

FAUQUIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Contract # 25-002-C (Riding City of Newport News RFP No. 22-1923-0855) Digitech Computer LLC

This Agreement is made and entered into this 17th day of **September 2024**, by the Fauquier County Government, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") and **Digitech Computer LLC**, having its principal place of business at **480 Bedford Road, Bldg. 600, 2nd Floor, Chappaqua, NY 10514**, 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 EMS Billing Services.

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

CONTRACT PERIOD: Date of execution through January 23, 2025, with the option to renew for four (4) additional 1-year periods, at the mutual agreement of both parties.

The contract documents shall consist of **and for the purpose of resolving ambiguity or conflicts shall be interpreted in the following order of priority:**

- (1) This signed form;
- (2) Fauquier County General Terms & Conditions;
- (3) RFP No. 22-1923-0855 Cover Page dated September 15, 2021, consolidated contract dated January 24, 2022 which includes the Solicitation and Digitech Computer LLC response dated October 14, 2021, and Notice of Award which is incorporated herein by reference; and
- (4) Business Associate Agreement.

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

Digitech Computer LLC

By: Mark Schiowitz
Mark Schiowitz (Sep 23, 2024 10:01 EDT)
Mark Schiowitz
Title: President and CEO
Date: 09/23/2024

Fauquier County Government
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By: Kristen Hylton
Kristen Hylton
Title: Procurement Manager
Date: 9/27/2024



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/Offeror 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/Offeror. 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/Offeror.
15. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offerors 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/Offerors 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/Offeror 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/Offeror with any Owner representative, other than the Procurement Division, concerning this solicitation is prohibited and may cause the disqualification of the Bidder/Offeror 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/Offeror 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/Offeror to perform the work/furnish the item(s) and the Bidder/Offeror 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/Offeror fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder/Offeror 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/wcbsites2.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.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

THIS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT (“Agreement”), is made and entered into by and between FAUQUIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT (“Covered Entity”) and DIGITECH COMPUTER LLC (“Business Associate”). This Agreement shall form a part of all agreements and other engagements as are currently in effect between the parties under which Protected Health Information (“PHI”) (as defined in Article 1 of this Agreement) is provided, created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, and shall supersede and replace any business associate agreement or amendment previously entered into between Covered Entity and Business Associate in accordance with the requirements of HIPAA (as defined below) and/or the HITECH Act (as defined below). This Agreement is effective as of the effective date of the associated Billing Service Agreement (the “*Effective Date*”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Covered Entity and Business Associate are parties to that specific Contract # 25-002-C (Riding City of Newport News RFP NO. 22-1923-0855) effective as of September ____ 2024 (the “Billing Service Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the performance of their respective obligations under the terms of the Billing Service Agreement, Covered Entity may disclose certain information to Business Associate, and Business Associate may use and/or disclose certain information, some of which may constitute PHI; and

WHEREAS, Covered Entity and Business Associate intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI disclosed to, or created, utilized or disclosed by, Business Associate pursuant to the Billing Service Agreement in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and its implementing regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the “Secretary”), all as amended from time to time (“HIPAA”), as well as the requirements of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, as incorporated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and its implementing regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary, all as amended from time to time (the “HITECH Act”), and other applicable laws;

The parties do hereby agree as follows:

Article 1: Definitions

1.1 Definitions. For the purposes of this Agreement, the following defined terms shall have the following definitions. All capitalized terms used in this Agreement but not

otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given in HIPAA or the HITECH Act, as applicable.

- (a) **“Breach”** has the meaning given to such term under HIPAA and the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, at § 13400(1) of the HITECH Act and 45 CFR § 164.402.
- (b) **“Data Aggregation”** has the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Standards (as defined below), including, but not limited to, at 45 CFR § 164.501.
- (c) **“Designated Record Set”** has the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Standards, including, but not limited to, at 45 CFR § 164.501.
- (d) **“Health Care Operations”** has the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Standards, including, but not limited to, at 45 CFR § 164.501.
- (e) **“Limited Data Set”** has the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Standards, including, but not limited to, at 45 CFR § 164.514.
- (f) **“Privacy Standards”** means the HIPAA Privacy Rule and HIPAA Security Rule codified at 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164.
- (g) **“Protected Health Information” or “PHI”** has the meaning given to such term under HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the Privacy Standards, including, but not limited to, at 45 CFR § 160.103.
- (h) **“Unsecured Protected Health Information”** has the meaning given to such term under HIPAA and the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, at § 13402(h) of the HITECH Act and 45 CFR §164.402.

