disputes hereunder shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

**L. Notice:**

1. All notices, except for notices of termination, shall be in writing and shall be transmitted either:
  - a. by 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.
2. Notices to the State shall be addressed to the Program Office.
3. Notices to the Contractor shall be addressed to the Contractor's designee.
4. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given either at the time of personal delivery or, in the case of expedited delivery services 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 e-mail, upon receipt.
5. The parties may, from time to time, specify any new or different e-mail address, facsimile number or address in the United States as their address for purpose of receiving notice under the Contract by giving fifteen (15) calendar days prior 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 the Master Contract. Additional individuals may be designated in writing by the parties for purposes of implementation, administration, billing and resolving issues and/or disputes.

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

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

**O. Indemnification:** The Contractor 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 Contractor or its subcontractors pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and cost of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to the Contract.

**P. Non-Assignment Clause:** In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, the Contract may not be assigned by the Contractor or its right, title or interest therein assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet, or otherwise disposed of without the State's previous written consent, and attempts to do so shall be considered to be null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such prior written consent of an assignment of a contract, let pursuant to Article XI of the State Finance Law, may be waived at the discretion of DHSES and with the concurrence of OSC, where the original contract was subject to OSC's approval, where the assignment is due to a reorganization, merger, or consolidation of the Contractor's business entity or enterprise. The State retains its right to approve an assignment and to require that the merged contractor demonstrate its responsibility to do business with the State. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payments without the State's prior written consent unless the Contract concerns Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.

**Q. Legal Action:** No litigation or regulatory action shall be brought against the federal government, the State of New York, DHSES or against any county or other local government entity with the funds provided under the Contract. The term "litigation" shall include commencing or threatening to commence a lawsuit, joining or threatening to join as a party to ongoing litigation, or requesting any relief from any of the federal government, the State of New York, DHSES or any county or other local government entity. The term "regulatory action" shall include commencing or threatening to commence a regulatory proceeding, or requesting any regulatory relief from any of the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity.

**R. No Arbitration:** Disputes involving the Contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized), but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

**S. Secular Purpose:** Services performed pursuant to the Contract are 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.

**T. Partisan Political Activity and Lobbying:** Funds provided pursuant to the Contract shall not be used for any partisan political activity, or for activities that attempt to influence legislation or election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

**U. Reciprocity and Sanctions Provisions:** The Contractor is hereby notified that if its principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state, or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services it offers shall be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively) require that it be denied contracts which it would otherwise obtain.<sup>2</sup>

**V. Reporting Fraud and Abuse:** Contractor acknowledges that it has reviewed information on how to prevent, detect, and report fraud, waste and abuse of public funds, including information about the federal False Claims Act, the New York State False Claims Act and whistleblower protections.

**W. Non-Collusive Bidding:** By submission of this bid, the Contractor and each person signing on behalf of the Contractor certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. The Contractor further affirms that, at the time the Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive binding certification on the Contractor's behalf.

**X. Federally Funded Grants:** All of the specific federal requirements that are applicable to the Contract are identified in Section V (FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT REQUIREMENTS) of this Appendix. To the extent that the Contract is funded in whole or part with federal funds, (i) the provisions of the Contract that conflict with federal rules, federal regulations, or federal program specific requirements shall not apply and (ii) the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable federal rules, regulations and program specific requirements including, but not limited to, those provisions that are set forth in Section V (FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT REQUIREMENTS) of this Appendix. To the extent that section V (FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT REQUIREMENTS) conflict with any other provisions of the Contract, the federal requirements of Section V shall supersede all other provisions of the Contract where required.

**Y.** The Contractor 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 Contract, relevant laws, rules and regulations, administrative and fiscal guidelines and, where applicable, operating certificates for facilities or license for an activity or program.

## **II. TERM, TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION**

**A. Term:** The term of the Contract shall be as specified on the Face Page, unless terminated sooner as provided herein.

### **B. Renewal:**

- 1. General Renewal:** The Contract may consist of successive periods on the same terms and conditions, as specified within the Contract (a "Simplified Renewal Contract"). Each additional or superseding period shall be on the forms specified by the State and shall be incorporated in the Contract.

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<sup>2</sup>As of 2019, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of Alaska, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming. Contact NYS Department of Economic Development for the most current list of jurisdictions subject to this provision.

**2. Renewal Notice to Not-for-Profit Contractors:**

- a. Pursuant to State Finance Law §179-t, if the Contract is with a not-for-profit Contractor and provides for a renewal option, the State shall notify the Contractor of the State's intent to renew or not to renew the Contract no later than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the term of the Contract, unless funding for the renewal is contingent upon enactment of an appropriation. If funding for the renewal is contingent upon enactment of an appropriation, the State shall notify the Contractor of the State's intent to renew or not to renew the Contract the later of: (1) ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the term of the Contract, and (2) thirty (30) calendar days after the necessary appropriation becomes law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the State is unable to comply with the time frames set forth in this paragraph due to unusual circumstances beyond the control of the State ("Unusual Circumstances"), no payment of interest shall be due to the not-for-profit Contractor. For purposes of State Finance Law §179-t, "Unusual Circumstances" shall not mean the failure by the State to (i) plan for implementation of a program, (ii) assign sufficient staff resources to implement a program, (iii) establish a schedule for the implementation of a program or (iv) anticipate any other reasonably foreseeable circumstance.
- b. Notification to the not-for-profit Contractor of the State's intent to not renew the Contract must be in writing in the form of a letter, with the reason(s) for the non-renewal included. If the State does not provide notice to the not-for-profit Contractor of its intent not to renew the Contract as required in this Section and State Finance Law §179-t, the Contract shall be deemed continued until the date the State provides the necessary notice to the Contractor, in accordance with State Finance Law §179-t. Expenses incurred by the not-for-profit Contractor during such extension shall be reimbursable under the terms of the Contract.

**C. Termination:**

**1. Grounds:**

- a. Mutual Consent: The Contract may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent of the State and the Contractor.
- b. Cause: The State may terminate the Contract immediately, upon written notice of termination to the Contractor, if the Contractor fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the Contract and/or with any laws, rules, regulations, policies, or procedures that are applicable to the Contract.
- c. Non-Responsibility: In accordance with the provisions of this Contract, the State may make a final determination that the Contractor is non-responsible (Determination of Non-Responsibility). In such event, the State may terminate the Contract at the Contractor's expense, complete the contractual requirements in any manner the State deems advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.
- d. Convenience: The State may terminate the Contract in its sole discretion upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice.
- e. Lack of Funds: If for any reason the State or the Federal government terminates or reduces its appropriation to the applicable State Agency entering into the Contract or fails to pay the full amount of the allocation for the operation of one or more programs funded under this Contract, the Contract may be terminated or reduced at DHSES's discretion, provided that no such reduction or termination shall apply to allowable costs already incurred by the Contractor where funds are available to DHSES

for payment of such costs. Upon termination or reduction of the Contract, all remaining funds paid to the Contractor that are not subject to allowable costs already incurred by the Contractor shall be returned to DHSES. In any event, no liability shall be incurred by the State (including DHSES) beyond monies available for the purposes of the Contract. The Contractor acknowledges that any funds due to DHSES or the State of New York because of disallowed expenditures after audit shall be the Contractor's responsibility.

