



FAUQUIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Contract # 26-043-C-R

Riding NASPO (Master Agreement # 4400036123)

Bob Barker Company, Inc.

This Agreement is made and entered into this 9th day of September 2025, by the Fauquier County Government, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, referred to as "Owner" and **Bob Barker Company, Inc.** having its principal place of business at **7925 Purfoy Road, Fuquay Varina, NC 27526**, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor".

WITNESSETH that the Contractor and the Owner, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements herein contained, agree as follows:

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Contractor shall provide Products and Supplies for Correctional Facilities and Incarcerated Individuals.

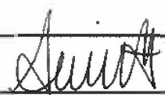
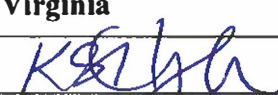
COMPENSATION: The Owner will pay, and the Contractor will accept in full consideration for performance during the contract term pricing as negotiated and attached.

CONTRACT PERIOD: Date of execution through December 9, 2025 with the option to automatically renew for four additional (one) 1-year terms at the mutual agreement of both parties.

The contract documents shall consist of and in the event of conflict or ambiguity, shall be interpreted in the following order of priority:

- (1)e This signed form;e
- (2)e Fauquier County General Terms & Conditions;e
- (3) NASPO RFP #5400027173 dated September 3, 2024 inclusive of any attachments and addendums; ande
- (4)e NASPO Master Agreement #4400036123 dated October 16, 2024, inclusive of all modifications and anye documents included or incorporated by reference all of which are incorporated herein;e

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

	Bob Barker Company, Inc.		Fauquier County Government, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia
By:		By:	
Title:	Proposal Manager	Title:	Director of Procurement
Date:	9/9/2025	Date:	9/9/2025

GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS/OFFERORS

Revised 08/05/2021

Vendor: These general rules and conditions shall apply to all purchases and be a part of each solicitation and every contract awarded by the Procurement Division, unless otherwise specified. The Procurement Division is responsible for the purchasing activity of Fauquier County, which is comprised of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, a body politic and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Constitutional Officers of Fauquier County, Virginia, and the Fauquier County School Board, a body corporate. The term "Owner" as used herein refers to the contracting entity which is the signatory on the contract and may be either Fauquier County or the Fauquier County School Board, or both. Bidder/Offeror or their authorized representatives are expected to inform themselves fully as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting bids/proposals: failure to do so will be at the bidder's/Offeror's own risk and except as provided by law, relief cannot be secured on the plea of error.

Subject to all Federal, State and local laws, policies, resolutions, regulations, rules, limitations and legislation, bids/proposals on all solicitations issued by the Procurement Division will bind bidders/Offerors to applicable conditions and requirements herein set forth unless otherwise specified in the solicitation.

- 1. AUTHORITY**-Except as delegated in the Procurement Procedures Manual, the Purchasing Agent has the sole responsibility and authority for negotiating, placing and when necessary modifying every solicitation, contract and purchase order issued by the Owner. In the discharge of these responsibilities, the Purchasing Agent may be assisted by assigned buyers. Unless specifically delegated by the Purchasing Agent, no other Owner officer or employee is authorized to order supplies or services, enter into purchase negotiations or contracts, or in any way obligate the Owner for an indebtedness. Any purchase order or contract made which is contrary to these provisions and authorities shall be of no effect and void and the Owner shall not be bound thereby.
- 2. COMPETITION INTENDED:** It is the Owner's intent that this solicitation permit competition. It shall be the Bidder's/Offeror's responsibility to advise the Purchasing Agent in writing if any language, requirement, specification, etc., or any combination thereof, stifles competition or inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this solicitation to a single source. The Purchasing Agent must receive such notification not later than five (5) business days prior to the deadline set for acceptance of the bids/proposals.

CONDITIONS OF BIDDING

- 3. CLARIFICATION OF TERMS:** Unless otherwise specified, if any Bidder/Offeror has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective Bidder/Offeror should contact the buyer whose name appears on the face of the solicitation no later than five (5) business days prior to the date set for the opening of bids or receipt of proposals. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the Buyer. Notifications regarding specifications may not be considered if received in less than five (5) business days of the date set for opening of bids/receipt of proposals.
- 4. MANDATORY USE OF OWNER FORMS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Failure to submit a bid/proposal on the official Owner forms provided for that purpose shall be a cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. Unauthorized modification of or additions to any portion of the Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal may be cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. However, the Owner reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject any bid or proposal which has been modified.
- 5. LATE BIDS/PROPOSALS & MODIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:**

Any bid/proposal/modification received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of the bid/proposal/modification is considered a late bid/proposal/modification. The Owner is not responsible for delays in the delivery of the mail by the U.S. Postal Service, private carriers or the inter-office mail system. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Offeror to ensure their bid/proposal reaches the Procurement Division by the designated date and hour.

 - The official time used in the receipt of bids/proposals is that time stamp within the Bonfire Portal.
 - Late bids/proposals/modifications will be returned to the Bidder/Offeror UNOPENED, if solicitation number, acceptance date and Bidder/Offeror's return address is shown on the container.
 - If the Owner closes its offices due to inclement weather or other unforeseen emergency scheduled bid openings or receipt of proposals will be extended to the next business day, same time.
- 6. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:**

A Bidder/Offeror for a contract other than for public construction may request withdrawal of his or her bid/proposal under the following circumstances:

 - Bids/Proposals may be withdrawn on written request from the Bidder/Offeror received at the address shown in the solicitation prior to the time of acceptance.
 - Requests for withdrawal of bids/proposals after opening of such bids/proposals but prior to award shall be transmitted to the Purchasing Agent, in writing, accompanied by full documentation supporting the request. If the request is based on a claim of error, documentation must show the basis of the error. Such documentation may take the form of supplier quotations, vendor work sheets, etc. If bid bonds were tendered with the bid, the Owner may exercise its right of collection.

No Bid/Proposal may be withdrawn under this paragraph when the result would be the awarding of the contract on another bid/Proposal of the same bidder/Offeror or of another bidder/Offeror in which the ownership of the withdrawing bidder/Offeror is more than five percent. In the case of Invitation for Bids, if a bid is withdrawn under the authority of this paragraph, the lowest remaining bid shall be deemed to be the low bid. No bidder/Offeror that is permitted to withdraw a bid/proposal shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor to or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn bid/proposal was submitted.
- 7. ERRORS IN BIDS/PROPOSALS** – When an error is made in extending total prices, the unit bid price will govern. Erasures in bids/proposals must be initialed by the bidder/Offeror. Carelessness in quoting prices, or in preparation of bid/proposal otherwise, will not relieve the Bidder/Offeror. Bidders/Offeror's are cautioned to recheck their bids/proposals for possible error. Errors discovered after public opening cannot be corrected and the bidder will be required to perform if his or her bid is accepted.
- 8. IDENTIFICATION OF BID/PROPOSAL ENVELOPE:** The signed bid/proposal and requested copies should be returned in a separate envelope or package, sealed and identified with the following information:

ADDRESSED AS INDICATED ON PAGE 1

IFB/RFP NUMBER
TITLE
BID/PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME
VENDOR NAME AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (RETURN ADDRESS)

If a bid/proposal is not addressed with the information as shown above, the Bidder/Offeree takes the risk that the envelope may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised, which may cause the bid/proposal to be disqualified. Bids/Proposals may be hand delivered to the designated location in the office issuing the solicitation. No other correspondence or other proposals should be placed in the envelope.

9. **ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:** Unless otherwise specified, all formal bids/proposals submitted shall be valid for a minimum period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days following the date established for acceptance. At the end of the one hundred twenty (120) calendar days the bid/proposal may be withdrawn at the written request of the Bidder/Offeree. If the proposal is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.
10. **CONDITIONAL BIDS:** Conditional bids are subject to rejection in whole or in part.
11. **BIDDERS PRESENT:** At the time fixed for the opening of responses to a bid, bid contents will be made public for the information of bidders and other interested parties who may be present either in person or by representative. All bids will be opened at the time and place specified and read publicly. Bid tabulations are posted on the Procurement Division's Bulletin Board for a minimum of 10 days from award date. At the time fixed for the receipt of responses for Request for Proposals, only the names of the Offerors will be read and made available to the public.
12. **RESPONSE TO SOLICITATIONS:** In the event a vendor cannot submit a bid on a solicitation, the vendor is requested to return the solicitation cover sheet with an explanation as to why the vendor is unable to bid on these requirements. Because of the large number of firms listed on the Owner's Bidders List, it may be necessary to delete from this list the names of those persons, firms or corporations who fail to respond after having been invited to bid for three (3) successive solicitations. Such deletion will be made only after formal notification of the intent to remove the firm from the Owner's Bidders List.
13. **BIDDER INTERESTED IN MORE THAN ONE BID:** If more than one bid is offered by any one party, either directly or by or in the name of his or her clerk, partner, or other persons, all such bids may be rejected. A party who has quoted prices on work, materials, or supplies to a bidder is not thereby disqualified from quoting prices to other bidders or firms submitting a bid directly for the work, materials or supplies.
14. **TAX EXEMPTION:** The Owner is exempt from the payment of any federal excise or any Virginia sales tax. The price bid must be net, exclusive of taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished if requested by the Bidder/Offeree.
15. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offerees certify that they are not currently debarred from submitting bids/proposals on contracts by the Owner, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting bids or proposals on contracts by the Owner or any agency, public entity/locality or authority of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
16. **ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING:** The provisions contained in *Code of Virginia* §§ 2.2-4367 through 2.2-4377 (the Virginia Public Procurement Act), as amended from time to time, shall be applicable to all contracts solicited or entered into by the Owner. By submitting their bids/proposals, all Bidders/Offerees certify that their bids/proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other Bidder, Offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their bid/proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.
17. **NO CONTACT POLICY:** No Bidder/Offeree shall initiate or otherwise have contact related to the solicitation with any Owner representative or employee, other than the Procurement Division, after the date and time established for receipt of bids/proposals. Any contact initiated by a Bidder/Offeree with any Owner representative, other than the Procurement Division, concerning this solicitation is prohibited and may cause the disqualification of the Bidder/Offeree from this procurement process.
18. **VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:** All proceedings, records, contracts and other public records relating to procurement transactions shall be open to the inspection of any citizen, or any interested person, firm or corporation, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3700 *et. seq.*) and § 2.2-4342 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act except as provided below:
 - a. Cost estimates relating to a proposed procurement transaction prepared by or for a public body shall not be open to public inspection.
 - b. Any competitive sealed bidding bidder, upon request, shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect bid records within a reasonable time after the opening of bids but prior to award, except in the event that the Owner decides not to accept any of the bids and to reopen the contract. Otherwise, bid records shall be open to public inspection only after award of the contract. Any competitive negotiation Offeror, upon request, shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect proposal records within a reasonable time after the evaluation and negotiations of proposals are completed but prior to award except in the event that the Owner decides not to accept any of the proposals and to reopen the contract. Otherwise, proposal records shall be open to the public inspection only after award of the contract except as provided in paragraph "c" below. Any inspection of procurement transaction records under this section shall be subject to reasonable restrictions to ensure the security and integrity of the records.
 - c. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a bidder, Offeror or contractor in connection with a procurement transaction shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information and Virginia Public Procurement Acts; however, the bidder, Offeror or contractor must invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of the data or other materials, and must identify the data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary.
 - d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require the Owner, when procuring by "competitive negotiation" (Request for Proposal), to furnish a statement of reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous to the Owner.
19. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Contractor certifies by signing bid to the Owner that no conflict of interest exists between Contractor and Owner that interferes with fair competition and no conflict of interest exists between Contractor and any other person or organization that constitutes a conflict of interest with respect to the contract with the Owner.

SPECIFICATIONS

20. **BRAND NAME OR EQUAL ITEMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict bidders to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named; it conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired, and any article which the Owner

in its sole discretion determines to be the equal of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. The Bidder is responsible to clearly and specifically indicate the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable the Owner to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the solicitation. This is required even if offering the exact brand, make or manufacturer specified. Normally in competitive sealed bidding, only the information furnished with the bid will be considered in the evaluation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid non-responsive. Unless the Bidder clearly indicates in its bid/proposal that the product offered is "equal" product, such bid/proposal will be considered to offer the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.

21. **FORMAL SPECIFICATIONS:** When a solicitation contains a specification which states no substitutes, no deviation therefrom will be permitted and the bidder will be required to furnish articles in conformity with that specification.
22. **OMISSIONS & DISCREPANCIES:** Any items or parts of any equipment listed in this solicitation which are not fully described or are omitted from such specification, and which are clearly necessary for the completion of such equipment and its appurtenances, shall be considered a part of such equipment although not directly specified or called for in the specifications.

The Bidder/Offeree shall abide by and comply with the true intent of the specifications and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission, but shall fully complete every part as the true intent and meaning of the specifications and drawings. Whenever the mention is made of any articles, material or workmanship to be in accordance with laws, ordinances, building codes, underwriter's codes, A.S.T.M. regulations or similar expressions, the requirements of these laws, ordinances, etc., shall be construed as to the minimum requirements of these specifications.

23. **CONDITION OF ITEMS:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, all items shall be new, in first class condition.

AWARD

24. **AWARD OR REJECTION OF BIDS:** The Purchasing Agent shall award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder complying with all provisions of the IFB, provided the bid price is reasonable and it is in the best interest of the Owner to accept it. Awards made in response to a RFP will be made to the highest qualified Offeror whose proposal is determined, in writing, to be the most advantageous to the Owner taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to award a contract by individual items, in the aggregate, or in combination thereof, or to reject any or all bids/proposals and to waive any informality in bids/proposals received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Owner. Award may be made to as many bidders/Offeror's as deemed necessary to fulfill the anticipated requirements of the Owner. The Purchasing Agent also reserves the right to reject the bid if a bidder is deemed to be a non-responsive bidder.
25. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD:** Upon the award or announcement of the decision to award a contract as a result of this solicitation, the Procurement Division will publicly post such notice on the Procurement Website at <http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-h-z/procurement>
26. **QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS OR OFFERORS:** The Owner may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder/Offeree to perform the work/furnish the item(s) and the Bidder/Offeree shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Owner reserves the right to inspect Bidder's/Offeror's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the Bidder's/Offeror's capabilities. The Owner further reserves the right to reject any bid or proposal if the evidence submitted by or investigations of, such Bidder/Offeree fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder/Offeree is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work/furnish the item(s) contemplated therein.
27. **TIE BIDS:** In the case of a tie bid, the Owner may give preference to goods, services and construction produced in Fauquier County or provided by persons, firms or corporations having principal places of business in the County. If such choice is not available, preference shall then be given to goods and services produced in the Commonwealth pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4324. If no County or Commonwealth choice is available, the tie shall be decided by lot.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS

28. **APPLICABLE LAW AND COURTS:** Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be governed and construed in all respects by the laws of Virginia, and any litigation with respect thereto shall only be brought in the appropriate General District or Circuit Court of Fauquier County, Virginia. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
29. **ANTITRUST:** By entering into a contract, the Contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Owner all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of the action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Owner under said contract. This includes, but is not limited to, overcharges as to goods and/or services provided in connection with this contract resulting from antitrust violations that arise under United States' or the Commonwealth's antitrust laws. Consistent and continued tie bidding could cause rejection of bids by the Purchasing Agent and/or investigation for antitrust violations.
30. **INVOICING AND PAYMENT TERMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation payment will be made forty-five (45) days after receipt of a proper invoice, or forty-five (45) days after receipt of all goods or acceptance of work, whichever is the latter.
 - a. Invoices for items/services ordered, delivered/performed and accepted shall be submitted by the Contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the contract number, purchase order number, and any federal employer identification number.
 - b. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 45 days will be regarded as requiring payment 45 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 45 days, however.
 - c. The date of payment shall be deemed the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail.
 - d. The Owner's fiscal year is July 1 - June 30. Contractors must submit invoices, especially for goods and/or services provided in the month of JUNE, for the entire month i.e. June 1 - June 30, so that expenses are recognized in the appropriate fiscal year.
 - e. Any payment made by the Contractor to the Owner shall only be made in U.S. Dollars. If payment is received in foreign currency the Owner may, in its sole discretion, reject such payment and require immediate compensation in U.S. Dollars.
31. **PAYMENT TO SUBCONTRACTORS:** A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
 - a. To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Owner for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
 - b. To notify the Owner and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.

The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month compounded monthly (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the Owner, except for amounts withheld as stated in 2 above. The date of mailing of any payment by postage prepaid U.S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contract. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the Owner.

32. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the Contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Purchasing Agent.
33. **DEFAULT:** In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Owner, after due oral or written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to another remedies which the Owner may have.
34. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offeror's certify to the Owner that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians with Disabilities Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Virginia Human Rights Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3900 *et seq.*) and § 2.2-4311 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1(E)).

In every contract over \$10,000 the provisions in A and B below apply:

- a. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:
- 1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - 2) The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - 3) Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
- b. The Contractor will include the provisions of a. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.
35. **CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT:** Changes can only be made to the contract in one of the following ways:
- a. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
 - b. The Owner may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the Contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The Contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The Contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the Owner a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods.
 - 1) By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - 2) By agreeing in writing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the Owner's right to audit the Contractor's records and/or determine the correct number of units independently; or
 - 3) By ordering the Contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The Contractor shall present the Owner with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Owner shall have the right to audit the records of the Contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Procurement Division within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Procurement Division. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the questions of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for relieving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the Contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Owner or with the performance of the contract generally.
 - c. No modification for a fixed price contract may be increased by more than 25% or \$50,000, whichever is greater without the advanced written approval of the Board of Supervisors or the School Board, as applicable.
36. **INDEMNIFICATION:** Contractor shall indemnify, keep and save harmless the Owner, its agents, officials, employees and volunteers against claims of injuries, death, damage to property, patent claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, cost and expenses which may otherwise accrue against the Owner in consequence of the granting of a contract or which may otherwise result therefrom, if it shall be determined that the act was caused through negligence or error, or omission of the Contractor or his or her employees, or that of the subcontractor or his or her employees, if any; and the Contractor shall, at his or her own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising therefrom or incurred in connection therewith; and if any judgment shall be rendered against the Owner in any such action, the Contractor shall, at his or her own expenses, satisfy and discharge the same. Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any performance bond or insurance protection required by this contract, or otherwise provided by the Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the Owner as herein provided.
37. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, “*drug-free workplace*” means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

38. **TERMINATION:** Subject to the provisions below, the contract may be terminated by the Owner upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the contractor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.
- Termination for Convenience:** In the event that the contract is terminated upon request and for the convenience of the Owner, without the required thirty (30) days advance notice, then the Owner shall be responsible for payment of services up to the termination date.
 - Termination for Cause:** Termination by the Owner for cause, default or negligence on the part of the contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provision; termination costs, if any shall not apply. However, pursuant to the Default provision of these General Conditions, the Owner may hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. The thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived in the event of Termination for Cause.
 - Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Fiscal Years:** When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal year, the contract shall be canceled without any liability or penalty to Owner.

39. USE OF CONTRACT BY OTHER PUBLIC BODIES: Except as prohibited by the current *Code of Virginia*, all resultant contracts will be extended, with the authorization of the Contractor, to other public bodies of the Commonwealth of Virginia and all currently active members of the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) or, Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team, to permit their ordering of supplies and/or services at the prices and terms of the resulting contract. If any other public body decides to use the final contract, the Contractor must deal directly with that public body concerning the placement or orders, issuance of the purchase order, contractual disputes, invoicing and payment. Fauquier County acts only as the “Contracting Agent” for these public bodies. Any resulting contract with other public bodies shall be governed by the laws of that specific entity. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to notify the public bodies of the availability of the contract. Fauquier County shall not be held liable for any costs or damage incurred by another public body as a result of any award extended to that public body by the Contractor.

40. **AUDIT:** The Contractor hereby agrees to retain all books, records and other documents relative to this contract for five years after final payment, or until audited by the Owner, whichever is sooner. The agency, its authorized agents, and/or Owner auditors shall have full access to and right to examine any of said materials during said period.
41. **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY NOTIFICATION:** The Contractor shall not employ on school property any employee who is a registered sex offender and shall enforce the same restriction upon all sub-contractors and agents of Contractor. Prior to starting work and quarterly during performance of the work, the Contractor shall check the Virginia State Police Sex Offender Registry to verify sex offender status of all employees and agents of Contractor and Sub-Contractors who are employed on school property by the Contractor or Sub-Contractor. The Contractor shall furnish the Owner with evidence verifying compliance with the services.

Prior to starting work on-site, the Contractor shall submit a completed Fauquier County Public Schools “CERTIFICATION OF NO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN” form, a copy of which is included in this solicitation.

42. **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW:** During the term of any contract, the Contractor does not, and shall not during the performance of the contract for goods and services in the Commonwealth of Virginia, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.
43. **ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION:** As required by the Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act 40 CFR, subpart E, 763.93, information regarding asbestos inspections, response actions, and post response activities is on file in a full asbestos report located in the main office of each school. Contractors bear full responsibility to review this material prior to commencing any activity at a school site.
44. **VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION:** If required by law, the Contractor shall maintain a valid certificate of authority or registration to transact business in Virginia with the Virginia State Corporation Commission as required by Title 13.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, during the term of the Contract or any Contract renewal. The Contractor shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the terms of the contract. If the Contractor fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section, the contract is voidable at the option of Owner.
45. **ADA WEBSITE-RELATED ACCESSIBILITY:** Any Contractor who performs services, designs, develops content, maintains or otherwise bears responsibility for the content and format of Owner’s website(s) or third-party programs accessed through Owner’s website(s), acknowledges receipt of, and responsibility to implement the accessibility standards found in the U.S. Department of Justice publication entitled “Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities,” available at www.ada.gov/websites2.htm or, as attached directly to the solicitation. Contractor services as noted, shall conform to § 508 of Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the World Wide Web Consortium’s (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0 AA), most current versions, in addition to the Owner’s web accessibility policy.

DELIVERY PROVISION


46. **SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS-CONSIGNMENT:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation each case, crate, barrel, package, etc., delivered under the contract must be plainly stenciled or securely tagged, stating the Contractor’s name, purchase order number, and delivery address as indicated in the order. Where shipping containers are to be used, each container must be marked with the purchase order number, name of the Contractor, the name of the item, the item number, and the quantity contained therein. Deliveries must be made within the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Deliveries at any other time will not be accepted unless specific arrangements have been previously made with the designated individual at the delivery point. No deliveries will be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays unless previous arrangements have been made. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to insure compliance with these instructions for items that are drop-shipped.
47. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES TENDERED:** The Contractor shall be responsible for the materials or supplies covered by the contract until they are delivered at the designated point, but the Contractor shall bear all risk on rejected materials or supplies after notice of rejection. Rejected materials or supplies must be removed by and at the expense of the contractor promptly after notification of rejection, unless public health and safety require immediate destruction or other disposal of rejected delivery. If rejected materials are not removed by the Contractor within ten (10) days after date of notification, the Owner may return the rejected materials or supplies to the Contractor at his or her risk and expense or dispose of them as its own property.

48. **INSPECTIONS:** The Owner reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure supplies and services conform to the specification. Inspection and acceptance of materials or supplies will be made after delivery at destinations herein specified unless otherwise stated. If inspection is made after delivery at destination herein specified, the Owner will bear the expense of inspection except for the value of samples used in case of rejection. Final inspection shall be conclusive except in regard to latent defects, fraud or such gross mistakes as to amount to fraud. Final inspection and acceptance or rejection of the materials or supplies will be made as promptly as practicable, but failure to inspect and accept or reject materials or supplies shall not impose liability on the Owner for such materials or supplies as are not in accordance with the specifications.
49. **COMPLIANCE:** Delivery must be made as ordered and in accordance with the solicitation or as directed by the Procurement Division when not in conflict with the bid/contract. The decision as to reasonable compliance with delivery terms shall be final. Burden of proof of delay in receipt of goods by the purchaser shall rest with the Contractor. Any request for extension of time of delivery from that specified must be approved by the Procurement Division, such extension applying only to the particular item or shipment affected. Should the Contractor be delayed by the Owner, there shall be added to the time of completion a time equal to the period of such delay caused by the Owner. However, the contractor shall not be entitled to claim damages of extra compensation for such delay or suspension. These conditions may vary for construction contracts.
50. **POINT OF DESTINATION:** All materials shipped to the Owner must be shipped F.O.B. DESTINATION unless otherwise stated in the contract. The materials must be delivered to the "Ship To" address indicated on the purchase order.
51. **REPLACEMENT:** Materials or components that have been rejected by the Procurement Division, in accordance with the terms of the contract, shall be replaced by the Contractor at no cost to the Owner.
52. **PACKING SLIPS OR DELIVERY TICKETS:** All shipments shall be accompanied by Packing Slips or Delivery Tickets and shall contain the following information for each item delivered:
- Purchase Order Number,
 - Name of Article and Stock Number,
 - Quantity Ordered,
 - Quantity Shipped,
 - Quantity Back Ordered,
 - The Name of the Contractor.

Contractors are cautioned that failure to comply with these conditions shall be considered sufficient reason for refusal to accept the goods.

BIDDER/CONTRACTOR REMEDIES

53. **PROTEST OF AWARD OR DECISION TO AWARD:** Any Bidder/Offeror who desires to protest the award or decision to award a contract, by either Fauquier County or the Fauquier County School Board, shall submit such protest in writing to the County Administrator (if the award or decision to award was made by Fauquier County) or the Superintendent of Schools (if the award or decision to award was made by the Fauquier County School Board), no later than ten (10) days after public notice of the award or announcement of the decision to award, whichever comes first. No protest shall lie for a claim that the selected bidder/Offeror is not a responsible bidder/Offeror. The written protest shall include the basis for the protest and the relief sought. The County Administrator or the Superintendent of Schools, as the case may be, shall issue a decision in writing within ten (10) days stating the reasons for the action taken. This decision shall be final unless the bidder/Offeror appeals within ten (10) days of the written decision by instituting legal action as provided in § VIII.H.3 of the County's Procurement Policy. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to permit an Offeror to challenge the validity of the terms or conditions of the solicitation.
54. **DISPUTES:** Contractual claims, whether for money or other relief, shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Schools (if the claim is against the Fauquier County School Board) or the County Administrator (if the claim is against Fauquier County) no later than sixty (60) days after final payment; however, written notice of the Contractor's intention to file such claim shall have been given at the time of the occurrence or beginning of the work upon which the claim is based. Nothing herein shall preclude a contract from requiring submission of an invoice for final payment within a certain time after completion and acceptance of the work or acceptance of the goods. Pendency of claims shall not delay payment of amount agreed due in the final payment. A written decision upon any such claims will be made by the School Board (if the claim is against the Fauquier County School Board) or the County Board of Supervisors (if the claim is against Fauquier County) within sixty (60) days after submittal of the claim. The Contractor may not institute legal action prior to receipt of the School Board or Board of Supervisors (whichever is applicable) decision on the claim unless the applicable party fails to render such decision within sixty (60) days. The decision of the School Board or Board of Supervisors (as applicable) shall be final and conclusive unless the Contractor within six (6) months of the date of the final decision on a claim, initiates legal action as provided in *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4364. Failure of the School Board or Board of Supervisors to render a decision within sixty (60) days shall not result in the Contractor being awarded the relief claimed nor shall it result in any other relief or penalty. Should the School Board or Board of Supervisors (as applicable) fail to render a decision within sixty (60) days after submittal of the claim, the Contractor may institute legal action within six (6) months after such 60-day period shall have expired, or the claim shall be deemed finally resolved. No administrative appeals procedure pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4365 has been established for contractual claims under this contract.