Article 2: Duties of Business Associate

- 2.1 Compliance with Privacy Provisions.** Business Associate shall only use and disclose PHI in performance of its obligations under the Billing Service Agreement and as permitted or required by law. Business Associate agrees to be in compliance with each applicable requirement of 45 CFR § 164.504(e) and all requirements of the HITECH Act applicable to Business Associate.
- 2.2 Compliance with Security Provisions.** Business Associate shall: (a) implement and maintain administrative safeguards as required by 45 CFR § 164.308, physical safeguards as required by 45 CFR § 164.310 and technical safeguards as required by 45 CFR § 164.312; (b) implement and document reasonable and appropriate policies

and procedures as required by 45 CFR § 164.316; (c) use its best efforts to implement and maintain technologies and methodologies that render PHI unusable, unreadable or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals as specified in the HITECH Act; and (d) be in compliance with all requirements of the HITECH Act related to security and applicable to Business Associate.

2.3 Breach of Unsecured PHI.

(a) With respect to any suspected or actual unauthorized acquisition, access, use or disclosure (“Acquisition”) of Covered Entity’s PHI by Business Associate, its agents or subcontractors, and/or any Acquisition of data in violation of any applicable federal or state law, Business Associate shall (i) investigate such Acquisition; (ii) determine whether such Acquisition constitutes a reportable Breach under HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and/or applicable federal or state law ; (iii) document and retain its findings under clauses (i) and (ii); and (iv) take any action pertaining to such Acquisition required by applicable federal or state law.

(b) If Business Associate discovers that a Breach has occurred, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing without unreasonable delay and in no case later than five (5) days after discovery of the Breach. Business Associate’s written notice shall include all available information required by 45 CFR § 164.410 and other applicable law. Business Associate’s written report shall be promptly supplemented with any new or additional information. Business Associate agrees to cooperate with Covered Entity in meeting Covered Entity’s obligations under the HITECH Act and other applicable law with respect to such Breach. Covered Entity shall have sole control over the timing and method of providing notification of such Breach to the affected individual(s) or others as required by the HITECH Act and other applicable law.

2.4 Permitted Uses of PHI. Satisfactory performance of its obligations under the Billing Service Agreement by Business Associate may require Business Associate to receive or use PHI obtained from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity; provided, however, that Business Associate shall not use PHI other than for the purpose of performing Business Associate’s obligations under the Billing Service Agreement (including this Agreement), as permitted or required under the Billing Service Agreement (including this Agreement), or as required by law. Business Associate shall not use PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of HIPAA if so used by Covered Entity.

2.5 Permitted Disclosures of PHI. Business Associate shall not disclose PHI other than for the purpose of performing Business Associate’s obligations under the Billing Service Agreement (including this Agreement), as permitted or required under the Billing

Service Agreement (including this Agreement), or as required by law. Business Associate shall not disclose PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of HIPAA if so disclosed by Covered Entity. To the extent that Business Associate discloses PHI to a third party in carrying out its obligations under the Billing Service Agreement, Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable assurances from such third party that such PHI will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this Agreement and only disclosed as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third party, and (ii) an agreement from such third party to immediately notify Business Associate of any breaches of confidentiality of the PHI, to the extent the third party has obtained knowledge of such breach.

- 2.6 Minimum Necessary.** Business Associate shall limit its use, disclosure or request of PHI to only the minimum necessary as required by law.
- 2.7 Retention of PHI.** Unless otherwise specified in the Billing Service Agreement, Business Associate shall maintain and retain PHI for the term of the Billing Service Agreement, and make such PHI available to Covered Entity as set forth in this Agreement.
- 2.8 Safeguarding PHI.** Business Associate shall use appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of PHI other than as permitted by the Billing Service Agreement and this Agreement. Business Associate will appropriately safeguard electronic PHI in accordance with the standards specified at 45 CFR § 164.314(a). In particular, Business Associate will implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of Covered Entity.
- 2.9 Agents and Subcontractors.** Business Associate shall ensure that any agents (including subcontractors) of Business Associate to whom Business Associate provides PHI received from Covered Entity, or PHI created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate with respect to such PHI, including the requirement to implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of PHI. Business Associate shall implement appropriate sanctions against agents and subcontractors that violate such restrictions and conditions, including termination of the agency or subcontractor relationship, if feasible, and shall mitigate the effects of any such violations.