- f. Force Majeure: The State may terminate or suspend its performance under the Contract immediately upon the occurrence of a "force majeure." For purposes of the Contract, "Force majeure" shall include, but not be limited to, natural disasters, war, rebellion, insurrection, riot, strikes, lockout and any unforeseen circumstances and acts beyond the control of the State which render the performance of its obligations impossible.

## **2. *Notice of Termination:***

- a. Service of notice: Written notice of termination shall be sent by:
  - i. personal messenger service; or
  - ii. certified mail, return receipt requested and first class mail.
- b. Effective date of termination: The effective date of the termination shall be the later of (i) the date indicated in the notice and (ii) the date the notice is received by the Contractor, and shall be established as follows:
  - i. if the notice is delivered by hand, the date of receipt shall be established by the receipt given to the Contractor or by affidavit of the individual making such hand delivery attesting to the date of delivery; or
  - ii. if the notice is delivered by registered or certified mail, by the receipt returned from the United States Postal Service, or if no receipt is returned, five (5) business days from the date of mailing of the first class letter, postage prepaid, in a depository under the care and control of the United States Postal Service.

## **3. *Effect of Notice and Termination on State's Payment Obligations:***

- a. Upon receipt of notice of termination, the Contractor agrees to cancel, prior to the effective date of any prospective termination, as many outstanding obligations as possible, and agrees not to incur any new obligations after receipt of the notice without approval by the State.
- b. The State shall be responsible for payment on claims for services or work provided and costs incurred pursuant to the terms of the Contract. In no event shall the State be liable for expenses and obligations arising from the requirements of the Contract after its termination date.

## **4. *Effect of Termination Based on Misuse or Conversion of State or Federal Property:***

Where the Contract is terminated for cause based on Contractor's failure to use some or all of the real property or equipment purchased pursuant to the Contract for the purposes set forth herein, the State may, at its option, require:

- a. the repayment to the State of any monies previously paid to the Contractor; or
- b. the return of any real property or equipment purchased under the terms of the Contract; or
- c. an appropriate combination of clauses (a) and (b) of Section II(C)(4) herein.

Nothing herein shall be intended to limit the State's ability to pursue such other legal or equitable remedies as may be available.

**D. Suspension:** The State may, in its discretion, order the Contractor to suspend performance for a reasonable period of time. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor shall be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor shall comply with the particulars of the notice. The State shall have no obligation to reimburse Contractor's expenses during such suspension period. Activities may resume at such time as the State issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

### III. PAYMENT AND REPORTING

#### A. Terms and Conditions:

1. In full consideration of contract services to be performed, DHSES agrees to pay and the Contractor agrees to accept a sum not to exceed the amount noted on the Face Page.
2. The State has no obligation to make payment until all required approvals, including the approval of the AG and OSC, if required, have been obtained. Contractor obligations or expenditures that precede the start date of the Contract shall not be reimbursed.
3. The Contractor must provide complete and accurate billing invoices to the State in order to receive payment. Provided, however, the State may, at its discretion, automatically generate a voucher in accordance with an approved contract payment schedule. Billing invoices submitted to the State must contain all information and supporting documentation required by Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III(C) herein. The State may require the Contractor to submit billing invoices electronically.
4. Payment for invoices submitted by the Contractor shall only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check is expressly authorized by the head of DHSES, in the sole discretion of the head of such State Agency, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payment shall be made in accordance with OSC's procedures and practices to authorize electronic payments. Authorization for electronic payment must be made through the Statewide Financial System's (SFS) Vendor Portal: <https://esupplier.sfs.ny.gov/psp/fscm/SUPPLIER/?cmd=login>. For assistance to access the SFS Vendor Portal, please contact the SFS Help Desk at 518-457-7717 or 855-233-8363 or email [HelpDesk@sfs.ny.gov](mailto:HelpDesk@sfs.ny.gov). Contractor acknowledges that it will not receive payment on any vouchers submitted under this Contract 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. If travel expenses are an approved expenditure under this Contract, travel expenses shall be reimbursed at the lesser of the rates set forth in the written standard travel policy of the Contractor, the OSC guidelines, or United States General Services Administration rates. No out-of-state travel costs shall be permitted



unless specifically detailed and pre-approved by the State.

6. Timeliness of advance payments or other claims for reimbursement, and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment, shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.
7. Article 11-B of the State Finance Law sets forth certain time frames for the Full Execution of contracts or renewal contracts with not-for-profit organizations and the implementation of any program plan associated with such contract. For purposes of this section, "Full Execution" shall mean that the contract has been signed by all parties thereto and has obtained the approval of the AG and OSC. Any interest to be paid on a missed payment to the Contractor based on a delay in the Full Execution of the Master Contract shall be governed by Article 11-B of the State Finance Law.

**B. Advance Payment and Recoupment:**

1. Advance payments, which the State in its sole discretion may make to not-for-profit grant recipients, shall be made and recouped in accordance with State Finance Law Section 179(u), this Section and the provisions of Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule).
2. Advance payments made by the State to not-for-profit grant recipients shall be due no later than thirty (30) calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after the first day of the Contract Term or, if renewed, in the period identified on the Face Page.
3. For subsequent contract years in multi-year contracts, Contractor will be notified of the scheduled advance payments for the upcoming contract year no later than 90 days prior to the commencement of the contract year. For simplified renewals, the payment schedule (Appendix C) will be modified as part of the renewal process.
4. Recoupment of any advance payment(s) shall be recovered by crediting the percentage of subsequent claims listed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III(C) herein and such claims shall be reduced until the advance is fully recovered within the Contract Term. Any unexpended advance balance at the end of the Contract Term shall be refunded by the Contractor to the State.
5. If for any reason the amount of any claim is not sufficient to cover the proportionate advance amount to be recovered, then subsequent claims may be reduced until the advance is fully recovered.

**C. Claims for Reimbursement:**

1. The Contractor shall submit claims for the reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the State under the Contract in accordance with this Section and the applicable claiming schedule in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

Vouchers submitted for payment shall be deemed to be a certification that the payments requested are for project expenditures made in accordance with the items as contained in the applicable Appendix B form (Budget) and during the Contract Term. When submitting a voucher, such voucher shall also be deemed to certify that: (i) the payments requested do not duplicate reimbursement from other sources of funding; and (ii) the funds provided herein do not replace funds that, in the absence of this grant, would have been made available by the Contractor for this program. Requirement (ii) does not apply to grants funded pursuant to a Community Projects Fund appropriation.

2. Consistent with the selected reimbursement claiming schedule in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall comply with the appropriate following provisions:
- a. Quarterly Reimbursement: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions). The Contractor shall submit to DHSES quarterly voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to DHSES in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.
  - b. Monthly Reimbursement: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions). The Contractor shall submit to DHSES monthly voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to DHSES in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.
  - c. Biannual Reimbursement: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions). The Contractor shall submit to DHSES biannually voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to DHSES in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.
  - d. Milestone/Performance Reimbursement:<sup>3</sup> Requests for payment based upon an event or milestone may be either severable or cumulative. A severable event/milestone is independent of accomplishment of any other event. If the event is cumulative, the successful completion of an event or milestone is dependent on the previous completion of another event. Milestone payments shall be made to the Contractor when requested in a form approved by the State, and at frequencies and in amounts stated in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule). DHSES shall make milestone payments subject to the Contractor's satisfactory performance.
  - e. Fee for Service Reimbursement:<sup>4</sup> Payment shall be limited to only those fees specifically agreed upon in the Contract and shall be payable no more frequently than monthly upon submission of a voucher by the contractor.
  - f. Rate Based Reimbursement:<sup>5</sup> Payment shall be limited to rate(s) established in the Contract. Payment may be requested no more frequently than monthly.