	<p align="center">State of South Carolina</p> <p align="center">Request for Proposal</p>	<p>Solicitation: 5400027173 Date Issued: 09/03/2024 Procurement Officer: MICHAEL SPEAKMON, CPPO Phone: 803-737-9816 E-Mail Address: mspeakmon@mmo.sc.gov Mailing Address: SFAA, Div. of Procurement Services 1201 Main Street, Suite 601 Columbia SC 29201</p>
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DESCRIPTION: **STC for Products & Supplies for Correctional Facilities & Incarcerated Individuals**
USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: **Statewide Term Contract**

SUBMIT YOUR OFFER ON-LINE AT THE FOLLOWING URL: <http://www.procurement.sc.gov>

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): **10/21/2024 11:00 AM** (See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: **09/18/2024 12:00 PM** (See "Questions From Offerors" provision)

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: **ONE (1) Electronic Media Copies of Technical & Price Proposals, One (1) Redacted Copy** via electronic media (marked "redacted"), (See "Ownership and Disclosure of Proposals" & "Disclosure of Your Bid/Proposal and Submitting Confidential Information" [See **"Online Bidding Instructions" in Attachment A**]

Initial here if NO redacted copy is necessary _____

<p>CONFERENCE TYPE: Pre-Proposal DATE & TIME: 09/16/2024 2:00 PM</p> <p><small>(As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions)</small></p>	<p>LOCATION: This meeting will be via Microsoft Teams only. Refer to Important Dates, in the "RFP Overview" document for instructions to attend the meeting.</p>
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<p>AWARD & AMENDMENTS</p>	<p>Award will be posted on 12/09/2024. The award, this solicitation, any amendments, and any related notices will be posted at the following web address: http://www.procurement.sc.gov</p>
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You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By signing, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after the Opening Date. (See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

<p>NAME OF OFFEROR</p> <p><small>(full legal name of business submitting the offer)</small></p>	<p>Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. The entity named as the offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.</p>
<p>AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE</p> <p><small>(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)</small></p>	<p>DATE SIGNED</p>
<p>TITLE</p> <p><small>(business title of person signing above)</small></p>	<p>STATE VENDOR NO.</p> <p><small>(Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at www.procurement.sc.gov)</small></p>
<p>PRINTED NAME</p> <p><small>(printed name of person signing above)</small></p>	<p>STATE OF INCORPORATION</p> <p><small>(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)</small></p>

OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one) (See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

Sole Proprietorship Partnership Other _____

Corporate entity (not tax-exempt) Corporation (tax-exempt) Government entity (federal, state, or local)

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(Return Page Two with Your Offer)

<p>HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for offeror's home office / principal place of business)</p> <p>Dun & Bradstreet # _____</p>	<p>NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Area Code - Number - Extension Facsimile</p> <p>_____</p> <p>E-mail Address</p>
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<p>PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)</p> <p>_____ Payment Address same as Home Office Address</p> <p>_____ Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)</p>	<p>ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)</p> <p>_____ Order Address same as Home Office Address</p> <p>_____ Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)</p>
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS							
Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)							
Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date

<p>DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)</p>	<p>10 Calendar Days (%)</p>	<p>20 Calendar Days (%)</p>	<p>30 Calendar Days (%)</p>	<p>_____ Calendar Days (%)</p>
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PREFERENCES - A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP. 2009):

Preferences do not apply per 11-35-1524(5)

PREFERENCES - ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE

Preferences do not apply per 11-35-1524(5)

_____ In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address _____ In-State Office Address same as Notice Address **(check only one)**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for
Products and Supplies for Correctional
Facilities and Incarcerated Individuals.

Issued by
the STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



In collaboration with





SOLICITATION NUMBER 5400027173

RFP

RFP OVERVIEW

I. INTRODUCTION

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is being issued by the State of South Carolina (“Lead State”) in collaboration with the NASPO ValuePoint cooperative purchasing program. The purpose of this RFP is to establish one or more Master Agreements for **Products and Supplies for Correctional Facilities and Incarcerated Individuals**.

Note: The use of the terms corrections facilities, inmate and incarcerated are synonymous with the terms institutional facility, patient and institutionalized.

The purpose of this competitive solicitation is to develop a “catalog category discount” contract to provide for equipment and supplies to be made available to purchase in the following categories of corrections supplies and equipment.

1. Clothing and Uniforms for Incarcerated /Institutionalized Persons
2. Undergarments for Incarcerated /Institutionalized Persons
3. Footwear for Incarcerated /Institutionalized Persons
4. Personal Hygiene & Personal Care Products
5. Mattresses & Linens
6. Facility – Evidence & Inmate Property Storage
7. Facility - Kitchen
8. Facility - Laundry Supplies & Equipment
9. Recreation Equipment (such as exercise equipment, sports equipment, etc.)

About NASPO ValuePoint

NASPO ValuePoint is a division of the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), a non-profit association dedicated to advancing public procurement through leadership, excellence, and integrity. In accordance with NASPO ValuePoint’s Lead State Model™, the Lead State is issuing this RFP, evaluating responses, and establishing Master Agreements with the support and assistance of a Multistate Sourcing Team™ composed of individuals from other member states, representing a broad range of perspectives that ensure the RFP incorporates best practices recognized by public entities across the country.

Participation in NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreements is convenient and cost-effective for eligible entities—including state departments, institutions, agencies, and political subdivisions, federally recognized tribes, and other eligible public and nonprofit entities in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories—and suppliers, with no membership or registration required. In 2023, contractors reported a combined **\$20.5 billion** in sales through NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreements awarded through cooperative solicitations like this RFP. This RFP constitutes the first iteration of a NASPO ValuePoint portfolio established for products and supplies for correctional institutions, so no historical spend data exists. Market research and internal state membership polling indicate this to be a very attractive portfolio opportunity for NASPO Members.

More information about NASPO, NASPO ValuePoint, and the NASPO ValuePoint Lead State Model can be found at www.naspo.org and www.naspovaluepoint.org and in Attachment E, Participation Information.



GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

B. RFP Contact. The following individual is the sole contact for this RFP:

Michael Speakmon, CPPO

Procurement Director, Goods & Services Statewide Term Contracts
State of South Carolina

mspeakmon@mmo.sc.gov 803-737-9816

C. RFP Website. The following website is the sole official source for RFP information and updates:

<https://apps.sceis.sc.gov/SCSolicitationWeb/solicitationSearch.do?searchgroup=MMO&searchstatus=O&searchlimit=500&btnSearch=on>

If the solicitation does not appear on the page using the link above, use these instructions to search for a specific solicitation.

1. Enter the solicitation number (5400027173) in the "Solicitation Number" box on the left.
2. Ensure "Open" is selected in the "Solicitation Status" section.
3. Click on the "Search" button.

D. RFP Documents. This RFP consists of this RFP Overview, the following attachments, and any information or materials posted by the Lead State to the RFP Website, as amended:

1. Attachment A, RFP Terms and Conditions
2. Attachment B, Scope of Work
3. Attachment C, RFP Evaluation Plan
4. Attachment D, Sample Master Agreement
5. Attachment E, Participation Information
6. Attachment F, Protest Information
7. Attachment G, Offeror Information, Acknowledgements, and Certifications
8. Attachment H, Offeror Response Worksheet
9. Attachment I, Cost Proposal
10. Attachment J, Proposed Modifications to Sample Master Agreement
11. Attachment K, Claim of Business Confidentiality
12. Attachment L, Question & Answer Template

E. Important Dates.

1. **RFP Open Date:** September 3, 2024
2. **RFP Pre-proposal Conference:** September 16, 2024, 2:00 PM Eastern
3. **RFP Q&A Deadline:** September 18, 2024, 12:00 PM Eastern
4. **RFP Close Date:** October 21, 2024, 11:00 AM Eastern

Attendance at the RFP Pre-proposal Conference is optional, and registration is not required.

The conference will be conducted entirely via Microsoft Teams at no cost to the participants. A computer is required to attend the meeting, but a camera is not. If you would like to participate in the conference, click on the "Pre-Bid Meeting Registration Link" below.

[Pre-Proposal Meeting Link](#)

Should you have trouble with the link above, or you would prefer to call in from a phone, please email Michael Speakmon for attendance instructions no later than Thursday,



September 12th, at 2:00 PM. Note in the Subject line: "NASPO Correction Supplies Pre-Proposal Conference Instructions." Attendance information and links will be provided one business day before the conference.

Dates and deadlines are subject to change. Offerors should continue checking the RFP Website for the most up-to-date information.

F. How to Ask Questions.

1. **Read and review this RFP, including all attachments, exhibits, and amendments.**
2. For questions about the content of this RFP, send your questions via email to the "RFP Contact" using the form in Attachment L. Questions must reference the specific section of the RFP to which the question relates.
3. For assistance with technical issues associated with the Offer Submission Website, contact the SCEIS Helpdesk at 803-896-0001.

G. How to Respond.

1. **Read and review this RFP, including all attachments, exhibits, and amendments.**
2. Prepare a proposal that:
 - a. Follows the requested format;
 - b. Includes the Solicitation Number on all materials making up the proposal;
 - c. Addresses each question and request for a response in this RFP, including all questions in Attachment H, Offeror Response Worksheet;
 - d. Clearly demonstrates your ability to meet the Scope of Work described in Section III and Attachment B and
 - e. Includes all required submissions identified in Section IV.
3. Submit your proposal by the RFP Close Date by electronically uploading it in the SCEIS system.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

A detailed description of the Deliverables being sought through this RFP is attached as Attachment B, Scope of Work.

The scope of this RFP and its resulting Master Agreement(s) is intended to benefit all state departments, institutions, agencies, and political subdivisions and other eligible public and nonprofit entities in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. Therefore, **Offerors should not interpret the Scope of Work to be associated with or limited to any specific purchase, implementation, project, need, or program** within the Lead State or any other state or eligible entity. Proposals should be generally applicable to all potential Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities, except where specificity is requested.

The initial term of the Master Agreement(s) resulting from this RFP is anticipated to be one (1) year, with the option to exercise renewals totaling up to an additional four (4) years following the initial term. Master Agreements will automatically extend into the next term unless the Lead State or the Contractor exercise their right not to renew as defined in the Master Agreement.

III. OFFEROR RESPONSE

A. Required Submissions. The following must be submitted with your proposal:

1. Any response required to be submitted directly through the RFP Submission Website; <https://vendorportal.sc.gov/irj/portal>



2. A copy of the South Carolina Cover Page and Page 2.
3. Completed and signed Attachment G, Offeror Information, Acknowledgements, and Certifications
4. Completed Attachment H, Offeror Response Worksheet
5. Completed Attachment I, Cost Proposal, submitted as a separate document and separate file
6. Completed Attachment J, Proposed Modifications to Sample Master Agreement
7. Redlined copy of Attachment D, Sample Master Agreement, if proposing modifications
8. Completed and signed Attachment K, Claim of Business Confidentiality
9. Redacted copy of proposal clearly marked as such, if claiming confidential, proprietary, or protected information

B. Other Documents. The following are informational only and do **not** need to be submitted with your proposal:

1. This RFP Overview
2. Attachment A, RFP Terms and Conditions
3. Attachment B, Scope of Work
4. Attachment C, RFP Evaluation Plan
5. Attachment D, Sample Master Agreement
6. Attachment E, Participation Information
7. Attachment F, Protest Information

IV. EVALUATION AND AWARD PROCESS

A. Proposals will be sealed until the RFP Close Date. After opening, proposals will be evaluated in stages as set forth in this section and further detailed in Attachment C, RFP Evaluation Plan.

1. **Stage 1: Initial Responsiveness Evaluation.** Proposals will be reviewed for completeness and initial responsiveness. Proposals omitting required documents or responses may be rejected in accordance with Attachment A, RFP Terms and Conditions.
2. **Stage 2: Technical Criteria Evaluation.** Proposals meeting or exceeding the Mandatory Minimum Requirements will be evaluated against the Technical Criteria set forth in Attachment C, RFP Evaluation Plan. Offerors earning a minimum of 75% of the available points will move on to Stage 3: Cost Evaluation. The proposal of any offeror not earning a minimum of 75% of the available points will be rejected.
3. **Stage 3: Cost Evaluation.** Cost Proposals for proposals not rejected following evaluation of Technical Criteria will be evaluated based on the total price of the market basket elements, the percent discount offered, and the volume discount offered. See Attachment C, RFP Evaluation Plan. Cost Proposals may also be subject to an independent review for reasonableness and best value by the Lead State. Costs determined not to be reasonable or best-value by the Lead State may result in all or part of Offeror's proposal being rejected, notwithstanding the results of the Cost Proposal evaluation.
4. All scores will be totaled to arrive at the Offeror's total scored evaluation. See Attachment C, RFP Evaluation Plan.
5. Submit your best terms from both a price and a technical standpoint. Your proposal may be evaluated, and your offer accepted without any discussions, negotiations, or prior notice. Ordinarily, nonresponsive proposals will be rejected outright without prior notice.

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Nevertheless, the State may elect to conduct discussions, including the possibility of limited proposal revisions, but only for those proposals reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. [11-35-1530(6); R.19-445.2095(I)] If improper revisions are submitted during discussions, the State may elect to consider only your unrevised initial proposal, provided your initial offer is responsive. The State may also elect to conduct negotiations, beginning with the highest ranked offeror, or seek best and final offers, as provided in Section 11-35-1530(8). Negotiations may involve both price and matters affecting the scope of the contract, so long as changes are within the general scope of the request for proposals. If negotiations are conducted, the State may elect to disregard the negotiations and accept your original proposal. It is anticipated that this RFP may result in Master Agreement awards to multiple contractors, at the Lead State's discretion. The evaluation process is designed to award the contract resulting from this RFP to the Supplier deemed to be the most responsive and responsible concerning requirements outlined in the Technical Requirements.

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- B.** After evaluations are completed, the Lead State and Multistate Sourcing Team will determine which proposals are most advantageous to the Lead State and potential Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities. Award may be made at the natural break of high and low scores.
- C.** Prior to announcement of awards and execution of Master Agreements, the Lead State will present an award recommendation to NASPO ValuePoint for approval of the proposed awards.
- D.** Following approval of NASPO ValuePoint the Lead State will post the public notice of Intent to Award to their website.



Attachment A **Amendment #1** RFP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This RFP and Offeror's participation therein is subject to the following terms and conditions:

I. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Amendment** means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document.
- B. **Authority** means the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or its successor in interest.
- C. **Award** or **award** means the identification of Offerors eligible to execute a Master Agreement following completion of the Multistate Sourcing Team's evaluation.
- D. **Business** means any corporation, partnership, individual, sole proprietorship, joint stock company, joint venture, or any other legal entity. [11-35-310(3)]
- E. **Change Order** means any written alteration in specifications, delivery point, rate of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of any contract accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties to the contract. [11-35-310(4)]
- F. **Confidential Information** means any and all information in any form that is marked as confidential or would by its nature be deemed confidential and is obtained by Offeror in connection with this RFP, including but not limited to the data or records of the Lead State, the Multistate Sourcing Team, NASPO, or NASPO ValuePoint.
- G. **Contract Modification** means a written order signed by the procurement officer, directing the contractor to make changes which the clause of the contract titled "Changes," if included herein, authorizes the Procurement Officer to order without the consent of the contractor. [11-35-310(9)]
- H. **Contractor** means an Offeror with whom the Lead State executes a Master Agreement resulting from this RFP.
- I. **Cover Page** means the top page of the original solicitation on which the solicitation is identified by number. Offerors are cautioned that Amendments may modify information provided on the Cover Page.
- J. **Day** means a calendar day, unless otherwise indicated.
- K. **Deliverable** means a good, product, service, solution, result, labor, or other effort being sought through this RFP.
- L. **Interested State** means a state that has requested to be identified as a potential Participating Entity in this RFP.
- M. **Lead State** means the State issuing this RFP.
- N. **Master Agreement** means a contract, resulting from this RFP, that is executed by and between a successful Offeror and the Lead State, acting in collaboration with NASPO ValuePoint.
- O. **Multistate Sourcing Team** means the group of individuals assisting the Lead State with solicitation and contracting activities, which may include but are not limited to development of this RFP, evaluation of proposals, negotiation of Master Agreements, and evaluation of Contractor performance.
- P. **NASPO** means the National Association of State Procurement Officials.
- Q. **NASPO ValuePoint** means the cooperative contracting division of NASPO.
- R. **Offer** means the bid or proposal submitted in response to this solicitation. The terms Bid and Proposal are used interchangeably with the term Offer.
- S. **Offeror** means an entity or individual submitting a proposal in response to this RFP.
- T. **Order** means a purchase order, sales order, agreement, or other document used by a Purchasing Entity to commit funds in exchange for a Contractor's delivery of one or more Deliverables.
- U. **Page Two** means the second page of the original solicitation, which is labeled Page Two.



- V. **Participating Addendum** means a contract, referencing a Master Agreement, that is executed by and between a Contractor and a Participating Entity and may include Participating Entity-specific requirements and terms.
- W. **Participating Entity** means a state, or another entity authorized to enter into a Participating Addendum, that executes a Participating Addendum with a Contractor.
- X. **Procurement Officer** means the person, or his successor, identified as such on either the Cover Page, an amendment, or an award notice.
- Y. **Proposal** or **proposal** means the document(s), data, information, and other media submitted by an Offeror in response to this RFP, including information submitted directly through the RFP Website and information submitted after the RFP Close Date at the request of the Lead State.
- Z. **Purchasing Entity** means a state, or another entity authorized to use a Participating Addendum, that issues an Order under a Master Agreement resulting from this RFP through a Participating Entity's Participating Addendum.
- AA. **RFP** means this request for proposals, including all attachments and exhibits and any information posted by the Lead State to the RFP Website, as amended.
- BB. **RFP Close Date** means the date and time identified in Section II.D.4 of the RFP Overview.
- CC. **RFP Contact** means the individual identified in Section II.A of the RFP Overview.
- DD. **RFP Open Date** means the date and time identified in Section II.D.1 of the RFP Overview.
- EE. **RFP Q&A Deadline** means the date and time identified in Section II.D.3 of the RFP Overview.
- FF. **RFP Website** means the website identified in Section II.B of the RFP Overview.
- GG. **Solicitation Number** means the number identified on the cover page of the RFP Overview and in the header of each attachment to this RFP.
- HH. **You** and **Your** means Offeror.
- II. **Solicitation** means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Amendments.
- JJ. **Subcontractor** means any person you contract with to perform or provide any part of the work.
- KK. **Us** or **We** means the Using Governmental Unit.
- LL. **Using Governmental Unit** means the unit(s) of government identified as such on the Cover Page. If the Cover Page identifies the Using Governmental Unit as "Statewide Term Contract," the phrase "Using Governmental Unit" means any South Carolina Public Procurement Unit [11-35-4610(5)] that has submitted a Purchase Order to you pursuant to the contract resulting from this solicitation. Reference the clauses titled "Purchase Orders" and "Statewide Term Contract."
- MM. **Work** means all labor, materials, equipment, services, or property of any type, provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

II. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

- A. This RFP and Offeror's participation in it is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Lead State.
- B. Unless otherwise specified in this RFP, the venue for any protest, claim, dispute, or action relating to this RFP, including evaluation and award, is in the state serving as the Lead State.
- C. Any claim relating to this RFP brought in a federal forum must be brought and adjudicated solely and exclusively within the United States District Court for the Lead State.
- D. Offeror and Offeror's participation in this this RFP must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and policies.
- E. All Deliverables proposed by Offeror must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and policies.



III. RFP DOCUMENTS

A. RFP Website.

1. The RFP Website is the sole source for official RFP documents and updates. The Lead State may, but is under no obligation to, notify Offeror of updates to the RFP Website, including the posting of RFP amendments.
2. Documents from this RFP may be posted on multiple websites, including non-Lead State procurement solicitation boards and the NASPO ValuePoint website, or distributed through other channels, such as email. Such distribution is for advertising and informational purposes only, and documents and information from sources other than the RFP Website should not be relied upon to develop or submit a proposal. Proposals or questions submitted through any means other than those specified in this RFP will not be addressed or considered by the Lead State.

B. RFP Amendments.

1. The Lead State may, at any time and in its sole discretion, issue one or more amendments to this RFP. Information shared orally or in informal communications will not be considered an amendment unless explicitly stated in the communication or documented in writing on the RFP Website.
2. Offerors may, through the process described in this RFP for asking questions, propose amendments to the RFP, including adjustment of deadlines. The Lead State is not obligated to consider any proposed amendment.
3. The Lead State may extend any deadline given to Offerors during the RFP process, including the RFP Close Date and RFP Q&A Deadline.
4. The Lead State may make immaterial corrections or clarifications to the RFP.
5. Offeror is wholly responsible for reviewing amendments and updates to the RFP Website, acknowledging amendments as required, and submitting a proposal that is responsive to and compliant with the RFP as amended.

C. Waiver.

1. The Lead State may waive any requirement in this RFP if the Lead State determines that waiver is in the best interest of the Lead State and potential Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities.
2. Waiver of a requirement will not be construed as waiver of any other requirement in this RFP.
3. The Lead State may waive minor irregularities or defects in an Offeror's proposal.

D. Conflicts and Issues.

1. The following should be brought to the attention of the Lead State using the process described in this RFP for asking questions or, if applicable, by filing a protest using the process described in Attachment F, Protest Information:
 - a. Any alleged conflict among the materials composing this RFP; and
 - b. Any alleged issue relating to the content of this RFP, including instructions, requirements, or specifications alleged to be ambiguous, unduly restrictive, erroneous, anticompetitive, or unlawful.
2. Any protest, claim, dispute, or action based upon a conflict or issue described in Subsection 1.a or Subsection 1.b will be filed no later than the RFP Close Date. Offeror waives the right to file any protest, claim, dispute, or action based upon a conflict or issue described in Subsection 1.a or Subsection 1.b if not filed by the RFP Close Date.



IV. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- A. AUTHORIZED AGENT (FEB 2015):** All authority regarding this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Officer is the only government official authorized to bind the government with regard to this procurement or the resulting contract.
- B. AWARD NOTIFICATION (MAR 2024):** Notice regarding any award, cancellation of award, or extension of award will be posted at the location and on the date specified on the Cover Page or, if applicable, the most recent notice of extension of award. Should the contract resulting from this Solicitation have a total or potential value more than one hundred thousand dollars, such notice will be sent electronically to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation. Unless a written notice of intent to protest is timely filed pursuant to Section 11-35-4210(1)(b) or the award is otherwise suspended or canceled, the award will be effective on the calendar day (including weekends and holidays) immediately following the seventh business day after such notice is given.
- C. BID/PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT (JAN 2004):** By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, You are offering to enter into a contract with the Using Governmental Unit(s). Without further action by either party, a binding contract shall result upon final award. Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror on the Cover Page. An Offer may be submitted by only one legal entity; "joint bids" are not allowed.
- D. BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD (JAN 2004):** In order to withdraw Your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, You must notify the Procurement Officer in writing.
- E. AUTHORITY AS PROCUREMENT AGENT (DEC 2015):** The Procurement Officer is an employee of the Authority acting on behalf of the Using Governmental Unit(s) pursuant to the Consolidated Procurement Code. Any contracts awarded as a result of this procurement are between the Contractor and the Using Governmental Units(s). The Authority is not a party to such contracts, unless and to the extent that the Authority is a using governmental unit and bears no liability for any party's losses arising out of or relating in any way to the contract. ASDFG
- F. CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION (MAR 2024):** GIVING FALSE, MISLEADING, OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER YOU SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 16-9-10 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.
- (a) By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that-
- (1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to—
- (i) Those prices;
- (ii) The intention to submit an offer; or
- (iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.
- (2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
- (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
- (b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory-
- (1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; or
- (2)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the offeror's principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs



(a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification [As used in this subdivision (b)(2)(i), the term "principals" means the person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal];

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals referenced in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this certification have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification.

(c) If the offeror deletes or modifies paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

G. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (JAN 2004):

(a) (1) By submitting an Offer, Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-

(i) Offeror and/or any of its Principals-

(A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any state or federal agency;

(B) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(C) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.

(ii) Offeror has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any public (Federal, state, or local) entity.

(2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).

(b) Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(c) If Offeror is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraphs (a)(1), Offer must submit a written explanation regarding its inability to make the certification. The certification will be considered in connection with a review of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish additional information as requested by the Procurement Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly or in bad faith rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the State, the Procurement Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

H. CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE (JAN 2006): The South Carolina Code of Laws, including the Consolidated Procurement Code, is available at:



<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/statmast.php>

The South Carolina Regulations are available at:

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/statmast.php>

I. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE (APR 2023):

("OCI FAQ for Contractors" is available at www.procurement.sc.gov)

(a) You certify that, to the best of your knowledge and belief:

(1) your offer identifies any services that relate to either this solicitation or the work and that have already been performed by you, a proposed subcontractor, or an affiliated business or consultant of either; and

(2) there are no relevant facts or circumstances that may give rise to an actual or potential organizational conflict of interest, as defined in S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 19- 445.2127, or that your offer identifies and explains any unfair competitive advantage you may have in competing for the proposed contract and any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your participation in this competition or your receipt of an award.

(b) If you, a proposed subcontractor, or an affiliated business or consultant of either, have an unfair competitive advantage or a significant actual or potential conflict of interest, the State may withhold award. Before withholding award on these grounds, the State will notify you of the concerns and provide a reasonable opportunity for you to respond. The State may consider efforts to avoid or mitigate such concerns, including restrictions on future activities. (c) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which the State will rely when considering your offer for award.

J. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER (JAN 2004): Any offer received after the Procurement Officer of the governmental body or his designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected unless the offer has been delivered to the designated purchasing office or the governmental body's mail room which services that purchasing office prior to the opening. [R.19-445.2070(G)]

K. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION (JAN 2004): By submitting an Offer, Contractor certifies that, if awarded a contract, Contractor will comply with all applicable provisions of The Drug-free Workplace Act, Title 44, Chapter 107 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

L. DUTY TO INQUIRE (FEB 2015): Offeror, by submitting an Offer, represents that it has read and understands the Solicitation and that its Offer is made in compliance with the Solicitation. Offerors are expected to examine the Solicitation thoroughly and should request an explanation of any ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's risk. All ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation shall be interpreted to require the better quality or greater quantity of work and/or materials, unless otherwise directed by amendment. Offeror assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Offeror does not bring to the State's attention. See clause entitled "Questions from Offerors."

M. ETHICS CERTIFICATE (MAY 2008): By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror has and will comply with, and has not, and will not, induce a person to violate Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (ethics act). The following statutes require special attention: Section 8-13-700, regarding use of official position for financial gain; Section 8-13-705, regarding gifts to influence action of public official; Section 8-13-720, regarding offering money for advice or assistance of public official; Sections 8-13-755 and 8-13-760, regarding restrictions on employment by former public official; Section 8-13-775, prohibiting public official with economic interests from acting on contracts; Section 8-13-790, regarding recovery of kickbacks; Section 8-13-1150, regarding statements to be filed by consultants; and Section 8-13-1342, regarding restrictions on contributions by contractor to candidate who participated in



- awarding of contract. The state may rescind any contract and recover all amounts expended as a result of any action taken in violation of this provision. If contractor participates, directly or indirectly, in the evaluation or award of public contracts, including without limitation, change orders or task orders regarding a public contract, contractor shall, if required by law to file such a statement, provide the statement required by Section 8-13-1150 to the procurement officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed.
- N. MULTIPLE OFFERS (MAR 2024):** Offerors may submit more than one Offer, provided that each Offer has significant differences other than price. Each separate Offer must satisfy all Solicitation requirements. If this solicitation is an Invitation for Bids, each separate offer must be submitted or uploaded as a separate document and must clearly indicate that it is a separate offer. If this solicitation is a Request for Proposals, multiple offers may be submitted or uploaded as one document, provided that you clearly differentiate between each offer and you submit a separate cost proposal for each offer, if applicable.
- O. OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE (JAN 2004):** Do not include any sales or use taxes in Your price that the State may be required to pay.
- P. OPEN TRADE REPRESENTATION (JUN 2015):** By submitting an Offer, Offeror represents that Offeror is not currently engaged in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.
- Q. PRICING (MAR 2024):** (a) Fixed Price. If a fixed price is required, award will not be made on an Offer if the total possible price to the State cannot be determined. (b) Price Reasonableness: Any offer may be rejected if the Procurement Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 19-445.2070E. (c) Unbalanced Pricing. The State will analyze all offers with separately priced line items or subline items to determine if the prices are unbalanced. Unbalanced pricing exists when, despite an acceptable total evaluated price, the price of one or more-line items is significantly over or understated. The responsible procurement officer may reject an offer as unreasonably priced if she determines that unbalanced pricing increases performance risk (e.g., it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment) or could result in payment of unreasonably high prices. S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 19-445.2122C.
- R. PROTESTS (MAR 2024):** (a) If you are aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of the contract, you may be entitled to protest, but only as provided in Section 11-35-4210. To protest the solicitation or an amendment, your written protest must be received within fifteen Days of the date the applicable solicitation document is issued. To protest an award, (i) written notice of your intent to protest must be received within seven Business Days of the date the award notice is posted, and (ii) your actual written protest must be received within fifteen Days of the date the award notice is posted. Time periods are computed in accordance with Section 11-35-310(13) and the definitions for Day and Business Day. Both protests and notices of intent to protest must be received by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer (CPO). See clause entitled "Protest-CPO." (b) Pursuant to Section 11-35-410, documents directly connected to a procurement activity may be available within five days after request. All document requests should be directed to DocReq@mmo.sc.gov . If a protest is pending, the protestant's lawyer may access otherwise unavailable information by applying to the CPO for the issuance of a protective order. Additional information is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/legal
- S. PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS AND DONATIONS (FEB 2015):** Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of law.
- (a) During the period between publication of the solicitation and final award, you must not communicate, directly or indirectly, with the Using Governmental Unit or its employees, agents or officials regarding any aspect of this procurement activity, unless otherwise approved in writing by



- the Procurement Officer. All communications must be solely with the Procurement Officer. [R. 19-445.2010]
- (b) You are advised to familiarize yourself with Regulation 19-445.2165, which restricts donations to a governmental entity with whom you have or seek to have a contract. You represent that your offer discloses any gifts made, directly or through an intermediary, by you or your named subcontractors to or for the benefit of the Using Governmental Unit during the period beginning eighteen months prior to the Opening Date. [R. 19-445.2165]
- T. QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS (FEB 2015):** (a) Any prospective offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing. Questions regarding the original solicitation or any amendment must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than five (5) days prior to opening unless an earlier date is stated on the Cover Page. Label any communication regarding your questions with the name of the procurement officer, and the solicitation's title and number. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. [See R. 19-445.2042(B)] Any information given a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective offerors as an Amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary for submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective offerors. See clause entitled "Duty to Inquire." We will not identify you in our answer to your question. (b) The State seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Offerors are urged to advise the Procurement Officer -- as soon as possible -- regarding any aspect of this procurement, including any aspect of the Solicitation that unnecessarily or inappropriately limits full and open competition. [See R. 19-445.2140]
- U. REJECTION/CANCELLATION (JAN 2004):** The State may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part. The State may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part. [SC Code Section 11-35-1710 & R.19-445.2065]
- V. RESPONSIVENESS (MAR 2024):** (a) Award will not be made on a nonresponsive offer. An offer is nonresponsive (i) if it does not constitute an unambiguous offer to enter into a contract with the State, or (ii) if it imposes conditions inconsistent with, or does not unambiguously agree to, the solicitation's material requirements. (b) Bid as Specified. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.
- W. SIGNING YOUR OFFER (JAN 2004):** Every Offer must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the Offeror. (a) If the Offeror is an individual, the Offer must be signed by that individual. If the Offeror is an individual doing business as a firm, the Offer must be submitted in the firm name, signed by the individual, and state that the individual is doing business as a firm. (b) If the Offeror is a partnership, the Offer must be submitted in the partnership name, followed by the words by its Partner, and signed by a general partner. (c) If the Offeror is a corporation, the Offer must be submitted in the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the person authorized to sign. (d) An Offer may be submitted by a joint venturer involving any combination of individuals, partnerships, or corporations. If the Offeror is a joint venture, the Offer must be submitted in the name of the Joint Venture and signed by every participant in the joint venture in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (c) above for each type of participant. (e) If an Offer is signed by an agent, other than as stated in subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, the Offer must state that it has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Offeror must provide proof of the agent's authorization to bind the principal.
- X. STATE OFFICE CLOSINGS (JAN 2004):** If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal government processes so that offers cannot be received at the government office designated for receipt of bids by the exact time specified in the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first workday on which normal government processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an Amendment may be issued to reschedule bid opening. If state offices are closed at the time a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is scheduled, an Amendment will be



issued to reschedule the conference. Useful information may be available at:

<https://scemd.org/closings/>

Y. DISCLOSURE OF YOUR BID / PROPOSAL and SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL DATA (FEB 2021):

(a) According to Section 11-35-410, any person submitting a document in response or with regard to any solicitation or other request must "comply with instructions provided in the solicitation for marking information exempt from public disclosure. Information not marked as required by the applicable instructions may be disclosed to the public." IF YOU IDENTIFY YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE AS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, OR IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT A REDACTED COPY AS REQUIRED, THE STATE MAY, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, DETERMINE YOUR BID OR PROPOSAL NONRESPONSIVE AND INELIGIBLE FOR AWARD.

(b) By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror (1) agrees to the public disclosure of every page, or portion thereof, of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page, or portion thereof, was redacted and conspicuously marked "Trade Secret" or "Confidential" or "Protected", (2) agrees that any information not redacted and marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a "Trade Secret" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure. (c) If your offer includes any information that you claim is exempt from public disclosure, you must submit one complete copy of your offer from which you have removed or concealed such information (the redacted copy). Except for the information removed or concealed, the redacted copy must be identical to your original offer. (d) Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not redact the entire page. The redacted copy must reflect the same pagination as the original and show the empty space from which information was redacted. The Procurement Officer must be able to view, search, copy and print the redacted copy without a password. If your response, or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the State may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive. (e) On the redacted copy, you must identify the basis of your claim by marking each redaction as follows: You must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure because it is either (1) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, or (2) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. You must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure as a trade secret pursuant to Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. You must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 11-35- 1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text. (f) In determining whether to release documents, the State will detrimentally rely on your redaction and marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". By submitting a response, you agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of South Carolina, its agencies, officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from withholding information by the State of South Carolina or any of its agencies, that you have redacted or marked as "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)



Z. SUBMITTING A PAPER OFFER OR MODIFICATION (MAR 2015): Unless specifically instructed otherwise in the solicitation, you should submit your offer or modification in accordance with the clause titled "ON-LINE BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS." Paper offers are discouraged. If you must submit a paper offer or modification the following instructions apply. (a) All prices and notations should be printed in ink or typewritten. Errors should be crossed out, corrections entered and initialed by the person signing the bid. Do not modify the solicitation document itself (including bid schedule). (b) (1) All copies of the offer or modification, and any other documents required to be submitted with the offer shall be enclosed in a sealed, opaque envelope or package. (2) Submit your offer or modification to the address on the Cover Page. (3) The envelope or package must show the time and date specified for opening, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the bidder. If the offer or modification is sent by mail or special delivery service (UPS, Federal Express, etc.), the outermost envelope or wrapper must be labeled "OFFER ENCLOSED" on the face thereof. (c) If you are responding to more than one solicitation, submit each offer in a separate envelope or package. (d) Submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (e) Facsimile or e-mail offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.

AA. TAX CREDIT FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESSES (APR 2024):

Pursuant to Section 12-6-3350, a taxpayer having a contract with this State who subcontracts with a socially and economically disadvantaged small business is eligible for an income tax credit equal to four percent of the payments to that subcontractor for work pursuant to the contract. The subcontractor must be certified as a socially and economically disadvantaged small business as defined in Section 11-35-5010 and regulations pursuant to it. The credit is limited to a maximum of fifty thousand dollars annually. A taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit for ten consecutive taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the first payment is made to the subcontractor that qualifies for the credit. After the above ten consecutive taxable years, the taxpayer is no longer eligible for the credit. A taxpayer claiming the credit shall maintain evidence of work performed for the contract by the subcontractor. The credit may be claimed on Schedule TC-2, "Credit for State Contractors Subcontracting with Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Small Business." A copy of the subcontractor's certificate from the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification is to be attached to the contractor's income tax return. Questions regarding the tax credit and how to file are to be referred to: SC Department of Revenue, <http://dor.sc.gov>. Questions regarding subcontractor certification are to be referred to: Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification, <http://smbcc.sc.gov>.

BB. VENDOR REGISTRATION MANDATORY (MAR 2024): You must have a state vendor number to be eligible to submit an offer. To obtain a state vendor number, visit www.procurement.sc.gov and select Doing Business with Us. Then select New Vendor Registration. (To determine if your business is already registered, go to "Vendor Search"). Upon registration, you will be assigned a state vendor number. Vendors must keep their vendor information current. If you are already registered and know your User ID and Password, you can update your information by selecting Update Vendor Registration. If you need to update information but do not have your User ID/Password, you must complete a new vendor registration and On Step 9 – Messages to Administration indicate "Update vendor number" with your existing 10-digit vendor number. (Please note that vendor registration does not substitute for any obligation to register with the S.C. Secretary of State or S.C. Department of Revenue. You can register with the agencies at South Carolina Business One Stop, <http://scbos.sc.gov>)

CC. WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF OFFER (JAN 2004): Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for opening. If the Solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for opening. A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if,



before the exact time set for opening, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the bid. The withdrawal and correction of Offers is governed by S.C. Code Section 11-35-1520 and Regulation 19-445.2085.

DD. QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS - AMENDMENT (Modified)

The solicitation is amended as provided herein. Information or changes resulting from questions will be shown in a question-and-answer format or made directly in the document and attachments. Questions received have been reprinted and provided. The "Lead State's Response" should be read without reference to the questions. The questions are included solely to provide a cross-reference to the potential offeror that submitted the question. Questions do not form a part of the contract; the "Lead State's Response" does. Any restatement of part or all of an existing provision of the solicitation in an answer does not modify the original provision except as follows: underlined text is added to the original provision. Stricken text is deleted.

V. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

A. MAIL PICKUP (JAN 2006): The State Procurement Office picks up all mail from The US Postal Service once daily around 8:30 a.m. (excluding weekends and holidays). See provision entitled Deadline for Submission of Offer.

B. ON-LINE BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS (MODIFIED):

(a) Mandatory Registration. You must register before you can submit an offer on-line See clause entitled "VENDOR REGISTRATION MANDATORY."

(b) Steps for On-Line Bidding

#1 The link provided on the solicitation's Cover Page will take you to our web based on-line bidding system, where you will enter and/or upload your offer.

#2 Follow the general user instructions posted at www.procurement.sc.gov under the heading "Doing Business with Us" and then "Submitting Offers."

#3 Confirm your offer has a status of "submitted" by refreshing the "RFx and Auctions" screen.

Only offers with a status of "submitted" have been received by the State.

Offers with a status of "saved" have not been received.

#4 Save or print a copy of your offer using the "Print Preview" button after your offer has been submitted.

(c) If you have problems entering an on-line offer, you must contact the SCEIS Help Desk for assistance at (803) 896-0001 and follow the prompts. You may also contact the SCEIS Help Desk on-line at <http://www.sceis.sc.gov/vendorrequests/>. Do not contact the Procurement Officer with problems entering an offer into the system. Only questions regarding the solicitation document should be addressed with the Procurement Officer.

(d) Do not wait until the last minute to submit your offer. If an on-line offer is not completed and in a submitted status prior to the submission deadline, the offer will not be considered for award.

C. PROTEST - CPO - MMO ADDRESS (MAR 2024):

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Any protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Materials Management Office, and submitted in writing:

- (a) by email to protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us, or
- (b) by post or delivery to 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201.

D. UNIT PRICES REQUIRED (JAN 2006): Unit price to be shown for each item.

E. IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE - NONRESIDENTS ONLY:

Withholding Requirements for Payments to Nonresidents: Section 12-8-550 of the South Carolina Code of Laws requires persons hiring or contracting with a nonresident conducting a business or performing personal services of a temporary nature within South Carolina to withhold 2% of each payment made to the nonresident. The withholding requirement does not apply to (1) payments on purchase orders for tangible personal property when the payments are not accompanied by services to be performed in South Carolina, (2) nonresidents who are not conducting business in South Carolina, (3) nonresidents for contracts that do not exceed \$10,000 in a calendar year, or (4) payments to a nonresident who (a) registers with either the S.C. Department of Revenue or the S.C. Secretary of State and (b) submits a Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, Form I-312 to the person letting the contract.

The withholding requirement applies to every governmental entity that uses a contract ("Using Entity"). Nonresidents should submit a separate copy of the Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, Form I-312 to every Using Entity that makes payment to the nonresident pursuant to this solicitation. Once submitted, an affidavit is valid for all contracts between the nonresident and the Using Entity, unless the Using Entity receives notice from the Department of Revenue that the exemption from withholding has been revoked.

Section 12-8-540 requires persons making payment to a nonresident taxpayer of rentals or royalties at a rate of \$1,200.00 or more a year for the use of or for the privilege of using property in South Carolina to withhold 7% of the total of each payment made to a nonresident taxpayer who is not a corporation and 5% if the payment is made to a corporation. Contact the Department of Revenue for any applicable exceptions.

For information about other withholding requirements (e.g., employee withholding), contact the South Carolina Department of Revenue at 1-844-898-8542 or visit the Department's website at: www.dor.sc.gov

- F. This notice is for informational purposes only. This agency does not administer and has no authority over tax issues. All registration and withholding tax questions should be directed to the South Carolina Department of Revenue at 1-844-898-8542. Additional contact information can be found by visiting the Department's website at www.dor.sc.gov

PLEASE SEE THE "NONRESIDENT TAXPAYER REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING" FORM (FORM NUMBER I-312) LOCATED AT: www.dor.sc.gov

VI. PROPOSALS

- A. **Late Delivery or Non-delivery of Proposal.** Offeror is wholly responsible for ensuring Offeror's proposal is complete and submitted timely to the Lead State in the format required by this RFP. The Lead State will not accept a proposal after the RFP Close Date.



- B. Modified and Alternate Proposals.** Offeror is expected to submit Offeror's most favorable terms and pricing in its original proposal submitted by the RFP Close Date. The Lead State is under no obligation to provide Offeror an opportunity to modify or submit an addendum to Offeror's original proposal or to submit another proposal, including a best and final offer, prior to final evaluation and award. Alternate proposals will not be accepted unless otherwise specified in this RFP.
- C. Discussions and Negotiations - Optional (FEB 2015).** Submit your best terms from both a price and a technical standpoint. Your proposal may be evaluated, and your offer accepted without any discussions, negotiations, or prior notice. Ordinarily, nonresponsive proposals will be rejected outright without prior notice. Nevertheless, the State may elect to conduct discussions, including the possibility of limited proposal revisions, but only for those proposals reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. [11-35-1530(6); R.19-445.2095(I)] If improper revisions are submitted during discussions, the State may elect to consider only your unrevised initial proposal, provided your initial offer is responsive. The State may also elect to conduct negotiations, beginning with the highest ranked offeror, or seek best and final offers, as provided in Section 11-35-1530(8). Negotiations may involve both price and matters affecting the scope of the contract, so long as changes are within the general scope of the request for proposals. If negotiations are conducted, the State may elect to disregard the negotiations and accept your original proposal.
- D. Cost Proposal.**
1. Offeror must complete all required elements of Attachment I, Cost Proposal. The format and structure of the Cost Proposal is intended to allow for a fair evaluation of like costs among Offerors. Deviation from the format or structure of the Cost Proposal may result in Offeror's proposal being deemed non-responsive.
 2. Offeror is wholly responsible for ensuring figures and calculations submitted in Offeror's completed Cost Proposal are accurate, even if formulas have been provided by the Lead State as a courtesy.
 3. Inclusion of cost or pricing information in any document other than the Cost Proposal may result in Offeror's proposal being deemed non-responsive.
 4. Offeror's proposed costs must be inclusive of all fees and charges, including but not limited to fees or charges for shipping, delivery, credit card payments, and personnel. All costs proposed by Offeror must also be inclusive of the NASPO ValuePoint administrative fee. Proposed costs incorporated into a Master Agreement resulting from this RFP represent not-to-exceed pricing and minimum discounts, where applicable. Except as permitted by Subsection 5, pricing offered to Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities must be no higher than pricing set forth in the Master Agreement.
 5. A Participating Addendum may also require payment of an additional administrative fee by Contractors to a Participating Entity based on sales to Purchasing Entities within the jurisdiction of the Participating Entity. Unless otherwise negotiated by the Participating Entity, Contractor may adjust the Master Agreement pricing incorporated into the Participating Entity's Participating Addendum by an amount not to exceed the Participating Entity's fee. Such adjustments will have no effect on the NASPO ValuePoint administrative fee, pricing in the Master Agreement, or pricing offered to Purchasing Entities outside the jurisdiction of the Participating Entity.
 6. In addition to the Cost Proposal evaluation described in this RFP, Cost Proposals may also be subject to an independent review for reasonableness by the Lead State. Costs determined not to be reasonable or best-value by the Lead State, including any cost to which Offeror's proposed markup or discount is to be applied, may result in all or part of Offeror's proposal being rejected, notwithstanding the results of the Cost Proposal evaluation.



7. At the Lead State's discretion, points earned in the Cost Proposal evaluation may be normalized and scaled to award the Offeror earning the highest total cost score the maximum number of cost points possible.

E. Proposed Modifications to the Sample Master Agreement.

1. The Lead State may, but is not obligated to, consider proposed modifications to Attachment D, Sample Master Agreement. Provisions of the Sample Master Agreement that are generally inapplicable to, incompatible with, or unsuitable for the subject of this RFP should be brought to the attention of the Lead State using the process described in this RFP for asking questions and will be addressed only at the sole discretion of the Lead State.
2. Offeror-specific modifications to Attachment D, Sample Master Agreement, may be proposed as part of Offeror's proposal in Attachment J, Proposed Modifications to Sample Master Agreement, but are strongly discouraged. The quantity, breadth, and nature of modifications proposed by Offeror may be considered in the Lead State's evaluation of Offeror's proposal and of its risks, costs, and benefits to the Lead State and potential Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities. Proposing excessive or overly restrictive modifications, or proposing modifications upon which Offeror's proposal is conditioned, may result in Offeror's proposal being deemed non-responsive.
3. The Lead State will not consider any proposed modification that:
 - a. Is not submitted with Offeror's proposal in Attachment J, Proposed Modifications to Sample Master Agreement;
 - b. Is not accompanied by an explanation as required in Attachment J, Proposed Modifications to Sample Master Agreement;
 - c. Is not reflected in redlined edits to the Sample Master Agreement and submitted with Offeror's proposal;
 - d. Merely references another document or a URL; or
 - e. Modifies the NASPO ValuePoint administrative fee.
4. Offerors may propose additional terms but must include them in Attachment J, Proposed Modifications to Sample Master Agreement and must clearly identify where any terms conflict with the Sample Master Agreement.
5. If Offeror is awarded a Master Agreement resulting from this RFP, a comparison of Attachment D, Sample Master Agreement and Offeror's accepted modifications thereto may be posted on the NASPO ValuePoint website for examination by potential Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities.

F. Proposal Contact.

1. The Proposal Contact identified by Offeror in Attachment G, Offeror Information, Acknowledgements, and Certifications must be able to respond timely to communications from the Lead State. Offeror must, within 24 hours, notify the Lead State of any change to Offeror's Proposal Contact. Offeror is wholly responsible for ensuring communications received by Offeror's Proposal Contact are reviewed and addressed timely by the appropriate personnel.
2. The Lead State may, but is under no obligation to, notify Offeror's Proposal Contact of updates to the RFP Website, including the posting of RFP amendments. Offeror is wholly responsible for reviewing updates and submitting a proposal that is responsive to and compliant with the RFP as amended.

- G. Proposal Development Costs.** All costs incurred by Offeror in the preparation and submission of a proposal, including any costs incurred during discussions, clarifications, or demonstrations, are the responsibility of Offeror and will not be reimbursed.



- H. **Firm Offer.** Offeror's proposal will act as a firm offer for 180 days following the RFP Close Date. After 180 days, the offer will remain open unless revoked by Offeror via written withdrawal of Offeror's proposal in accordance with South Carolina Regulation 19-445.2085.
- I. **Ownership and Disclosure of Proposals.**
1. Hard copy proposals and tangible items submitted by Offeror in connection with this RFP, including physical media and product samples, will become the property of the Lead State and may not be returned to Offeror.
 2. Offeror grants Lead State and NASPO a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free, and transferable right to display, modify, copy, and otherwise use the contents of Offeror's proposal, which may be:
 - a. Shared with NASPO members;
 - b. Shared with entities represented on the Multistate Sourcing Team;
 - c. Posted to the NASPO ValuePoint website following execution of Master Agreements for examination by potential Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities;
 - d. Subject to disclosure in accordance with applicable public information laws, rules, and policies; and
 - e. Subject to retention, archiving, and destruction in accordance with applicable retention laws, rules, and policies.
 3. If Offeror is claiming any portion of its proposal as confidential, proprietary, or protected, Offeror must complete the required sections of Attachment K, Claim of Business Confidentiality, and submit with Offeror's proposal a redacted copy of Offeror's proposal, which must be clearly marked as such. Offeror may not mark pricing or Offeror's entire proposal as confidential, proprietary, or protected. Submission of a Claim of Business Confidentiality does not guarantee that information claimed by Offeror as confidential, proprietary, or protected will not be subject to disclosure in accordance with applicable public information laws, rules, and policies. If Offeror fails to submit a redacted copy of Offeror's proposal, or fails to claim information as confidential, proprietary, or protected in compliance with this RFP, Offeror releases the Lead State, NASPO, NASPO members, and entities represented on the Multistate Sourcing Team from any obligation to keep the information confidential and waives all claims of liability arising from disclosure of the information.
- J. **Confidential Information.** If Offeror is provided or given access to Confidential Information in connection with this RFP, Offeror will keep the Confidential Information in confidence and will not use the Confidential Information for any purpose other than as directed by the Lead State and as necessary to respond to this RFP. Unless otherwise directed by the Lead State, Offeror will destroy Confidential Information within 30 days of the cancellation of this RFP, rejection or withdrawal of Offeror's proposal, or execution of a Master Agreement between the Lead State and Offeror.
- K. **Required Signatures.** Offeror's failure to have an authorized representative sign any document or attachment requiring a signature, including electronic signatures or certifications, may result in rejection of the proposal by the Lead State.
- L. **NASPO ValuePoint eMarketPlace.** Participation in the NASPO ValuePoint eMarketPlace by Offerors awarded a Master Agreement resulting from this RFP is **mandatory**. By submitting a proposal, Offeror agrees to comply with the requirements, terms, and conditions related to the NASPO ValuePoint eMarketPlace set forth in Attachment D, Sample Master Agreement.