- 2.10 Reporting Unauthorized Use or Disclosure.** Business Associate shall report in writing to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for under the Billing Service Agreement or this Agreement as soon as possible after Business Associate becomes aware of such an incident but in no case later than five (5) days after the date on which Business Associate becomes aware of any such incident; provided, however, that the Parties acknowledge and agree that this Section constitutes notice by Business Associate to Covered Entity of the ongoing existence and occurrence of attempted but Unsuccessful Security Incidents (as defined below). "Unsuccessful Security Incidents" will include, but not be limited to, pings and other broadcast attacks on Business Associate's firewall, port scans, unsuccessful log-on attempts, denials of service and any combination of the above, so long as no such incident results in unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI. Business Associate shall take (i) prompt corrective action to cure any deficiencies that caused the unauthorized use or disclosure, and (ii) any corrective action required by applicable federal and state law.
- 2.11 Access to Information.** Within five (5) days of Covered Entity's request, Business Associate shall provide Covered Entity with access to Covered Entity's PHI maintained by Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Standards, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR § 164.524.
- 2.12 Availability of PHI for Amendment.** The parties acknowledge that the Privacy Standards permit an individual who is the subject of PHI to request certain amendments of their records. Upon Covered Entity's request for an amendment of PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, but not later than five (5) days after receipt of such request, Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall make such PHI available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Standards, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR § 164.526. If any individual requests an amendment of PHI directly from Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors, Business Associate must notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the request. Covered Entity has the sole authority to deny a request for amendment of PHI received or created under the terms of the Billing Service Agreement and maintained by Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors.
- 2.13 Accounting of Disclosures.** Upon Covered Entity's request, Business Associate, its agents and subcontractors shall make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Standards, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR § 164.528. For this purpose, Business Associate shall retain a record of disclosure of PHI for at least six (6)

years from the date of disclosure. Business Associate agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request, but not before the effective date of the Billing Service Agreement. At a minimum, such information shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received PHI and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of PHI disclosed; and (iv) a brief statement of the purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure. Where a request for an accounting is delivered directly to Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors, Business Associate shall within five (5) days of a request forward it to Covered Entity in writing. It shall be Covered Entity's responsibility to prepare and deliver any such reply to the requested accounting.

2.14 Agreement to Restriction on Disclosure. If Covered Entity is required to comply with a restriction on the disclosure of PHI pursuant to § 13405 of the HITECH Act, then Covered Entity shall provide written notice to Business Associate of the name of the individual requesting the restriction and the PHI affected thereby. Business Associate shall, upon receipt of such notification, not disclose the identified PHI to any health plan for the purposes of carrying out Payment or Health Care Operations, except as otherwise required by law.

2.15 Accounting of Disclosures of Electronic Health Records ("EHR"). If Business Associate is deemed to use or maintain an EHR on behalf of Covered Entity, then Business Associate shall maintain an accounting of any disclosures made through an EHR for Treatment, Payment and Health Care Operations, as required by law. Upon request by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide such accounting to Covered Entity in the time and manner specified by law. Alternatively, if Covered Entity responds to an individual's request for an accounting of disclosures made through an EHR by providing the requesting individual with a list of all business associates acting on behalf of Covered Entity, then Business Associate shall provide such accounting directly to the requesting individual in the time and manner specified by the HITECH Act.

2.16 Access to Electronic Health Records. If Business Associate is deemed to use or maintain an EHR on behalf of Covered Entity with respect to PHI, then, to the extent an individual has the right to request a copy of the PHI maintained in such EHR pursuant to 45 CFR § 164.524 and makes such a request to Business Associate, Business Associate shall provide such individual with a copy of the PHI in the EHR in an electronic format and, if the individual so chooses, transmit such copy directly to an entity or person designated by the individual. Business Associate may charge a fee, not to exceed Contractor's labor costs to respond, to the individual for providing the

copy of the PHI. The provisions of 45 CFR § 164.524, including the exceptions to the requirement to provide a copy of PHI, shall otherwise apply and Business Associate shall comply therewith as if Business Associate were Covered Entity. At Covered Entity's request, Business Associate shall provide Covered Entity with a copy of an individual's PHI maintained in an EHR in an electronic format and in a time and manner designated by Covered Entity in order for Covered Entity to comply with 45 CFR § 164.524, as amended by the HITECH Act.