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<sup>3</sup> A milestone/performance payment schedule identifies mutually agreed-to payment amounts based on meeting contract events or milestones. Events or milestones must represent integral and meaningful aspects of contract performance and should signify true progress in completing the Contract effort.

<sup>4</sup> Fee for Service is a rate established by the Contractor for a service or services rendered.

<sup>5</sup> Rate based agreements are those agreements in which payment is premised upon a specific established rate per unit.

- g. Scheduled Reimbursement:<sup>6</sup> DHSES shall generate vouchers at the frequencies and amounts as set forth in Appendix C(Payment and Reporting Schedule).
  - h. Interim Reimbursement: DHSES may generate vouchers on an interim basis and the amounts requested by the Contract as set forth in Attachment C (Payment and Reporting Schedule).
  - i. Fifth Quarter Payments:<sup>7</sup> Fifth quarter payment shall be paid to the Contractor at the conclusion of the final scheduled payment period of the preceding contract period. DHSES shall use a written directive for fifth quarter financing. DHSES shall generate a voucher in the fourth quarter of the current contract year to pay the scheduled payment for the next contract year.
3. The Contractor shall also submit supporting fiscal documentation for the expenses claimed.
  4. The State reserves the right to withhold up to fifteen percent (15%) of the total amount of the Contract as security for the faithful completion of services or work, as applicable, under the Contract. This amount may be withheld in whole or in part from any single payment or combination of payments otherwise due under the Contract. In the event that such withheld funds are insufficient to satisfy Contractor's obligations to the State, the State may pursue all available remedies, including the right of setoff and recoupment.
  5. The State shall not be liable for payments on the Contract if it is made pursuant to a Community Projects Fund appropriation if insufficient monies are available pursuant to Section 99-d of the State Finance Law.
  6. All vouchers submitted by the Contractor pursuant to the Contract shall be submitted to DHSES no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the end date of the period for which reimbursement is claimed. In no event shall the amount received by the Contractor exceed the budget amount approved by DHSES, and, if actual expenditures by the Contractor are less than such sum, the amount payable by DHSES to the Contractor shall not exceed the amount of actual expenditures.
  7. All obligations must be incurred prior to the end date of the contract. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section III(C)(6) above, with respect to the final period for which reimbursement is claimed, so long as the obligations were incurred prior to the end date of the contract, the Contractor shall have up to thirty (30) calendar days after the contract end date to make expenditures.

**D. Identifying Information and Privacy Notification:**

1. Every voucher or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to a State Agency by the Contractor, for payment for the sale of goods or services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property, must include the Contractor's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System, and any or all of the following identification numbers: (i) the Contractor's Federal employer identification number, (ii) the Contractor's Federal social security number, and/or (iii) DUNS number. Failure to include such identification number or numbers may delay payment by the State

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<sup>6</sup> Scheduled Reimbursement agreements provide for payments that occur at defined and regular intervals that provide for a specified dollar amount to be paid to the Contractor at the beginning of each payment period (i.e. quarterly, monthly or bi-annually). While these payments are related to the particular services and outcomes defined in the Contract, they are not dependent upon particular services or expenses in any one payment period and provide the Contractor with a defined and regular payment over the life of the contract.

<sup>7</sup> Fifth Quarter Payments occurs where there are scheduled payments and where there is an expectation that services will be continued through renewals or subsequent contracts. Fifth Quarter Payments allow for the continuation of scheduled payments to a Contractor for the first payment period quarter of an anticipated renewal or new contract.

to the Contractor. Where the Contractor does not have such number or numbers, the Contractor, on its voucher or Claim for Payment, must provide the reason or reasons for why the Contractor does not have such number or numbers.

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

**E. Refunds:**

1. In the event that the Contractor must make a refund to the State for Contract-related activities, including repayment of an advance or an audit disallowance, payment must be made payable as set forth in this Appendix. The Contractor must reference the contract number with its payment and include a brief explanation of why the refund is being made. Refund payments must be submitted to the Office address listed in Appendix C.
2. If at the end or termination of the Contract, there remains any unexpended balance of the monies advanced under the Contract in the possession of the Contractor, the Contractor shall make payment within forty-five (45) calendar days of the end or termination of the Contract. In the event that the Contractor fails to refund such balance the State may pursue all available remedies.

**F. Outstanding Amounts Owed to the State:** Prior period overpayments (including, but not limited to, contract advances in excess of actual expenditures) and/or audit recoveries associated with the Contractor may be recouped against future payments made under this Contract to Contractor. The recoupment generally begins with the first payment made to the Contractor following identification of the overpayment and/or audit recovery amount. In the event that there are no payments to apply recoveries against, the Contractor shall make payment as provided in Section III(E) (Refunds) herein.

**G. Program and Fiscal Reporting Requirements:**

1. The Contractor shall submit required periodic reports in accordance with the applicable schedule provided in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule). All required reports or other work products developed pursuant to the Contract must be completed as provided by the agreed upon work schedule in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to DHSES in order for the Contractor to be eligible for payment.
2. Consistent with the selected reporting options in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall comply with the following applicable provisions:
  - a. If the Expenditure Based Reports option is indicated in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall provide DHSES with one or more of the following reports as required by the following provisions and Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) as applicable:

- i. *Narrative/Qualitative Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a report, in narrative form, summarizing the services rendered during the quarter. This report shall detail how the Contractor has progressed toward attaining the qualitative goals enumerated in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions). This report should address all goals and objectives of the project and include a discussion of problems encountered and steps taken to solve them.
    - ii. *Statistical/Quantitative Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a detailed report analyzing the quantitative aspects of the program plan, as appropriate (e.g., number of meals served, clients transported, patient/client encounters, procedures performed, training sessions conducted, etc.)
    - iii. *Expenditure Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a detailed expenditure report, by object of expense. This report shall accompany the voucher submitted for such period.
    - iv. *Final Report*: The Contractor shall submit a final report as required by the Contract, not later than the time period listed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) which reports on all aspects of the program and detailing how the use of funds were utilized in achieving the goals set forth in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions).
    - v. *Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR)*: The Contractor shall submit a CFR, which includes a year-end cost report and final claim not later than the time period listed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule).
  - b. If the Performance-Based Reports option is indicated in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall provide DHSES with the following reports as required by the following provisions and Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) as applicable:
    - i. *Progress Report*: The Contractor shall provide DHSES with a written progress report using the forms and formats as provided by DHSES, summarizing the work performed during the period. These reports shall detail the Contractor's progress toward attaining the specific goals enumerated in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions). Progress reports shall be submitted in a format prescribed in the Contract.
    - ii. *Final Progress Report*: Final scheduled payment is due during the time period set forth in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The deadline for submission of the final report shall be the date set forth in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule). DHSES shall complete its audit and notify the Contractor of the results no later than the date set forth in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule). Payment shall be adjusted by DHSES to reflect only those services/expenditures that were made in accordance with the Contract. The Contractor shall submit a detailed comprehensive final progress report not later than the date set forth in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), summarizing the work performed during the entire Contract Term (i.e., a cumulative report), in the forms and formats required.
3. In addition to the periodic reports stated above, the Contractor may be required (a) to submit such other reports as are required in Table 1 of Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), and (b) prior to receipt of final payment under the Contract, to submit one or more final reports in accordance with the form, content, and schedule stated in Table 1 of Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

#### **H. Notification of Significant Occurrences:**

1. If any specific event or conjunction of circumstances threatens the successful completion of this project, in whole or in part, including where relevant, timely completion of milestones or other program requirements, the Contractor agrees to submit to DHSES within three (3) calendar days of becoming aware of the occurrence or of such problem, a written description thereof together with a recommended solution thereto.
2. The Contractor shall immediately notify in writing the program manager assigned to the Contract of any unusual incident, occurrence, or event that involves the staff, volunteers, directors or officers of the Contractor, any subcontractor or program participant funded through the Contract, including but not limited to the following: death or serious injury; an arrest or possible criminal activity that could impact the successful completion of this project; any destruction of property; significant damage to the physical plant of the Contractor; or other matters of a similarly serious nature.