VII. RIGHTS RESERVED TO THE LEAD STATE

A. **RFP Contact and Multistate Sourcing Team.**



1. The Lead State may change the RFP Contact at any time. The Lead State will notify potential Offerors of the change via an amendment to this RFP, an email to the Offeror's Proposal Contact, or an update to the RFP Website.
 2. The Lead State is not required to disclose the composition of the Multistate Sourcing Team and may, at any time and without notice, change the composition of the Multistate Sourcing Team, provided the composition complies with the Lead State's laws, rules, and policies.
- B. Consideration of External Information.** The Lead State and Multistate Sourcing Team may consult external sources and consider external information to confirm the responsibility of Offeror, the responsiveness of Offeror's proposal, and the veracity of any representation made by Offeror. Offeror will be given a reasonable opportunity to respond to any external information obtained by the Lead State and Multistate Sourcing Team that materially and negatively affects evaluation of Offeror's proposal. External information does not include information obtained from references provided by Offeror.
- C. Rejection of Proposals.** The Lead State may reject Offeror's proposal at any time if the Lead State determines that:
1. The proposal is non-responsive;
 2. The proposal has failed to meet any mandatory requirement of the RFP, including any minimum scoring threshold;
 3. Offeror is not responsible; or
 4. Offeror has committed a violation of procurement law, rule, or policy.
- D. Cancellation.**
1. The Lead State may cancel this RFP at any time if the Lead State determines that cancellation is in the best interest of the Lead State and potential Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities.
 2. Following cancellation, the Lead State may, at its discretion, re-issue this RFP or issue another RFP for the same or similar Deliverables.
- E. No Exclusivity.**
1. Master Agreements resulting from this RFP will be established solely for the convenience of Participating Entities. The Lead State, Participating Entities, and Purchasing Entities reserve the right to obtain the same or similar Deliverables from other sources when in their best interest and permitted by applicable law, rule, or policy.
 2. The Lead State may, at its discretion, issue a supplemental solicitation during the term of a Master Agreement resulting from this RFP if the Lead State determines that:
 - a. There is insufficient competition among Contractors awarded a Master Agreement resulting from this RFP;
 - b. The quantity or diversity of Deliverables available through Master Agreements resulting from this RFP is insufficient to meet demand; or
 - c. Changes in the industry, market, or technology justify the solicitation of new or supplemental Contractors or Deliverables.
- F. Conditional Awards.**
1. Award and execution of a NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement by the Lead State is conditioned upon the following:
 - a. Approval by NASPO ValuePoint;
 - b. Approval by any individual or group of individuals required to approve Lead State awards or contracts, including but not limited to legal counsel, an overseeing board, or agency head;
 - c. Continued eligibility for award following resolution of any protests received by the Lead State; and



- d. Negotiation of Master Agreement terms, conditions, and pricing satisfactory to the Lead State, awarded Offeror, and NASPO ValuePoint.
 2. Approval of awards and Master Agreements may be in whole or in part.
 3. Awards and Master Agreements not approved by NASPO ValuePoint may, at the Lead State's option, result in a contract for use by the Lead State only.
 4. Offeror agrees to hold the Lead State and NASPO harmless and release the Lead State and NASPO from any liability for damages arising from non-award or non-execution of a contract.
 5. Nothing in this section affects Offeror's right to file a protest in accordance with Attachment F, Protest Information.
- G. Term.** The Lead State may, prior to execution, adjust the effective date or duration of the initial term or renewal period of any Master Agreement resulting from this RFP for the purpose of making the Master Agreement coterminous with others. If this RFP is a re-solicitation of an existing NASPO ValuePoint portfolio, the Lead State may, at its option, defer the effective date of Master Agreements resulting from this RFP to reduce or eliminate overlap in portfolio terms.

VIII. POTENTIAL PARTICIPATING ENTITIES

A. Interested States.

1. States that have requested to be named in this RFP as potential participants in the resulting Master Agreement(s) are listed as Interested States in Attachment E, Participation Information. This list neither guarantees execution of a Participating Addendum by an Interested State nor precludes execution of a Participating Addendum by any state or entity not identified as an Interested State.
2. The Estimated Annual Volume in Attachment E, Participation Information aggregates usage estimates, self-reported by the Interested States, which may be based on any factor considered relevant by each Interested State, including historical usage and anticipated future usage. No minimum or maximum level of sales volume is guaranteed or implied.
3. Some Interested States have also provided state-specific terms and conditions that may apply to a Participating Addendum executed with an Offeror awarded a Master Agreement through this RFP. Any terms and conditions included in Attachment E, Participation Information are being provided for informational purposes only and will not be incorporated into the Master Agreement or addressed or negotiated by the Lead State. Participation and the terms and conditions applicable to each Participating Entity will be determined by the Participating Entity following negotiation of a Participating Addendum with a Contractor.

B. Participating Entities.

1. If not proscribed by law or by the Chief Procurement Official of the state in which the entity is located, an entity may be eligible to execute a Participating Addendum directly with a Contractor. Such entities may include:
 - a. Political subdivisions, public agencies, and service districts;
 - b. Public and private educational institutions, including K-12 public, charter, and private schools; institutions of higher education; and trade schools;
 - c. Federally recognized tribes;
 - d. Quasi-governmental entities; and
 - e. Eligible non-profit organizations.
2. Prior to execution of a Participating Addendum with an entity described above, a Contractor must coordinate with NASPO to confirm the entity's eligibility to execute a Participating Addendum. A determination that an entity is eligible to execute a Participating Addendum is not a determination that procurement authority exists; each

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entity must ensure it has the requisite procurement authority to execute a Participating Addendum.

- C. Purchasing Entities.** Entities eligible to make purchases from a Participating Addendum will be identified by the Participating Entity in the Participating Addendum.
- D. Potential Participation by Canadian Entities.** In addition to potential Participating Entities within the United States, any Canadian provincial government or provincially funded entity in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan, and Yukon, including municipalities, universities, community colleges, school boards, health authorities, housing authorities, agencies, boards, commissions, and crown corporations, may be eligible to use a Master Agreement resulting from this RFP, with the approval of the Contractor.



Attachment B **Amendment #1** SCOPE OF WORK

This Scope of Work describes the Deliverables being sought through this RFP and the scope of what Contractors will be expected to offer through a Master Agreement resulting from this RFP. The Scope of Work is intended to provide potential Offerors with sufficient basic information to submit a proposal. It is not intended to limit a proposal's content or exclude any relevant or essential data.

I. OVERVIEW AND DEFINITIONS

The State of South Carolina, Division of Procurement Services (Lead State) is requesting proposals for Products and Supplies for Correctional Facilities and Incarcerated Individuals in furtherance of the NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Program.

II. MASTER AGREEMENT OBJECTIVES

The objective of this RFP is to obtain best value, competitive proposal requirements, and to receive collective volume purchasing by all government entities through the NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Program, which creates more favorable pricing than is obtainable by an individual state or local government entities.

III. MASTER AGREEMENT DELIVERABLES

A. Product Categories

1. Products & Supplies for Correctional Facilities and Incarcerated Individuals

The award of this RFP will cover categories which contain products and supplies for correctional facilities and incarcerated individuals which will include:

- a. Clothing and Uniforms for Incarcerated /Institutionalized Persons
- b. Undergarments for Incarcerated /Institutionalized Persons
- c. Footwear for Incarcerated /Institutionalized Persons
- d. Personal Hygiene & Personal Care Products
- e. Mattresses & Linens
- f. Facility – Evidence & Inmate Property Storage
- g. Facility - Kitchen
- h. Facility - Laundry Supplies & Equipment
- i. Recreation Equipment (such as exercise equipment, sports equipment, etc.)

2. Volume Discounts for Available Products

Attachment I, Cost Proposal allows Offerors to offer volume discounts for available products where they would apply. Many correctional facilities prefer to make one-time large quantity purchases rather than many smaller purchases of certain items throughout any given year. Offering a volume discount for products that they may be available for is a very attractive option to these facilities. Offerors may offer volume discounts on any categories and/or specific products within a category as they are available.

IV. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS

- A. Insurance** Offerors shall, during the term of this Master Agreement, maintain in full force and effect, the insurance described in this section. Contractor shall acquire such insurance from an insurance carrier or carriers licensed to conduct business in each Participating Entity's state and



having a rating of A-, Class VII or better, in the most recently published edition of A.M. Best's Insurance Reports. Failure to buy and maintain the required insurance may result in this Master Agreement's termination or, at a Participating Entity's option, result in termination of its Participating Addendum.

1. Coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis. The minimum acceptable limits shall be as indicated below: (1) Commercial General Liability covering premises operations, independent contractors, products and completed operations, blanket contractual liability, personal injury (including death), advertising liability, and property damage, with a limit of not less than \$5 million per occurrence. (2) Contractor must comply with any applicable State Workers Compensation or Employers Liability Insurance requirements.
2. Offeror / Contractor shall pay premiums on all insurance policies. Contractor shall provide notice to a Participating Entity who is a state within five (5) business days after Contractor is first aware of expiration, cancellation or nonrenewal of such policy or is first aware that cancellation is threatened or expiration, nonrenewal or expiration otherwise may occur.
3. Copies of renewal certificates of all required insurance shall be furnished within thirty (30) days after any renewal date to the applicable state Participating Entity. Failure to provide evidence of coverage may, at the sole option of the Lead State, or any Participating Entity, result in this Master Agreement's termination or the termination of any Participating Addendum.
4. Coverage and limits shall not limit Contractor's liability and obligations under this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum, or any Purchase Order.

B. Licensing

1. Sales of motor vehicles are subject to state Motor Vehicle Statutes. Offeror certifies by submission of a response that all required Motor Vehicle Commission licenses are in place and current, and that copies of all such licenses, if requested, will be submitted with the states' participating addendums.
2. License requirements for states participating in the contract will be addressed in each state's participating addendum.
3. It is the Contractor's responsibility to keep all required Motor Vehicle licensing current during the term of the contract and to furnish copies at any time upon request by the contract administrator. If the Contractor does not maintain current licensing, Central Purchasing may immediately terminate the contract upon discovery of the expiration of the license. Contracts for motor vehicles to be sold may be made only with properly licensed Motor Vehicle Dealers.

C. Ordering

1. No minimum orders will be considered under this Contract. Please see the pricing attachment for value-added incentive volume discount request.
2. Options/Accessories/Attachments on ordered equipment shall include all standard items normally furnished by the Contractor's manufacturer/dealer for the basic equipment being purchased. Contractor shall identify any websites that can be of assistance in determining needs and calculating total cost of items purchased.



3. Any trade-in allowances determined by the Contractor shall be deducted from the established current price before the discount is applied. The formula will be to deduct the discount from the established current price and then take off the trade-in allowance. (Only for those Purchasing Entities allowed to trade-in equipment for new equipment).

D. Changes in Contractor Contact

The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer of any changes in the company status, such as mergers, sell offs, discontinuation of equipment, addition of equipment lines and changes in the contact information of the Contract. The Contracting Officer shall be able to contact the Contractor at all times during business hours.

E. Contract Provisions for Orders Utilizing Federal Funds

Pursuant to Appendix II to 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards, Orders funded with federal funds may have additional contractual requirements or certifications that must be satisfied at the time the Order is placed or upon delivery. These federal requirements may be proposed by Participating Entities in Participating Addenda and Purchasing Entities for incorporation in Orders placed under this Master Agreement.

F. Warranty – Equipment/Options/Accessories/Attachments

1. The Contractor agrees the products furnished under this Contract shall be covered by all commercial warranties the Contractor provides for such products, and rights and remedies provided herein are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded by any other clause of this Contract.
2. The Contractor warrants that at the time of delivery, all products purchased under this Contract will be free from defects in material or workmanship and will conform to the specifications and all other requirements of this Contract.
3. All warranty work performed, and parts/materials supplied shall meet original equipment manufacturer (OEM) warranty requirements. Equivalent substitutions must be approved by the Purchasing Entity contact person prior to installation.
4. Warranty work performed not meeting specifications or found to be defective, shall not be accepted. The Contractor shall be required to make repairs or corrections at no additional cost to the Purchasing Entity.
5. Offeror shall furnish a copy of their warranty applicable for the equipment. All equipment warranties shall start on the date of delivery and shall be for the full term of said warranty.
6. Before actual warranty work begins, ownership of the products shall be established to ensure the products in need of repair belongs to the Purchasing Entity requesting the service. The following information shall be provided in order to determine ownership of the product: (1) Name of Purchasing Entity and division, if applicable. Make and Model of the product, and Control number of Purchasing Entity (Inventory number).
7. Repairs made that are covered by a warranty shall not be paid for by the Purchasing Entity.
8. The Contractor shall furnish all necessary supervision, labor, equipment, tools, parts, materials, and supplies needed for the warranty repair work.



9. All persons utilized in the performance of this contract shall be authorized by the Contractor and be fully qualified to perform the warranty work required. Warranty work shall be performed by certified or trained or authorized service technicians.
10. Products that will remain in the Contractor's possession overnight and for extended periods shall be stored in a safe and secure location for protection from theft and environmental dangers. The Contractor shall be responsible for the proper care and custody of any state-owned property in the Contractor's possession.

G. Quality of Parts

1. Parts under these specifications should be name brand, nationally advertised merchandise. Equivalent substitutions must be approved by the Purchasing Entity contact person.
2. After Market Repair parts must be equal to or exceed Contractor's original equipment manufacturer's specifications. Repair parts must be packaged and distributed under their respective nationally known name brands.
3. All rebuilt or remanufactured parts must meet the same requirements as listed above.
4. Some repair parts may be required to be original equipment manufacturer repair parts. Contractor's dealers' network must carry a complete line of OEM parts for all models of products they carry.
5. Preservation, packaging, and packing and marking will be in accordance with best commercial practice to provide adequate protection against shipping damage.

H. Warranty/Buy Back

Contractor is required to provide any buy-back, trade-in, or exchange policy concerning repair parts sold to Purchasing Entities. Contractor shall correct ordering errors without further cost to the ordering entity. A copy of the Warranty shall be included for replacement parts purchased.

I. Repair Facilities

Repair facilities that will perform the warranty work of items under this Contract shall be identified as authorized by the Contractor to perform such work for the manufacturer. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that the facilities adhere to the contract requirements for warranty work performance.

J. Freight/Shipping/Set-up Fees

1. Freight from the factory to the customer is the responsibility of the Contractor.
2. Delivery is to be FOB Destination (of ordering entity).
3. Under certain circumstances, additional freight, shipping, and handling costs may be permitted. If so, any Freight, shipping and handling costs and set-up fees paid by the ordering entity are to be annotated on the quote/invoice as a separate line item. All additional fees/costs must appear on the quote and approved by the ordering entity prior to the Contractor accepting the PO.

K. Delivery

1. Delivery of products shall be stated in each quotation. It is preferable to expect delivery within 30 calendar days after receipt of order unless other arrangements are made between the ordering party and the Contractor due to current market status. Earlier



deliveries are encouraged however there shall be no change in contract price or discount terms because of the earlier delivery.

2. All products shall be delivered new, unused and ready for immediate use, unless otherwise requested by the Purchasing Entity. Liability for product delivery remains with the Contractor until delivered and accepted.
3. Delivery shall be made in accordance with instructions on the purchase order from each Purchasing Entity. If there is a discrepancy between the purchase order and what is listed on the contract, the Contractor shall seek clarification from the ordering party and/or the Contracting Officer.
4. If applicable, one operating manual, an illustrated parts manual or List, and the warranty shall be furnished for each new item purchased at no additional cost.

L. Price Adjustments

The Contract price shall be the most current Contractor's Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) in effect at the time the order is placed less the discount percentage offered. This allows for market fluctuations to take place while the discount percentage must remain stable.

An adjustment to the contracted percent discount will require approval by the Lead State. The Contractor is responsible for providing sufficient documentation and justification to support the request. Documentation may include but is not limited to: the manufacturers national price increase announcement letter, a complete and detailed description of what products are increasing and by what percentage, a complete and detailed description of what raw materials and/or other costs have increased and provide proof of increase, index data and other information to support and justify the increase.

The price increase must not produce a higher profit margin than the original contract and must be accompanied by sufficient documentation and nationwide notice of price adjustment to the published commercial price list.

Price Established at Time of Order. Pricing is established at the time an order is placed by a public entity with the Contractor. No retroactive price increases will be allowed, nor will price increases be allowed at time of delivery.

Price Reductions. In the event of a price decrease in any category of product at any time during the contract in an OEM's published commercial price list, including renewal options, the Lead State shall be notified immediately. All published commercial price list price reductions shall be effective upon the notification provided to the Lead State.

M. New Products

New Products may be added to the awarded categories as they are introduced as long as the products remain within the scope of that category. The quoted discount cannot be lowered throughout the Contract period.

N. Discontinued Products

Contractor is to notify the Contracting Officer of any changes in their schedule of equipment such as discontinued products or replacement models to continue proper presentation on contract award posting.



O. Price

The purpose of this competitive solicitation is to develop a category / catalog discount contract structure to provide for equipment to be made available for purchase. This allows for the most current model of equipment to be covered under this contract as equipment is introduced to stay with available market trends. The pricing matrix is a percentage discount subtracted from the Contractor's Suggested Retail Price. Contractor can submit actual pricing schedules for their equipment with the percentage discount already figured, as long as the Contractor list price is stated first, then the discount, then the final discount price.

The quoted discount percentage will be in affect the entire contract period. Additional or deeper discounts will be accepted, but original discount rates cannot be lowered.

P. Product Volume Discounts

Product Volume Discounts have been included with Attachment I, Cost Proposal:

- Product Volume Discount

Many correctional facilities prefer to place single, larger orders rather than many smaller orders throughout the year. As a value-added option, the Offeror may provide volume discounts for larger single orders of products and supplies.

Due to the large variance of products available, and as the subject matter expert, the vendor may choose the items to offer.

This product listing will allow the vendor to represent the type, style, quality, and breadth of products available if awarded.

This list will remain firm for the initial base year, with the option to refresh or revise the listing of contract special items on an annual basis at contract renewal periods.

Submission of items will be included in the total value-added scoring evaluation.

V. LEAD STATE RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS

Participating State Terms and Conditions. (ADMIN) As a courtesy to Offerors, some Participating States' specific Terms and Conditions are provided as Attachments (see Attachment E) to this solicitation. These are for informational purposes only and will be negotiated with other Participating States after award of the Master Agreement. Each State reserves the right to negotiate additional terms and conditions in its Participating Addendums. Offerors shall submit a statement that they understand they may be required to negotiate these additional terms and conditions when executing a Participating Addendum



Attachment C RFP EVALUATION PLAN

Stage 1: Initial Responsiveness Evaluation. Proposals will be reviewed for completeness and initial responsiveness. Proposals omitting required documents or responses may be rejected in accordance with Attachment A, RFP Terms and Conditions.

Stage 2: Technical Criteria Evaluation. Proposals meeting or exceeding the Mandatory Minimum Requirements will be evaluated against the following Technical Criteria:

Criteria	Technical Points Possible	Offeror's Technical Points Earned
Experience and Qualifications	200	
Ability to Meet SOW	300	
Customer Service	100	
Product Selection/Availability	150	
Implementation and Promotion of the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement	50	
Stage 2 Total:	800	

Technical Evaluation. This portion of the evaluation has 800 points available. Evaluation panel members will individually score the criteria listed above, excluding the Total Number of Categories Offered criteria (see below). The average score for all evaluators for each category will be added to reach the total score for the technical evaluation for each offer.

Criteria	Technical Points Possible	Offeror's Technical Points Earned
Total Number of Categories Offered	200	
Stage 2 Total:	200	

Total Number of Categories Offered. This portion of the evaluation has 200 points available. It is preferred that Offerors make an offer on all categories, but it is not required. This factor will evaluate the total number of categories offered, meaning the more categories offered will result in a higher number of points. The evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- Eight to Nine Categories Offered – 200 Points
- Five to Seven Categories – 150 Points
- Three to Four Categories – 100 Points
- Less than Three Categories – 50 Points

Upon final Stage 2 evaluation, all vendors who scored at least 75% of available points of the combined Technical Evaluation and Total Number of Categories Offered will move on to the Stage 3 Cost Evaluation.

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Stage 3: Cost Evaluation. Cost Proposals for proposals not rejected following evaluation of Technical Criteria will be evaluated.

PROPOSED COSTS

Cost Item	Lowest Cost	Offeror's Cost	Cost Points Possible	Offeror's Cost Points Earned
Market Basket Price Evaluation			180	
Discount % Off Evaluation			180	
Volume Discount Evaluation			180	
Total:			540	

a. Market Basket Price Evaluation. In this portion of the Cost Evaluation there are 180 points available, 20 points per category. Offerors only need to complete the market baskets for the category(ies) they are bidding on, but they **MUST** make an offer on all items within the category. The total cost of the market basket for that category will be evaluated against all other Offerors for the same category. Points will be awarded to each Offeror using the formula **Lowest Cost / Offeror's Cost x Cost Points Possible** for each category. Points awarded for each category will be totaled for each Offeror and the result will be the total points awarded for the Market Basket Price Evaluation. The Lead State reserves the right to modify this formula and/or assign a nominal value to "0" cost values if application of the formula results in an error, negative numbers, or an unreasonably skewed distribution of points.

b. Discount % Off Evaluation. In this portion of the Cost Evaluation there are 180 points available, 20 points per category. The proposed discount percentages (%) will be averaged across each category to determine the highest average discount % off. The highest average discount % will be used as a baseline to assign the available cost points to the other vendors. The formula for calculating cost points earned for this portion is **Offeror's Average Discount / Highest Average Discount x Discount Points Available**. The Lead State reserves the right to modify this formula and/or assign a nominal value to "0" cost values if application of the formula results in an error, negative numbers, or an unreasonably skewed distribution of points.

c. Volume Discount Evaluation. In this portion of the Cost Evaluation there are 180 points available, 20 points per category. The proposed discount percentages (%) will be averaged across each category to determine the highest average discount % off. The highest average discount % will be used as a baseline to assign the available cost points to the other vendors. The formula for calculating cost points earned for this portion is **Offeror's Average Discount / Highest Average Discount x Discount Points Available**. The Lead State reserves the right to modify this formula and/or assign a nominal value to "0" cost values if application of the formula results in an error, negative numbers, or an unreasonably skewed distribution of points.

At the Lead State's discretion, points earned in the Cost Proposal evaluation may be normalized and scaled to award the Offeror earning the highest total cost score the maximum number of cost points possible.

Evaluation Summary

Stage	Total Points Possible	Offeror's Total Points Earned
Technical Criteria Evaluation	800	
Total Number of Categories Offered	200	
Cost Evaluation	540	
Total:	1540	

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Award Selection

All Offerors earning a minimum of 1020 points combined from the Technical Criteria Evaluation and Cost Evaluation will be eligible for a Master Agreement award. The proposal of any Offeror not earning the minimum of 1020 points combined from the Technical Criteria Evaluation and Cost Evaluation will be rejected.

The Lead State and Multistate Sourcing Team will then determine which proposals are most advantageous to the Lead State and potential Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities. Methods used to make this determination may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- Identification of a natural break in total scores
- Consideration of the optimal number of Contractors required to successfully supply Deliverables to Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities

Prior to announcement of awards and execution of Master Agreements, the Lead State will present an award recommendation to NASPO ValuePoint for approval of the proposed awards.

Following approval by NASPO ValuePoint and the state of South Carolina, a public Notice of Intent will be posted on the South Carolina website.



ATTACHMENT D **Amendment #1** SAMPLE MASTER AGREEMENT

NASPO VALUEPOINT MASTER AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. Definitions

- 1.1 **Acceptance** means acceptance of goods and services as set forth in Section IX of this Master Agreement.
- 1.2 **Contractor** means a party to this Master Agreement, whether a person or entity, that delivers goods or performs services under the terms set forth in this Master Agreement.
- 1.3 **Embedded Software** means one or more software applications which permanently reside on a computing device.
- 1.4 **Intellectual Property** means any and all patents, copyrights, service marks, trademarks, trade secrets, trade names, patentable inventions, or other similar proprietary rights, in tangible or intangible form, and all rights, title, and interest therein.
- 1.5 **Lead State** means the State centrally administering any resulting Master Agreement(s) who is a party to this Master Agreement.
- 1.6 **Master Agreement** means the underlying agreement executed by and between the Lead State, acting in cooperation with NASPO ValuePoint, and the Contractor, as now or hereafter amended.
- 1.7 **NASPO ValuePoint** is a division of the National Association of State Procurement Officials ("NASPO"), a 501(c)(3) corporation. NASPO ValuePoint facilitates administration of the NASPO cooperative group contracting consortium of state chief procurement officials for the benefit of state departments, institutions, agencies, and political subdivisions and other eligible entities (*i.e.*, colleges, school districts, counties, cities, some nonprofit organizations, etc.) for all states, the District of Columbia, and territories of the United States. NASPO ValuePoint is identified in the Master Agreement as the recipient of reports and may perform contract administration functions relating to collecting and receiving reports, as well as other contract administration functions as assigned by the Lead State.
- 1.8 **Order or Purchase Order** means any purchase order, sales order, contract or other document used by a Purchasing Entity to order the Products.
- 1.9 **Participating Addendum** means a bilateral agreement executed by a Contractor and a Participating Entity incorporating this Master Agreement and any additional Participating Entity-specific language or other requirements (*e.g.*, ordering procedures specific to the Participating Entity, entity-specific terms and



conditions, etc.).

- 1.10 **Participating Entity** means a state (as well as the District of Columbia and US territories), city, county, district, other political subdivision of a State, or a nonprofit organization under the laws of some states properly authorized to enter into a Participating Addendum, that has executed a Participating Addendum.
- 1.11 **Participating State** means a state that has executed a Participating Addendum or has indicated an intent to execute a Participating Addendum.
- 1.12 **Product or Products and Services** means any equipment, software (including embedded software), documentation, service, or other deliverable supplied or created by the Contractor pursuant to this Master Agreement. The term Product includes goods and services.
- 1.13 **Purchasing Entity** means a state (as well as the District of Columbia and US territories), city, county, district, other political subdivision of a State, or a nonprofit organization under the laws of some states if authorized by a Participating Addendum, that issues a Purchase Order against the Master Agreement and becomes financially committed to the purchase.
- 1.14 **Solicitation** means the solicitation resulting in this Master Agreement.

II. Term of Master Agreement

- 2.1 **Initial Term.** The initial term of this Master Agreement is for one (1) year from the effective date. This Master Agreement shall automatically renew beyond the initial term for 4 additional years, with four separate one (1) year extensions, unless the Contractor receives notice that the Lead State elects not to renew the contract (see Term of Contract – Option to Renew below), or the Contractor exercises their rights under the Term of Contract – Termination by Contractor clause below. The term of this Master Agreement may be amended beyond the initial term for two (2) additional years at the Lead State’s discretion and by mutual agreement and upon review of requirements of Participating Entities, current market conditions, and Contractor performance. The Lead State may, prior to execution, adjust the effective date or duration of the initial term or renewal period of any Master Agreement for the purpose of making the Master Agreement coterminous with others.
- 2.2 **Amendment Limitations.** The terms of this Master Agreement will not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented, or amended in any manner whatsoever without prior written agreement of the Lead State and Contractor.
- 2.3 **Amendment Term.** The term of the Master Agreement may be amended past the initial term and stated renewal periods for a reasonable period if in the judgment of the Lead State a follow-on competitive procurement will be unavoidably delayed (despite good faith efforts) beyond the planned date of execution of the follow-on master agreement. This subsection will not be deemed to limit the authority of a Lead State under its state law to otherwise negotiate contract extensions.