- 2.17 Remuneration for PHI.** Business Associate agrees that it shall not, directly or indirectly, receive remuneration in exchange for any PHI of Covered Entity except as otherwise permitted by law.
- 2.18 Governmental Access to Books and Records.** For purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the HIPAA, Business Associate agrees to make available to the Secretary its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity.
- 2.19 Data Ownership.** Business Associate acknowledges that Business Associate has no ownership rights with respect to the PHI.
- 2.20 Insurance.** Business Associate shall maintain commercial general liability insurance, with commercially reasonable liability limits, that includes coverage for damage to persons or property arising from any breach of the terms of this Agreement.
- 2.21 Audits, Inspection and Enforcement.** Within ten (10) days of a written request by Covered Entity, Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall allow Covered Entity to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use or disclosure of PHI pursuant to this Agreement for the purpose of determining whether Business Associate has complied with this Agreement; provided, however, that (i) Business Associate and Covered Entity shall mutually agree in advance upon the scope, timing and location of such an inspection; (ii) Covered Entity shall protect the confidentiality of all confidential and proprietary information of Business Associate to which Covered Entity has access during the course of such inspection; and (iii) Covered Entity shall execute a nondisclosure agreement, upon terms mutually agreed upon by the parties, if requested by Business Associate. Covered Entity and its authorized agents or contractors, may, at Covered Entity's expense, examine Business Associate's facilities, systems, procedures and records as may be necessary for such agents or contractors to certify to Covered Entity the extent to which Business Associate's security safeguards comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act or this Agreement, to the extent that Covered Entity determines that such examination is necessary to comply with Covered

Entity's legal obligations pursuant to HIPAA or the HITECH Act relating to certification of its security practices. The fact that Covered Entity inspects, or fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect, Business Associate's facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures does not relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this Agreement, nor does Covered Entity's (i) failure to detect or (ii) detection, but failure to notify Business Associate or require Business Associate's remediation of any unsatisfactory practices, constitute acceptance of such practices or a waiver of Covered Entity's enforcement rights under the Billing Service Agreement or this Agreement.

2.22 Return of PHI at Termination. Upon termination of the Billing Service Agreement, Business Associate shall, where feasible, destroy or return to Covered Entity all PHI received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors on behalf of Covered Entity. Where return or destruction is not feasible, the duties of Business Associate under this Agreement shall be extended to protect the PHI retained by Business Associate. Business Associate agrees not to further use or disclose information for which the return or destruction is infeasible. Business Associate shall certify in writing the destruction of the PHI and to the continued protection of PHI that is not feasible to destroy.

2.23 Retention of PHI. Business Associate and its contractors or agents shall retain communications and documents required to be maintained by HIPAA for six (6) years after termination of the Billing Service Agreement.

2.24 Business Associate's Performance of Obligations of Covered Entity. To the extent the Business Associate is to carry out one or more of Covered Entity's obligation(s) under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, Business Associate shall comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule that apply to Covered Entity when it carries out such obligation(s).

Article 3: Duties of Covered Entity

3.1 Using Appropriate Safeguards. Covered Entity shall be responsible for using appropriate safeguards to maintain and ensure the confidentiality, privacy and security of PHI transmitted to Business Associate pursuant to the Billing Service Agreement, in accordance with the standards and requirements of HIPAA.

Article 4: Term and Termination

4.1 Term. The provisions of this Agreement shall become effective on the Effective Date and shall continue in effect until all of the PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy the

PHI, protections are extended to such information in accordance with the termination provisions in Section 4.2 of this Agreement.

4.2 Termination by Covered Entity.

- (a) A breach by Business Associate of any material provision of this Agreement, as determined by Covered Entity, shall constitute a material breach of the Billing Service Agreement and shall provide grounds for immediate termination of the Billing Service Agreement by Covered Entity.

- (b) If Covered Entity knows of a pattern of activity or practice of Business Associate that constitutes a material breach or violation of Business Associate's obligations under the provisions of this Agreement or another arrangement and does not terminate the Billing Service Agreement pursuant to Section 4.2(a) of this Agreement, then Business Associate shall take reasonable steps to cure such breach or end such violation, as applicable. If Business Associate's efforts to cure such breach or end such violation are unsuccessful, Covered Entity shall either (i) terminate the Billing Service Agreement, if feasible or (ii) if termination of the Billing Service Agreement is not feasible, Covered Entity shall report Business Associate's breach or violation to the Secretary.