#### **IV. ADDITIONAL CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

##### **A. Contractor as an Independent Contractor/Employees:**

1. The State and the Contractor agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee of the State 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. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the recruitment, hiring, provision of employment benefits, payment of salaries and management of its project personnel. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, and all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.
2. The Contractor warrants that it, its staff, and any and all subcontractors have all the necessary licenses, approvals, and certifications currently required by the laws of any applicable local, state, or Federal government to perform the services or work, as applicable, pursuant to the Contract and/or any subcontract entered into under the Contract. The Contractor further agrees that such required licenses, approvals, and certificates shall be kept in full force and effect during the term of the Contract, or any extension thereof, and to secure any new licenses, approvals, or certificates within the required time frames and/or to require its staff and subcontractors to obtain the requisite licenses, approvals, or certificates. In the event the Contractor, its staff, and/or subcontractors are notified of a denial or revocation of any license, approval, or certification to perform the services or work, as applicable, under the Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the State.

##### **B. Subcontractors:**

1. If the Contractor enters into subcontracts for the performance of work pursuant to the Contract, the Contractor shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors. Nothing in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under the Contract. No contractual relationship shall be deemed to exist between the subcontractor and the State.
2. If requested by the State, the Contractor agrees not to enter into any subcontracts, or revisions to subcontracts, that are in excess of \$100,000 for the performance of the obligations contained herein until it has received the prior written permission of the State, which shall have the right to review and approve

each and every subcontract in excess of \$100,000 prior to giving written permission to the Contractor to enter into the subcontract. All agreements between the Contractor and subcontractors shall be by written contract, signed by individuals authorized to bind the parties. All such subcontracts shall contain provisions for specifying (1) that the work performed by the subcontractor must be in accordance with the terms of the Contract, (2) that nothing contained in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under the Contract, and (3) that nothing contained in the subcontract, nor under the Contract, shall be deemed to create any contractual relationship between the subcontractor and the State. In addition, subcontracts shall contain any other provisions which are required to be included in subcontracts pursuant to the terms herein.

3. If requested by the State, prior to executing a subcontract, the Contractor agrees to require the subcontractor to provide to the State the information the State needs to determine whether a proposed subcontractor is a responsible vendor.
4. If requested by the State, when a subcontract equals or exceeds \$100,000, the subcontractor must submit a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (Questionnaire).
5. If requested by the State, when a subcontract is executed, the Contractor must provide detailed subcontract information (a copy of subcontract will suffice) to the State within fifteen (15) calendar days after execution. The State may request from the Contractor copies of subcontracts between a subcontractor and its subcontractor.
6. The Contractor shall require any and all subcontractors to submit to the Contractor all financial claims for Services or work to DHSES, as applicable, rendered and required supporting documentation and reports as necessary to permit Contractor to meet claim deadlines and documentation requirements as established in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III. Subcontractors shall be paid by the Contractor on a timely basis after submitting the required reports and vouchers for reimbursement of services or work, as applicable. Subcontractors shall be informed by the Contractor of the possibility of non-payment or rejection by the Contractor of claims that do not contain the required information, and/or are not received by the Contractor by said due date.

**C. Use of Material, Equipment, or Personnel:**

1. The Contractor shall not use materials, equipment, or personnel paid for under the Contract for any activity other than those provided for under the Contract, except with the State's prior written permission.
2. Any interest accrued on funds paid to the Contractor by the State shall be deemed to be the property of the State and shall either be credited to the State at the close-out of the Contract or, upon the written permission of the State, shall be expended on additional services or work, as applicable, provided for under the Contract.

**D. Property:**

1. Property is real property, equipment, or tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more per unit.
  - a. If an item of Property required by the Contractor is available as surplus to the State, the State at its sole discretion, may arrange to provide such Property to the Contractor in lieu of the purchase of such Property.

- b. If the State consents in writing, the Contractor may retain possession of Property owned by the State, as provided herein, after the termination of the Contract to use for similar purposes. Otherwise, the Contractor shall return such Property to the State at the Contractor's cost and expense upon the expiration of the Contract.
  - c. In addition, the Contractor agrees to permit the State to inspect the Property and to monitor its use at reasonable intervals during the Contractor's regular business hours.
  - d. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing Property purchased or procured under the Contract at its own cost and expense. The Contractor shall procure and maintain insurance at its own cost and expense in an amount satisfactory to DHSES naming DHSES as an additional insured, covering the loss, theft or destruction of such equipment.
  - e. A rental charge to the Contract for a piece of Property owned by the Contractor shall not be allowed.
  - f. The State has the right to review and approve in writing any new contract for the purchase of or lease for rental of Property (Purchase/Lease Contract) operated in connection with the provision of the services or work, as applicable, as specified in the Contract, if applicable, and any modifications, amendments, or extensions of an existing lease or purchase prior to its execution. If, in its discretion, the State disapproves of any Purchase/Lease Contract, then the State shall not be obligated to make any payments for such Property.
  - g. No member, officer, director or employee of the Contractor shall retain or acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any Property, paid for with funds under the Contract, nor retain any interest, direct or indirect, in such, without full and complete prior disclosure of such interest and the date of acquisition thereof, in writing to the Contractor and the State.
2. For non-Federally-funded contracts, unless otherwise provided herein, the State shall have the following rights to Property purchased with funds provided under the Contract:
- a. For cost-reimbursable contracts, all right, title and interest in such Property shall belong to the State.
  - b. For performance-based contracts, all right, title and interest in such Property shall belong to the Contractor.
3. For Federally funded contracts, title to Property whose requisition cost is borne in whole or in part by monies provided under the Contract shall be governed by the terms and conditions of Section V (FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT REQUIREMENTS) contained herein.
4. Upon written direction by the State, the Contractor shall maintain an inventory of all Property that is owned by the State as provided herein.
5. The Contractor shall execute any documents which the State may reasonably require to effectuate the provisions of this section.