III. Order of Precedence

- 3.1 **Order.** Any Order placed under this Master Agreement will consist of the following documents:
 - 3.1.1 A Participating Entity's Participating Addendum ("PA");
 - 3.1.2 NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement, including all attachments thereto;
 - 3.1.3 A Purchase Order or Scope of Work/Specifications issued against the Master Agreement;
 - 3.1.4 Schedules and Attachments expressly incorporated into this contract;
 - 3.1.5 The Solicitation or, if separately executed after award, the Lead State's bilateral agreement that integrates applicable provisions;
 - 3.1.6 Contractor's response to the Solicitation, as revised (if permitted) and accepted by the Lead State.
- 3.2 **Conflict.** These documents will be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents will be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. Contractor terms and conditions that apply to this Master Agreement are only those that are expressly accepted by the Lead State and must be in writing and attached to this Master Agreement as an Exhibit or Attachment. No terms on either party's Purchase Orders, Invoices, Ordering Documents, Website, Browse-Wrap, Shrink-Wrap, Click-Wrap, Clickthrough, or other Non-Negotiated Terms and Conditions provided with any contract activities will constitute a part or amendment of this Agreement or is binding for any purpose. All such other Terms and Conditions have no force and effect and are deemed rejected, even if access to or use of the contract activities requires affirmative acceptance of such Terms and Conditions
- 3.3 **Participating Addenda.** Participating Addenda will not be construed to diminish, modify, or otherwise derogate any provisions in this Master Agreement between the Lead State and Contractor. The term of a Participating Addendum will not exceed the term of this Master Agreement, except when a Participating Entity determines an extension of its Participating Addendum is necessary to avoid a lapse in contract coverage and is permitted by law.

IV. Participants and Scope

- 4.1 **Requirement for a Participating Addendum.** Contractor may not deliver Products under this Master Agreement until a Participating Addendum acceptable to the Participating Entity and Contractor is executed.
- 4.2 **Applicability of Master Agreement.** NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions are applicable to any Order by a Participating Entity (and other Purchasing Entities covered by their Participating Addendum), except to the extent altered, modified, supplemented or amended by a Participating Addendum, subject to Section III. For the purposes of illustration and not limitation, this authority may apply to unique delivery and invoicing requirements, confidentiality requirements,



defaults on Orders, governing law and venue relating to Orders by a Participating Entity, indemnification, and insurance requirements. Statutory or constitutional requirements relating to availability of funds may require specific language in some Participating Addenda in order to comply with applicable law. The expectation is that these alterations, modifications, supplements, or amendments will be addressed in the Participating Addendum or, with the consent of the Purchasing Entity and Contractor, may be included in the ordering document (e.g., purchase order or contract) used by the Purchasing Entity to place the Order.

- 4.3 Scope of Work Updates.** At the discretion of the Lead State, and subject to agreement by the parties, the scope of this Master Agreement may be amended to include or accommodate new or updated models, versions, or technologies related to the objectives and deliverables set forth in the Solicitation.
- 4.4 Obligated Entities.** Obligations under this Master Agreement are limited to those Participating Entities who have signed a Participating Addendum and Purchasing Entities within the scope of those Participating Addenda. States or other entities permitted to participate may use an informal competitive process to determine which Master Agreements to participate in through execution of a Participating Addendum. Participating Entities incur no financial obligations on behalf of other Purchasing Entities.
- 4.5 Notice of Participating Addendum.** Contractor shall email a fully executed PDF copy of each Participating Addendum to pa@naspovaluepoint.org to support documentation of participation and posting in appropriate databases.

4.6 Participating Entities.

- 4.6.1** If not proscribed by law or by the Chief Procurement Official of the state in which the entity is located, an entity may be eligible to execute a Participating Addendum directly with Contractor. Such entities may include:
- 4.6.1.1** Political subdivisions, public agencies, and service districts;
 - 4.6.1.2** Public and private educational institutions, including K-12 public, charter, and private schools; institutions of higher education; and trade schools;
 - 4.6.1.3** Federally recognized tribes;
 - 4.6.1.4** Quasi-governmental entities; and
 - 4.6.1.5** Eligible non-profit organizations.
- 4.6.2** Prior to execution of a Participating Addendum with an entity listed above, Contractor shall coordinate with NASPO to confirm the entity's eligibility to execute a Participating Addendum. A determination that an entity is eligible to execute a Participating Addendum is not a determination that procurement authority exists; each entity must ensure it has the requisite procurement authority to execute a Participating Addendum.



- 4.7 Prohibition on Resale.** Subject to any specific conditions included in the Solicitation or Contractor's proposal as accepted by the Lead State, or as explicitly permitted in a Participating Addendum, Purchasing Entities may not resell Products purchased under this Master Agreement. Absent any such condition or explicit permission, this limitation does not prohibit: payments by employees of a Purchasing Entity for Products; sales of Products to the general public as surplus property; and fees associated with inventory transactions with other governmental or nonprofit entities and consistent with a Purchasing Entity's laws and regulations. Any sale or transfer permitted by this subsection must be consistent with license rights granted for use of intellectual property.
- 4.8 Individual Customers.** Except as may otherwise be agreed to by the Purchasing Entity and Contractor, each Purchasing Entity shall follow the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum and will have the same rights and responsibilities for their purchases as the Lead State has in the Master Agreement and as the Participating Entity has in the Participating Addendum, including but not limited to any indemnity or right to recover any costs as such right is defined in the Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum for their purchases. Each Purchasing Entity will be responsible for its own charges, fees, and liabilities. The Contractor will apply the charges and invoice each Purchasing Entity individually.
- 4.9 Release of Information.** Throughout the duration of this Master Agreement, Contractor must secure from the Lead State prior approval for the release of information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by the Master Agreement. This limitation does not preclude publication about the award of the Master Agreement or marketing activities consistent with any proposed and accepted marketing plan.
- 4.10 No Representations.** The Contractor shall not make any representations of NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, any Participating Entity, or any Purchasing Entity's opinion or position as to the quality or effectiveness of the services that are the subject of this Master Agreement without prior written consent.

V. NASPO ValuePoint Provisions

- 5.1 Applicability.** NASPO ValuePoint is not a party to the Master Agreement. The terms set forth in Section V are for the benefit of NASPO ValuePoint as a third-party beneficiary of this Master Agreement.
- 5.2 Administrative Fees**
- 5.2.1 NASPO ValuePoint Fee.** Contractor shall pay to NASPO ValuePoint, or its assignee, a NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee of one-quarter of one percent (0.25% or 0.0025) no later than sixty (60) days following the end of each calendar quarter. The NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee must be submitted quarterly and is based on all sales of products and services under the Master Agreement (less any charges for taxes or shipping). The NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee is not negotiable.



This fee is to be included as part of the pricing submitted with a vendor's response to the Lead State's Solicitation.

5.2.2 State Imposed Fees. Some states may require an additional fee be paid by Contractor directly to the state on purchases made by Purchasing Entities within that state. For all such requests, the fee rate or amount, payment method, and schedule for such reports and payments will be incorporated into the applicable Participating Addendum. Unless agreed to in writing by the state, Contractor may not adjust the Master Agreement pricing to include the state fee for purchases made by Purchasing Entities within the jurisdiction of the state. No such agreement will affect the NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee percentage or the prices paid by Purchasing Entities outside the jurisdiction of the state requesting the additional fee.

5.3 NASPO ValuePoint Summary and Detailed Usage Reports

5.3.1 Sales Data Reporting. In accordance with this section, Contractor shall report to NASPO ValuePoint all Orders under this Master Agreement for which Contractor has invoiced the ordering entity or individual, including Orders invoiced to Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity employees for personal use if such use is permitted by this Master Agreement and the applicable Participating Addendum ("Sales Data"). By placing an Order under this Master Agreement, a Purchasing Entity agrees to have their data (i) included in reports submitted by Contractor to NASPO ValuePoint and (ii) used by NASPO ValuePoint as set forth in this Master Agreement without limitation, unless otherwise requested in writing by the Purchasing Entity and agreed to in writing by NASPO. Timely and complete reporting of Sales Data by Contractor is a material requirement of this Master Agreement. Reporting requirements, including those related to the format, contents, frequency, or delivery of reports, may be updated by NASPO ValuePoint with reasonable notice to Contractor and without amendment to this Master Agreement. NASPO ValuePoint shall have exclusive ownership of any media on which reports are submitted and shall have a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty free, and transferable right to display, modify, copy, and otherwise use reports, data, and information provided under this section.

5.3.2 Summary Sales Data. "Summary Sales Data" is Sales Data reported as cumulative totals by state. Contractor shall, using the reporting tool or template provided by NASPO ValuePoint, report Summary Sales Data to NASPO ValuePoint for each calendar quarter no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the quarter. If Contractor has no reportable Sales Data for the quarter, Contractor shall submit a zero-sales report.

5.3.3 Detailed Sales Data. "Detailed Sales Data" is Sales Data that includes for each Order all information required by the Solicitation or by NASPO ValuePoint, including customer information, Order information, and line-



item details. Contractor shall, using the reporting tool or template provided by NASPO ValuePoint, report Detailed Sales Data to NASPO ValuePoint for each calendar quarter no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the quarter. Detailed Sales Data shall be reported in the format provided in the Solicitation or provided by NASPO ValuePoint. The total sales volume of reported Detailed Sales Data shall be consistent with the total sales volume of reported Summary Sales Data.

- 5.3.4 Sales Data Crosswalks.** Upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, Contractor shall provide to NASPO ValuePoint tables of customer and Product information and specific attributes thereof for the purpose of standardizing and analyzing reported Sales Data (“Crosswalks”). Customer Crosswalks must include a list of existing and potential Purchasing Entities and identify for each the appropriate customer type as defined by NASPO ValuePoint. Product Crosswalks must include Contractor’s part number or SKU for each Product in Offeror’s catalog and identify for each the appropriate Master Agreement category (and subcategory, if applicable), manufacturer part number, product description, eight-digit UNSPSC Class Level commodity code, and (if applicable) EPEAT value and Energy Star rating. Crosswalk requirements and fields may be updated by NASPO ValuePoint with reasonable notice to Contractor and without amendment to this Master Agreement. Contractor shall work in good faith with NASPO ValuePoint to keep Crosswalks updated as Contractor’s customer lists and product catalog change.
- 5.3.5 Executive Summary.** Contractor shall, upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, provide NASPO ValuePoint with an executive summary that includes but is not limited to a list of states with an active Participating Addendum, states with which Contractor is in negotiations, and any Participating Addendum roll-out or implementation activities and issues. NASPO ValuePoint and Contractor will determine the format and content of the executive summary.
- 5.3.6 Obligation to Act in Good Faith.** The parties acknowledge that this Master Agreement and its terms and pricing have been negotiated for the benefit of the parties, NASPO ValuePoint, Participating Entities, and Purchasing Entities. Apart from a Participating Addendum or Order, Contractor shall not intentionally induce a potential Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity to enter into a separate agreement, the pricing and terms of which are derived from this Master Agreement, for the purpose of avoiding compliance with Contractor’s obligations under Section V. Nothing in this Section 5.3.6 shall prohibit Contractor from contracting with an entity with substantially similar pricing and terms if such pricing and terms are independently negotiated with the entity or are consistent with pricing and terms ordinarily offered by Contractor to public sector customers.



5.4 NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Program Marketing, Training, and Performance Review

- 5.4.1 Staff Education.** Contractor shall work cooperatively with NASPO ValuePoint personnel. Contractor shall present plans to NASPO ValuePoint for the education of Contractor's contract administrator(s) and sales/marketing workforce regarding the Master Agreement contract, including the competitive nature of NASPO ValuePoint procurements, the master agreement and participating addendum process, and the manner in which eligible entities can participate in the Master Agreement.
- 5.4.2 Onboarding Plan.** Upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, Contractor shall, as Participating Addendums are executed, provide plans to launch the program for the Participating Entity. Plans will include time frames to launch the agreement and confirmation that the Contractor's website has been updated to properly reflect the scope and terms of the Master Agreement as available to the Participating Entity and eligible Purchasing Entities.
- 5.4.3 Annual Contract Performance Review.** Contractor shall participate in an annual contract performance review with the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint, which may at the discretion of the Lead State be held in person and which may include a discussion of marketing action plans, target strategies, marketing materials, Contractor reporting, and timeliness of payment of administration fees.
- 5.4.4 Use of NASPO ValuePoint Logo.** The NASPO ValuePoint logos may not be used by Contractor in sales and marketing until a separate logo use agreement is executed with NASPO ValuePoint.
- 5.4.5 Most Favored Customer.** Contractor shall, within thirty (30) days of their effective date, notify the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint of any contractual most-favored-customer provisions in third-party contracts or agreements that may affect the promotion of this Master Agreement or whose terms provide for adjustments to future rates or pricing based on rates, pricing in, or Orders from this Master Agreement. Upon request of the Lead State or NASPO ValuePoint, Contractor shall provide a copy of any such provisions.

5.5 NASPO ValuePoint eMarketPlace

- 5.5.1** The NASPO ValuePoint cooperative provides an eMarketPlace for public entities to access a central online platform to view and/or purchase the goods, services, and solutions available from NASPO ValuePoint's cooperative Master Agreements. This eMarketPlace is provided by NASPO at no additional cost to the Contractor or public entities. Its purpose is to facilitate the connection of public entities with Contractors who meet the requisite needs for a good, service, or solution by that entity through a NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement.



- 5.5.2** Contractor shall cooperate in good faith with NASPO, and any third party acting as an agent on behalf of NASPO, to integrate Contractor's industry presence by either an electronic hosted catalog, punchout site, or providing eQuotes through the NASPO eMarketPlace, per the Implementation Timeline as further described below.
- 5.5.3** Regardless of how Contractor's presence is reflected in the eMarketPlace (*i.e.*, hosted catalog, punchout site, or eQuote), Contractor's listed offerings must be strictly limited to Contractor's awarded contract offerings through the NASPO award. Products and/or services not authorized through the resulting NASPO cooperative contract should not be viewable by NASPO ValuePoint eMarketPlace users. Furthermore, products and/or services not authorized through a Participating Addendum should not be viewable by NASPO ValuePoint eMarketPlace users utilizing that Participating Addendum. The accuracy of Contractor's offerings through the eMarketPlace must be maintained by Contractor throughout the duration of the Master Agreement.
- 5.5.4** Contractor agrees that NASPO controls which Master Agreements appear in the eMarketPlace and that NASPO may elect at any time to remove any of Contractor's offerings from the eMarketPlace.
- 5.5.5** Contractor is solely responsible for the accuracy, quality, and legality of Contractor's Content on the eMarketPlace. "Content" means all information that is generated, submitted, or maintained by Contractor or otherwise made available by Contractor on the eMarketPlace, including Contractor catalogs. Contractor's Content shall comply with and accurately reflect the terms and pricing of this Master Agreement.
- 5.5.6** Contractor's use of the eMarketPlace shall comply with the eMarketPlace's Terms of Use.
- 5.5.7** Contractor is solely responsible for the security and accuracy of transactions facilitated through the eMarketPlace, including the assessment, collection, and remittance of any sales tax.
- 5.5.8** Lead State reserves the right to approve all pricing, catalogs, and information on the eMarketPlace. This catalog review right is solely for the benefit of the Lead State and Participating Entities, and the review and approval shall not waive the requirement that products and services be offered at prices required by the Master Agreement.
- 5.5.9** NASPO Participating Entities may have their own procurement system, separate from the NASPO eMarketPlace, that enables the use of certain NASPO Master Agreements. In the event one of these entities elects to use this NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement (available through the eMarketPlace) but publish to their own eMarketPlace, Contractor agrees to work in good faith with the entity and NASPO to implement the catalog.
- 5.5.10** In the event a Participating Entity has entity-specific catalog requirements



set forth in its Participating Addendum (e.g., entity-specific pricing, restrictions in the scope of offerings, etc.), Contractor shall ensure its eMarketPlace Content for that Participating Entity accurately reflects and is compliant with these requirements.

5.5.11 Implementation Timeline: Following the execution of Contractor's Master Agreement, NASPO will provide a written request to Contractor to begin the onboarding process into the eMarketPlace. Contractor shall have fifteen (15) days from receipt of written request to work with NASPO to set up an enablement schedule, at which time the technical documentation for onboarding shall be provided to Contractor. The schedule will include future calls and milestone dates related to test and go live dates.

5.5.11.1 Contractor's NASPO eMarketPlace account with eQuoting functionality shall minimally be established within thirty (30) days following the written request.

5.5.11.2 Contractor shall deliver either a (1) hosted catalog or (2) punchout site, pursuant to the mutually agreed upon enablement schedule.

5.5.11.3 NASPO will work with Contractor to decide which structures between hosted catalog, punchout site, and/or eQuoting as further described below will be provided by Contractor.

5.5.11.3.1 Hosted Catalog. By providing a hosted catalog, Contractor is providing a list of its awarded products/services and pricing in an electronic data file in a format acceptable to NASPO, such as a tab delimited text file. Contractor is solely responsible for ensuring the most up-to-date versions of its product/service offerings approved by the Lead State under this Master Agreement are reflected in the eMarketPlace.

5.5.11.3.2 Punchout Site. By providing a punchout site, Contractor is providing its own online catalog, which must be capable of being integrated with the eMarketPlace as a Standard punchout via Commerce eXtensible Markup Language (cXML). Contractor shall validate that its online catalog is up-to-date. The site must also return detailed UNSPSC codes for each line item.

5.5.11.3.3 eQuoting. NASPO will work with Contractor to set up participation and use to provide eQuotes through the NASPO eMarketPlace. This requirement would be in addition to any requirement to provide a hosted catalog or punchout site.

5.5.12 Hosted catalogs and punchout sites will provide all of the eMarketPlace standard data elements/information including, but not limited to, the



following:

- 5.5.12.1** The most current pricing, including all applicable administrative fees and/or discounts, as well as the most up-to-date product/service offering the Contractor is authorized to provide in accordance with this Master Agreement;
- 5.5.12.2** A Lead State contract identification number for this Master Agreement;
- 5.5.12.3** Detailed product line item descriptions;
- 5.5.12.4** Pictures illustrating products, services, or solutions where practicable; and
- 5.5.12.5** Any additional NASPO, Lead State, or Participating Addendum requirements.

5.6 Cancellation. In consultation with NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State may, in its discretion, cancel the Master Agreement or not exercise an option to renew, when utilization of Contractor's Master Agreement does not warrant further administration of the Master Agreement. The Lead State may also exercise its right to not renew the Master Agreement if the Contractor fails to record or report revenue for three consecutive quarters, upon 60-calendar day written notice to the Contractor. Cancellation based on nonuse or under-utilization will not occur sooner than two years after execution of the Master Agreement. This subsection does not limit the discretionary right of either the Lead State or Contractor to cancel the Master Agreement or terminate for default subject to the terms herein. This subsection also does not limit any right of the Lead State to cancel the Master Agreement under applicable laws.

5.7 Canadian Participation. Subject to the approval of Contractor, any Canadian provincial government or provincially funded entity in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, or Saskatchewan, and territorial government or territorial government funded entity in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, or Yukon, including municipalities, universities, community colleges, school boards, health authorities, housing authorities, agencies, boards, commissions, and crown corporations, may be eligible to use Contractor's Master Agreement.

5.8 Additional Agreement with NASPO. Upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, awarded Contractor shall enter into a direct contractual relationship with NASPO ValuePoint related to Contractor's obligations to NASPO ValuePoint under the terms of the Master Agreement, the terms of which shall be the same or similar (and not less favorable) than the terms set forth in the Master Agreement.

VI. Pricing, Payment & Leasing

6.1 Pricing. The prices contained in this Master Agreement or offered under this Master Agreement represent the not-to-exceed price to any Purchasing Entity.



- 6.1.1 All prices and rates must be guaranteed for the initial term of the Master Agreement.
 - 6.1.2 Following the initial term of the Master Agreement, any request for a price or rate adjustment must be for an equal guarantee period and must be made at least 90 days prior to the effective date.
 - 6.1.3 Requests for a price or rate adjustment must include sufficient documentation supporting the request. Any adjustment or amendment to the Master Agreement will not be effective unless approved in writing by the Lead State.
 - 6.1.4 No retroactive adjustments to prices or rates will be allowed.
- 6.2 **Payment.** Unless otherwise agreed upon in a Participating Addendum or Order, Payment after Acceptance will be made within thirty (30) days following the date the entire order is delivered or the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is later. After 45 days the Contractor may assess overdue account charges up to a maximum rate of one percent per month on the outstanding balance, unless a different late payment amount is specified in a Participating Addendum or Order, or otherwise prescribed by applicable law. Payments will be remitted in the manner specified in the Participating Addendum or Order. Payments may be made via a purchasing card with no additional charge.
- 6.3 **Leasing or Alternative Financing Methods.** The procurement and other applicable laws of some Purchasing Entities may permit the use of leasing or alternative financing methods for the acquisition of Products under this Master Agreement. Where the terms and conditions are not otherwise prescribed in an applicable Participating Addendum, the terms and conditions for leasing or alternative financing methods are subject to negotiation between the Contractor and Purchasing Entity.

VII. Ordering

- 7.1 **Order Numbers.** Master Agreement order and purchase order numbers must be clearly shown on all acknowledgments, packing slips, invoices, and on all correspondence.
- 7.2 **Quotes.** Purchasing Entities may define entity-specific or project-specific requirements and informally compete the requirement among companies having a Master Agreement on an “as needed” basis. This procedure may also be used when requirements are aggregated or other firm commitments may be made to achieve reductions in pricing. This procedure may be modified in Participating Addenda and adapted to the Purchasing Entity’s rules and policies. The Purchasing Entity may in its sole discretion determine which Master Agreement Contractors should be solicited for a quote. The Purchasing Entity may select the quote that it considers most advantageous, cost, and other factors considered.
- 7.3 **Applicable Rules.** Each Purchasing Entity will identify and utilize its own appropriate purchasing procedure and documentation. Contractor is expected to



become familiar with the Purchasing Entities' rules, policies, and procedures regarding the ordering of supplies and/or services contemplated by this Master Agreement.

- 7.4 Required Documentation.** Contractor shall not begin work without a valid Purchase Order or other appropriate commitment document under the law of the Purchasing Entity.
- 7.5 Term of Purchase.** Orders may be placed consistent with the terms of this Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum during the term of the Master Agreement and Participating Addendum.
- 7.5.1** Orders must be placed pursuant to this Master Agreement prior to the termination date thereof, but may have a delivery date or performance period up to 120 days past the then-current termination date of this Master Agreement.
 - 7.5.2** Notwithstanding the previous, Orders must also comply with the terms of the applicable Participating Addendum, which may further restrict the period during which Orders may be placed or delivered.
 - 7.5.3** Financial obligations of Purchasing Entities payable after the current applicable fiscal year are contingent upon agency funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available.
 - 7.5.4** Notwithstanding the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Master Agreement, Contractor shall perform in accordance with the terms of any Orders then outstanding at the time of such expiration or termination. Contractor shall not honor any Orders placed after the expiration, cancellation, or termination of this Master Agreement, or in any manner inconsistent with this Master Agreement's terms.
 - 7.5.5** Orders for any separate indefinite quantity, task order, or other form of indefinite delivery order arrangement priced against this Master Agreement may not be placed after the expiration or termination of this Master Agreement, notwithstanding the term of any such indefinite delivery order agreement.
- 7.6 Order Form Requirements.** All Orders pursuant to this Master Agreement, at a minimum, must include:
- 7.6.1** The services or supplies being delivered;
 - 7.6.2** A shipping address and other delivery requirements, if any;
 - 7.6.3** A billing address;
 - 7.6.4** Purchasing Entity contact information;
 - 7.6.5** Pricing consistent with this Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum and as may be adjusted by agreement of the Purchasing Entity and Contractor;



- 7.6.6 A not-to-exceed total for the products or services being ordered; and
- 7.6.7 The Master Agreement number or the applicable Participating Addendum number, provided the Participating Addendum references the Master Agreement number.
- 7.7 **Communication.** All communications concerning administration of Orders placed must be furnished solely to the authorized purchasing agent within the Purchasing Entity's purchasing office, or to such other individual identified in writing in the Order.
- 7.8 **Contract Provisions for Orders Utilizing Federal Funds.** Pursuant to Appendix II to 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards, Orders funded with federal funds may have additional contractual requirements or certifications that must be satisfied at the time the Order is placed or upon delivery. These federal requirements may be proposed by Participating Entities in Participating Addenda and Purchasing Entities for incorporation in Orders placed under this Master Agreement.

VIII. Shipping and Delivery

- 8.1 **Shipping Terms.** All deliveries will be F.O.B. destination, freight pre-paid, with all transportation and handling charges paid by the Contractor.
 - 8.1.1 Notwithstanding the above, responsibility and liability for loss or damage will remain the Contractor's until final inspection and acceptance when responsibility will pass to the Purchasing Entity except as to latent defects, fraud, and Contractor's warranty obligations.
- 8.2 **Minimum Shipping.** The minimum shipment amount, if any, must be contained in the Master Agreement. Any order for less than the specified amount is to be shipped with the freight prepaid and added as a separate item on the invoice. Any portion of an Order to be shipped without transportation charges that is back ordered will be shipped without charge.
- 8.3 **Inside Deliveries.** To the extent applicable, all deliveries will be "Inside Deliveries" as designated by a representative of the Purchasing Entity placing the Order. Inside Delivery refers to a delivery to a location other than a loading dock, front lobby, or reception area. Specific delivery instructions will be noted on the order form or Purchase Order. Costs to repair any damage to the building interior (e.g., scratched walls, damage to the freight elevator, etc.) caused by Contractor or Contractor's carrier will be the responsibility of the Contractor. Immediately upon becoming aware of such damage, Contractor shall notify the Purchasing Entity placing the Order.
- 8.4 **Packaging.** All products must be delivered in the manufacturer's standard package. Costs must include all packing and/or crating charges. Cases must be of durable construction, in good condition, properly labeled and suitable in every respect for storage and handling of contents. Each shipping carton must be marked with the commodity, brand, quantity, item code number and the Purchasing Entity's



Purchase Order number.

IX. Inspection and Acceptance

- 9.1 Laws and Regulations.** Any and all Products offered and furnished must comply fully with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
- 9.2 Applicability.** Unless otherwise specified in the Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or ordering document, the terms of this Section IX will apply. This section is not intended to limit rights and remedies under the applicable commercial code.
- 9.3 Inspection.** All Products are subject to inspection at reasonable times and places before Acceptance. Contractor shall provide right of access to the Lead State, or to any other authorized agent or official of the Lead State or other Participating or Purchasing Entity, at reasonable times, to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance requirements under this Master Agreement.
- 9.3.1** Products that do not meet specifications may be rejected. Failure to reject upon receipt, however, does not relieve the contractor of liability for material (nonconformity that substantial impairs value) latent or hidden defects subsequently revealed when goods are put to use.
- 9.3.2** Acceptance of such goods may be revoked in accordance with the provisions of the applicable commercial code, and the Contractor is liable for any resulting expense incurred by the Purchasing Entity related to the preparation and shipping of Product rejected and returned, or for which Acceptance is revoked.
- 9.4 Failure to Conform.** If any services do not conform to contract requirements, the Purchasing Entity may require the Contractor to perform the services again in conformity with contract requirements, at no increase in Order amount. When defects cannot be corrected by re-performance, the Purchasing Entity may require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to contract requirements and reduce the contract price to reflect the reduced value of services performed.
- 9.5 Acceptance Testing.** Purchasing Entity may establish a process, in keeping with industry standards, to ascertain whether the Product meets the standard of performance or specifications prior to Acceptance by the Purchasing Entity.
- 9.5.1** The Acceptance Testing period will be thirty (30) calendar days, unless otherwise specified, starting from the day after the Product is delivered or, if installed by Contractor, the day after the Product is installed and Contractor certifies that the Product is ready for Acceptance Testing.
- 9.5.2** If the Product does not meet the standard of performance or specifications during the initial period of Acceptance Testing, Purchasing Entity may, at its discretion, continue Acceptance Testing on a day-to-day basis until the standard of performance is met.