4.3 Termination by Business Associate. If Business Associate knows of a pattern of activity or practice of Covered Entity that constitutes a material breach or violation of Covered Entity's obligations under the Billing Service Agreement or this Agreement, then Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity. With respect to such breach or violation, Business Associate shall (i) take reasonable steps to cure such breach or end such violation, if possible; or (ii) if such steps are either not possible or are unsuccessful, upon written notice to Covered Entity, terminate the Billing Service Agreement; or (iii) if such termination is not feasible, report Covered Entity's breach or violation to the Secretary.

4.4 Termination by Either Party. Either party may terminate the Billing Service Agreement, effective immediately, if (i) the other party is named as a defendant in a criminal proceeding for a violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act or other security or privacy laws, or (ii) a finding or stipulation that the other party has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA, the HITECH Act or other security or privacy laws is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the party has been joined.

4.5 Notices. All notices or other communications required or contemplated herein shall be in writing, sent by certified mail return-receipt-requested, overnight delivery, or personal delivery, addressed to the party at the address indicated below, or as same may be changed from time to time by notice similarly given. Notices shall

be deemed given three (3) business days after mailing, if by certified mail, the next business day, if by overnight delivery, or, if hand delivered, on the date of such delivery.

If to Business Associate:

Mark Schiowitz
President & CEO
Digitech Computer LLC
480 Bedford Road, Bldg. 600, 2nd floor
Chappaqua, NY 10514
Email: compliance@digitechcomputer.com

If to Covered Entity:

Email:

Article 5: Miscellaneous

- 5.1 Acknowledgment.** Business Associate recognizes and agrees that it is obligated by law to comply with the applicable provisions of the HITECH Act.
- 5.2 Change in Law.** The parties agree to promptly enter into negotiations concerning the terms of the Billing Service Agreement (including this Agreement), and to negotiate in good faith, if, in either party's business judgment, modification of the Billing Service Agreement (including this Agreement) becomes necessary due to legislative, regulatory, or judicial developments regarding HIPAA or the HITECH Act. Covered Entity may terminate the Billing Service Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event (i) Business Associate does not promptly enter into negotiations to amend the Billing Service Agreement when requested by Covered Entity pursuant to this § 5.2, or (ii) Business Associate does not enter into an amendment to the Billing Service Agreement providing assurances regarding the safeguarding of PHI that Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, deems sufficient to satisfy the standards and requirements of HIPAA and the HITECH Act.
- 5.3 Disclaimer.** Covered Entity makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with HIPAA, the HITECH Act or this Agreement will be adequate or

satisfactory for Business Associate's own purposes. Business Associate is solely responsible for all decisions made by Business Associate regarding the safeguarding of PHI.

- 5.4 Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings.** Business Associate shall make itself, and any subcontractors, employees or agents assisting Business Associate in the performance of its obligations under the Billing Service Agreement or this Agreement, available to Covered Entity, at no cost to Covered Entity, to testify as witness, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against Covered Entity, its members/shareholders, managers/directors, officers or employees based upon a claimed violation of HIPAA or the HITECH Act or other laws relating to security and privacy, except where Business Associate, or its subcontractor, employee or agent is a named adverse party.
- 5.5 No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing express or implied in this Agreement is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than Covered Entity, Business Associate and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.
- 5.6 Interpretation.** Section titles in this Agreement are for convenience only, and shall not be used in interpreting this Agreement. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved to permit the parties to comply with the requirements of HIPAA and the HITECH Act. In the event of conflict between the Billing Service Agreement and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail. Any reference in this Agreement to a section in the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR part 160 and part 164, subparts A and E, the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR part 164, subpart C, or the HITECH Act means the section as in effect or as amended.

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The parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written on the Billing Service Agreement.

FAUQUIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIGITECH COMPUTER LLC

By: 

By: 
Mark Schiowitz (Sep 23, 2024 10:00 EDT)

Name: KRISTEN HYLTON

Name: MARK SCHIOWITZ

Title: PROCUREMENT MANAGER

Title: PRESIDENT AND CEO

Date: 9/27/2024

Date: 09/23/2024

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