**E. Records and Audits:**

**1. General:**



- a. The Contractor shall establish and maintain, in paper or electronic format, complete and accurate books, records, documents, receipts, accounts, and other evidence directly pertinent to its performance under the Contract (collectively, Records).
- b. The Contractor agrees to produce and retain for the balance of the term of the Contract, and for a period of six years from the later of the date of (i) the Contract and (ii) the most recent renewal of the Contract, any and all Records necessary to substantiate upon audit, the proper deposit and expenditure of funds received under the Contract. Such Records may include, but not be limited to, original books of entry (e.g., cash disbursements and cash receipts journal), and the following specific records (as applicable) to substantiate the types of expenditures noted:
  - i. personal service expenditures: cancelled checks and the related bank statements, time and attendance records, payroll journals, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, vouchers and invoices, records of contract labor, any and all records listing payroll and the money value of non-cash advantages provided to employees, time cards, work schedules and logs, employee personal history folders, detailed and general ledgers, sales records, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable.
  - ii. payroll taxes and fringe benefits: cancelled checks, copies of related bank statements, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, invoices for fringe benefit expenses, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable.
  - iii. non-personal services expenditures: original invoices/receipts, cancelled checks and related bank statements, consultant agreements, leases, cost allocation plans, and bid and procurement documentation, such as quotes, proposals and selection records, if applicable.
  - iv. receipt and deposit of advance and reimbursements: itemized bank stamped deposit slips, and a copy of the related bank statements.
- c. The OSC, AG and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as DHSES or State Agencies involved in the Contract that provided funding, shall have access to the Records during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding State recognized holidays), at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying.
- d. The State shall protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records, as exempt under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law, is reasonable.
- e. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's rights in connection with its audit and investigatory authority or the State's rights in connection with discovery in any pending or future litigation.

## **2. Cost Allocation:**

- a. For non-performance based contracts, the proper allocation of the Contractor's costs must be made according to a cost allocation plan that meets the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200. Methods used to determine and assign costs shall conform to generally accepted accounting practices and shall be consistent with the method(s) used by the Contractor to determine costs for other operations or programs. Such accounting standards and practices shall be subject to approval of the State.
- b. For performance based milestone contracts, or for the portion of the contract amount paid on a performance basis, the Contractor shall maintain documentation demonstrating that milestones were attained.

3. **Federal Funds:** For records and audit provisions governing Federal funds, please see Section V (FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT REQUIREMENTS) of this Appendix A-1.

**F. Confidentiality:** The Contractor agrees that it shall use and maintain information relating to individuals who may receive services, and their families pursuant to the Contract, or any other information, data or records deemed confidential by the State (Confidential Information) only for the limited purposes of the Contract and in conformity with applicable provisions of State and Federal law. The Contractor (i) has an affirmative obligation to safeguard any such Confidential Information from unnecessary or unauthorized disclosure and (ii) must comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208).

**G. Publicity:**

1. Publicity includes, but is not limited to: news conferences; news releases; public announcements; advertising; brochures; reports; discussions or presentations at conferences or meetings; and/or the inclusion of State materials, the State's name or other such references to the State in any document or forum. Publicity regarding this project may not be released without prior written approval from the State.
2. Any publications, presentations or announcements of conferences, meetings or trainings which are funded in whole or in part through any activity supported under the Contract may not be published, presented or announced without prior approval of the State. Any such publication, presentation or announcement shall:
  - a. Acknowledge the support of the State of New York and, if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency; and
  - b. State that the opinions, results, findings and/or interpretations of data contained therein are the responsibility of the Contractor and do not necessarily represent the opinions, interpretations or policy of the State or if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency.
3. Notwithstanding the above, (i) if the Contractor is an educational research institution, the Contractor may, for scholarly or academic purposes, use, present, discuss, report or publish any material, data or analyses, other than Confidential Information, that derives from activity under the Master Contract and the Contractor agrees to use best efforts to provide copies of any manuscripts arising from Contractor's performance under this Master Contract, or if requested by the State, the Contractor shall provide the State with a thirty (30) day period in which to review each manuscript for compliance with Confidential Information requirements; or (ii) if the Contractor is not an educational research institution, the Contractor may submit for publication, scholarly or academic publications that derive from activity under the Master Contract (but are not deliverable under the Master Contract), provided that the Contractor first submits such manuscripts to the State forty-five (45) calendar days prior to submission for consideration by a publisher in order for the State to review the manuscript for compliance with confidentiality requirements

and restrictions and to make such other comments as the State deems appropriate. All derivative publications shall follow the same acknowledgments and disclaimer as described in Section IV(G)(2) (Publicity) hereof.

**H. Web-Based Applications-Accessibility:** Any web-based intranet and Internet information and applications development, or programming delivered pursuant to the Contract or procurement shall comply with New York State Enterprise IT Policy NYS-P08-005, Accessibility Web-Based Information and Applications, and New York State Enterprise IT Standard NYS-S08-005, Accessibility of Web-Based Information Applications, as such policy or standard may be amended, modified or superseded, which requires that State Agency web-based intranet and Internet information and applications are accessible to person with disabilities. Web content must conform to New York State Enterprise IT Standards NYS-S08-005, as determined by quality assurance testing. Such quality assurance testing shall be conducted by DHSES and the results of such testing must be satisfactory to DHSES before web content shall be considered a qualified deliverable under the Contract or procurement.

**I. Non-Discrimination Requirements:** Pursuant to Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional nondiscrimination provisions, the Contractor and sub-contractors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex (including gender identity or expression), national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that the Contract shall be performed within the State of New York, the Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under the Contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, the Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under the Contract. The Contractor shall be subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 of the Labor Law.

**J. Equal Opportunities for Minorities and Women; Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises:** In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR 143, if the Contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, whereby a contracting State Agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting State Agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting State Agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then the Contractor certifies and affirms that (i) it is subject to Article 15-A of the Executive Law which includes, but is not limited to, those provisions concerning the maximizing of opportunities for the participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises and (ii) the following provisions shall apply and it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:

1. The Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status;

2. The Contractor shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on State contracts;
3. The Contractor shall undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;
4. At the request of the State, the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative shall affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein; and
5. The Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants shall be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.
6. The Contractor shall have institutional policies or practices that address harassment and discrimination of individuals on the basis of their age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, sex, marital status, disability, or other protected basis.

The Contractor shall include the provisions of subclauses 1 – 6 of this Section (IV)(J), in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (Work) except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 of the Executive Law does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to the Contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State. The State shall consider compliance by the Contractor or a subcontractor with the requirements of any Federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this section. The State shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such Federal law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the State shall waive the applicability of Section 312 of the Executive Law to the extent of such duplication or conflict. The Contractor shall comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Department of Economic Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

**K. Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992:** It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority and women-owned business enterprises, as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

1. If the total dollar amount of the Contract is greater than \$1 million, the Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing the Contract, the Contractor certifies the following:
  - a. The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of State business enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority and women-owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;
  - b. The Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended;

- c. The Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the New York State Department of Labor, or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The Contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request; and
- d. The Contractor acknowledges notice that the State may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of the Contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.

**L. Workers' Compensation Benefits:**

1. In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, the Contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of the Contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.
2. If a Contractor believes they are exempt from the Workers Compensation insurance requirement they must apply for an exemption.

**M. Unemployment Insurance Compliance:** The Contractor shall remain current in both its quarterly reporting and payment of contributions or payments in lieu of contributions, as applicable, to the State Unemployment Insurance system as a condition of maintaining this grant.

The Contractor hereby authorizes the State Department of Labor to disclose to DHSES staff only such information as is necessary to determine the Contractor's compliance with the State Unemployment Insurance Law. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. any records of unemployment insurance (UI) contributions, interest, and/or penalty payment arrears or reporting delinquency;
2. any debts owed for UI contributions, interest, and/or penalties;
3. the history and results of any audit or investigation; and
4. copies of wage reporting information.

Such disclosures are protected under Section 537 of the State Labor Law, which makes it a misdemeanor for the recipient of such information to use or disclose the information for any purpose other than the performing due diligence as a part of the approval process for the Contract.