- 9.5.3 Upon rejection, the Contractor will have fifteen (15) calendar days to cure. If after the cure period, the Product still has not met the standard of performance or specifications, the Purchasing Entity may, at its option: (a) declare Contractor to be in breach and terminate the Order; (b) demand replacement Product from Contractor at no additional cost to Purchasing Entity; or, (c) continue the cure period for an additional time period agreed upon by the Purchasing Entity and the Contractor.
- 9.5.4 Contractor shall pay all costs related to the preparation and shipping of Product returned pursuant to the section.
- 9.5.5 No Product will be deemed Accepted and no charges will be paid until the standard of performance or specification is met.

X. Warranty

- 10.1 **Applicability.** Unless otherwise specified in the Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or ordering document, the terms of this Section X will apply.
- 10.2 **Warranty.** The Contractor warrants for a period of one year from the date of Acceptance that: (a) the Product performs according to all specific claims that the Contractor made in its response to the Solicitation, (b) the Product is suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such Product is used, (c) the Product is suitable for any special purposes identified in the Solicitation or for which the Purchasing Entity has relied on the Contractor's skill or judgment, (d) the Product is designed and manufactured in a commercially reasonable manner, and (e) the Product is free of defects.
- 10.3 **Breach of Warranty.** Upon breach of the warranty set forth above, the Contractor will repair or replace (at no charge to the Purchasing Entity) the Product whose nonconformance is discovered and made known to the Contractor. If the repaired and/or replaced Product proves to be inadequate, or fails of its essential purpose, the Contractor will refund the full amount of any payments that have been made.
- 10.4 **Rights Reserved.** The rights and remedies of the parties under this warranty are in addition to any other rights and remedies of the parties provided by law or equity, including, without limitation, actual damages, and, as applicable and awarded under the law, to a prevailing party, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
- 10.5 **Warranty Period Start Date.** The warranty period will begin upon Acceptance, as set forth in Section IX.

XI. Product Title

- 11.1 **Conveyance of Title.** Upon Acceptance by the Purchasing Entity, Contractor shall convey to Purchasing Entity title to the Product free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, or other security interests.
- 11.2 **Embedded Software.** Transfer of title to the Product must include an irrevocable and perpetual license to use any Embedded Software in the Product. If Purchasing Entity subsequently transfers title of the Product to another entity, Purchasing Entity



shall have the right to transfer the license to use the Embedded Software with the transfer of Product title. A subsequent transfer of this software license will be at no additional cost or charge to either Purchasing Entity or Purchasing Entity's transferee.

- 11.3 License of Pre-Existing Intellectual Property.** Contractor grants to the Purchasing Entity a nonexclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable, license to use, publish, translate, reproduce, transfer with any sale of tangible media or Product, perform, display, and dispose of the Intellectual Property, and its derivatives, used or delivered under this Master Agreement, but not created under it ("Pre-existing Intellectual Property"). The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that this license is consistent with any third-party rights in the Pre-existing Intellectual Property.

XII. Indemnification

- 12.1 General Indemnification.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless NASPO, NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, Participating Entities, and Purchasing Entities, along with their officers and employees, from and against third-party claims, damages or causes of action including reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs for any death, injury, or damage to tangible property arising from any act, error, or omission of the Contractor, its employees or subcontractors or volunteers, at any tier, relating to performance under this Master Agreement.

12.1.1 Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the State to indemnify, defend, or pay attorney's fees to anyone for any reason.

- 12.2 Intellectual Property Indemnification.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless NASPO, NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, Participating Entities, Purchasing Entities, along with their officers and employees ("Indemnified Party"), from and against claims, damages or causes of action including reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs arising out of the claim that the Product or its use infringes Intellectual Property rights of another person or entity ("Intellectual Property Claim").

12.2.1 The Contractor's obligations under this section will not extend to any combination of the Product with any other product, system or method, unless the Product, system or method is:

- 12.2.1.1** provided by the Contractor or the Contractor's subsidiaries or affiliates;
- 12.2.1.2** specified by the Contractor to work with the Product;
- 12.2.1.3** reasonably required to use the Product in its intended manner, and the infringement could not have been avoided by substituting another reasonably available product, system or method capable of performing the same function; or
- 12.2.1.4** reasonably expected to be used in combination with the Product.



- 12.2.2** The Indemnified Party shall notify the Contractor within a reasonable time after receiving notice of an Intellectual Property Claim. Even if the Indemnified Party fails to provide reasonable notice, the Contractor shall not be relieved from its obligations unless the Contractor can demonstrate that it was prejudiced in defending the Intellectual Property Claim resulting in increased expenses or loss to the Contractor. If the Contractor promptly and reasonably investigates and defends any Intellectual Property Claim, it shall have control over the defense and settlement of the Intellectual Property Claim. However, the Indemnified Party must consent in writing for any money damages or obligations for which it may be responsible.
- 12.2.3** The Indemnified Party shall furnish, at the Contractor's reasonable request and expense, information and assistance necessary for such defense. If the Contractor fails to vigorously pursue the defense or settlement of the Intellectual Property Claim, the Indemnified Party may assume the defense or settlement of the Intellectual Property Claim and the Contractor shall be liable for all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs, incurred by the Indemnified Party in the pursuit of the Intellectual Property Claim.
- 12.2.4** Unless otherwise set forth herein, Section 12.2 is not subject to any limitations of liability in this Master Agreement or in any other document executed in conjunction with this Master Agreement.

XIII. Insurance

- 13.1 Term.** Contractor shall, during the term of this Master Agreement, maintain in full force and effect, the insurance described in this section. A Participating Entity may negotiate alternative Insurance requirements in their Participating Addendum.
- 13.2 Class.** Contractor shall acquire such insurance from an insurance carrier or carriers licensed to conduct business in each Participating Entity's state and having a rating of A-, Class VII or better, in the most recently published edition of A.M. Best's Insurance Reports. Failure to buy and maintain the required insurance may result in this Master Agreement's termination or, at a Participating Entity's option, result in termination of its Participating Addendum.
- 13.3 Coverage.** Coverage must be written on an occurrence basis. The minimum acceptable limits will be as indicated below:
- 13.3.1** Contractor shall maintain Commercial General Liability insurance covering premises operations, independent contractors, products and completed operations, blanket contractual liability, personal injury (including death), advertising liability, and property damage, with a limit of not less than \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million general aggregate;
- 13.3.2** Contractor must comply with any applicable State Workers Compensation or Employers Liability Insurance requirements.



- 13.4 Notice of Cancellation.** Contractor shall pay premiums on all insurance policies. Contractor shall provide notice to a Participating Entity who is a state within five (5) business days after Contractor is first aware of expiration, cancellation or nonrenewal of such policy or is first aware that cancellation is threatened or expiration, nonrenewal or expiration otherwise may occur.
- 13.5 Notice of Endorsement.** Prior to commencement of performance, Contractor shall provide to the Lead State a written endorsement to the Contractor's general liability insurance policy or other documentary evidence acceptable to the Lead State that (1) provides that written notice of cancellation will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions, and (2) provides that the Contractor's liability insurance policy will be primary, with any liability insurance of any Participating State as secondary and noncontributory.
- 13.6 Participating Entities.** Contractor shall provide to Participating States and Participating Entities the same insurance obligations and documentation as those specified in Section XIII, except the endorsement is provided to the applicable Participating State or Participating Entity.
- 13.7 Furnishing of Certificates.** Contractor shall furnish to the Lead State copies of certificates of all required insurance in a form sufficient to show required coverage within thirty (30) calendar days of the execution of this Master Agreement and prior to performing any work. Copies of renewal certificates of all required insurance will be furnished within thirty (30) days after any renewal date to the applicable state Participating Entity. Failure to provide evidence of coverage may, at the sole option of the Lead State, or any Participating Entity, result in this Master Agreement's termination or the termination of any Participating Addendum.
- 13.8 Disclaimer.** Insurance coverage and limits will not limit Contractor's liability and obligations under this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum, or any Purchase Order.

XIV. General Provisions

14.1 Records Administration and Audit

- 14.1.1** The Contractor shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to this Master Agreement and Orders placed by Purchasing Entities under it to the extent and in such detail as will adequately reflect performance and administration of payments and fees. Contractor shall permit the Lead State, a Participating Entity, a Purchasing Entity, the federal government (including its grant awarding entities and the U.S. Comptroller General), and any other duly authorized agent of a governmental agency, to audit, inspect, examine, copy and/or transcribe Contractor's books, documents, papers and records directly pertinent to this Master Agreement or orders placed by a Purchasing Entity under it for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. This right will survive for a period of six (6) years following termination of this Agreement or final



payment for any order placed by a Purchasing Entity against this Master Agreement, whichever is later, or such longer period as is required by the Purchasing Entity's state statutes, to assure compliance with the terms hereof or to evaluate performance hereunder.

14.1.2 Without limiting any other remedy available to any governmental entity, the Contractor shall reimburse the applicable Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity for any overpayments inconsistent with the terms of the Master Agreement or Orders or underpayment of fees found as a result of the examination of the Contractor's records.

14.1.3 The rights and obligations herein exist in addition to any quality assurance obligation in the Master Agreement that requires the Contractor to self-audit contract obligations and that permits the Lead State to review compliance with those obligations.

14.2 Confidentiality, Non-Disclosure, and Injunctive Relief

14.2.1 Confidentiality. Contractor acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, in the course of providing a Product under this Master Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to Purchasing Entity or Purchasing Entity's clients.

14.2.1.1 Any and all information of any form that is marked as confidential or would by its nature be deemed confidential obtained by Contractor or its employees or agents in the performance of this Master Agreement, including but not necessarily limited to (1) any Purchasing Entity's records, (2) personnel records, and (3) information concerning individuals, is confidential information of Purchasing Entity ("Confidential Information").

14.2.1.2 Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the Confidential Information by Contractor shall be treated in the same manner as the Confidential Information.

14.2.1.3 Confidential Information does not include information that (1) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by Contractor) publicly known; (2) is furnished by Purchasing Entity to others without restrictions similar to those imposed by this Master Agreement; (3) is rightfully in Contractor's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Master Agreement; (4) is obtained from a source other than Purchasing Entity without the obligation of confidentiality, (5) is disclosed with the written consent of Purchasing Entity; or (6) is independently developed by employees, agents or subcontractors of



Contractor who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.

- 14.2.2 Non-Disclosure.** Contractor shall hold Confidential Information in confidence, using at least the industry standard of confidentiality, and shall not copy, reproduce, sell, assign, license, market, transfer or otherwise dispose of, give, or disclose Confidential Information to third parties or use Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than what is necessary to the performance of Orders placed under this Master Agreement.
- 14.2.2.1** Contractor shall advise each of its employees and agents of their obligations to keep Confidential Information confidential. Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist Purchasing Entity in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information.
- 14.2.2.2** Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Contractor shall advise Purchasing Entity, applicable Participating Entity, and the Lead State immediately if Contractor learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Master Agreement, and Contractor shall at its expense cooperate with Purchasing Entity in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of Purchasing Entity or Contractor against any such person.
- 14.2.2.3** Except as directed by Purchasing Entity, Contractor will not at any time during or after the term of this Master Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, except in accordance with this Master Agreement, and that upon termination of this Master Agreement or at Purchasing Entity's request, Contractor shall turn over to Purchasing Entity all documents, papers, and other matter in Contractor's possession that embody Confidential Information.
- 14.2.2.4** Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor may keep one copy of such Confidential Information necessary for quality assurance, audits, and evidence of the performance of this Master Agreement.
- 14.2.3 Injunctive Relief.** Contractor acknowledges that Contractor's breach of Section 14.2 would cause irreparable injury to the Purchasing Entity that cannot be adequately compensated in monetary damages. Accordingly, Purchasing Entity may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings,



in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interests of Purchasing Entity and are reasonable in scope and content.

14.2.4 Purchasing Entity Law. These provisions will be applicable only to extent they are not in conflict with the applicable public disclosure laws of any Purchasing Entity.

14.2.5 NASPO ValuePoint. The rights granted to Purchasing Entities and Contractor's obligations under this section will also extend to NASPO ValuePoint's Confidential Information, including but not limited to Participating Addenda, Orders or transaction data relating to Orders under this Master Agreement that identify the entity/customer, Order dates, line-item descriptions and volumes, and prices/rates. This provision does not apply to disclosure to the Lead State, a Participating State, or any governmental entity exercising an audit, inspection, or examination pursuant to this Master Agreement. To the extent permitted by law, Contractor shall notify the Lead State of the identity of any entity seeking access to the Confidential Information described in this subsection.

14.2.6 Public Information. This Master Agreement and all related documents are subject to disclosure pursuant to the Lead State's public information laws.

14.3 Assignment/Subcontracts

14.3.1 Contractor shall not assign, sell, transfer, subcontract or sublet rights, or delegate responsibilities under this Master Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of the Lead State.

14.3.2 The Lead State reserves the right to assign any rights or duties, including written assignment of contract administration duties, to NASPO ValuePoint and other third parties.

14.4 Changes in Contractor Representation. The Contractor must, within ten (10) calendar days, notify the Lead State in writing of any changes in the Contractor's key administrative personnel managing the Master Agreement. The Lead State reserves the right to approve or reject changes in key personnel, as identified in the Contractor's proposal. The Contractor shall propose replacement key personnel having substantially equal or better education, training, and experience as was possessed by the key person proposed and evaluated in the Contractor's proposal.

14.5 Independent Contractor. Contractor is an independent contractor. Contractor has no authorization, express or implied, to bind the Lead State, Participating States, other Participating Entities, or Purchasing Entities to any agreements, settlements, liability or understanding whatsoever, and shall not to hold itself out as agent except as expressly set forth herein or as expressly set forth in an applicable Participating



Addendum or Order.

- 14.6 Cancellation.** Unless otherwise set forth herein, this Master Agreement may be canceled by either party upon sixty (60) days' written notice prior to the effective date of the cancellation. Further, any Participating Entity may cancel its participation upon thirty (30) days' written notice, unless otherwise limited or stated in the Participating Addendum. Cancellation may be in whole or in part. Any cancellation under this provision will not affect the rights and obligations attending Orders outstanding at the time of cancellation, including any right of a Purchasing Entity to indemnification by the Contractor, rights of payment for Products delivered and accepted, rights attending any warranty or default in performance in association with any Order, and requirements for records administration and audit. Cancellation of the Master Agreement due to Contractor default may be immediate.
- 14.7 Force Majeure.** Neither party to this Master Agreement shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, unusually severe weather, other acts of God, or acts of war which are beyond that party's reasonable control. The Lead State may terminate this Master Agreement upon determining such delay or default will reasonably prevent successful performance of the Master Agreement.
- 14.8 Defaults and Remedies**
- 14.8.1** The occurrence of any of the following events will be an event of default under this Master Agreement:
- 14.8.1.1** Nonperformance of contractual requirements;
 - 14.8.1.2** A material breach of any term or condition of this Master Agreement;
 - 14.8.1.3** Any certification, representation or warranty by Contractor in response to the Solicitation or in this Master Agreement that proves to be untrue or materially misleading;
 - 14.8.1.4** Institution of proceedings under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar law, by or against Contractor, or the appointment of a receiver or similar officer for Contractor or any of its property, which is not vacated or fully stayed within thirty (30) calendar days after the institution or occurrence thereof; or
 - 14.8.1.5** Any default specified in another section of this Master Agreement.
- 14.8.2** Upon the occurrence of an event of default, the Lead State shall issue a written notice of default, identifying the nature of the default, and providing a period of fifteen (15) calendar days in which Contractor shall have an opportunity to cure the default. The Lead State shall not be required to provide advance written notice or a cure period and may immediately terminate this Master Agreement in whole or in part if the Lead State, in its sole discretion, determines that it is reasonably



necessary to preserve public safety or prevent immediate public crisis. Time allowed for cure will not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for damages, including liquidated damages to the extent provided for under this Master Agreement.

- 14.8.3** If Contractor is afforded an opportunity to cure and fails to cure the default within the period specified in the written notice of default, Contractor shall be in breach of its obligations under this Master Agreement and the Lead State shall have the right to exercise any or all of the following remedies:
- 14.8.3.1** Any remedy provided by law;
 - 14.8.3.2** Termination of this Master Agreement and any related Contracts or portions thereof;
 - 14.8.3.3** Assessment of liquidated damages as provided in this Master Agreement;
 - 14.8.3.4** Suspension of Contractor from being able to respond to future bid solicitations;
 - 14.8.3.5** Suspension of Contractor's performance; and
 - 14.8.3.6** Withholding of payment until the default is remedied.
- 14.8.4** Unless otherwise specified in the Participating Addendum, in the event of a default under a Participating Addendum, a Participating Entity shall provide a written notice of default as described in this section and shall have all of the rights and remedies under this paragraph regarding its participation in the Master Agreement, in addition to those set forth in its Participating Addendum. Unless otherwise specified in an Order, a Purchasing Entity shall provide written notice of default as described in this section and have all of the rights and remedies under this paragraph and any applicable Participating Addendum with respect to an Order placed by the Purchasing Entity. Nothing in these Master Agreement Terms and Conditions will be construed to limit the rights and remedies available to a Purchasing Entity under the applicable commercial code.
- 14.8.5** If the State terminates this contract in whole or in part, it may acquire, under the terms and in the manner the Procurement Officer considers appropriate, supplies or services similar to those terminated, and the Contractor will be liable to the State for any excess costs for those supplies or services. However, the Contractor shall continue the work not terminated.
- 14.8.6** If this contract is terminated for default, the State may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the State, as directed by the Procurement Officer, any (1) completed supplies, and (2) partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans,



drawings, information, and contract rights (collectively referred to as "manufacturing materials" in this clause) that the Contractor has specifically produced or acquired for the terminated portion of this contract. Upon direction of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall also protect and preserve property in its possession in which the State has an interest.

14.8.7 The State shall pay contract price for completed supplies delivered and accepted. The Contractor and Procurement Officer shall agree on the amount of payment for manufacturing materials delivered and accepted and for the protection and preservation of the property; if the parties fail to agree, the Procurement Officer shall set an amount subject to the Contractor's rights under the Disputes clause. Failure to agree will be a dispute under the Disputes clause. The State may withhold from these amounts any sum the Procurement Officer determines to be necessary to protect the State against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.

14.8.8 The rights and remedies of the State in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

14.9 Waiver of Breach. Failure of the Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity to declare a default or enforce any rights and remedies will not operate as a waiver under this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum, or any Purchase Order. Any waiver by the Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity must be in writing. Waiver by the Lead State or Participating Entity of any default, right or remedy under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum, or by Purchasing Entity with respect to any Purchase Order, or breach of any terms or requirements of this Master Agreement, a Participating Addendum, or Purchase Order will not be construed or operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach of such term or requirement, or of any other term or requirement under this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum, or any Purchase Order.

14.10 Debarment. The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in public procurement or contracting by any governmental department or agency. This certification represents a recurring certification made at the time any Order is placed under this Master Agreement. If the Contractor cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by the Lead State.

14.11 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

14.11.1 In no event will this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum or any contract or any Purchase Order issued thereunder, or any act of the Lead State, a Participating Entity, or a Purchasing Entity be a waiver of any form of defense or immunity, whether sovereign immunity, governmental immunity, immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or otherwise, from



any claim or from the jurisdiction of any court.

- 14.11.2** This section applies to a claim brought against the Participating Entities who are states only to the extent Congress has appropriately abrogated the state's sovereign immunity and is not consent by the state to be sued in federal court. This section is also not a waiver by the state of any form of immunity, including but not limited to sovereign immunity and immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

14.12 Governing Law and Venue

- 14.12.1** The procurement, evaluation, and award of the Master Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Lead State sponsoring and administering the procurement. The construction and effect of the Master Agreement after award will be governed by the law of the state serving as Lead State. The construction and effect of any Participating Addendum or Order against the Master Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Participating Entity's or Purchasing Entity's state.
- 14.12.2** Unless otherwise specified in the RFP, the venue for any protest, claim, dispute or action relating to the procurement, evaluation, and award is in the state serving as Lead State. Venue for any claim, dispute or action concerning the terms of the Master Agreement will be in the state serving as Lead State. Venue for any claim, dispute, or action concerning any Order placed against the Master Agreement or the effect of a Participating Addendum will be in the Purchasing Entity's state.
- 14.12.3** If a claim is brought in a federal forum, then it must be brought and adjudicated solely and exclusively within the United States District Court for (in decreasing order of priority): the Lead State for claims relating to the procurement, evaluation, award, or contract performance or administration if the Lead State is a party; a Participating State if a named party; the state where the Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity is located if either is a named party.

14.13 Assignment of Antitrust Rights. Contractor irrevocably assigns to a Participating Entity who is a state any claim for relief or cause of action which the Contractor now has or which may accrue to the Contractor in the future by reason of any violation of state or federal antitrust laws (15 U.S.C. § 1-15 or a Participating Entity's state antitrust provisions), as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time, in connection with any goods or services provided in that state for the purpose of carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum, including, at the Participating Entity's option, the right to control any such litigation on such claim for relief or cause of action.

14.14 Survivability. Unless otherwise explicitly set forth in a Participating Addendum or



Order, the terms of this Master Agreement as they apply to the Contractor, Participating Entities, and Purchasing Entities, including but not limited to pricing and the reporting of sales and payment of administrative fees to NASPO ValuePoint, shall survive expiration of this Master Agreement and shall continue to apply to all Participating Addenda and Orders until the expiration thereof.

XV. Special Provisions

- 15.1 Equal Opportunity.** Contractor is referred to and shall comply with all applicable provisions, if any, of Title 41, Part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including but not limited to Sections 60-1.4, 60-4.2, 60-4.3, 60-250.5(a), and 60-741.5(a), which are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 15.2 False Claims.** According to the S.C. Code of Laws Section 16-13-240, "a person who by false pretense or representation obtains the signature of a person to a written instrument or obtains from another person any chattel, money, valuable security, or other property, real or personal, with intent to cheat and defraud a person of that property is guilty" of a crime.
- 15.3 Open Trade.** During the contract term, including any renewals or extensions, Contractor will not engage in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.
- 15.4 Changes.**
- 15.4.1 Contract Modification.** By a written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the Procurement Officer may, subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following:
- 15.4.1.1** drawings, designs, or specifications, if the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the [State] in accordance therewith;
 - 15.4.1.2** method of shipment or packing;
 - 15.4.1.3** place of delivery;
 - 15.4.1.4** description of services to be performed;
 - 15.4.1.5** time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.); or,
 - 15.4.1.6** place of performance of the services. Subparagraphs (a) to (c) apply only if supplies are furnished under this contract. Subparagraphs (d) to (f) apply only if services are performed under this contract.
- 15.4.2 Adjustments of Price or Time for Performance.** If any such change increases or decreases the contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, an adjustment shall be made in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and the contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of



this contract. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed, provided that the State promptly and duly make such provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By proceeding with the work, the contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or an extension of time for completion.

15.4.3 Time Period for Claim. Within 30 days after receipt of a written contract modification under Paragraph (1) of this clause, unless such period is extended by the Procurement Officer in writing, the contractor shall file notice of intent to assert a claim for an adjustment. Later notification shall not bar the contractor's claim unless the State is prejudiced by the delay in notification.

15.4.4 Claim Barred After Final Payment. No claim by the contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if notice is not given prior to final payment under this contract.

15.5 Compliance with Laws. During the term of the contract, contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

15.6 Contractor's Use of State Property. Upon termination of the contract for any reason, the State shall have the right, upon demand, to obtain access to, and possession of, all State properties, including, but not limited to, current copies of all State application programs and necessary documentation, all data, files, intermediate materials and supplies held by the contractor. Contractor shall not use, reproduce, distribute, display, or sell any data, material, or documentation owned exclusively by the State without the State's written consent, except to the extent necessary to carry out the work

15.7 Estimated Quantities – Purchases from Other Sources. The State may bid separately any unusual requirements or large quantities of supplies covered by this contract.

15.8 Estimated Quantity Unknown. The total quantity of purchases of any individual item on the contract is not known. The State does not guarantee that the State will buy any specified item or total amount. The omission of an estimated purchase quantity does not indicate a lack of need but rather a lack of historical information.

15.9 Illegal Immigration. (An overview is available at www.procurement.sc.gov) By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the State upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractors language

13.25 Subcontracting, Assignment, Merger or Acquisition, Key Personnel, Third-Party Payment, and Prompt Payment of Subcontractors

A. Subcontracting

Vendors shall not subcontract with any third-party, except as set forth in its bid or proposal, without the prior written consent of the State Purchasing Agent. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the Vendor of any of its responsibilities under the Contract, nor shall it create privity of contract between the State and the sub-contractor. If a Vendor uses a sub-contractor to fulfill its responsibilities, then the Vendor shall be responsible for the sub-contractor's performance, compliance with the applicable terms of the Contract and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and these General Conditions of Purchase. Provided, however, for Rhode Island Department of Transportation ("RIDOT") road, bridge and heavy construction projects, approval of subcontractors shall be in accordance with "Bluebook" specifications issued by RIDOT. Upon request, contractors must submit to the Division of Purchases a list of all subcontractors to be employed in the performance of any Purchase Order or other contract arising from this Request.

B. Assignment

Vendors shall not, in whole or part, assign, transfer, convey, sublet, delegate or otherwise dispose of a Purchase Order, Purchase Agreement or Contract with the State or its right, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such Contract prior to issuance of a Purchase Order, to any other person, company, corporation, or entity without the written consent of the State Purchasing Agent.

If consent is not granted, then the assignment, transfer, conveyance, sublet, delegation, or disposal shall be void ab initio.

C. Merger or Acquisition

If subsequent to the submission of a bid or proposal and prior to issuance of a Purchase Order or Purchase Agreement, a Vendor merges with or is acquired by another entity, then the Vendor shall provide appropriate and legally binding documentation between the Vendor and the successor entity ratifying acceptance of the Vendor's bid, proposal and any Contract terms, conditions, and pricing submitted to the Division. The State Purchasing Agent may disqualify the Vendor if the successor entity is determined to be not responsible.

- D. If, after issuance of a Purchase Order, there is a material acquisition or change of ownership of a Vendor or its parent to another entity or person, the State Purchasing Agent may either authorize assignment of the Purchase Order or Purchase Agreement to the successor entity or cancel the Purchase Order or Purchase Agreement.

E. Key Personnel

If the Vendor's bid or proposal identified key personnel who would be responsible for

fulfillment of the Vendor's performance obligations and said key personnel are for any reason no longer available, then the State Purchasing Agent may either authorize substitution of said key personnel by the Vendor or cancel the Contract.

F. Third-Party Payment

Unless expressly provided for in the solicitation, the State will not accede to any request for third party or joint payment(s), except as provided for in specific orders by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by express written permission of the State Purchasing Agent. If a Vendor's bid or proposal is contingent upon such payment(s), then it must be clearly stated within the bid or proposal and is subject to approval by the State Purchasing Agent.

G. Prompt Payment of Subcontractors

In accordance with RI. Gen. Laws§ 42-11.1-3(b) Vendors shall make prompt payment for satisfactory subcontract work for which the State has made partial or full payment. The State reserves the right to determine whether a Vendor, who repeatedly fails to make prompt payment to subcontractors, is Responsible relative to future procurements, and may suspend, debar or otherwise remove such Vendors from the State Bidders List.

13.26 Advertising

Vendors shall not reference a State Contract for the purposes of advertising or promotion without written authorization from the State Purchasing Agent and any agency owner of the referenced Contract.

13.27 Non-Exclusive Rights

The State reserves the right to issue multiple solicitations for goods or services similar or identical to the goods or services described in a solicitation for which a Purchase Order or Purchase Agreement has been issued to a Vendor.

13.28 Election of Remedies

All rights exercisable by and remedies of the State shall be cumulative. The exercise or beginning of the exercise by the State of any of its rights and remedies will not preclude the State from exercising any other right hereunder or otherwise granted by law or in equity.

13.29 Survival

All Vendor obligations herein shall survive expiration, termination and/or cancellation of the Contract.

13.30 Contract Transition

Vendor agrees to act in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner at all times in the transition of a Contract to a new Vendor.

13.31 Governing Law, Forum

- A. The construction and effect of any solicitation, Contract or Purchase Order documents, Purchase Agreement or actions by the Department of Administration, by and through its Division of Purchases, arising under the "State Purchases Act", R.I. Gen. Laws§ 37-2-1, *et seq.* shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Rhode Island, without reference to its principles of conflict of laws, except where the federal supremacy clause requires otherwise.
- B. After exhaustion of any administrative remedies, any suit, action or proceeding brought by a Vendor in connection with any solicitation, Contract, or Purchase Order or actions by the Department of Administration, by and through its Division of Purchases, arising under the "State Purchases Act", R.I. Gen. Laws§ 37-2-1, *et seq.* shall be brought solely in the Providence Superior Court, Providence, Rhode Island. Vendors irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of said court and all courts of appeal from which an appeal may be taken from such court, waive any objection to the venue of said court and any claim that such suit, action or proceeding has been brought in an inconvenient forum. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to waive any State immunity to suit or liability.

13.32 Effective Date and Commencement of Work

- A. Effective Date of the General Conditions

The General Conditions shall apply to all procurements issued after the effective date of these regulations.

- B. Contract Effective Date

The effective date of any procurement shall be the date contained in the Contract. No work or services shall commence prior to the issuance of a Purchase Order or written authority to proceed formally issued by the Division. Any work performed by the Vendor prior to issuance of a Purchase Order or approved Change Order shall not be subject to payment by the State.

13.33 Amendments to General Conditions

The State Purchasing Agent reserves the right to agree to alternate terms and conditions for a specific purchase in order to serve the best interests of the State and/or protect the health, safety or welfare, economic or otherwise, of the State and its citizens.

13.34 Contract Addendums in Addition to the General Conditions of Purchase

- A. In addition to the General Conditions of Purchase, the additional contract Addenda ("GC Addenda") listed below shall apply to specific types/categories

of Contracts with the State at the direction of the Division. The Division shall indicate any applicable GC Addenda in the solicitation or other procurement. These GC Addenda shall be considered as additional Contract terms and conditions with the State.

- B. The GC Addenda may be amended from time to time without Administrative Procedures Act promulgation and at the discretion of the Division. The GC Addenda shall be considered contract terms and not regulations.
- C. The Division may post the current GC Addenda on the Division's website for reference purposes and/or may include with the solicitation. The GC Addenda includes the following:
 - 1. GC Addendum A- General Insurance Requirements
 - 2. GC Addendum B - Information Technology Requirements
 - 3. GC Addendum C - Public Works Project Requirements (AIAAgreements)
 - 4. GC Addendum D -Agency Specific Federal Funding Requirements
- Provides any requirements imposed by federal partners.
 - 5. GC Addendum E - Standard Business Associates Agreement Requirements
 - 6. GC Addendum F - Special Requirements - Requirements not otherwise addressed in the General Conditions or GC Addenda above.
- D. The Division reserves the right to add GC Addenda as necessary without further promulgation of regulation. Again, any additional GC Addenda would be considered a Contract term.
- E. In lieu or in addition to any GC Addenda, the Division reserves the right to include any contract terms in a specific solicitation or procurement as necessary.

13.35 Severability

If any section, term, or provision of this regulation should be adjudged invalid for any reason, that judgment should not affect, impair, or invalidate any remaining section, term, or provision, which shall remain in full force and effect.

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TITLE 220 - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER 30 - PURCHASES SUBCHAPTER 00

- N/A

PART 13 - GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE (220-RICR-30-00-13)

Type of Filing: Adoption

Agency Signature

Agency Head Signature

Agency Signing Date

Department of State

Regulation Effective Date

Department of State Initials

Department of State Date

Minority Business Enterprises

The Division of Purchases reserves the right to give additional consideration to quote proposals submitted by minority/women business enterprises certified by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity, Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office (“MBEs”) provided that any such quote proposal is fully responsive to the terms and conditions of the solicitation issued pursuant to this State Master Price Agreement Contract, and the bid price is determined, in the discretion of the Division of Purchases, to be within a competitive range.

Any bidder who does not intend to perform all of the work with its own forces shall recruit and engage MBEs to perform at least 10% of the dollar value of the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation. To reach that goal, the bidder may allocate up to 60% of its cost for materials and supplies obtained from certified MBE suppliers, or 100% of its costs for materials and supplies obtained from certified MBE manufacturers.

The successful bidder must submit an MBE Utilization Plan to meet this requirement for approval by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity, Minority Business Enterprise Office with five (5) days of the tentative letter of award, identifying all MBEs, and must also demonstrate its good faith best efforts to meet these MBE goals. Information about this requirement and a directory of MBEs certified in Rhode Island is available at <http://odeo.ri.gov/offices/mbeco/mbe-wbe.php> or by calling (401) 574-8670. Equal Opportunity

By submission of proposals in response to this solicitation vendors agree to comply with R. I. General Laws § 28-5.1-10 which mandates that contractors/subcontractors doing business with the State of Rhode Island exercise the same commitment to equal opportunity as prevails under Federal contracts controlled by Federal Executive Orders 11246, 11625 and 11375.

Vendors are required to ensure that they, and any subcontractors awarded a subcontract under the RFR, undertake or continue programs to ensure that minority group members, women, and persons with disabilities are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, or disability. Vendors and subcontractors who do more than \$10,000 in government business in one year are prohibited from engaging in employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, or disability, and are required to submit an “Affirmative Action Policy Statement.” Vendors with 50 or more employees and \$50,000 or more in government contracts must prepare a written “Affirmative Action Plan” prior to issuance of a purchase order.

- a. For these purposes, equal opportunity shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
- b. Vendors further agree, where applicable, to complete the “Contract Compliance Report” (<http://odeo.ri.gov/documents/odeo-eeo-contract-compliancereport.pdf>), as well as the “Certificate of Compliance” (<http://odeo.ri.gov/documents/odeo-eeo-certificate-of-compliance.pdf>), and submit both documents, along with their Affirmative Action Plan or an Affirmative Action Policy Statement, prior to issuance of a purchase order. For public works projects vendors and all subcontractors must submit a “Monthly Utilization Report” (<http://odeo.ri.gov/documents/monthly-employmentutilization-report-form.xlsx>) to the

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ODEO/State Equal Opportunity Office, which identifies the workforce actually utilized on the project.
For further information, contact Vilma Peguero at the Rhode Island Equal Employment Opportunity Office,
at 222-3090 or via e-mail at ODEO.EOO@doa.ri.gov.



Exhibit E South Carolina Sample Participating Addendum Terms and Conditions

Master Agreement #: XXXXX

Contractor: **XXXXXXXXXX**

Participating Entity: **STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Contract Number: **44000XXXXX**

The following products or services are included in this contract portfolio:

Small Packages Delivery Services

The following products or services are not included in this agreement:

Any item available on this contract that is already available on an existing South Carolina State Term Contract.

· Leasing or Alternative Financing Methods.

Master Agreement Terms and Conditions:

1. **Scope:** This addendum covers the XXXXXXXXXXXX procurement led by the State of XXXXXX for use by state agencies and other entities located in the Participating State of South Carolina authorized by that State's statutes to utilize State contracts with the prior approval of the State's Chief Procurement Official.
2. **Participation:** This NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement may be used by all state agencies, institutions of higher institution, political subdivisions and other entities authorized to use statewide contracts in the State of South Carolina. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the State Chief Procurement Official. Pursuant to Section 11-35-4810, South Carolina public procurement units, both state and local (as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4610(5), as amended) are authorized to participate in cooperative purchasing.

Participation by local public procurement units (as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4610(3), as amended) in the Master Agreement is optional. By submitting an order and receiving delivery of an item pursuant to the Master Agreement, a local public procurement unit manifests its intent to be and is bound by the Master Agreement, including this addendum.

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3. **Primary Contacts:** The primary contact individuals for this Participating Addendum are as follows (or their named successors):

Contractor

Name:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

Participating Entity

Name:	
Address:	1201 Main St, Ste 600, Columbia SC 29201
Telephone:	
Email:	

PARTICIPATING ENTITY MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT

These modifications or additions apply only to actions and relationships within the Participating Entity. The following changes are modifying or supplementing the Master Agreement terms and conditions:

4. **Definitions:**

“Authorized Agent” All authority regarding the conduct of this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Officer is the only government official authorized to bind the government with regard to this procurement. (S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-2015)

“Authority” means the South Carolina State Fiscal Accountability Authority. (S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-310(2))

“Procurement Officer” means the person, or his successor, identified as such in this Participating Addendum. (S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-310(26))

“SC Participant(s)” means all participating South Carolina public procurement units (as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4610(5), as amended) or governmental bodies (as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-310(18), as amended).

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“State” means the State of South Carolina and its Using Governmental Units. (S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-310(34))

“You and Your” means contractor.

“Using Governmental Unit” means all South Carolina Public Procurement Units [11-35-4610(5)] eligible to purchase under this contract.

5. Authority as Procurement Agent: The Procurement Officer is an employee of the Authority acting on behalf of the Using Governmental Unit(s) pursuant to the Consolidated Procurement Code. Any contracts awarded as a result of this procurement are between the Contractor and the Using Governmental Units(s). The Authority is not a party to such contracts, unless and to the extent that the Authority is a using governmental unit, and bears no liability for any party’s losses arising out of or relating in any way to the contract. (S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-2015)
6. South Carolina Prompt Payment Statute: The obligations of any SC Participant are governed by Section 11-35-45 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, if the participant is a "governmental body," as that term is defined in Section 11-35-310(18).
7. SC Registered Distributor: Vendor agrees to distribute its products to South Carolina public procurement units through vendors registered with the South Carolina Secretary of State as an authorized South Carolina vendor when available <http://www.scbos.sc.gov>. (S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4810(4))
8. Open Trade: During the contract term, including any renewals or extensions, Contractor will not engage in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.
9. Choice of Law: This PA is established as a term contract (as defined in Section 11-35-310(37)) available for use by all South Carolina public procurement units (as defined in Section 11-35-4610(5)). Use by state governmental bodies (as defined in Section 11-35-310(18)), which includes most state agencies, is mandatory except under limited circumstances, as provided in Section 11-35-310(37). See clause entitled “Acceptance of Offers 10% Below Price.” Use by local public procurement units is optional. Section 11-35-4610(3) defines local public procurement units to include any political subdivision, or unit thereof, which expends public funds. Section 11-35-310(24) defines the term political subdivision as all counties, municipalities, school districts, public service or special purpose districts.

The contract, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the contract, and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina. (S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-2050)



10. Statewide Term Contract - Acceptance Of Offers 10% Below Price: Pursuant to Section 11-35-310(35), the state may purchase items available on this contract from a third party (an "alternate vendor") if the alternate vendor offers a price that is at least ten percent less than the price established by this contract and, after being offered an opportunity, you decline to meet the alternate vendor's price. With regard to the items acquired, the alternate vendor must agree to be bound by all the terms and conditions of this contract. All acquisition pursuant to this clause must be documented by the procurement officer using the form found at this link: <https://procurement.sc.gov/files/PurchaseOrderTenPercentFormApr2015.docx> .
11. Choice-of-Forum. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the contract shall be resolved exclusively by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court located in, Richland County, State of South Carolina. (2) Service of Process. Contractor consents that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of any disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the contract; for any court action in connection therewith; or for the entry of judgment on any award made, may be served on Contractor by certified mail (return receipt requested) addressed to Contractor at the address provided in the contract or by personal service or by any other manner that is permitted by law, in or outside South Carolina. Notice by certified mail is deemed duly given upon deposit in the United States mail.
12. No Indemnity or Defense: Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the State to indemnify, defend, or pay attorney's fees to anyone for any reason. (S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-2050)
13. EFT Information: The Contractor must furnish to the State Treasurer's Office information necessary for making a payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT). Additional information is available at the STO's website at <https://treasurer.sc.gov> (.). The Contractor is responsible for the currency, accuracy and completeness of the EFT information. Updating EFT information may not be used to accomplish an assignment of the right to payment, does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract, and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document. (S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-45(c))
14. Payment & Interest:
 - (a) The State shall pay the Contractor, after the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract. Unless otherwise specified herein, including the purchase order, payment shall not be made on partial deliveries accepted by the Government.
 - (b) Unless otherwise provided herein, including the purchase order, payment will be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT). See clause titled "EFT Information."
 - (c) Notwithstanding any other provision, payment shall be made in accordance with S.C. Code Section 11-35-45, or Chapter 6 of Title 29 (real property improvements) when applicable, which provides the Contractor's exclusive means of recovering any type of interest from the Owner. Contractor waives imposition of an interest penalty unless the invoice submitted specifies that the late penalty is applicable. Except



as set forth in this paragraph, the State shall not be liable for the payment of interest on any debt or claim arising out of or related to this contract for any reason. (d) Amounts due to the State shall bear interest at the rate of interest established by the South Carolina Comptroller General pursuant to Section 11-35-45 ("an amount not to exceed fifteen percent each year"), as amended, unless otherwise required by Section 29-6-30. (e) Any other basis for interest, including but not limited to general (pre- and post-judgment) or specific interest statutes, including S.C. Code Ann. Section 34-31-20, are expressly waived by both parties. If a court, despite this agreement and waiver, requires that interest be paid on any debt by either party other than as provided by items (c) and (d) above, the parties further agree that the applicable interest rate for any given calendar year shall be the lowest prime rate as listed in the first edition of the Wall Street Journal published for each year, applied as simple interest without compounding. (f) The State shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off.

15. Drug Free Work Place Certification: Contractor will comply with all applicable provisions of The Drug-free Workplace Act, Title 44, Chapter 107 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.
16. Code of Conduct: When the Contractor is working under provisions of this contract at facilities controlled by State agencies or other UGUs, Contractor agrees to follow and enforce the Code of Conduct Policy of these entities.
17. Publicity: Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes by State employees, or include the State in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.
18. CISG: The parties expressly agree that the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods shall not apply to this agreement.
19. Statewide Term Contract – Contract Limitations: No sales may be made pursuant to this contract for any item or service that is not expressly included in the Scope. No sales may be made pursuant to this contract after expiration of this contract. Violation of this provision may result in termination of this contract and may subject contractor to suspension or debarment.
20. Relationship of Using Governmental Units: Each Using Governmental Unit's obligations and liabilities are independent of every other Using Governmental Unit's obligations and liabilities. No Using Governmental Unit shall be responsible for any other Using Governmental Unit's act or failure to act.
21. Item Substitution: No Substitutes will be allowed on Purchase Orders received from South Carolina procurement units without written permission from the issuing procurement unit.
22. Administrative Fee: (a) Procurement Services (PS) establishes and maintains master State contracts for the benefit of all South Carolina state and local public entities. These contracts allow



all public entities both to maximize the State's purchasing power by aggregating their requirements and to benefit from increased efficiencies in the acquisition process. Procurement Services' cost for this central purchasing activity is offset by an administrative fee which each contractor includes in its contract pricing (though not separately itemized or invoiced) and is paid to the vendor by each participating public entity. The contractor collects the fee as a fiduciary for the State and remits the same as calculated in accordance with the clause titled "ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FEE - CALCULATION." The price stated in the contractor's bid or proposal must include all amounts necessary for contractor to meet this obligation.

(b) As used in this clause, the term "reporting period" means each full calendar quarter (Jan. - Mar., Apr. - Jun., Jul. - Sep., and Oct. - Dec.) and any remaining periods less than a full calendar quarter during the term of this contract. For each reporting period, contractor shall report to PS its total sales pursuant to this contract for the period and shall remit the fee to the PS Reports Manager. Payment for each reporting period is due no later than the last day of the month immediately following the end of the reporting period (Example: payment for the reporting period ending March 31 is due April 30). If the amount due for a reporting period is less than \$10.00, no payment is required. The procurement officer will provide contractor an information packet, including a detailed explanation of reporting and payment requirements, within fifteen (15) calendar days following contract award. You may contact the Reports Manager at:

Procurement Services Division
Attn: Reports Manager
1201 Main Street, Suite 600
Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: (803) 737-1254 (ask to speak to the Reports Manager)

Failure to receive the information packet does not relieve contractor from its obligations hereunder.

(c) Contractor shall submit a usage report for each reporting period, even if no payment is due for the reporting period. The usage report shall include any information requested by PS to verify the amount due. At a minimum, each usage report shall reflect the following information for the applicable reporting period: contractor's name, contract number, contract description, reporting period/quarter, total dollar value of sales (excluding sales taxes and showing any adjustments for credits or refunds), total number of units (if practicable), and the number, date, and amount of contractor's check to PS. Unless otherwise specified by the reports manager, the usage report shall be submitted electronically according to instructions in the information packet. If the reports manager requires the contractor to provide a more detailed usage report, the reports manager will work directly with the contractor to determine the appropriate content and format of the report.

(d) During the term of this contract and for a period of three years thereafter, PS or its authorized representatives shall be afforded access at reasonable times to contractor's records (including, without limitation, bank statements, deposits, checks; invoices; correspondence; ledgers; receipts; transmittals) in order to audit all transactions involving goods sold, work performed, or fees due pursuant to this



contract. If the audit indicates that contractor has materially underpaid PS, then contractor shall remit the balance found to be due (including any amounts assessed pursuant to subparagraph (e)) and reimburse PS for all costs of the audit.

(e) Payments of the fee which are due and unpaid by the contractor (including amounts disclosed by audit) shall accrue interest as provided in the Payment and Interest clause for amounts due to the State. In addition to the fee and interest, contractor agrees to pay to PS its reasonable expenses of collection, including costs and attorneys' fees (and fees for inside counsel), whether or not PS commences legal action.

(f) If the contractor fails to (i) timely submit accurate usage reports; (ii) remit to PS the fee when due; or (iii) promptly and fully cooperate with an audit request, the State may, without prejudice to any other remedy available to the State, take any one or more of the following actions:

(1) direct the contractor to not accept any further orders under the contract until PS determines that the cause for such direction has been eliminated;

(2) terminate this contract;

(3) direct the contractor to not accept any further orders under any other master State contract established by PS until PS determines that the cause for such direction has been eliminated.

(g) For purposes of this clause, PS is intended as a third-party beneficiary of this contract. Reports MUST reference the SC Participating number 44000xxxxx to assure accurate accounting of purchases under this contract and reported administrative fees. Each remittance will include the period covered and the contract number. (S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4860(5))

23. Administrative Fee – Calculation: For each reporting period, Contractor shall pay to Procurement Services a fee equal to one and one quarter (1.25%) percent of the total dollar amount of purchases made by any public procurement unit from Contractor pursuant to this contract (excluding sales taxes and adjusted for credits or refunds). (S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4860(5))

24. Taxes: Any tax the contractor may be required to collect or pay upon the sale, use or delivery of the products shall be paid by the State, and such sums shall be due and payable to the contractor upon acceptance. Any personal property taxes levied after delivery shall be paid by the State. It shall be solely the State's obligation, after payment to contractor, to challenge the applicability of any tax by negotiation with, or action against, the taxing authority. Contractor agrees to refund any tax collected, which is subsequently determined not to be proper and for which a refund has been paid to contractor by the taxing authority. In the event that the contractor fails to pay, or delays in paying, to any taxing authorities, sums paid by the State to contractor, contractor shall be liable to the State for any loss (such as the assessment of additional interest) caused by virtue of this failure



or delay. Taxes based on Contractor's net income or assets shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor. (S.C. Code Ann. Title 12, Chapter 36)

25. Subcontractors: All contractors, dealers, and resellers authorized in the State of South Carolina as shown on the dedicated Contractor (cooperative contract) website, are approved to provide sales and service support to participants in the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement. The contractor's dealer participation will be in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the aforementioned Master Agreement.
26. Orders: Any order placed by a Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity for a product and/or service available from this Master Agreement shall be deemed to be a sale under (and governed by the prices and other terms and conditions) of the Master Agreement unless the parties to the order agree in writing that another contract or agreement applies to such order.
27. Term of Contract: The initial term of this contract will begin on the final execution date of this Participating Addendum. The initial term will end at the end of the then current term of the Master Agreement at the time the Participating Addendum is executed. At the end of the initial term, and at the end of each renewal term, this contract shall renew for a period of one (1) year. Regardless, this contract expires no later than the expiration date of the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement. (S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-2030)
28. Insurance:
- (a) Without limiting any of the obligations or liabilities of Contractor, Contractor shall procure from a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in South Carolina and with a current A.M. Best rating of no less than A: VII, and maintain for the duration of the contract, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work and the results of that work by the contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.
- (b) Coverage shall be at least as broad as:
- (1) Commercial General Liability (CGL): Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 12 07 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. This contract shall be considered to be an "insured contract" as defined in the policy.
- (2) Auto Liability: ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
- (3) Worker's Compensation: As required by the State of South Carolina, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.



- (c) Every applicable Using Governmental Unit, and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them, must be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used. (d) For any claims related to this contract, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the State, every applicable Using Governmental Unit, and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the State, every applicable Using Governmental Unit, or the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them, shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- (e) Prior to commencement of the work, the Contractor shall furnish the State with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this section. All certificates are to be received and approved by the State before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The State reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by this section, at any time.
- (f) Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. In addition, the Contractor shall notify the State immediately upon receiving any information that any of the coverages required by this section are or will be changed, cancelled, or replaced.
- (g) Contractor hereby grants to the State and every applicable Using Governmental Unit a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the State or applicable Using Governmental Unit by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the State or Using Governmental Unit has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
- (h) Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the State. The State may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.
- (i) The State reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.



Exhibit F Utah Sample Participating Addendum Terms and Conditions

ATTACHMENT A: STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GOODS STATE OF UTAH COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS

This is a State of Utah Cooperative Contract ("State Cooperative Contract") for goods meaning all things (including specially manufactured goods) which are tangible and usually movable. This State Cooperative Contract is the result of a cooperative procurement for the benefit of Eligible Users and may be used by Eligible Users.

1. **DEFINITIONS:** The following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:
- a) "**Confidential Information**" means information that is deemed as confidential under applicable state and federal laws, including personal information. The Eligible Users shall have the right to identify, during and after this Contract, additional types of categories of information that must be kept confidential under federal and state laws by Contractor.
 - b) "**Contract**" means either: (i) the Contract Signature Page(s), including all referenced attachments and documents incorporated by reference, or (ii) the Solicitation and the Proposal when accepted and signed by the Division. The format of the Contract, as described in the prior sentence, will be at the sole option of the Division. Additionally, the term "Contract" may include any purchase orders issued by the Division that result from this Contract.
 - c) "**Contract Signature Page(s)**" means the State of Utah cover page(s) that the Division and Contractor sign.
 - d) "**Contractor**" means the individual or entity delivering the Goods identified in this Contract. The term "Contractor" shall include Contractor's agents, officers, employees, and partners.
 - e) "**Custom Deliverable**" means the Work Product that Contractor is required to deliver to the Eligible User under this Contract.
 - f) "**Division**" means the State of Utah Division of Purchasing.
 - g) "**Eligible User(s)**" means those authorized to use State Cooperative Contracts and includes the State of Utah's government departments, institutions, agencies, political subdivisions (e.g., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, etc.), and, as applicable, nonprofit organizations, agencies of the federal government, or any other entity authorized by the laws of the State of Utah to participate in State Cooperative Contracts.
 - h) "**End User Agreement**" means any agreement that Eligible Users are required to sign in order to participate in this Contract, including an end user agreement, customer agreement, memorandum of understanding, statement of work, lease agreement, service level agreement, or any other named separate agreement.
 - i) "**Goods**" means all types of tangible personal property (commodities), including but not limited to materials, supplies, Custom Deliverable, and equipment that Contractor is required to deliver to the State Entity under this Contract. To the extent this Contract entails delivery or performance of services (including maintenance, installation, or product support), such services will be deemed "Goods" within the meaning of the Utah Uniform Commercial Code when reasonable to do so.
 - j) "**Proposal**" means Contractor's response to the Division's Solicitation.
 - k) "**Solicitation**" means the documents used by the Division to obtain Contractor's Proposal.
 - l) "**State of Utah**" means the State of Utah, in its entirety, including its departments, institutions, agencies, divisions, authorities, instrumentalities, boards, commissions, elected or appointed officers, employees, agents, and authorized volunteers.
 - m) "**Subcontractors**" means subcontractors or subconsultants at any tier that are under the direct or indirect control or responsibility of the Contractor, and includes all independent contractors, agents, employees, authorized resellers, or anyone else for whom the Contractor may be liable at any tier, including a person or entity that is, or will be, providing or performing an essential aspect of this Contract, including Contractor's manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers.
 - n) "**Work Product**" means every invention, modification, discovery, design, development, customization, configuration, improvement, process, software program, work of authorship, documentation, formula, datum, technique, know how, secret, or intellectual property right whatsoever or any interest therein (whether patentable or not patentable or registerable under copyright or similar statutes or subject to analogous protection) that is specifically made, conceived, discovered, or reduced to practice by Contractor or Contractor's Subcontractors (either alone or with others) pursuant to this Contract. Work Product shall be considered a work made for hire under federal, state, and local laws; and all interest and title shall be transferred to and owned by the Eligible User. Notwithstanding anything in the immediately

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preceding sentence to the contrary, Work Product does not include any Eligible User intellectual property, Contractor's intellectual property (that it owned or licensed prior to this Contract) or Third Party intellectual property.

2. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE:** This Contract shall be governed by the laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Utah. Any action or proceeding arising from this Contract shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Utah. Venue shall be in Salt Lake City, in the Third Judicial District Court for Salt Lake County.
3. **LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** At all times during this Contract, Contractor and all Procurement Items delivered and/or performed under this Contract will comply with all applicable federal and state constitutions, laws, rules, codes, orders, and regulations, including applicable licensure and certification requirements. If this Contract is funded by federal funds, either in whole or in part, then any federal regulation related to the federal funding, including CFR Appendix II to Part 200, will supersede this Attachment A.
4. **RECORDS ADMINISTRATION:** Contractor shall maintain or supervise the maintenance of all records necessary to properly account for Contractor's performance and the payments made by Eligible Users to Contractor under this Contract. These records shall be retained by Contractor for at least six (6) years after final payment, or until all audits initiated within the six (6) years have been completed, whichever is later. Contractor agrees to allow, at no additional cost, State of Utah auditors, federal auditors, Eligible Users or any firm identified by the Division, access to all such records. Contractor must refund to the Division any overcharges brought to Contractor's attention by the Division or the Division's auditor and Contractor is not permitted to offset identified overcharges by alleged undercharges to Eligible Users.
5. **CERTIFY REGISTRATION AND USE OF EMPLOYMENT "STATUS VERIFICATION SYSTEM":** This "Status Verification System" requirement, also referred to as "E-Verify", only applies to contracts issued through a Request for Proposal process and to sole sources that are included within a Request for Proposal.
 1. Contractor certifies as to its own entity, under penalty of perjury, that Contractor has registered and is participating in the Status Verification System to verify the work eligibility status of Contractor's new employees that are employed in the State of Utah in accordance with applicable immigration laws.
 2. Contractor shall require that each of its Subcontractors certify by affidavit, as to their own entity, under penalty of perjury, that each Subcontractor has registered and is participating in the Status Verification System to verify the work eligibility status of Subcontractor's new employees that are employed in the State of Utah in accordance with applicable immigration laws.
 3. Contractor's failure to comply with this section will be considered a material breach of this Contract.
6. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Contractor represents that none of its officers or employees are officers or employees of the Division or of the State of Utah, unless disclosure has been made to the Division.
7. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** Contractor and Subcontractors, in the performance of this Contract, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the State Entity or the State of Utah.
8. **INDEMNITY:** Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, officers, partners, and Subcontractors, and shall fully indemnify, defend, and save harmless the Division, the Eligible Users, and the State of Utah from all claims, losses, suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description arising out of Contractor's performance of this Contract to the extent caused by any intentional wrongful act or negligence of Contractor, its agents, employees, officers, partners, or Subcontractors, without limitation; provided, however, that the Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any claim, loss, or damage arising hereunder due to the fault of the Division, Eligible Users, or the State of Utah. The parties agree that if there are any limitations of the Contractor's liability, including a limitation of liability clause for anyone for whom the Contractor is responsible, such limitations of liability will not apply to injuries to persons, including death, or to damages to property.
9. **EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES:** Contractor agrees to abide by the following employment laws: (i) Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000e), which prohibits discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment or any applicant or recipient of services, on the basis of race, religion, color, or national origin; (ii) Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (iii) 45 CFR 90, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (iv) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disabilities; and (v) Utah's Executive Order 2019-1, dated February 5, 2019, which prohibits unlawful harassment in the workplace. Contractor further agrees to abide by any other laws, regulations, or orders that

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prohibit the discrimination of any kind by any of Contractor's employees.

10. **AMENDMENTS:** This Contract may only be amended by the mutual written agreement of the parties, provided that the amendment is within the Scope of Work of this Contract and is within the scope/purpose of the original solicitation for which this Contract was derived. The amendment will be attached and made part of this Contract. Automatic renewals will not apply to this Contract, even if listed elsewhere in this Contract.
11. **DEBARMENT:** Contractor certifies that it is not presently nor has ever been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible by any governmental department or agency, whether international, national, state, or local. Contractor must notify the State Entity within thirty (30) days if debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in any contract by any governmental entity during this Contract.
12. **TERMINATION:** This Contract may be terminated, with cause by either party, in advance of the specified expiration date, upon written notice given by the other party. The party in violation will be given ten (10) days after written notification to correct and cease the violations, after which this Contract may be terminated for cause immediately and subject to the remedies below. This Contract may also be terminated without cause (for convenience), in advance of the specified expiration date, by the Division, upon thirty (30) days written termination notice being given to the Contractor. The Division and the Contractor may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time, by mutual agreement in writing.

On termination of this Contract, all accounts and payments will be processed according to the financial arrangements set forth herein for approved and conforming Goods ordered prior to date of termination. In no event shall the Division or Eligible Users be liable to the Contractor for compensation for any Good neither requested nor accepted by the Eligible Users. In no event shall the Division's exercise of its right to terminate this Contract for convenience relieve the Contractor of any liability to the Division or the Eligible Users for any damages or claims arising under this Contract.
13. **NONAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, REDUCTION OF FUNDS, OR CHANGES IN LAW:** Upon thirty (30) days written notice delivered to the Contractor, this Contract may be terminated in whole or in part at the sole discretion of the Division, if the Division reasonably determines that: (i) a change in Federal or State legislation or applicable laws materially affects the ability of either party to perform under the terms of this Contract; or (ii) that a change in available funds affects the Divisions or the Eligible User's ability to pay Contractor. A change of available funds as used in this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, a change in Federal or State funding, whether as a result of a legislative act or by order of the President or the Governor.

If a written notice is delivered, the Eligible User will reimburse Contractor for the Goods properly ordered until the effective date of said notice. The Division, the Eligible User, and the State of Utah will not be liable for any performance, commitments, penalties, or liquidated damages that accrue after the effective date of said written notice.
14. **SALES TAX EXEMPTION:** The Goods under this Contract will be paid for from the Eligible User's funds and may be used in the exercise of the Eligible User's essential functions. Upon request, the Eligible User will provide Contractor with its sales tax exemption number. It is Contractor's responsibility to request the Eligible User's sales tax exemption number. It also is Contractor's sole responsibility to ascertain whether any tax deduction or benefits apply to any aspect of this Contract.
15. **WARRANTY:** Contractor warrants, represents and conveys full ownership, and clear title, free of all liens and encumbrances to the Goods delivered to the Eligible Users under this Contract. Contractor warrants for a period of one (1) year that: (i) the Goods perform according to all specific claims that Contractor made in its Proposal to the Solicitation; (ii) the Goods are suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such Goods are used; (iii) the Goods are suitable for any special purposes identified in the Proposal and the Solicitation; (iv) the Goods are designed and manufactured in a commercially reasonable manner; (v) the Goods are manufactured and in all other respects create no harm to persons or property; and (vi) the Goods are free of defects. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, all Goods provided shall be new and unused of the latest model or design.

Remedies available to Eligible Users under this section include, but are not limited to, the following: Contractor will repair or replace Goods (at no charge to the Eligible User) within ten (10) days of any written notification informing Contractor of the Goods not performing as required under this Contract. If the repaired and/or replaced Goods prove to be inadequate, or fail its essential purpose, Contractor will refund the full amount of any payments that have been made. Nothing in this warranty will be construed to limit any rights or remedies the Eligible User may otherwise have under this Contract.
16. **CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE RESPONSIBILITY.** The Contractor shall maintain the following insurance coverage:
 - a. Workers' compensation insurance during the term of this Contract for all its employees and any Subcontractor

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employees related to this Contract. Workers' compensation insurance shall cover full liability under the workers' compensation laws of the jurisdiction in which the work is performed at the statutory limits required by said jurisdiction.

- b. Commercial general liability [CGL] insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Utah. The limits of the CGL insurance policy will be no less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per person per occurrence and three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) aggregate.
- c. Commercial automobile liability [CAL] insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Utah. The CAL insurance policy must cover bodily injury and property damage liability and be applicable to all vehicles used in your performance of Services under this Agreement whether owned, non-owned, leased, or hired. The minimum liability limit must be \$1 million per occurrence, combined single limit. The CAL insurance policy is required if Contractor will use a vehicle in the performance of this Contract.
- d. Other insurance policies required in the Solicitation.

Certificate of Insurance, showing up-to-date coverage, shall be on file with the State before the Contract may commence.

The State reserves the right to require higher or lower insurance limits where warranted. Failure to provide proof of insurance as required will be deemed a material breach of this Contract. Contractor's failure to maintain this insurance requirement for the term of this Contract will be grounds for immediate termination of this Contract.

17. **LARGE VOLUME DISCOUNT PRICING:** Eligible Users may seek to obtain additional volume discount pricing for large orders provided Contractor is willing to offer additional discounts for large volume orders. No amendment to this Contract is necessary for Contractor to offer discount pricing to an Eligible User for large volume purchases.
18. **ELIGIBLE USER PARTICIPATION:** Participation under this Contract by Eligible Users is voluntarily determined by each Eligible User. Contractor agrees to supply each Eligible User with Goods based upon the same terms, conditions, and prices of this Contract.
19. **INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS:** Each Eligible User that purchases Goods from this Contract will be treated as if they were individual customers. Each Eligible User will be responsible to follow the terms and conditions of this Contract. Contractor agrees that each Eligible User will be responsible for their own charges, fees, and liabilities. Contractor shall apply the charges to each Eligible User individually. The Division is not responsible for any unpaid invoice.
20. **QUANTITY ESTIMATES:** The Division does not guarantee any purchase amount under this Contract. Estimated quantities are for Solicitation purposes only and are not to be construed as a guarantee.
21. **PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Contractor agrees that this Contract, related purchase orders, related pricing documents, and invoices will be public documents, and may be available for public and private distribution in accordance with the State of Utah's Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA). Contractor gives the State Entity and the State of Utah express permission to make copies of this Contract, related sales orders, related pricing documents, and invoices in accordance with GRAMA. Except for sections identified in writing by Contractor and expressly approved by the State of Utah Division of Purchasing and General Services, Contractor also agrees that the Contractor's Proposal to the Solicitation will be a public document, and copies may be given to the public as permitted under GRAMA. The State Entity and the State of Utah are not obligated to inform Contractor of any GRAMA requests for disclosure of this Contract, related purchase orders, related pricing documents, or invoices.
22. **DELIVERY:** Time is of the essence for all deliveries made under this Contract. All deliveries under this Contract will be F.O.B. destination with all transportation and handling charges paid for by Contractor. Responsibility and liability for loss or damage will remain with Contractor until final inspection and acceptance, when responsibility will pass to the Eligible User, except as to latent defects, fraud, or Contractor's warranty obligations. Contractor's failure to provide the Goods by the required delivery date is deemed a material breach of this Contract. Contractor shall be responsible for the customary industry standard in packing and shipping the Goods.
23. **REPORTS AND FEES:**
 1. **Administrative Fee:** Contractor agrees to provide a quarterly administrative fee to the State in the form of a check, EFT or online payment through the Division's Automated Vendor Usage Management System. Checks will be payable to the "State of Utah Division of Purchasing" and will be sent to State of Utah, Division of Purchasing, Attn: Cooperative Contracts, PO Box 141061, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-1061. The Administrative Fee will be the amount listed in the

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- Solicitation and will apply to all purchases (net of any returns, credits, or adjustments) made under this Contract.
- Quarterly Reports:** Contractor agrees to provide a quarterly utilization report, reflecting net sales to the State during the associated fee period. The report will show the dollar volume of purchases by each Eligible User. The quarterly report will be provided in secure electronic format through the Division's Automated Vendor Usage Management System found at: <https://statecontracts.utah.gov/Vendor>.

- Report Schedule:** Quarterly utilization reports shall be made in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Period End</u>	<u>Reports Due</u>
March 31	April 30
June 30	July 31
September 30	October 31
December 31	January 31

- Fee Payment:** After the Division receives the quarterly utilization report, it will send Contractor an invoice for the total quarterly administrative fee owed to the Division. Contractor shall pay the quarterly administrative fee within thirty (30) days from receipt of invoice.
- Timely Reports and Fees:** If the quarterly administrative fee is not paid by thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice or quarterly utilization reports are not received by the report due date, then Contractor will be in material breach of this Contract.

- ORDERING:** Orders will be placed by the using Eligible User directly with Contractor. All orders will be shipped promptly in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

- ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION:** The Eligible User shall have thirty (30) days after delivery of the Goods to perform an inspection of the Goods to determine whether the Goods conform to the standards specified in the Solicitation and this Contract prior to acceptance of the Goods by the Eligible User.

If Contractor delivers nonconforming Goods, the Eligible User may, at its option and at Contractor's expense: (i) return the Goods for a full refund; (ii) require Contractor to promptly correct or replace the nonconforming Goods; or (iii) obtain replacement Goods from another source, subject to Contractor being responsible for any cover costs. Contractor shall not redeliver corrected or rejected Goods without: first, disclosing the former rejection or requirement for correction; and second, obtaining written consent of the Eligible User to redeliver the corrected Goods. Repair, replacement, and other correction and redelivery shall be subject to the terms of this Contract.

- INVOICING:** Contractor will submit invoices within thirty (30) days after the delivery date of the Goods to the Eligible User. The contract number shall be listed on all invoices, freight tickets, and correspondence relating to this Contract. The prices paid by the Eligible User will be those prices listed in this Contract, unless Contractor offers a discount at the time of the invoice. It is Contractor's obligation to provide correct and accurate invoicing. The Eligible User has the right to adjust or return any invoice reflecting incorrect pricing.

- PAYMENT:** Payments are to be made within thirty (30) days after a correct invoice is received. All payments to Contractor will be remitted by mail, electronic funds transfer, or by a Purchasing Card (major credit card). If payment has not been made after sixty (60) days from the date a correct invoice is received by the Eligible User, then interest may be added by Contractor as prescribed in the Utah Prompt Payment Act. The acceptance by Contractor of final payment, without a written protest filed with the Eligible User within ten (10) business days of receipt of final payment, shall release the Division, the Eligible User, and the State of Utah from all claims and all liability to the Contractor. The Eligible User's payment for the Goods shall not be deemed an acceptance of the Goods and is without prejudice to any and all claims that the Division, Eligible User, or the State of Utah may have against Contractor. The State of Utah, the Division, and the Eligible User will not allow the Contractor to charge end users electronic payment fees of any kind.

- INDEMNIFICATION RELATING TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:** Contractor will indemnify and hold the Division, the Eligible User, and the State of Utah harmless from and against any and all damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), claims, judgments, liabilities, and costs in any action or claim brought against the Division, the Eligible User, or the State of Utah for infringement of a third party's copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other proprietary right. The parties agree that if there are any limitations of Contractor's liability such limitations of liability will not apply to this section.

- OWNERSHIP IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:** The Division, the Eligible User, and Contractor agree that each has no right, title, interest, proprietary or otherwise in the intellectual property owned or licensed by the other, unless otherwise

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agreed upon by the parties in writing. All Goods, documents, records, programs, data, articles, memoranda, and other materials not developed or licensed by Contractor prior to the execution of this Contract, but specifically manufactured under this Contract, shall be considered work made for hire, and Contractor shall transfer any ownership claim to the Eligible User.

30. **OWNERSHIP IN CUSTOM DELIVERABLES:** In the event that Contractor provides Custom Deliverables to the Eligible User, pursuant to this Contract, Contractor grants the ownership in Custom Deliverables, which have been developed and delivered by Contractor exclusively for the Eligible User and are specifically within the framework of fulfilling Contractor's contractual obligations under this contract. Custom Deliverables shall be deemed work made for hire, such that all intellectual property rights, title and interest in the Custom Deliverables shall pass to the Eligible User, to the extent that the Custom Deliverables are not recognized as work made for hire, Contractor hereby assigns to the Eligible User any and all copyrights in and to the Custom Deliverables, subject to the following:
1. Contractor has received payment for the Custom Deliverables,
 2. Each party will retain all rights to patents, utility models, mask works, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and any other form of protection afforded by law to inventions, models, designs, technical information, and applications ("Intellectual Property Rights") that it owned or controlled prior to the effective date of this contract or that it develops or acquires from activities independent of the services performed under this contract ("Background IP"), and
 3. Contractor will retain all right, title, and interest in and to all Intellectual Property Rights in or related to the services, or tangible components thereof, including but not limited to (a) all know-how, intellectual property, methodologies, processes, technologies, algorithms, software, or development tools used in performing the Services (collectively, the "Utilities"), and (b) such ideas, concepts, know-how, processes and reusable reports, designs, charts, plans, specifications, documentation, forms, templates, or output which are supplied or otherwise used by or on behalf of Contractor in the course of performing the Services or creating the Custom Deliverables, other than portions that specifically incorporate proprietary or Confidential Information or Custom Deliverables of the Eligible User (collectively, the "Residual IP"), even if embedded in the Custom Deliverables.
 4. Custom Deliverables, not including Contractor's Intellectual Property Rights, Background IP, and Residual IP, may not be marketed or distributed without written approval by the Eligible User.

Contractor agrees to grant to the Eligible User a perpetual, irrevocable, royalty-free license to use Contractor's Background IP, Utilities, and Residual IP, as defined above, solely for the Eligible User and the State of Utah to use the Custom Deliverables. The Eligible User reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use and to authorize others to use, for the Eligible User's and the State of Utah's internal purposes, such Custom Deliverables. For the Goods delivered that consist of Contractor's scripts and code and are not considered Custom Deliverables or Work Product, for any reason whatsoever, Contractor grants the Eligible User a non-exclusive, non-transferable, irrevocable, perpetual right to use, copy, and create derivative works from such, without the right to sublicense, for the Eligible User's and the State of Utah's internal business operation under this Contract. The Eligible User and the State of Utah may not participate in the transfer or sale of, create derivative works from, or in any way exploit Contractor's Intellectual Property Rights, in whole or in part.

31. **ASSIGNMENT:** Contractor may not assign, sell, transfer, subcontract or sublet rights, or delegate any right or obligation under this Contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of the Division.
32. **REMEDIES:** Any of the following events will constitute cause for the Division to declare Contractor in default of this Contract: (i) Contractor's non-performance of its contractual requirements and obligations under this Contract; or (ii) Contractor's material breach of any term or condition of this Contract. The Division may issue a written notice of default providing a ten (10) day period in which Contractor will have an opportunity to cure. Time allowed for cure will not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for damages. If the default remains after Contractor has been provided the opportunity to cure, the Division may do one or more of the following: (i) exercise any remedy provided by law or equity; (ii) terminate this Contract; (iii) impose liquidated damages, if liquidated damages are listed in this Contract; (iv) debar/suspend Contractor from receiving future contracts from the Division or the State of Utah; or (v) demand a full refund of any payment that an Eligible User has made to Contractor under this Contract for Goods that do not conform to this Contract.
33. **FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither party to this Contract will be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, act of God, and/or war which is beyond that party's reasonable control. The Division may terminate this Contract after determining such delay will prevent successful performance of this Contract.

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34. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** If Confidential Information is disclosed to Contractor, Contractor shall: (i) advise its agents, officers, employees, partners, and Subcontractors of the obligations set forth in this Contract; (ii) keep all Confidential Information strictly confidential; and (iii) not disclose any Confidential Information received by it to any third parties. Contractor will promptly notify the Division and the relevant Eligible User of any potential or actual misuse or misappropriation of Confidential Information.

Contractor shall be responsible for any breach of this duty of confidentiality, including any required remedies and/or notifications under applicable law. Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Division, the Eligible User, and the State of Utah, including anyone for whom the Division, the Eligible User, or the State of Utah is liable, from claims related to a breach of this duty of confidentiality, including any notification requirements, by Contractor or anyone for whom the Contractor is liable.

Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, Contractor will return all copies of Confidential Information to the Eligible User or certify, in writing, that the Confidential Information has been destroyed. This duty of confidentiality shall be ongoing and survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

35. **PUBLICITY:** Contractor shall submit to the Division for written approval all advertising and publicity matters relating to this Contract. It is within the Division's sole discretion whether to provide approval, which approval must be done in writing.
36. **CONTRACT INFORMATION:** During the duration of this Contract, the State of Utah Division of Purchasing is required to make available contact information of Contractor to the State of Utah Department of Workforce Services. The State of Utah Department of Workforce Services may contact Contractor during the duration of this Contract to inquire about Contractor's job vacancies.
37. **PROCUREMENT ETHICS:** Contractor understands that a person who is interested in any way in the sale of any supplies, services, construction, or insurance to the State of Utah is violating the law if the person gives or offers to give any compensation, gratuity, contribution, loan, reward, or any promise thereof to any person acting as a procurement officer on behalf of the State of Utah, or to any person in any official capacity who participates in the procurement of such supplies, services, construction, or insurance, whether it is given for their own use or for the use or benefit of any other person or organization.
38. **WAIVER:** A waiver of any right, power, or privilege shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent right, power, or privilege.
39. **ATTORNEY'S FEES:** In the event of any judicial action to enforce rights under this Contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled its costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred in connection with such action.
40. **LOCAL WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION:** If required under the Solicitation, Contractor will maintain a reasonable amount of stock warehoused in the State of Utah for immediate or emergency shipments. Shipments are to be made in the quantities as required by the various ordering agencies. Orders for less than the minimum specified amount will have transportation charges prepaid by the Contractor and added as a separate item on the invoice.
41. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Prior to either party filing a judicial proceeding, the parties agree to participate in the mediation of any dispute. The Division, after consultation with the Eligible User and Contractor, may appoint an expert or panel of experts to assist in the resolution of a dispute. If the Division appoints such an expert or panel, the Eligible User and Contractor agree to cooperate in good faith in providing information and documents to the expert or panel in an effort to resolve the dispute.
42. **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:** In the event of any conflict in the terms and conditions in this Contract, the order of precedence shall be: (i) this Attachment A; (ii) Contract Signature Page(s); (iii) the State of Utah's additional terms and conditions, if any; (iv) any other attachment listed on the Contract Signature Page(s); (v) Contractor's terms and conditions that are attached to this Contract, if any; and (vi) Contractor's attachments, if any. Any provision attempting to limit the liability of Contractor or limit the rights of the Division, Eligible Users, or the State of Utah must be in writing and attached to this Contract or it is rendered null and void. Contractor's terms and conditions on its Sales Orders, Invoices, website, etc., will not apply to this Contract.
43. **END USER AGREEMENTS:** If Eligible Users are required by Contractor to sign an End User Agreement before participating in this Contract, then a copy of the End User Agreement must be attached to this Contract as an attachment. The term of the End User Agreement shall not exceed the term of this Contract, and the End User Agreement will automatically terminate

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upon the completion of termination of this Contract. An End User Agreement must reference this Contract, and may not be amended or changed unless approved in writing by the Division. Eligible Users will not be responsible or obligated for any early termination fees if the End User Agreement terminates as a result of completion or termination of this Contract.

44. **SURVIVAL OF TERMS:** Termination or expiration of this Contract shall not extinguish or prejudice the Division's or the Eligible User's right to enforce this Contract with respect to any default of this Contract or defect in the Goods.
45. **SEVERABILITY:** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision, term, or condition of this Contract shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision, term, or condition of this **Contract**, which shall remain in full force and effect.
46. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all other prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings between the parties, whether oral or written.
47. **ANTI-BOYCOTT ACTIONS:** In accordance with Utah Code 63G-27 et seq., Contractor certifies that it is not currently engaged in any "economic boycott" nor a "boycott of the State of Israel" as those terms are defined in Section 102. Contractor further certifies that it has read and understands 63G-27 et. seq., that it will not engage in any such boycott action during the term of this Contract, and that if it does, it shall promptly notify the State in writing.

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Attachment F PROTEST INFORMATION

This attachment is intended to provide Offerors with an overview of the Lead State's protest law, procedures, and requirements, which may be updated and amended without notice. Offerors filing a protest are wholly responsible for locating, understanding, and complying with protest law, procedures, and requirements in effect at the time of the protest.

SECTION 11-35-4210. Right to protest; procedure; duty and authority to attempt to settle; administrative review; stay of procurement.

(1) Right to Protest.

(a) A prospective bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with a solicitation shall protest to the appropriate chief procurement officer in the manner stated in subsection (2) within fifteen days of the date of issuance of the Invitation For Bids Request for Proposals or other solicitation documents, whichever is applicable, or any amendment to it, if the amendment is at issue. An Invitation for Bids or Requests for Proposals or other solicitation document, not including an amendment to it, is considered to have been issued on the date required notice of the issuance is given in accordance with this code.

(b) Any actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract shall notify the appropriate chief procurement officer in writing of its intent to protest within seven business days of the date that award or notification of intent to award, whichever is earlier, is posted and sent in accordance with this code. Any actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract and has timely notified the appropriate chief procurement officer of its intent to protest, may protest to the appropriate chief procurement officer in the manner stated in subsection (2) within fifteen days of the date award or notification of intent to award, whichever is earlier, is posted and sent in accordance with this code; except that a matter that could have been raised pursuant to subitem (a) as a protest of the solicitation may not be raised as a protest of the award or intended award of a contract.

(c) Any actual or prospective bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract pursuant to Section 11-35-1560 or Section 11-35-1570 shall notify the appropriate chief procurement officer in writing of its intent to protest within five business days of the date that award or notification of intent to award, whichever is earlier, is posted in accordance with this code. Any actual or prospective bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of such a contract and has timely notified the appropriate chief procurement officer of its intent to protest, may protest to the appropriate chief procurement officer in the manner stated in subsection (2) within fifteen days of the date award or notification of intent to award, whichever is earlier, is posted in accordance with this code; except that a matter that could have been raised pursuant to subitem (a) as a protest of the solicitation may not be raised as a protest of the award or intended award of a contract.

(d) The rights and remedies granted by subsection (1) and Section 11-35-4410(1)(b) are not available for contracts with an actual or potential value of up to fifty thousand dollars.

(2) Protest Procedure. A protest pursuant to subsection (1) must be in writing, filed with the appropriate chief procurement officer, and set forth the grounds of the protest and the relief requested with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided. The protest must be received by the appropriate chief procurement officer within the time provided in subsection (1).