**N. Vendor Responsibility:**

1. If a Contractor is required to complete a Questionnaire, the Contractor covenants and represents that it has, to the best of its knowledge, truthfully, accurately and thoroughly completed such Questionnaire. Although electronic filing is preferred, the Contractor may obtain a paper form from the OSC prior to execution of the Contract. The Contractor further covenants and represents that as of the date of execution of the Contract, there are no material events, omissions, changes or corrections to such document requiring an amendment to the Questionnaire.

2. The Contractor shall provide to the State updates to the Questionnaire if any material event(s) occurs requiring an amendment or as new information material to such Questionnaire becomes available.
3. The Contractor shall, in addition, promptly report to the State the initiation of any investigation or audit by a governmental entity with enforcement authority with respect to any alleged violation of Federal or state law by the Contractor, its employees, its officers and/or directors in connection with matters involving, relating to or arising out of the Contractor's business. Such report shall be made within five (5) business days following the Contractor becoming aware of such event, investigation, or audit. Such report may be considered by the State in making a Determination of Vendor Non-Responsibility pursuant to this section.
4. The State reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of the Contract:
  - a. to require updates or clarifications to the Questionnaire upon written request;
  - b. to inquire about information included in or required information omitted from the Questionnaire;
  - c. to require the Contractor to provide such information to the State within a reasonable timeframe; and
  - d. to require as a condition precedent to entering into the Contract that the Contractor agree to such additional conditions as shall be necessary to satisfy the State that the Contractor is, and shall remain, a responsible vendor; and
  - e. to require the Contractor to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity. By signing the Contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with any such additional conditions that have been made a part of the Contract.
5. The State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under the Contract, at any time, when it discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor shall be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the State issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.
6. The State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to make a final Determination of Non-Responsibility at any time during the term of the Contract based on:
  - a. any information provided in the Questionnaire and/or in any updates, clarifications or amendments thereof; or
  - b. the State's discovery of any material information which pertains to the Contractor's responsibility.
7. Prior to making a final Determination of Non-Responsibility, the State shall provide written notice to the Contractor that it has made a preliminary determination of non- responsibility. The State shall detail the reason(s) for the preliminary determination, and shall provide the Contractor with an opportunity to be heard.

**O. Charities Registration:** If applicable, the Contractor agrees to (i) 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, (ii) be in compliance with the OAG charities registration requirements

at the time of the awarding of this Contract by the State and (iii) remain in compliance with the OAG charities registration requirements throughout the term of the Contract.

**P. Consultant Disclosure Law:**<sup>8</sup> If this is a contract for consulting services, defined for purposes of this requirement to include analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental, health, and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal, or similar services, then in accordance with Section 163 (4-g) of the State Finance Law (as amended by Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006), the Contractor shall timely, accurately and properly comply with the requirement to submit an annual employment report for the contract to the agency that awarded the contract, the Department of Civil Service and the State Comptroller.

**Q. Wage and Hours Provisions:** If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be condition precedent to payment by the State of any State approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

**R. Participation By Minority Group Members And Women With Respect To Grant Contracts: Requirements And Procedures (state-funded grants only)**

**1. General Provisions**

- a. The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 142-144 ("MWBE Regulations") for all State contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
- b. The Contractor to the subject contract (the "Contractor" and the "Contract," respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to the DHSES, to fully comply and cooperate with the DHSES in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women ("EEO") and contracting opportunities for certified minority and women-owned business enterprises ("MWBEs"). Contractor's demonstration of "good faith efforts" pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the "Human Rights Law") or other applicable federal, state or local laws.
- c. Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the withholding of funds or such other actions, liquidated damages pursuant to Section VII of this Appendix or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

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<sup>8</sup> Not applicable to not-for-profit entities.

## 2. Contract Goals

- a. For purposes of this contract, DHSES has established overall goals for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (“MWBE”) participation which are specified in the contract work plan.
- b. For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the Contract Goals established in the contract work plan hereof, Contractor should reference the directory of New York State Certified MBWEs found at the following internet address: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp>. Additionally, Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development (518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200) to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.
- c. Where MWBE goals have been established herein, pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8, Contractor must document “good faith efforts” to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract. In accordance with Section 316-a of Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR §142.13, the Contractor acknowledges that if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract and the Contractor shall be liable to the DHSES for liquidated or other appropriate damages, as set forth herein.

## 3. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

- a. Contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A and the MWBE Regulations promulgated by the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development of the Department of Economic Development (the “Division”). If any of these terms or provisions conflict with applicable law or regulations, such laws and regulations shall supersede these requirements.
- b. Contractor shall comply with the following provisions of Article 15-A:
  - i. Contractor and Subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
  - ii. The Contractor shall maintain an EEO policy statement and submit it to the DHSES if requested.
  - iii. If Contractor or Subcontractor does not have an existing EEO policy statement, Section 4 below may be used to develop one.
  - iv. The Contractor’s EEO policy statement shall include the following, or similar, language:
    - a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force.
    - b) The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment



opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

- c) The Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.
- d) The Contractor will include the provisions of Subdivisions (a) through (c) of this Subsection (iv) and Paragraph "e" of this Section 3, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.

**c. Staffing Plan**

To ensure compliance with this Section, the Contractor shall submit a staffing plan to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. Contractors shall complete the Local Assistance MWBE Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan form and submit it as part of their bid or proposal or within a reasonable time, but no later than the time of award of the contract.

**d. Workforce Employment Utilization Report**

- i. Once a contract has been awarded and during the term of Contract, Contractor is responsible for updating and providing notice to the DHSES of any changes to the previously submitted Local Assistance MWBE Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan. This information is to be submitted annually or as otherwise required by the DHSES during the term of the contract, for the purpose of reporting the actual workforce utilized in the performance of the contract by the specified categories listed including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. The Local Assistance MWBE Workforce Employment Utilization Report form must be used to report this information.
  - ii. Separate forms shall be completed by Contractor and any Subcontractor performing work on the Contract.
  - iii. In limited instances, Contractor may not be able to separate out the workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce. When a separation can be made, Contractor shall submit the Local Assistance MWBE Workforce Employment Utilization Report and indicate that the information provided relates to the actual workforce utilized on the Contract. When the workforce to be utilized on the contract cannot be separated out from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce, Contractor shall submit the Local Assistance MWBE Workforce Employment Utilization Report and indicate that the information provided is Contractor's total workforce during the subject time frame, not limited to work specifically under the contract.
- e.** Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements

of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

#### **4. MWBE Utilization Plan**

- a. The Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has submitted a Local Assistance MWBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Form either prior to, or at the time of, the execution of the contract.
- b. Contractor agrees to use such Local Assistance MWBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Form for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed MWBE goals set forth in the contract workplan.
- c. Contractor further agrees that a failure to submit and/or use such Local Assistance MWBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Form shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, DHSES shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of Contractor non-responsiveness.

#### **5. Waivers**

If the DHSES, upon review of the Local Assistance MWBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Plan, the Detailed Itemization Forms or the Local Assistance MWBE Workforce Employment Utilization Report determines that a Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the Contract goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, the DHSES may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.

#### **6. MWBE Subcontractor Utilization Quarterly Report**

Contractor is required to report MWBE Subcontractor utilization, as part of the quarterly claim process, to the DHSES by the last day of the month following the end of each calendar quarter over the term of the Contract documenting the progress made towards achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

#### **7. Liquidated Damages - MWBE Participation**

- a. Where DHSES determines that Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract and Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, such finding constitutes a breach of Contract and DHSES may withhold payment from the Contractor as liquidated damages and/or provide for other appropriate remedies.
- b. Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:
  - 1) All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and
  - 2) All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.
- c. In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by the DHSES, Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to the DHSES within sixty (60) days after they are assessed by the DHSES unless prior to the expiration of such sixtieth day, the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 313 of the Executive

Law in which event the liquidated damages shall be payable if Director renders a decision in favor of the DHSES.

## 8. M/WBE AND EEO Policy Statement

- a. The Contractor agrees to adopt the following policies or similar policies with respect to the project being developed or services rendered in this contract with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services:

### M/WBE

This organization will and will cause its contractors and subcontractors to take good faith actions to achieve the M/WBE contract participations goals set by the State for that area in which the State-funded project is located, by taking the following steps:

- (1) Actively and affirmatively solicit bids for contracts and subcontracts from qualified State certified MBEs or WBEs, including solicitations to M/WBE contractor associations.
- (2) Request a list of State-certified M/WBEs from AGENCY and solicit bids from them directly.
- (3) Ensure that plans, specifications, request for proposals and other documents used to secure bids will be made available in sufficient time for review by prospective M/WBEs.
- (4) Where feasible, divide the work into smaller portions to enhanced participations by M/WBEs and encourage the formation of joint venture and other partnerships among M/WBE contractors to enhance their participation.
- (5) Document and maintain records of bid solicitation, including those to M/WBEs and the results thereof. Contractor will also maintain records of actions that its subcontractors have taken toward meeting M/WBE contract participation goals.
- (6) Ensure that progress payments to M/WBEs are made on a timely basis so that undue financial hardship is avoided, and that bonding and other credit requirements are waived or appropriate alternatives developed to encourage M/WBE participation.

### EEO

(a) This organization will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on state contracts. (b) This organization shall state in all solicitation or advertisements for employees that in the performance of the State contract all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex disability or marital status. (c) At the request of the contracting agency, this organization shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of this organization's obligations herein. (d) Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest. (e) This organization will include the provisions of sections (a) through (d) of this agreement in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the State contract.

Contractor agrees to comply with all MWBE and EEO contract goals reflected on the MWBE Utilization Plan and Staffing Plan respectively, that have been submitted with the application for this contract.

## **S. Additional Terms**

1. The Contractor agrees that if the project is not operational within 60 days of the execution date of the Contract, 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 Contract, the Contractor 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. The Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Commissioner of DHSES, or his or her designee, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability prior performance, and financial capacity.
  - a. The DHSES Commissioner, or his or her designee, in his or her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Contract, at any time, when DHSES discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of the notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the Commissioner of DHSES, or his or her designee, issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.
  - b. Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with the appropriate DHSES officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the DHSES Commissioner, or his or her designee at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the DHSES Commissioner, or his or her designee, to be non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner, or his or her designee, may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.
3. DHSES shall make payments and any reconciliation in accordance with the Payment and Reporting Schedule (Appendix C). DHSES shall pay the Contractor for completed, approved projects, a sum not to exceed the amount noted on the Face Page hereof. The Contractor must not request payments or reimbursements that duplicate funding or reimbursement from any other source for Contractor costs and services pursuant to this Contract.
4. The Contractor 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. For Federally-funded awards, the detailed Itemization forms shall include the required certifications pursuant to 2 CFR §200.415. These reports must be prepared periodically and as defined in Appendix C of this Contract. 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.

5. The Contractor'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/state-agencies/travel>.
6. The Contractor's employment of a consultant must be supported by a written Contract executed by the Contractor and the consultant. A consultant is defined as an individual or organization hired by the Contractor 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 Contractor shall retain copies of all solicitations seeking a consultant, written Contracts and documentation justifying the cost and selection of the consultant, and make them available to DHSES upon request. The Contractor further agrees that it shall assume sole and complete responsibility for fulfilling all the obligations set forth in the Contract and the Contractor must guarantee the work of the consultant as if it were its own. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a disallowance of costs.
7. Additionally, Contractor must adhere to the following guidelines at a minimum when making all procurements, including consultant services. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a disallowance of costs.
  - a. A Contractor who proposes to purchase goods or 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 procurement must be in accordance with the guidelines, bulletins and regulations of the Office of the State Comptroller, State Procurement Council, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. For Federally-funded awards, contractor must comply with 2 CFR §200.320(c). A copy of DHSES' approval must also be submitted with the voucher for payment.
  - b. The rate for consultant services, and cost of equipment or goods, shall be reasonable and consistent with the amount paid for similar services or goods and equipment in the marketplace. Time and effort reports are required for consultants.
  - c. 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).
  - d. A Contractor that is a State entity must make all procurements in accordance with State Finance Law Article 11 and any other applicable regulations.
  - e. A Contractor that is a local government must make all procurements in accordance with General Municipal Law Article 5-A, and any other applicable regulations.
  - f. A Contractor that is a not-for-profit and all other entities that do not meet the descriptions in

Section III(S)(7)(d) or (e) herein must make all procurements as noted below:

- i. If the Contractor 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 Contractor may purchase any single piece of equipment, single service or multiples of each that cost up to \$999 at its discretion.
- iii. Before purchasing any piece of equipment, service or multiples of each that have an aggregate cost between \$1,000 and \$4,999, a Contractor must secure at least three telephone quotes and create a record for audit of such quotes.
- iv. Before purchasing any piece of equipment, service or multiples of each that have an aggregate cost of between \$5,000 and \$9,999, the Contractor must secure at least three written quotes on a vendor's stationery and maintain a record of the competitive procurement process for audit purposes.
- v. A Contractor spending in aggregate of \$10,000 and above must use a 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; sealed bids opened at one time before a committee who will certify the process; establishment of the methodology for evaluating bids before the bids are opened; and maintenance of a record of competitive procurement process.
- g.** Acceptance of State support for interoperable and emergency communications projects, including funding through the Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program, requires that Contractors must use open-standard/vendor-neutral technologies to allow for other public safety/public service agencies (including State agencies and authorities) and jurisdictions in your region to operate on your radio system(s) when required, regardless of the total percentage of system funding from the State. This access for other agencies must be permitted to support operational and interoperable goals, and without restriction as to specific manufacturers' subscriber equipment. All reasonably compatible subscriber equipment must be permitted to be operated on your system by outside agencies, thus allowing coordinated efforts between local and state public safety/public service agencies and maximizing resources and capabilities.
- h.** DHSES reserves the right to suspend program funds if the Contractor is found to be in noncompliance with the provisions of this Contract or other grant Contracts between the Contractor and DHSES or, if the Contractor or principals of the Contractor 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 Contractor under the Contract are unsatisfactory or untimely.
  - i. DHSES shall provide the Contractor with written notice of noncompliance.
  - ii. Upon the Contractor's failure to correct or comply with the written notice by DHSES,

DHSES reserves the right to terminate this Contract, recoup funds and recover any assets purchased with the proceeds of this Contract.

- i. 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 Contractor, or upon reasonable assurance that the Contractor is not in compliance with these terms.
- j. As a result of the Iran Divestment Act of 2012 (Act), Chapter 1 of the 2012 Laws of New York, a new provision has been added to the State Finance Law (SFL), § 165-a, effective April 12, 2012. Under the Act, the Commissioner of the Office of General Services (OGS) will be developing a list (prohibited entities list) of “persons” who are engaged in “investment activities in Iran” (both are defined terms in the law). Pursuant to SFL § 165-a(3)(b), the initial list is expected to be issued no later than 120 days after the Act’s effective date, at which time it will be posted on the OGS website.
  - i. By entering into this Contract, Contractor (or any assignee) certifies in accordance with State Finance Law §165-a that it is not on the “Entities Determined to be Non-Responsive Bidders/Offerers pursuant to the New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012” (“Prohibited Entities List”) posted at: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/about/regs/docs/ListofEntities.pdf>.
  - ii. Contractor further certifies that it will not utilize on this Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. Contractor agrees that should it seek to renew or extend this Contract, it must provide the same certification at the time the Contract is renewed or extended. Contractor also agrees that any proposed Assignee of this Contract will be required to certify that it is not on the Prohibited Entities List before the contract assignment will be approved by the State.
  - iii. During the term of the Contract, should DHSES receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law §165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, the state agency will review such information and offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment activity which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then the state agency shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule, or contract, including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.
  - iv. DHSES reserves the right to reject any bid, request for assignment, renewal or extension for an entity that appears on the Prohibited Entities List prior to the award, assignment, renewal or extension of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the Prohibited Entities list after contract award.

## **V. FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Hatch Act.** The Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the Contract, to comply with all applicable provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.), as amended.

- B. Requirement for System of Award Management:** Unless you are exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, you as the subrecipient must maintain the currency of your information in the System of Award Management (SAM) until you submit the final financial report required under this award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in your information or another award term. Pursuant to section 2 CFR §25.300, Contractors must maintain a current unique entity identifier prior to and during the life of the Contract. Nonprofit organizations that are first-tier subrecipients for Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) funding must have a DUNS number, but are not required to be registered in SAM.
- C.** In accordance with 2 CFR §§200.112 and 200.113, Contractor understands and agrees that it must: (1) disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to DHSES; and (2) disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to DHSES all violations of federal and state criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the grant award. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any remedy available to DHSES for Contractor's noncompliance, including suspension or debarment.
- D.** The Contractor must ensure that, for all contracts entered into by the Contractor, the contract provisions required by 2 CFR §200.327 (and Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200) are included in such contracts. The Contractor further agrees to impose and enforce this requirement for any Contractor subaward agreements.
- E.** Where advance payments are approved by DHSES, the Contractor 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 2 CFR Part 200, (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Contracts to State and Local Governments) which require Contractors 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 Contractor may keep interest earned up to \$500 per federal fiscal year 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.
- F. Audit Requirements.** This Contract, and any sub-awards resulting from this Contract, may be subject to fiscal and program 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 Contract. The Contractor shall meet all audit requirements of the federal government and State of New York. Such audits may include review of the Contractor's accounting, financial, and reporting practices to determine compliance with the Contract 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.
- G. Equipment Markings.** The Contractor 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."



- H. Administrative, Cost and Audit Requirements:** The Contractor must comply with the most recent version of the Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit requirements. *Failure to do so may result in disallowance of costs upon audit.* A list of regulations and guidance applicable to United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grants are listed below:
- 1. General Administrative Requirements:**
    - a. 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
  - 2. Cost Principles:**
    - a. 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E
  - 3. Audit Requirements:**
    - a. 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F
- I. Contracting with small and minority firms, women's business enterprise and labor surplus area firms.**
1. Consistent with 2 CFR §200.321, the grantee and any subgrantees will take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.
  2. Affirmative steps must include:
    - a. Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
    - b. Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
    - c. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;
    - d. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;
    - e. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
    - f. Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in subsections (2)(a) through (e) of this section.
- J. Compliance with Laws, Regulations and Program Guidance.** The Contractor shall ensure it is aware of and complies with all applicable laws, regulations and program guidance. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to become familiar with and comply with all terms and conditions associated with acceptance of funds.
- K. Adequate Documentation:** The Contractor must ensure full compliance with all cost documentation

requirements, including specific personal service documentation, as applicable directly to the Contractor, sub-recipient or collaborative agency/organization. The Contractor must maintain specific documentation as support for project related personal service expenditures as this Contract is supported by federal funds. Depending upon the nature or extent of personal service provided under this Contract, the Contractor 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.

- L. Single Audit Requirements:** For audits of fiscal years beginning on or after December 26, 2014, recipients that expend \$750,000 or more from all federal funding sources during their fiscal year are required to submit an organization-wide financial and compliance audit report. The audit must be performed in accordance with the requirements of GAO's Government Auditing Standards, located at <http://www.gao.gov/govaud/ybk01.htm>, and the requirements of Subpart F of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, located at <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=63811dc3410c008e2f8e28c325cdc09e&mc=true&node=sp2.1.200.f&rgn=div6>. The final report for such audit must be completed within nine months of the end of the Contractor's fiscal year. The Contractor must provide one copy of such audit report to DHSES within nine (9) months of the end of its fiscal year, or communicate in writing to DHSES that Contractor is exempt from such requirement.
- M. Program Income:** Program income earned by the Contractor 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 Contractor 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.
- N. Intellectual Property:** Any creative or literary work developed or commissioned by the Contractor 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.
1. If DHSES shares its right to copyright such work with the Contractor, 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 Contractor, sub-Contractor, or a contractor purchases ownership with grant support.
  2. 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 Contractor, sub-Contractor, or a contractor purchases ownership with such grant support.

3. The Contractor shall submit one copy of all reports and publications resulting from this Contract to DHSES within thirty (30) calendar days of completion. 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.”

**O. Accounting for Grant Expenditures:**

1. Grant funds may be expended only for purposes and activities set forth in this Contract. Accordingly, the most important single requirement of accounting for this grant is the complete and accurate documentation of grant expenditures. If the Contractor 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. Contractor 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. 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.
4. If this Contract makes provisions for the Contractor to sub-grant funds to other recipients, the Contractor agrees that all sub-Contractors shall be held accountable by the Contractor for all terms and conditions set forth in this Contract in its entirety. The Contractor further agrees that it shall assume sole and complete responsibility for fulfilling all the obligations set forth in the Contract and the Contractor must guarantee the work of any sub-Contractor as if it were its own.
5. The Contractor agrees that all sub-Contractor 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 Contract;

- 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 Contract;
  - Applicable federal and/or State cost principles to be used in determining allowable costs; and
  - Property Records or Equipment Inventory Reports.
- P.** The Contractor will not be reimbursed for sub-granted funds unless all expenditures by a sub-Contractor 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 Contract and with the Budget set forth in Appendix B.
- Q.** Space rental provided by this Contract must be supported by a written lease, maintained on file and made available by the Contractor upon request.
- R. Equipment and Property:**
1. Any equipment, furniture or supplies or other property purchased pursuant to this Contract 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 Contract.
  2. 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 (2) years.
  3. Upon completion of all contractual requirements by the Contractor, 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 Contractors 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.

4. Upon completion of all contractual requirements by the Contractor under this Contract, 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 Contract.
5. The Contractor 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 Contractor, this fact should be reported to DHSES as soon as possible and appropriate guidelines followed, as specified in this Appendix.
6. If Contractor disposes of any equipment purchased under this Contract during the active lifespan of said equipment, Contractor must reinvest any proceeds from the disposal into additional equipment items to continue Contractor's organization's activities subject to the guidelines of this Contract. If the Contractor does not reinvest proceeds to continue activities subject to this Contract, the percentage of the proceeds equal to the proportion of the original purchase price paid by funds for the Contract must be repaid to the State of New York.

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